



# CROSSROADS

## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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### Happy Mother's Day

WE HONOR AND LOVE YOU

### Sunday Worship Service

10:00 am

### Adult Sunday School

9:15am Explorers Room105  
9:15am Devotions with Randy Room 208

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### SECURITY

May 1st to 15th  
Bob Ridgley

### May

#### MAY BIRTHDAYS

7 Ari Frank  
7 Jessica Frank  
8 Annette Waugh  
10 Cindy Keen  
13 Cherrie Fleming  
16 Steve Anderson  
18 Cathy Parks  
21 Macy Batchelder  
24 Dana Pearis  
25 Mat McCann  
31 Joe Matson  
31 Sandy Harrelson

#### MAY ANNIVERSARIES

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

### 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!

## Ponderings

Hey Church Family!

I love to buy things second hand, I think it is a wonderful way to recycle and reuse! And I often buy Weston new books from the children's consignment sales that happen all over the KC metro. Almost a year ago, I found this book and was struck by it and have been holding onto it just to share when Mother's Day rolled around again! I spent a whopping \$2.50 on it! But its words have given me so much back, and I hope they give you something today too!

This is a segment from "Mother God" written by Teresa Kim Pecinovsky:

*You know God the Father, but God is your Mother too. You are made in Her image – She is making all things new.*

*Waiting for new life to begin, God is a mother in labor. She takes deep breaths until the birth, rejoicing with friend and neighbor.*

*Throughout day and night, God wakes to nurse the infant at Her side. She snuggles Her baby gently until he closes his sleepy eyes.*

*When baby tumbles on the floor, God pulls off each tiny sock. She holds Her arms out wide and the baby learns to walk.*

*God is Sophia Wisdom, teaching what is true and right. Wisdom works, creates, orders, and plays. She calls us with joy and delight.*

*Over the waters of creation, God is the Spirit who hovers. She forms the Earth into a bed, and the wide sky, it covers.*

*God is a Mother hen who gathers chicks under Her wings. She plays hide-and-seek in soft grass, behind trees, and quiet springs.*

*She protects Her cubs from danger, God, the great Mother Bear. As fierce as She is tender, She guards them in Her care.*

*God is a lurking leopard, secretive, skilled, and strong. Teaching Her young to swim and climb, She roars and they tag along.*

*With a huge supply of flour God kneads and bakes good bread. She feeds Her entire neighborhood; they feast and all are fed.*

*God is a skilled seamstress who stitches and sews threads together. She makes clothes for rain, snow, and sun, caring for you in all kinds of weather.*

*Granny, Baba, Halmeoni, God is a woman with gray hair. She passes down stories of old, rocking softly in a chair.*

*She is the God who sees you. God weeps, mourns, and cries. She comforts you through the longest night, keeping watch until sunrise.*

*She quiets us with Her songs, singing lullabies in the night. God, our nurturing Mother, wraps us in holy moonlight.*

*God is your loving Mother – You are made in Her image too. God calls you "Beloved." She is making all things new.*

Peace and Blessings,

Pastor Erika

Waiting for new life to begin,  
God is a mother in labor.

### MOTHER'S DAY

#### "The God Who Sees"

May 11, 2025

Matthew 15:21-28

SYROPHOENICIAN WOMAN

Leaving that place, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. A Canaanite woman from that vicinity came to him, crying out, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me! My daughter is demon-possessed and suffering terribly." Jesus did not answer a word. So his disciples came to him and urged him, "Send her away, for she keeps crying out after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel." The woman came and knelt before him. "Lord, help me!" she said. He replied, "It is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to the dogs." "Yes it is, Lord," she said. "Even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master's table." Then Jesus said to her, "Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted." And her daughter was healed at that moment.

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Happy Mother's Day!

Hope you plan to join us this Sunday as we celebrate our mothers with a special treat for the ladies!

### HEART N HAND

Restoring Hope, Rebuilding Lives

#### Day Center

#### Donations Needed

With Summer quickly approaching, we are in need of the following items:

- Hand Sanitizer (travel size)
- Deodorant (travel size)
- Sun Screen (travel size)
- Sun Burn Lotion (travel size if possible)
- Bug Spray (travel size)
- Chapstick
- Rain Ponchos
- Hygiene Wipes
- Batteries (AA/AAA)
- Individual Ibuprofen/Tylenol
- Hydrocortisone/Antibiotic Ointment
- Bath Towels and Washcloths

Items can be dropped off at our Day Center weekdays from 10am-2pm.

### ROAD TRIP

ON THE GO WITH GOD

**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  
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### facebook

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### Thanks & Prayers

Please accept our very heartfelt thanks for all the expressions of caring, i.e., thoughts, prayers, cards and food, that have been extended to us upon hearing of the death of our son, Doug. All expressions of love have meant so much to us and are very appreciated. A service for Doug is planned at CrossRoads on June 14th at 1:30 pm. With heart felt thanks,

~ Helen & Larry Thompson

We want to thank those of you who asked friends and family about helping get our son Darin up a few mornings a week. We appreciate that you extended our reach. Now we ask that you include our need for help in your prayers. God will provide either help or endurance!

~ Mark & Lyn Polk

### VBS Donations Requested

We provide a free meal each year for the kids at VBS. We do receive donations from some families to help offset the meal costs, and Donna shops diligently to get the best prices for the food, but the cost exceeds the donations. We also provide crafts and supplies for projects for usually 50 or 60 kiddos, and also a few décor items to set the stage.

If you would like to help defray the expense of our VBS program this year, please mark your check or envelope with "VBS" and drop it in the offering plate on Sunday, or you can donate online here:

<https://secure.myvanco.com/L-75N0/campaign/C-12M6N> Thanks!

### May Craft Social

MARCH CRAFT SOCIAL—Saturday, May 17, 10am to 7pm! Bring your favorite craft and join in the fun. Cost - \$5 per person. Please register below to reserve a spot or contact Tracy.

Hope to see you there!

[REGISTER HERE!](#)

### Human Exhibition Tour

You're invited to join Pastor Erika and one of her professors from Seminary as we tour the exhibit: *Exploring Human Origins: What Does it Mean to Be Human?* St. Paul School of Theology is hosting the exhibit at the Church of the Resurrection, 13720 Roe Ave, Bldg C, in Leawood KS. We will meet there on Saturday, May 10th at 10:30am to learn together. Some folks from One Spirit will be joining us as well. You can read more about the exhibit here: <https://www.spst.edu/special-events/>

### 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.

## Prayers

### PEOPLE IN NEED OF PRAYER

Paul Carr  
Faye Wallace  
Carol Creach  
Phil Gronemeyer  
Ken & Patty Kluter  
JoAnn Whiting  
Betty Robertson  
Chris Harrelson  
Holden Batchelder  
Nikki Bowers (Gerald & Maxine's granddaughter)  
Lacinda Hamilton Kramer (Dana's daughter)  
Mary Jane Malmgren (Karen McLaughlin's sister)  
Katlyn Madrigal (Jade's friend's mom)  
Lorna Stinchfield (Cherrie Fleming's sister)  
Tessa (Angie Kormanc's friend)  
Iata (Penny Kelly's sons' mother-in-law)  
Maria Smith (Gwen Roger's sister-in-law)  
Kim Smith (Gwen Roger's daughter-in-law)  
Daniel Hood (Cherrie's friend Pat Hood's grandson)  
Mark Mikel (Nancy Jones' cousin's husband)  
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 (Vickie Lawrence's friend)  
Brandi Price (Tracy, Penny, Vickie, & Angie's cousin)  
Gail Welchon (Sandy McNeil's friend)  
Dennis Matson (Joe Matson's brother)  
Lisa McBride (Nancy Jones' neighbor)  
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

<b>Friday, May 9</b> 9:30am-10:30am	Study of David Class in Room #208
<b>Saturday, May 10</b> 10:30am-11:30am	Human Exhibition Tour at Church of the Resurrection
<b>Sunday, May 11</b> 9:15am-9:45am 9:15am-9:45am 10:00am-11:00am	<b>Mother's Day</b> Devotions With Randy in Room #208 Explorers Adult Sunday School in Room #105 Worship Service in the Sanctuary
<b>Monday, May 12</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 UWF Lunch Bunch in the Multipurpose Room Cub Scout Den Meeting in the Multipurpose Room
<b>Tuesday, May 13</b> 10:00am-11:00am 5:00pm-7:00pm 6:00pm-7:30pm	Fellowship Book Study w/Pam Ekey in Room #105 Creative Stitchers in Room #201 Pack Committee Meeting in the Multipurpose Room
<b>Wednesday, May 14</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, May 15</b> 8:45am-10:30am 10:30am-11:00am 11:00am-4:00pm 6:00pm-8:30pm	TOPS Meeting in Room #201 Happy Feet Walking Group in the Multipurpose Room Creation Station Quilters in Room #205 Scout Troop #210 Meeting Upstairs or Offsite
<b>Friday, May 16</b> 9:30am-10:30am	Study of David Class in Room #208
<b>Saturday, May 17</b> 10:00am-7:00pm	CrossRoads Crafters in the Multipurpose Room
<b>Sunday, May 18</b> 9:15am-9:45am 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

Happy Mother's Day, Sun, May 11, Gifts for all ladies at church  
UWF Lunch Bunch, Mon, May 12, 11:30am  
Craft Social, Sat, May 17, 10am to 7pm  
VBS, July 21-25, Mon-Fri, FREE Meal 5:30pm, Activities 6-8:00pm

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