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Sunday Worship

Service 10:00 am Adult Sunday School 9:15am Explorers Room105 9:15am Devotions with Randy Room 208

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June 1st to 15th Mark Polk

**SECURITY** 

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13

Linda & Ray Grindstaff Margie & Allan Jones 11 Angie & Joey Kormanec

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Ken & Patti Kluter

Larry & Helen Thompson 26

#### Some items needed: Any non-perishable food donations, such as cereal, pasta,

baking mixes, canned

fruit, cooking oils,

granola bars,

**Heart n Hand** 

oatmeal, instant potatoes, canned meat, juices, seasonings and condiments Personal care & household items (like toilet paper, paper towels, diapers)

and brushes, deodorant, body wash, razors, lip balms, wipes)

Hygiene items (Preferably travel sized items: wash

cloths, small combs

**VBS Helpers Needed** Email <u>Cindy</u> if interested

cjones@crossroads-umc.net

**VBS Donations** 

Requested

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-Z5N0/campaign/C-12M6N

Thanks for your support!

**Pirate Pantry Ministry** 

note in the memo line that it is for Pirate Pantry or donate online here. Thanks for your support!

### Ponderings Hey Church Family,

I want to say thank you for the prayers, messages, presence, and grace you all have given me in the last few weeks.

loss of one of those parents.

LOVE God and Others

I have had very little capacity to say much of anything worthwhile for a couple of

weeks. I know that many of you can relate to the brain fog that comes with grief and understand what I'm talking about. I had to practice giving myself grace last week as I struggled to do the bare minimum while planning for the memorial service.

I also have had very little capacity to handle interactions in person, so I appreciate Randy and Pam covering for me the last couple of weeks as I avoided those interactions, and I pray that no one took offense to me needing that space. I know you

all just want to love and support me, and I appreciate that. It has been a difficult few years for me. And I want to take this space to say that I am sorry you got this version of me as a pastor – yet I am grateful that both you and I got this experience of me as a pastor.

I am sorry that you didn't get the "normal" version of me who can balance it all, get it all done as close to excellently as possible, and inspire others to come along for the journey in a way that enables growth.

Instead, you all got a very unique version of me who showed up pregnant, had a kid, got divorced, had to take on a caring role for her parents, and then experienced the

And while I wish the last few years of my life had not been this whirlwind journey to find balance amid life things happening back to back to back to back...I am grateful that both you and I had this experience together.

I had to learn how to balance life in a way that put family first and how to notice when I was slacking in professional aspects. I also had to learn how to grieve privately and publicly, how to be stressed beyond belief, and how to give grace to myself and others through life challenges.

no means did it that well, but we got through it together. We saw what it looks like when life kicks the pastor around. Thank you for the grace you have given me in this season. I pray that, for both of us, this experience continues to remind us how necessary

grace is for the people in leadership positions – especially pastors.

And you all got the experience of a pastor enduring and growing through all of that. I by

keep. We have unexpected things happen. We grow, change, grieve, learn, and fail. May I be that weird example for you all as you move forward with new pastoral leadership. May you continue learning how to give grace in all circumstances for your

leaders. And may you not have someone who experiences quite so much life in such a

We are people too. We are imperfect. We have life to manage. We have boundaries to

Peace and Blessings,

Pastor Erika Rev. Pam Ekey

June 8, 2025

"A Mighty Wind"

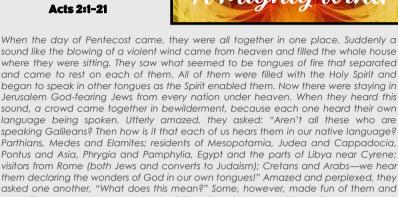
short amount of time!

and the moon to blood

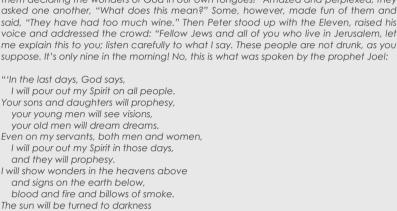
on the name of the Lord will be saved.'

Pastor Erika on June 22.

And everyone who calls



Mighty Wind



before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.

Please sign up at the link below or on the sign-up sheets at the info table on Sunday.

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Potluck Dinner for Pastor Erika

Sunday, June 22

We will be having a Potluck Dinner on Sunday, June 22nd after

worship to celebrate Pastor Erika's service at CrossRoads and

send her off to her new church with prayers of well wishes.

There will be a basket available for cards and love offerings for

SIGN UP HERE!



Monday, July 21 through Friday, July 25 FREE Meal 5:30pm, Activities 6:00pm to 8:00pm

Games, crafts, music, science projects, skits!

VBS 2025 "Road Trip" is coming to CrossRoads this summer!! After enjoying a kid-friendly meal, children are treated to a fun and exciting skit at our opening assembly and are introduced to our mission project. 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. At VBS, discover how the ordinary becomes extraordinary. Use your heart, mind, creativity, and imagination to participate in this year's Vacation Bible School! Please invite your grandkids and neighbors. Register at <a href="https://www.crossroads-umc.net">www.crossroads-umc.net</a> or click the above "Register Here" button. Thanks for helping us make this year's VBS session one to remember!

9 a.m.-noon, Saturday, June 7, in Raymore at City Hall's front parking lot It's time to get rid of old, broken and unwanted electronics, keeping them from going into the landfill. Most items with a cord or battery are accepted for free, however TechRemove charges a fee for accepting the following items due to the hazardous materials within them: CRT Monitor - \$5 CRT TV or Projection TV - \$30 LCD, LED or Plasma TV - \$20 Acceptable payment methods include Visa, MasterCard, check, cash or money order.

eWaste Recycling Event

Markey Pkwy (by Hobby Lobby), but instead of turning left towards the shopping center, you'll go straight across the intersection to access

NO LARGE APPLIANCES ARE ACCEPTED. NO FITNESS EQUIPMENT.

traffic. Enter from 58 Highway to Johnston Parkway to Broadmoor.

(without food waste present).

**Road Construction Markey Pkwy** 

Here is a picture of the church

The entire project has a planned completion date of July 2025.

access drive that is now open.

### 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. Study of David Class in Room #208

#### Pirate Pantry to help students in the Belton School District who need food assistance.

We are currently raising funds for the 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

facebook

Be sure to "Like" our

Facebook page! Visit often and tag

CrossRoads in your posts when possible<sup>°</sup>. Help us

show others how we **Love** people, **Learn** together, and **Live** in service to God at CrossRoads. www.facebook.com/ <u>crossroadsbelton</u>

**Prayers** 

PEOPLE IN NEED OF PRAYER Paul Car Faye Wallace Carol Creach Phil Gronemeyer Ken & Patty Kluter JoAnn Arnold Chris Harrelson Holden Batchelder Angela McNeil (from Sandy McNeil) Linda Gregory (Annalou Streiff's sister-in-law) Lacinda Hamilton Kramer (Dana's daughter) Mary Jane Malmgren (Karen McLaughlin's sister) Vera Green (Sandy McNeil's friend) Lorna Stinchfield (Cherrie Fleming's sister) Tessa (Angie Kormanec's friend) 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) Andrew Bowman (Vickie Lawrence's S-I-L's friend) Jake Minor (Vickie Lawrence'sS-I-L's friend) Melissa Shipman (Vickie Lawrence's family friend)

Brandi Price (Tracy, Penny, Vickie, & Angie's cousin) Gail Welchon (Sandy McNeil's friend) 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)

Kayla Jackson (Vickie Lawrence's friend)

First Responders Boy Scout 210 & Pack 4210 USA and United States Military

Submit Prayer

Requests Here

**GROUPS** Gladden Staff & Students Silver Angels Health Care Workers

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the church entrance.

Sunday, June 8

Monday, June 9 9:00am-10:00am 9:00am-4:00pm 11:30am-12:30pm

10:00am-11:00am

Friday, June 13 9:30am-10:30am 5:00pm-9:00pm

ns accepted for free include desktop PCs, laptops, tablets, phones,

routers, printers, servers, computer components, home stereo equipment, power tools and any appliance under 10 pounds or under 14x14x14 inches in size

You do not have to be a Raymore resident to participate. Raymore staff will direct

The temporary entrance for the church is now open, and it is accessed from the Y Hwy side. To Addiby Regally go to the church, you'll use the left turn lane at the traffic signal on

## 06/0/25 CrossRoads UMC Worsh...



"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

Study of David Class in Room #208 Scout Wood Badge Meeting in the Multipurpose Room

Doug Thompson Funeral Service in the Multipurpose Room

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

Christmas in June Craft Fundraiser, Sat, June 21, 9am-9pm

VBS, July 21-25, Mon-Fri, FREE Meal 5:30pm, Activities 6-8:00pm

## Sunday, June 15 9:15am-9:45am 9:15am-9:45am

**Upcoming Events** Doug Thompson Funeral Service, Sat, June 14, 1:30pm Father's Day, Sunday, June 15, Free Gift for all guys at worship service

Questions or comments? Email us at cjones@crossroads-umc.net To remove your name from our mailing list, please <u>click here</u>

## 10:00am-11:00am

Potluck Dinner for Pastor Erika, Sunday, June 22, following worship service

6:30pm-7:30pm Tuesday, June 10 10:00am-11:00am 5:00pm-7:00pm Fellowship Book Study w/Pam Ekey in Room #105 Creative Stitchers in Room #201 Pack Committee Meeting in the Multipurpose Room 6:00pm-7:30pm Wednesday, June 11 5:30pm-6:15pm 6:15pm-7:00pm CrossRoads Ringers Bell Choir Rehearsal in Room #210 Heavenly Bell Choir Rehearsal in Room #210 Thursday, June 12 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 8:45am-10:30am 10:30am-11:00am II:00am-4:00pm 6:30pm-8:30pm

Saturday, June 14 1:30pm-3:30pm Father's Day