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Sunday Worship Service
10:00 am

Adult Sunday School
9:15am Explorers Room105
9:00am Devotions with Randy Room 208

Tuesday Fellowship Class
10:00am

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SECURITY

April 16th to 30th
Parker King

APRIL BIRTHDAYS
9 Darren Rogers
12 Peggy Clear
13 Tish Warren
21 Greg Drake
22 Sharon Hedrick

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES
4 Paul & Donna Carr
14 Steve & Ella Anderson
14 Stan & Sharon Hedrick
20 Mike & Barb Jones

Pirate Pantry Ministry

We are currently raising funds for the Pirate Pantry to help students in the Belton School District who need food assistance. Please consider donating today to provide proper nutrition so these young people can focus on their educational needs. Drop your check in the offering plate and note in the memo line that it is for Pirate Pantry or donate online here. Thanks for your support!

Bridge Over Troubled Water Food Pantry Bus

The Bridge Over Troubled Water Food Pantry in Belton has helped many people in our community. Due to costs, they have made the decision save money by leaving their brick and mortar building and focus solely on their mobile ministry with their bus.

If you would like to make a donation to Bridge Over Troubled Water through CrossRoads, please make your check out to CrossRoads UMC and note on the memo line "BOTW". Thanks for your support in keeping this community resource up and running!

Scrip Gift Cards

Don't forget...we have a new Olive Garden in Belton! The same scrip gift card that can be used at Longhorn is also good for Olive Garden. Some cards are in stock and available for purchase each Sunday. See Cindy to purchase, or you can also order gift cards on our website or email Cindy at cjones@crossroads-umc.net to place an order. Cards that you order will be available for pickup the following Sunday, if ordered on Sunday. We can also get printed gift certificates for many merchants, available on the same day you place your order, that can be emailed to you or printed for you to pick up.

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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.
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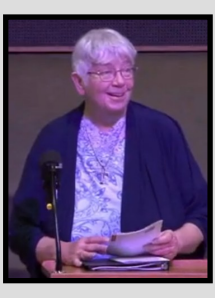
A Note of Thanks for Rev. Pam

In last week's newsletter, I shared how grateful we are for our three guest speakers who will be leading us through the remainder of April. However, I unintentionally left someone very important off that list—Rev. Pam Ekey.

Rev. Pam capably stepped in for Pastor Randy during his recent absence, guiding all of the non-sermon portions of worship with her usual steadiness and grace. Even when I hadn't mentioned in advance that we were shifting from our Lenten recitation of the Apostle's Creed to an opening prayer after Easter, she simply went with the flow and led us beautifully.

While Pastor Randy plans to be with us for the next two Sundays, Pam is prepared and willing to step in again should the need arise.

We are truly blessed to have Rev. Pam as part of the CrossRoads family. Her service extends far beyond Sunday mornings—she also leads a weekly Tuesday morning class, has presented sermons in the past for us, and supports our congregation in countless quiet, faithful ways. We are deeply thankful for her willingness to serve whenever and however she is needed.



Guest Speaker
Mark Polk

April 19, 2026

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18
Psalm 136:1-9, 26

Rejoice
Always
Pray
Continually
Give Thanks
In All Circumstances

Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.
His love endures forever.
Give thanks to the God of gods.
His love endures forever.
Give thanks to the Lord of lords:
His love endures forever.
to him who alone does great wonders,
His love endures forever.
who by his understanding made the heavens,
His love endures forever.
who spread out the earth upon the waters,
His love endures forever.
who made the great lights—
His love endures forever.
the sun to govern the day,
His love endures forever.
the moon and stars to govern the night;
His love endures forever.

Give thanks to the God of heaven.
His love endures forever.

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April Mission Project: Sharing God's Love One Pair of Socks at a Time

As we celebrate the joy of Easter and step into a new season of service, we're excited to launch our April mission project: a **Sock Drive** to support neighbors in need throughout our community.

Tammy Duncan, daughter of Joyce Johnston, faithfully distributes **new socks of all sizes**—for men, women, and children—to local shelters, clothes closets, and other ministries that serve individuals facing hardship. Something as simple as a clean, warm pair of socks can offer comfort, dignity, and a reminder that someone cares.

Throughout **the next two Sundays—April 19 and 26**—we will be collecting socks here at CrossRoads. Our shopping cart will be placed near the front doors each Sunday morning to make drop-off easy. Let's sock it to 'em!

Thank you in advance for your generosity. Your gifts will go directly into the hands of people who need them most, and they will carry with them the love and compassion of our church family.

ZOE Empowers Update

Just a reminder that you have the opportunity to make a **one-time gift** to ZOE Empowers at any time. You can give by writing "ZOE" on the memo line of your check to CrossRoads and dropping it in the offering plate, or by giving online through our church website here:

ZOE Donations

This ministry will allow us to be a blessing in the lives of these young people—and we, in turn, will be blessed as we watch their courage, growth, and transformation unfold. **Thank you, CrossRoads family, for stepping into this work with such generosity and hope.**

Click below to read the **ZOE 2025** Annual Review for more info:

Download the 2025 Annual Review

April Craft Day

Saturday, April 18, 10am to 5pm! Bring your favorite craft and join in the fun. Cost - $5 per person. Proceeds go toward our Angel Tree Ministry. Please register below to reserve a spot or contact Tracy. Hope to see you there!

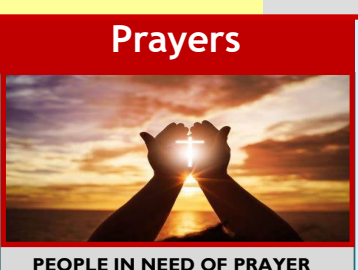
REGISTER HERE!

Heart n Hand

Barrel Donations Needed:

- 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)
- Amazon gift list items (delivered directly to HnH)

Prayers



PEOPLE IN NEED OF PRAYER

Kona Waller
Vickie Trutzel
Allan Jones
Stevie Hoskins
Penny Kelly
Bob Daniel
Cherrie Fleming
Ron Spencer
Paul Carr
Carol Creach
Faye Wallace
JoAnn Arnold
Chris Harrelson
Holden Batchelder
Gary DeMar (Lisa Kenslow's brother)
Gene Wright (Dick Brighthaupt's cousin)
Nick Gooderl (son of Gary and Brenda Gooderl)
Alicia Halfmann (sister of Vickie Lawrence's friend)
Rick Alvord (father of Vickie Lawrence's friend)
Dana Sowerby (Randy's SLP friend)
Lisa Phipps (Brough's wife)
Stetson Gaunt (Linda Grindstaff's great grandson)
Cindy Lester (Pam Ekey's friend)
Chris Medlin (Alissa Sallee's friend)
Peter (Polks' neighbor's father)
Guy Johnston (Father of Angel Tree recipient)
Leighton Estopare (Joe Matson's friend)
Kelly Isabel (Karen McLaughlin's niece)
Dana Johnston (Joyce's husband)
Joel (Vicki Miller's cousin's son)
Mark Lindsay (Lisa Kenslow's brother-in-law)
Dusti Lawrence (Vickie Lawrence's daughter)
Chelsea (Lawrence family friend)
Rice Family (Toni Wiseman's niece & family)
John Jerls (Cindy Keen's nephew)
Mary Jane Malmgren (Karen McLaughlin's sister)
Janice Wilson (Karen McLaughlin's co-worker)
Patty LeCompte (Karen McLaughlin's sister)
Michelle (Dick Brighthaupt's friend)
Ronna Buchannon (Wanda Carroll's friend)
Ruthie Weil (Sandy McNeil's daughter)
Vera Glenn (Sandy McNeil's friend)
Lorna Stinchfield (Cherrie Fleming's sister)
Tessa (Angie Kormanec's friend)
Daniel Hood (Cherrie's friend Pat Hood's grandson)
Dennis Matson (Joe Matson's brother)
Denise Wyatt (Wanda Carroll's friend)
Linda Evans (Susie McClain's sister)
Joyce 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

Submit Prayer Requests Here

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 know to record your attendance.

CrossRoads Calendar

Friday, April 17
NONE

Saturday, April 18
10:00am-7:00pm — CrossRoads Crafters in the Multipurpose Room

Sunday, April 19 — **Guest Speaker Mark Polk**
9:00am-9:30am — Devotions With Randy in Room #208
9:15am-9:45am — Explorers Adult Sunday School in Room #105
10:00am-11:00am — Worship Service in the Sanctuary

Monday, April 20
9:00am-10:00am — "The Chosen" DVD viewing at Carnegie Village
9:00am-4:00pm — Creation Station in Room #205
6:30pm-7:30pm — Cub Scout Den Meeting in the Multipurpose Room

Tuesday, April 21
10:00am-11:00am — Fellowship Book Study w/Pam Ekey in Room #105
5:30pm-6:30pm — Staff Meeting in Room #105
7:00pm-9:00pm — Scout Parents Club Meeting in the Multipurpose Room

Wednesday, April 22
5:30pm-6:15pm — CrossRoads Ringers Bell Choir Rehearsal in Room #210
6:15pm-7:00pm — Heavenly Bell Choir Rehearsal in Room #210

Thursday, April 23
8:45am-10:30am — TOPS Meeting in Room #201
11:00am-4:00pm — Creation Station Quilters in Room #205
6:30pm-9:00pm — Scout Troop 210 in the Multipurpose Room

Friday, April 24
NONE

Saturday, April 25
NONE

Sunday, April 26 — **Guest Speaker Lyn Polk**
9:00am-9:30am — Devotions With Randy in Room #208
9:15am-9:45am — Explorers Adult Sunday School in Room #105
10:00am-11:00am — Worship Service in the Sanctuary

Upcoming Events

CrossRoads Crafters, Saturday, April 18, 10:00am
Staff Meeting, Tuesday, April 21, 5:30pm
Bunco Group, Saturday, May 2, 10:00am
Mother's Day, May 10
UWF Lunch Bunch, Monday, May 11, 11:30am
UWF Joy Group, Thursday, May 14, 2:00pm

Questions or comments? Email us at cjones@crossroads-umc.net
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