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NEW WORSHIP TIME

9:00am

Sunday School
Explorers 10:15am
Devotions 10:15am

Sunday Worship Service
9:00 am

Adult Sunday School
10:15am Explorers Room 105
10:15am Devotions with Randy Room 208

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- APRIL BIRTHDAYS**
- 9 Darren Rogers
 - 12 Peggy Clear
 - 13 Tish Warren
 - 21 Greg Drake
 - 28 Phil Gronemeyer

- APRIL ANNIVERSARIES**
- 4 Paul & Donna Carr
 - 14 Steve & Ella Anderson
 - 20 Mike & Barb Jones

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

DVDs

Annalou has placed used DVDs near our book sale for you to take home. She says they are FREE but if you'd like, you can put a donation in the book sale box for the church.

Heart n Hand Barrel

Food Donations

Any non-perishable goods and individual bags of chips

Hygiene items

Preferably travel sized items: wash cloths, small combs and brushes, deodorant, body wash, razors, lip balms, wipes

Delivery Team

All that is required is to load the contents of our blue barrel in your car and take to HnH. Let them know you are there, and they will unload items and take them inside. See Cindy for details.

Pirate Pantry

click here to donate online

Collecting for 2024 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 school year is appreciated!

Prayers

PEOPLE IN NEED OF PRAYER

- Gib Pearis
- Larry Streiff
- Kala Handley
- Carol Creach
- Mickey Tabor
- JoAnn Arnold
- Phil Gronemeyer
- Michael Mendiola
- Grayson Kormanec
- Audrey Newton (Donna Shoemaker's granddaughter)
- Eloise Sanders (Angie Kormanec's friend)
- Brandi Price (Tracy, Penny, Vickie, & Angie's cousin)
- Tommy Dunten (Kim Swift's aunt)
- Tom Frank (Ari & Jessica's grandpa)
- Gary Curry (Uncle of Joe Matson's friend)
- Amanda Brodfuehrer (Vickie's daughter's cousin)
- T.J. Carr (Paul & Donna Carr's nephew)
- Gail Welchon (Sandy McNeil's friend)
- Patricia Keck (mother of Joe Matson's friend)
- Charles Grimes (Joe Matson's friend)
- Marlin & Paula Sexton (Tracy Inman's friends)
- Hazel Wallace (Nancy Jones' friend)
- Thomas Pinckney Smith, Jr. (Gwen Roger's brother)
- Heidi Burkes (Vickie Lawrence's friend)
- Roseann (Wanda Carroll's friend's daughter)
- Melissa Myers (Vickie Lawrence's friend)
- Jerry Conyers (Vickie's son-in-law's father)
- Dennis Matson (Joe Matson's brother)
- Louis Greer (Sandy Drake's friend)
- Karen Beatham (Vickie Lawrence's friend)
- Samantha Bishop (Penny Kelly's friend)
- Ken Thornton (Linda Grindsstaff's friend)
- Lisa McBride (Nancy Jones' neighbor)
- Denise Wyatt (Wanda Carroll's friend)
- Wilma McCann (Mac's grandmother)
- Brandon Hedger (Joe Matson's friend)
- Delilah Schmidt (Vickie Lawrence's family friend)
- Linda Evans (Susie McClain's sister)
- Thelma, Joyce Noah (TOPS)
- Kim Kirschling (Cherrie Fleming's friend)
- Greg Coy (Cherrie Fleming's brother)
- Rod Swisher (Karen McLaughlin's friend)
- Dan (Carol Dunlap's niece's husband)
- Justin Wright (Darren Roger's son)
- Kris Sexton (Joe Matson's friend)
- Judy McCann (Mac's mother)
- Shawn Burnam (Sharon Burnam's son)
- Sue Schindler (Sami Stiens' mother)
- Walter Glenn (Sandy McNeil's friend)
- Shirley Kormanec

GROUPS

Gladden Staff & Students & Silver Angels
People of Ukraine & Israel & Palestine
Health Care Workers & 1st Responders
Boy Scout 210 & Pack 4210
USA and United States Military

Submit Prayer Requests Here



Ponderings

Hey CrossRoads Family!

Easter people, raise your voices, sound of heaven in earth should ring. Christ has brought us heaven's choices; heavenly music, let it ring. Alleluia! Alleluia! Easter people, let us sing.

Fear of death can no more stop us from our pressing here below. For our Lord empowered us to triumph over every foe. Alleluia! Alleluia! On to victory now we go.

Every day to us is Easter, with its resurrection song. When in trouble move the faster to our God who rights the wrong. Alleluia! Alleluia! See the power of heavenly throngs.

Easter may have been over a week ago, but Hymn #304 reminds us that we are called to be Easter people every day!

When we started this year looking at the health of our souls, the author of the book we used for that sermon series reminded us that every day cannot be Easter in the sense that every day won't come with the same kind of energetic, uplifting worship that Easter brings us. The kind of worship that moves our soul to be in that glorious state of what some might call the "God high."

Not every day will be like that, but we can intentionally remind ourselves every day that God loves us and hope has been shared with us as we allow our souls to be drawn in closer through the Spirit.

We are still Easter people every day because every day has us walking in the shadow of the empty tomb that reminds us of our hope in Christ!

Easter people are the ones who live in a way that points people back to Christ.

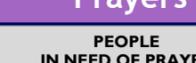
I pray we spend the rest of the year learning to be a congregation full of Easter people who are an example to our neighbors of just how loved each and every human is!

Peace and Blessings,
Pastor Erika

April 14, 2024

Exodus 32:1-6

New sermon series on the ways that plastics impact our lives and God's creation, to equip people of faith to take actions to address this epidemic in faithful and practical ways.



PLASTIC JESUS

New Golden Calf?

When the people saw that Moses was so long in coming down from the mountain, they gathered around Aaron and said, "Come, make us gods who will go before us. As for this fellow Moses who brought us up out of Egypt, we don't know what has happened to him." Aaron answered them, "Take off the gold earrings that your wives, your sons and your daughters are wearing, and bring them to me." So all the people took off their earrings and brought them to Aaron. He took what they handed him and made it into an idol cast in the shape of a calf, fashioning it with a tool. Then they said, "These are your gods, Israel, who brought you up out of Egypt." When Aaron saw this, he built an altar in front of the calf and announced, "Tomorrow there will be a festival to the Lord." So the next day the people rose early and sacrificed burnt offerings and presented fellowship offerings. Afterward they sat down to eat and drink and got up to indulge in revelry.

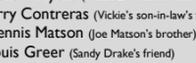
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"The Chosen", beginning April 19, 9:30am

Vicki Miller has the first three seasons of "The Chosen" on DVD and she, along with Kathy and Jim Joy, are going to view them as a series at church in room #105 on Friday mornings at 9:30am, beginning on April 19. If you are interested in joining them, there will be a sign up sheet this Sunday at church or click below to sign up now (you only have to enter your name to sign up!)

SIGN UP HERE!

"The Chosen" is an American Christian historical drama television series. Created, directed, and co-written by filmmaker Dallas Jenkins, it is the first multi-season series about the life and ministry of Jesus of Nazareth. Primarily set in Judaea and Galilee in the 1st century, the series centers on Jesus and the different people who met and followed or otherwise interacted with him. See a preview here: <https://www.imdb.com/title/tt9471404/>



CASS COMMUNITY HEALTH FOUNDATION'S 30TH ANNUAL 5K FOR HEALTH

MAY 4, 2024 @ 8 AM
SOUTHWICK STADIUM
BELTON, MO
BENEFITING CASS COUNTY DENTAL CLINIC

We didn't get a team together to walk in the 5K, but we are going to accept donations for the cause to send in on behalf of CrossRoads.

The 30th Annual 5K for Health directly benefits Cass Community Health Foundation's safety net dental clinic, Cass County Dental Clinic. Every year, the clinic treats thousands of children and teens who otherwise couldn't afford dental care at its two locations in Belton and Harrisonville. Your support of the 5K for Health ensures that smiles are created in Cass County and the surrounding area every day!

We'll accept donations for one more Sunday. Please mark your check memo line, envelope, or online donation with "5k". Thanks for your support!

The Grief Journey

Our Lay Leader Cherrie Fleming has arranged for KC Hospice to offer a grief support group, conveniently located here at CrossRoads.

The Grief Journey: This five week support group offers support, education, and coping strategies for grievers at least two months after their loss.

Date & Time: Tuesdays 10-11:30 am - June 4, 11, 18, 25, and July 2nd

Location: CrossRoads UMC in Room #105

To register, please contact Ann Elbert at 913-894-8228.

putting your house in order

Are there things you'd like to get in order that would make your intentions clear for your loved ones if you become incapacitated or after you're gone?

Join us on Saturday, May 11th, at 10:30am for a free 90 minute workshop put on by The Missouri United Methodist Foundation

We will go over things like: how to organize your financial affairs, how to put together a will, what you'd like your service of remembrance to include, and more. This event is open to people of all ages and walks of life.

Join us in the multipurpose room at CrossRoads

Heart n Hand Food Pantry Items Needed

You can either drop pantry items in our blue barrel at church or deliver them to HnH at the designated hours. Needed items are:

- Any non-perishable food donations, such as cereal, pasta, baking mixes, canned fruit, cooking oils, granola bars, oatmeal, instant potatoes, canned meat, juices, seasonings and condiments
- Personal care & household items (like toilet paper, paper towels, diapers)
- Hygiene items (Preferably travel sized items: wash cloths, small combs and brushes, deodorant, body wash, razors, lip balms, wipes)

Please do NOT put items in the thrift store, such as clothes, etc. in the blue barrel. Deliver those to the thrift store yourself.

Last Sunday 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 know to record your attendance.

CrossRoads Calendar

Sunday, April 14

9:00am-10:00am
10:00am-11:00am
10:15am-10:45am
10:15am-10:45am

Worship Service in the Sanctuary
Choir Rehearsal in Room #210
Devotions With Randy in Room #208
Explorers Adult Sunday School in Room #105

Monday, April 15

9:00am-4:00pm
6:30pm-7:30pm

Creation Station Quilters in Room #205
Cub Scout Den Meeting in the Multipurpose Room

Tuesday, April 16

10:00am-11:00am
4:30pm-5:30pm
6:30pm-8:00pm

Fellowship Book Study w/Pam Ekey in Room #105
Staff Meeting in Room #103
Scout Parents Club Meeting in the Multipurpose Room

Wednesday, April 17

5:00pm-6:00pm
6:00pm-7:00pm

Crossroads Ringers Rehearsal in Room #210
Heavenly Bell Choir Rehearsal in Room #210

Thursday, April 18

8:45am-10:30am
11:00am-4:00pm
6:30pm-8:30pm

TOPS Meeting in Room #201
Creation Station Quilters in Room #205
Scout Troop #210 Meeting in the Multipurpose Room

Friday, April 19

9:30am-10:30am
Overnight

"The Chosen" DVD viewing in Room #105
Scouts Camping Outside Friday & Saturday Night

Saturday, April 20

4:00pm-8:00pm
Overnight

Scouting Palooza—Outside (If rains, moves to Multipurpose Rm)
Scouts Camping Outside Friday & Saturday Night

Sunday, April 21

9:00am-10:00am
10:00am-11:00am
10:15am-10:45am
10:15am-10:45am

Worship Service in the Sanctuary
Choir Rehearsal in Room #210
Devotions With Randy in Room #208
Explorers Adult Sunday School in Room #105

Upcoming Events

View "The Chosen" Dvd Series, Fridays beginning April 19, 9:30am, Rm105

Scouting Palooza, April 20, 3:00-8:00pm, Outdoors (in multi if rains)

CrossRoads Crafters, Sat, April 27, 9:00am, Multipurpose Room

UWF Joy Group, May 9, 2:00pm, Room #105

Putting Your House in Order Workshop, Sat, May 11, 10:30am

UWF Bible Bunch, May 13, 11:30am, Multipurpose Room

KC Hospice Grief Support Group, Tuesdays, June 4 thru July 2, 10am, Rm105

VBS, July 22 through July 26, Meal 5:30pm, Activities 6-8pm

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