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> Sundav Worship Service 10:00 am

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

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SECURITY

June 16th to 30th Steve Worstell



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 6 Sandy McNeil Jim Joy 13
- Jeanne Allen 17
- Steve Worstell 22

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 Linda & Ray Grindstaff Margie & Allan Jones
- 11 19 Angie & Joey Kormanec
- Donna & Bob Shoemaker 19
- 22 Gary & Kala Handley
- Ken & Patti Kluter 22
- 26
 - Larry & Helen Thompson



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Ponderings

Hey Church Family!

June is Pride month, as I'm sure you have heard through the commercialized grape vine, or maybe you've heard it on social media somewhere. If anything, the amount of rainbows you have seen this month has surely gone up. If you don't belong to the LGBTQ+ community, this may be a confusing time for you and you may not understand the importance of this month.

At one point, people who identified differently than the majority population were prevented from being their full selves. It has been illegal to be gay in America. So that population had to hide away and not present how they truly felt as a human. We cannot probably understand the weight that was on them since the majority of us do fall under the category of majority population today. But it did not allow them to be who God created them to be. It did not allow them to live into their values.

And still today, even though the restraints on same-sex marriage has been lifted legally in most places, there is discrimination against those who fall under this category. The majority population still finds it confusing for someone to present something different from the two genders we typically think of. It can still seem odd to see someone who you think is a female dress as a male. Or two males kissing on television.

The LGBTQ+ community is just as normal as you and me. But because we have lived most of our lives not being shown their representation, it can feel "different" or "weird" to some of us to now have it represented more. Especially during this Pride month.

You don't have to agree with their lifestyle or even understand what they are trying to explain about themselves. But you do have to love them.

As 1 Corinthians 13 tells us - 4 Love is patient, love is kind, it isn't jealous, it doesn't brag, it isn't arrogant, 5 it isn't rude, it doesn't seek its own advantage, it isn't irritable, it doesn't keep a record of complaints, 6 it isn't happy with injustice, but it is happy with the truth. 7 Love puts up with all things, trusts in all things, hopes for all things, endures all things.

May we learn to love in this way, especially our LGBTQ+ family members.

I want to give you the same challenge I gave One Spirit on the first Sunday of the month, and that was to reach out to someone who you know does celebrate this month. Tell them "Happy Pride month!" or just say, I see you and value you and know that this Pride month means a lot to you and I celebrate it for you.

All you are saying is that you love them, see them, and are giving them space to celebrate that they no longer have to hide who they are. You are saying that you celebrate them and their ability to be their full selves.

And that, church, is a sign of the Kingdom and grace filled conversations winning against hate.

Peace and Blessings,

Pastor Erika

Isaiah 64:8-9

Yet you, Lord, are our Father. We are the clay, you are the potter;

we are all the work of your hand. Do not be angry beyond measure, Lord;

do not remember our sins forever. Oh, look on us, we pray, for we are all your people.

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Celebration of Life

Heart n Hand

Some items 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)

In loving memory of Larry & Helen's son Doug Thompson (January 15, 1965 -April 7, 2025), a Celebration of Life service will be held at CrossRoads United Methodist Church (515 E. Markey Parkway in Belton) on Saturday, June 14, at 1:30pm, with a reception following the service.

Markey Parkway Construction Update

The Markey Parkway construction crew is tentatively planning to pour the entire entrance Monday or Tuesday of next week (June 16 or 17 through June 20), weather permitting, meaning the driveway over to the upper level of the building will be closed during the week. The plan is to have it open by Friday evening to accommodate weekend services.

The temporary gravel entrance and the lower parking lot will not be affected. It will only be the upper parking area that will not be accessible for the week.

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

There will be a basket available for cards and love offerings for Pastor Erika on June 22.

SIGN UP HERE!



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 <u>donate</u> online here. Thanks for your support!



VBS 2025 Road Trip

Mon-Fri, July 21-25

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

Games, crafts, music, science projects, skits!

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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 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 <u>www.crossroads-umc.net</u> or click the above "Register Here" button. Thanks for helping us make this year's VBS session one to remember!

VBS Helpers Needed Email Cindy 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!

Household Hazardous Waste Mobile Collection Eagle Glen Elementary, 100 S. Foxridge Drive, Raymore, MO 64083 Saturday, June 14, 2025 | 08:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Common household hazardous waste products (HHW) include paint, paint strippers, varnishes, adhesives and glues, hobby supplies, batteries, motor oil, compact fluorescent light bulbs, antifreeze, lawn and garden chemicals, and pesticides. HHW should not be thrown out with regular trash.

Waste is not accepted from businesses — including home-based businesses, nonprofits, churches and rental properties.

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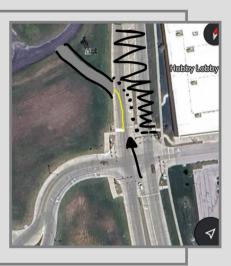
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Road Construction Markey Pkwy

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 Car Faye Wallace Carol Creach Phil Gronemeyer Ken & Patty Kluter JoAnn Arnold Chris Harrelson Holden Batchelder Angela McNeil (from Sandy McNeil) Leo Madrigal (Jade's friend's brother) 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) 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) 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 Linda Gregory (Annalou Streiff's sister-in-law)

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

Saturday, June 14 1:30pm-3:30pm

Sunday, June 15 9:15am-9:45am 9:15am-9:45am 10:00am-11:00am

Monday, June 16 9:00am-10:00am 9:00am-4:00pm 6:30pm-7:30pm

Tuesday, June 17 10:00am-11:00am 7:00pm-9:00pm

Wednesday, June 18 5:30pm-6:15pm 5:30pm-6:30pm 6:15pm-7:00pm

Thursday, June 19 8:45am-10:30am 10:30am-11:00am I I:00am-4:00pm 6:30pm-8:30pm

Friday, June 20 9:30am-10:30am 12:00pm-5:00pm

Saturday, June 21 9:00am-9:00pm

Sunday, June 22 9:15am-9:45am 9:15am-9:45am 10:00am-11:00am 11:00am-12:00pm

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

Doug Thompson Funeral Service in the Multipurpose Room

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

"The Chosen" DVD viewing at Carnegie Village Creation Station in Room #205 Cub Scout Den Meeting in the Multipurpose Room

Fellowship Book Study w/Pam Ekey in Room #105 Scout Parents Club Meeting in the Multipurpose Room

CrossRoads Ringers Bell Choir Rehearsal in Room #210 Leadership Board Meeting in Room #105 Heavenly Bell Choir Rehearsal in Room #210

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

Study of David Class in Room #208 Set Up for Craft Fundraiser

Christmas in June Craft Fundraiser in the Multipurpose Room

Potluck Dinner for Pastor Erika Devotions With Randy in Room #208 Explorers Adult Sunday School in Room #105 Worship Service in the Sanctuary Potluck Dinner for Pastor Erika

Upcoming Events

Christmas in June Craft Fundraiser, Sat, June 21, 9am-9pm Potluck Dinner for Pastor Erika, Sunday, June 22, following worship service Mickey Tabor Celebration of Life Gathering, Wed, July 9, 1:30pm VBS, July 21-25, Mon-Fri, FREE Meal 5:30pm, Activities 6-8:00pm

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