



eReminder

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Sunday Worship Service
10:00 am

Adult Sunday School
9:15am Explorers Room 105
9:00am Devotions with Randy Room 208

Tuesday Fellowship Class
10:00am

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SECURITY

April 16th to 30th
 Parker King



MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 7 Ari Frank
- 7 Jessica Frank
- 10 Cindy Keen
- 13 Cherrie Fleming
- 16 Steve Anderson
- 17 Henry Maxwell
- 18 Cathy Parks
- 21 Macy Batchelder
- 24 Dana Pearis
- 31 Joe Matson
- 31 Sandy Harrelson

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

- 5/7 Parker & Ashleigh King
- 5/31 Chris & Sandy Harrelson

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

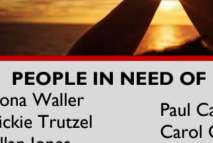
Don't forget...we have a new Olive Garden in Belton! The same scrip gift card that can be used at Longhorn is also good for Olive Garden. Some cards are in stock and available for purchase each Sunday. See Cindy at purchase, or you can also order gift cards on our [website](http://www.crossroads-umc.net) 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.

Adult helpers needed for VBS, Email Cindy

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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. [facebook.com/crossroadsbelton](https://www.facebook.com/crossroadsbelton)

Prayers



PEOPLE IN NEED OF PRAYER

- Kona Waller
- Vickie Trutzel
- Allan Jones
- Stevie Hoskins
- Penny Kelly
- Bob Daniel
- Cherrie Fleming
- Ron Spencer
- Gary DeMar (Lisa Kenslow's brother)
- Gene Wright (Dick Brighaupt's cousin)
- 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 (Alisa Sallee's friend)
- Peter (Polk's neighbor's father)
- Guy Johnston (Father of Angel Tree recipient)
- Leighton Estopare (Joe Matson's brother)
- Kelly Isabel (Karen McLaughlin's niece)
- Dana Johnston (Joyce's husband)
- Joel (Vicki Miller's cousin's son)
- 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 Brighaupt'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 Kormance'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

PEACE & COMFORT

Family & Friends of Mark Lindsay (Lisa Kenslow's brother-in-law)

Submit Prayer Requests Here

CrossRoads Scouts Shine in a Day of Service

We are so proud of our CrossRoads Scouts, their parents, and their dedicated leaders. In the wake of the recent tornado that left significant damage throughout our local community, they stepped up in a big way—living out the very heart of service.

During their Day of Service, the Scouts collected nine full shopping carts of food for the Heart-N-Hand Food Pantry, blessing families who are still recovering. They didn't stop there. With gloves on and sleeves rolled up, they went on to gather 18 bags of trash, not including the wood, gutters, shingles, and other large debris scattered by the storm.

One of the Scout leaders, Katie Ducharme, captured the spirit of the day perfectly when she shared on Facebook:

"This is what being a SCOUT is all about. Community, helping, service, and a little bit of fun!"

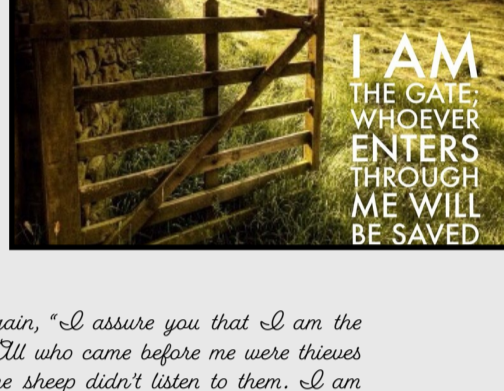
Their hard work, cheerful attitudes, and willingness to serve remind us what it looks like to be the hands and feet of Christ in our neighborhood. We are grateful for their leadership, compassion, and example.



Guest Speaker Lyn Polk

April 26, 2026

John 10:7-10
 John 14:15
 John 15:16-17



So Jesus spoke again, "I assure you that I am the gate of the sheep. All who came before me were thieves and outlaws, but the sheep didn't listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief enters only to steal, kill, and destroy. I came so that they could have life—indeed, so that they could live life to the fullest.

If you love me, you will keep my commandments.

You didn't choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you could go and produce fruit and so that your fruit could last. As a result, whatever you ask the Father in my name, he will give you. I give you these commandments so that you can love each other.

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April Mission Project

Sock Drive

Donate New Socks for Men, Women & Children

Sundays: April 12, 19 & 26

Drop Off in the Cart by the Front Doors

Helping Local Shelters & Ministries

Share God's Love, One Pair at a Time!

Let's sock it to 'em!

CrossRoads United Methodist Church

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

Final week for 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.

Our shopping cart is near the front doors on 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.

VBS 2026 is Coming to CrossRoads!



VBS 2026 "Indiana Jones and the Raiders of the Empty Tomb" is coming to CrossRoads this summer!! After enjoying a kid-friendly meal, children are treated to a fun skit at our opening assembly. Then it's time for fun activities as the children rotate between crafts, games, music, and our science sessions. At the end of the evening, the children gather for the closing assembly. On Friday evening, following the regular activities, the children will present a short musical program for parents and families at 7:30pm. Invite your family and neighbors to register below:

[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)

Heart n Hand Thrift Store - 305 N. Scott Ave.

- 100% of proceeds from the HnH Thrift Store support the work at Heart N Hand. You can always donate clothing, household goods, furniture, books, children's items, etc. to the thrift store. They do not accept mattresses or box TV's, or items that are broken, missing pieces, or torn.

Please deliver your thrift store donations directly to Heart n Hand. Do not bring them to church.

Thrift Store Donation Acceptance Hours: Tues thru Sat 11:00am - 3:00pm

CrossRoads Calendar

Day	Time	Event
Friday, April 24		NONE
Saturday, April 25		NONE
Sunday, April 26	9:00am-9:30am 9:15am-9:45am 10:00am-11:00am	Guest Speaker Lyn Polk Explorers With Randy in Room #208 Explorers Adult Sunday School in Room #105 Worship Service in the Sanctuary
Monday, April 27	9:00am-10:00am 6:30pm-7:30pm	"The Chosen" DVD viewing at Carnegie Village Cub Scout Den Meeting in the Multipurpose Room
Tuesday, April 28	10:00am-11:00am 5:30pm-6:30pm 7:00pm-9:00pm	Fellowship Book Study w/Pam Ekey in Room #105 Staff Meeting in Room #105 Troop Committee Meeting in the Multipurpose Room
Wednesday, April 29	5:30pm-6:15pm 6:15pm-7:00pm	CrossRoads Ringers Bell Choir Rehearsal in Room #210 Heavenly Bell Choir Rehearsal in Room #210
Thursday, April 30	8:45am-10:30am 11:00am-4:00pm 6:30pm-9:00pm	TOPS Meeting in Room #201 Creation Station Quilters in Room #205 Scout Troop 210 in the Multipurpose Room
Friday, May 1		NONE
Saturday, May 2	10:00am-11:00am	Bunco in the Multipurpose Room
Sunday, May 3	9:00am-9:30am 9:15am-9:45am 10:00am-11:00am	Devotions With Randy in Room #208 Explorers Adult Sunday School in Room #105 Worship Service in the Sanctuary

Upcoming Events

- Bunco Group, Saturday, May 2, 10:00am**
- Happy Mother's Day, May 10**
- UWF Bunch, Monday, May 11, 11:30am**
- Leadership Board Meeting, Tuesday, May 12, 5:30pm**
- UWF Joy Group, Tuesday, May 14, 2:00pm**
- Staff Meeting, Tuesday, May 19, 5:30pm**
- Pentecost, Sunday, May 24**

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