



# eReminder

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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**

**APRIL BIRTHDAYS**

9 Darren Rogers  
12 Peggy Clear  
13 Tish Warren  
21 Gregg 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](http://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  
Mickey Tabor  
Carol Creach  
Phil Gronemeyer  
Michael Mendiola  
Caleb Kormance  
Grayson Kormanec  
Joan Knodel (Donna C and Kendra M cousin)  
Audrey Newton (Donna Shoemaker's granddaughter)  
Eloise Sanders (Angie Kormanec's friend)  
Brandi Price (Tracy, Penny, Vickie, & Angie's cousin)  
Kathy 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 (Nancy Jones' 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 Pincnkney, Jr. (Green Roger's brother)  
Heidi Burks (Vickie Lawrence's friend)  
Roseann (Wanda Carroll's friend's daughter)  
Melissa Myers (Vickie Lawrence's friend)  
Jerry Contreras (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 Grindstaff's friend)  
Lisa McBride (Nancy Jones' neighbor)  
Denise Wyatt (Wanda Carroll's friend)  
Wilma McCann (Mat'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 (Mat's mother)  
Shawn Burnam (Staron Burnam's son)  
Sue Schindler (Sandy Siems' 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!

As we are enjoying and learning through this Creation Care based sermon series, I thought it would be appropriate to ponder with you some of the ways I have seen God in creation this month so far.

A few weeks ago we had the eclipse and obviously that was a moment of stunning wonder for all of us, and it maybe made us recognize just how small we are in the span of the entire universe that God created! I am sure you could ponder on all that the show the sun and moon put on for us brought to mind for you and join me in marveling at God's good creation.

But on a smaller scale, maybe you could ponder with me the slight ways that God has made His presence known to you this week through creation.

Maybe there was a beautiful flower blooming in your yard. A beautiful bird may have sung you awake once this week. A rippling creek may have surprised you on your walk through the woods. Or maybe you are looking forward to the powerful tornadoes that our side of town is bound to have an alert for eventually this season.

I love to have my windows down when I am driving. It makes my hair look frightful, especially now with all of my postpartum hair regrowth fly-aways that stick out all funny around my face! But I still do it when the weather is nice enough because who cares what my hair looks like when I can enjoy the breeze of fresh air rippling through the car!

I am imparting this love onto Weston too, and I thoroughly enjoy watching his face when I put the windows down at just the right height so that his hair in the back seat is all blown around too. He makes the biggest grin and scrunches his face up and reaches up to feel his hair going wild.

This may not be the soft, sweet breeze that moves us when we are meditating outside on our walk, but still I admire the wonder of God's creation in moments like this. The joy it brings both of us is a gift. It is a reminder that even in the seemingly unimportant moments, God is at work.

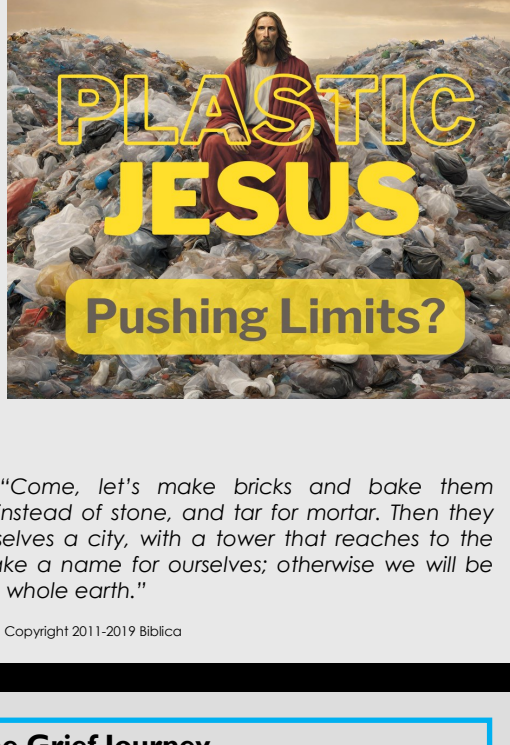
God is bringing joy and blessing and breezes that make messy hairdos funny.

I pray you'll be open to what creation may be trying to show you about God this week and ponder how it speaks to God's attributes as we prepare for worship this week.

Peace and Blessings,  
Pastor Erika

**April 21, 2024**  
**Genesis 11:3-4**

Current 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.



They said to each other, "Come, let's make bricks and bake them thoroughly." They used brick instead of stone, and tar for mortar. Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city, with a tower that reaches to the heavens, so that we may make a name for ourselves; otherwise we will be scattered over the face of the whole earth."

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### 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**

**VBS 2024 Camp Firelight**

Mon, July 22 - Fri, July 26

FREE Meal 5:30pm  
Activities 6:00pm-8:00pm

Games, crafts, music, science projects, skits!

**REGISTER HERE!**

### Best Choice Bar Code Labels

Please keep collecting Best Choice Bar Code Labels and place them in the glass jar on the information table in the sanctuary or in the plastic container in the reception area. We hope to make 3000 by the end of this year! Proceeds go to our Pirate Pantry Ministry. Thanks for your support to help hungry students in the Belton School District!

### Scouting Palooza

The Scouts are having a fun event Sat, April 20 at CrossRoads. If you know any kids that are interested in learning more about Scouting, please invite them to attend!

### 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 for 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

<b>Friday, April 19</b> 9:30am-10:30am Overnight	"The Chosen" DVD viewing in Room #105 Scouts Camping Outside Friday & Saturday Night
<b>Saturday, April 20</b> 4:00pm-8:00pm Overnight	Scouting Palooza—Outside (If rains, moves to Multipurpose Rm) Scouts Camping Outside Friday & Saturday Night
<b>Sunday, April 21</b> 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
<b>Monday, April 22</b> 9:00am-4:00pm 6:30pm-7:30pm	Creation Station Quilters in Room #205 Cub Scout Den Meeting in the Multipurpose Room
<b>Tuesday, April 23</b> 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
<b>Wednesday, April 24</b> 5:00pm-6:00pm 6:00pm-7:00pm	Crossroads Ringers Rehearsal in Room #210 Heavenly Bell Choir Rehearsal in Room #210
<b>Thursday, April 25</b> 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
<b>Friday, April 26</b> 9:30am-10:30am	"The Chosen" DVD viewing in Room #105
<b>Saturday, April 27</b> 9:00am-9:00pm Overnight	CrossRoads Crafters Event in the Multipurpose Room Scouts Camping Outside Friday & Saturday Night
<b>Sunday, April 28</b> 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**

**Putting Your House in Order Workshop, Sat, May 11, 10:30am**  
**KC Hospice Grief Support Group, Tuesdays, June 4 thru July 2, 10am, Rm 105**  
**VBS, July 22 through July 26, Meal 5:30pm, Activities 6-8pm**

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