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## CROSSROADS STAFF

**Pastor Erika Braun**  
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**Randy Kelly**  
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Lay Leader

**Cherrie Fleming**  
Lay Leader

**Donna Shoemaker**  
Hospitality

**Cindy Jones**  
Office Administrator

**Kim Carson-Swift**  
Worship Director



**Markey Parkway**  
The temporary entrance to the church parking lot is now open for use. Access it from the Y Hwy side. See more info below in this newsletter.

## Sunday Worship Service

10:00 am

**Adult Sunday School**  
9:15am Explorers Room 105  
9:15am Devotions with Randy Room 208

## Contact Us

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## SECURITY

April 1st to 15th  
Mark Polk

April 16th to 30th  
Steve Worstell



## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

9 Darren Rogers  
12 Peggy Clear  
13 Tish Warren  
21 Greg Drake  
22 Sharon Hedrick  
28 Phil Gronemeyer

## APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

4 Paul & Donna Carr  
14 Steve & Ella Anderson  
20 Mike & Barb Jones

**Palm Sunday  
Worship Service**  
April 13  
10:00am

**Maundy  
Thursday  
Service**  
April 17  
7:00pm

**Easter Sunday  
Worship Service**  
April 20  
10:00am

## Pirate Pantry

[click here to donate online](#)

Collecting for  
2024—2025  
School Year Now!

Thank you for your support in helping these students in need. We are now collecting for next year. To help us build our balance up, please drop your check in the offering plate and note that it is for Pirate Pantry in the memo line. Your donation for the 2024—2025 school year is appreciated!



## VBS 2025

July 21 thru July 25  
Meal 5:30pm  
Activities 6 to 8pm

**VBS Helpers Needed**  
Email [Cindy](mailto:Cjones@crossroads-umc.net) if interested  
[Cjones@crossroads-umc.net](mailto:Cjones@crossroads-umc.net)



## Zoom Lenten Bible Study

For those of you interested in logging on for Pastor Erika's Lenten Study Group on Tuesday's at 6:00pm, here is the zoom link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88927641246>

## facebook

Be sure to "Like" our Facebook page! Visit often and tag CrossRoads in your posts when possible. Help us show others how we Love people, Learn together, and Live in service to God at CrossRoads.  
[www.facebook.com/crossroadsbelton](http://www.facebook.com/crossroadsbelton)

## Prayers

### PEOPLE IN NEED OF PRAYER

Paul Kluter  
Patty Kluter  
Faye Wallace  
Carol Creach  
Phil Gronemeyer  
Ken Kluter  
JoAnn Arnold  
Betty Robertson  
Chris Harrelson  
Holden Batchelder  
Nikki Bowers (Gerald & Maxine's granddaughter)  
Lacinda Hamilton Kramer (Dana's daughter)  
Christina & Charleston Painter  
Mary Jane (Karen McLaughlin's sister)  
Katlyn Madrigal (Jade's friend's mom)  
Lorna Stinchfield (Cherrie Fleming's sister)  
Tessa (Angie Kormanec's friend)  
Iata (Penny Kelly's sons' mother-in-law)  
Willis (Carree Zoeller's brother)  
Maria Smith (Gwen Roger's sister-in-law)  
Kim Smith (Gwen Roger's daughter's friend)  
Jeanne Baker (Kala Handley's niece)  
Daniel Hood (Cherrie's friend Pat Hood's grandson)  
Frank Sotosek (Nancy Jones' cousin)  
Mark Mikel (Nancy Jones' cousin's husband)  
Tiffany Hedger (Joe Matson's friend)  
Don Jamerson (Toni Wiseman's nephew)  
Frank Medlin (Robert Berry family friend)  
Andrew Bowman (Vickie Lawrence's S-I-L's friend)  
Jake Minor (Vickie Lawrence's S-I-L's friend)  
Melissa Shipman (Vickie Lawrence's family friend)  
Robbie Robertson (Darren Rogers' friend)  
Kayla Jackson (Cherrie Fleming's friend)  
Brandi Price (Tracy, Penny, Vickie, & Angie's cousin)  
Amanda Brodfehrer (Vickie's daughter's cousin)  
Gail Welch (Sandy McNeil's friend)  
Charles Grimes (Joe Matson's friend)  
Dennis Matson (Joe Matson's brother)  
Lisa McBride (Nancy Jones' neighbor)  
Denise Wyatt (Wanda Carroll's friend)  
Joyce Evans (Susie McClain's sister)  
Linda Noah (TOPS)  
Kim Kirschling (Cherrie Fleming's friend)

**GROUPS**  
Gladden Staff & Students & Silver Angels  
Health Care Workers  
First Responders  
Boy Scout 210 & Pack 4210  
USA and United States Military

**PEACE & COMFORT**  
Family & Friends of Joyce Owens (friend of Sandy & Gregg Drake)



Submit Prayer Requests Here

## Ponderings

Hey Church Family!

This Sunday is Palm Sunday, and liturgically and theologically, this worship service has always been one that is harder for me to plan. I grew up remembering the palms being waved and hosanna being sung. That is what I think of when I think of the Sunday before Easter, but that isn't the point of this service.

This service should end in a more somber place as we begin to prepare our hearts and minds for the Holy Week ahead. The shouts of hosanna quickly seem to turn to shouts of crucify. Our complexities to work through this week are "shouting and silence." I look forward to learning with you how those complexities can draw us closer to the One who enters Jerusalem, not for the triumphant shouts, but for the nails that will follow.

### If You Really Listen...

In the city you'll hear horns, the clatter of the subway,

mothers calling to their children, saying, "Take my hand before we cross the street."

You'll hear church bells, Salvation Army bells,

people asking for spare change, while others ask for directions.

You'll hear the whistle from the traffic cop,

the exhaust from the bus,

that a train is arriving in two minutes.

You'll hear mothers selling fresh mango,

theater kids selling tickets,

and religious groups selling ideas.

But even with all that shouting,

even with all that noise,

the birds still sing.

Against all odds,

thanks be to God,

the birds still sing.

Peace and Blessings,

Pastor Erika

## April 13, 2025

### Palm Sunday

Luke 19:29-40

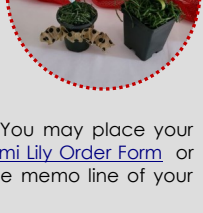
As he approached Bethphage and Bethany at the hill called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' say, 'The Lord needs it.'" Those who were sent ahead went and found it just as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They replied, "The Lord needs it." They brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt and put Jesus on it. As he went along, people spread their cloaks on the road. When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen: "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples!" "I tell you," he replied, "if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out."

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## Easter Origami Lily Fundraiser

This is the final Sunday to order a lily and to place your request to honor or memorialize loved ones in our Easter Sunday Bulletin by giving \$15 per flower to decorate our worship area on Easter. You may take your lily home with you after our Easter worship service. You may also make a donation & dedication without taking a flower.



The money you donate will go toward our fund to provide rent and utility assistance to those in need in our local community. You may place your order on our website [www.crossroads-umc.net](http://www.crossroads-umc.net) here: [Easter Origami Lily Order Form](#) or use the order form on the bulletin insert and indicate 'Lily' on the memo line of your check.

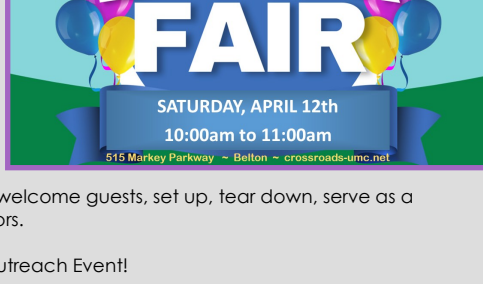
Thanks for your support for this mission.

## Easter Fair Volunteers Needed

Our Connect Team is hosting an Easter Fair on Saturday, April 12, 2025, from 10:00am to 11:00am at CrossRoads. We are inviting the community for an hour of free family fun that will include a photo op with the Easter bunny, lots of cookies, and other fun activities such as crafts and games.

We are asking our CrossRoads family to assist with this event. We need people to serve food, monitor crafts, welcome guests, set up, tear down, serve as a bunny helper & carnival game monitors.

Thanks for your help with this Easter Outreach Event!



## Road Construction Markey Pkwy

The temporary entrance for the church is now open, and it is accessed from the Y Hwy side. To go to the church, you'll use the left turn lane at the traffic signal on Markey Pkwy (by Hobby Lobby), but instead of turning left towards the shopping center, you'll go straight across the intersection to access the church entrance.

Here is a picture of the church access drive that is now open.

The entire project has a planned completion date of July 2025.



## Job Listing

**From:** Mark and Lyn Polk

**To:** Our Church Family

**Date:** April 10, 2025

**Subject:** Help Wanted

We are trying to hire someone to assist our son several mornings per week. We are flexible regarding days, but the hours would be 8:30 to 11:30. Job duties include getting our son out of bed, dressed and into his power chair. Then after he drives to the living room, assist him to transfer to his lift chair. Scramble a couple eggs and microwave a couple sausages for his breakfast and put his pills beside his chair. Some assistance with personal care required.

Since the "client" is 6 ft. and 200 pounds, for safety during transfers, a male assistant is preferable.

Lyn will provide the training a person would need to succeed in this job. And Mark or Lyn will be available across the street to assist as needed until the employee is comfortable going "solo".

Starting pay is \$15 per hour with a raise after a successful trial period.

If someone you know and trust is wanting to earn some extra money, please share this opportunity with them. They can learn more by contacting Lyn at [Lyn@polklarson.com](mailto:Lyn@polklarson.com).

Thanks for thinking on this and God Bless!

## Memorial Brick Garden

We are providing an opportunity to honor those we love or to remember those we've lost by adding a customized brick to our Memorial Brick Garden through the month of April. Each brick is \$40.00. You can have between 1 and 3 lines of text on the brick. Orders will be placed at the end of April. There are some order forms on the info table or you can order online here:

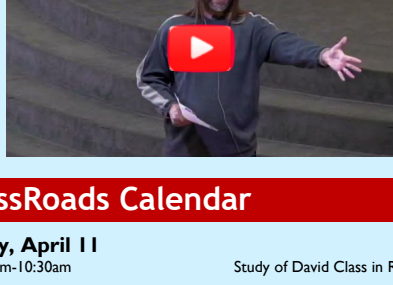
<https://www.crossroads-umc.net/brick-order-form.html>

## Belton Parks and Recreation

Upcoming season! Please email [kaylieb@beltonparks.org](mailto:kaylieb@beltonparks.org) for application. We are looking for produce!!



## Last Sunday's Service



If you watch our service online either on Facebook or on YouTube, please either comment on the video to let us know or let [Cindy](mailto:Cindy) know to record your attendance.

## CrossRoads Calendar

<b>Friday, April 11</b> 9:30am-10:30am	Study of David Class in Room #208
<b>Saturday, April 12</b> 10:00am-11:00pm	Easter Fair in the Multipurpose Room
<b>Sunday, April 13</b> 9:15am-9:45am 9:00am-9:45am 10:00am-11:00am 11:00am-12:00pm	<b>Palm Sunday</b> Devotions With Randy in Room #208 Explorers Adult Sunday School in Room #205 Worship Service in the Sanctuary Choir Practice in Room #210
<b>Monday, April 14</b> 9:00am-10:00am 9:00am-4:00pm 11:30am-12:30pm 6:30pm-7:30pm	"The Chosen" DVD viewing at Carnegie Village Creation Station in Room #205 UWV Lunch Bunch in the Multipurpose Room Cub Scout Den Meeting in the Multipurpose Room
<b>Tuesday, April 15</b> 10:00am-11:00am 7:00pm-9:00pm 6:00pm-7:00pm	Lenten Book Study w/Pam Ekey in Room #105 Scout Parents Club Meeting in the Multipurpose Room Lenten Book Study with Pastor Erika online via Zoom
<b>Wednesday, April 16</b> 5:30pm-6:15pm 6:15pm-7:00pm	CrossRoads Ringers Bell Choir Rehearsal in Room #210 Heavenly Bell Choir Rehearsal in Room #210
<b>Thursday, April 17</b> 8:45am-10:30am 10:30am-11:00am 11:00am-4:00pm 7:00pm-8:00pm 6:30pm-8:30pm	TOPS Meeting in Room #201 Happy Feet Walking Group in the Multipurpose Room Creation Station Quilters in Room #205 Maundy Thursday Service in the Sanctuary Scout Troop #210 Meeting Upstairs or Offsite
<b>Friday, April 18</b> 9:30am-10:30am	Study of David Class in Room #208
<b>Saturday, April 19</b> 10:00am-7:00pm	Craft Day in the Multipurpose Room
<b>Sunday, April 20</b> 9:15am-9:45am 9:15am-9:45am 10:00am-11:00am 11:00am-12:00pm	<b>Easter Sunday</b> Devotions With Randy in Room #208 Explorers Adult Sunday School in Room #105 Worship Service in the Sanctuary Choir Practice in Room #210

## Upcoming Events

**Easter Fair, Sat, April 12, 10:00am**  
**Maundy Thursday Service, April 17, 7:00pm**  
**Easter Sunday Worship Service, April 20, 10:00am**

Questions or comments? Email us at [Cjones@crossroads-umc.net](mailto:Cjones@crossroads-umc.net)  
To remove your name from our mailing list, please [click here](#)