



# CROSSROADS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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# eReminder

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Tech Leader

**Parker King**  
Sound Tech



**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  
(Taking month of July off)

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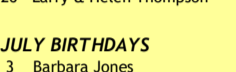
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**SECURITY**

June 16th to 30th  
Parker King



**JUNE ANNIVERSARIES**  
26 Larry & Helen Thompson

**JULY BIRTHDAYS**

- 3 Barbara Jones
- 4 Maxine Johnson
- 5 Kathryn Moore
- 8 Parker King
- 14 Mark Polk
- 19 Kona Waller
- 22 Kathy Joy
- 22 Bob Shoemaker
- 24 Stan Hedrick
- 25 Angie Kormanec
- 26 Roberta Maxwell
- 27 Bob Ridgley

**JULY ANNIVERSARIES**

- 7/8 Richard & Pam Eaton
- 7/9 Adree & Mark Ostendorf
- 7/14 Gary & Brenda Goodert
- 7/20 Mark & Lyn Polk
- 7/23 Gerald & Maxine Johnson
- 7/27 Byron & Kim Swift
- 7/28 Steven & Billie Jean Hoskins

**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!

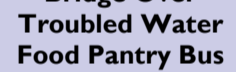
**Scrip Gift Cards**

Some cards are in stock and available for purchase each Sunday. See Cindy to purchase. You can also order gift cards on our [website](#) or email Cindy at [cjones@crossroads-umc.net](mailto:cjones@crossroads-umc.net) to place an order.

**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!



**Adult helpers needed for VBS**

**Sign Up Here**

**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.

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**Prayers**



**PEOPLE IN NEED OF PRAYER**

- Lisa Kenslow
- Hailey Duncan
- Joyce Johnston
- Gregg Drake
- Stevie Hoskins
- Bob Daniel
- Cherrie Fleming
- Ron Spencer
- Pastor Sid Robbins
- Adree Anderson
- Joey Kormanec (Angie's husband)
- Dave & Diana Bluml (Joe Matson's family)
- Doug Adams (Cherrie Fleming's son-in-law)
- Donnie Deal (Wanda Carroll's cousin)
- 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)
- Chris Medlin (Alissa Sallee's friend)
- Guy Johnston (Father of Angel Tree recipient)
- Leighton Estopare (Joe Matson's friend)
- Kelly Isabel (Karen McLaughlin's niece)
- Dana Johnson (Joyce's husband)
- 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)
- Patty LeCompte (Karen McLaughlin's sister)
- Ronelle (Dick Brighaupt's friend)
- Ronna Buchannon (Wanda Carroll's friend)
- Ruthie Weil (Sandy McNeil's daughter)
- Lorna Stinchfield (Cherrie Fleming's sister)
- Tessa (Angie Kormanec's friend)
- Daniel Hood (Cherrie's friend Pat Hood's grandson)
- 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 Tom Smith (Gwen Roger's brother)

**Submit Prayer Requests Here**

## Reflections

From Pastor Randy

Our next story for VBS is Elijah's Jar. This may not be a story as familiar as some of the other Bible stories you grew up learning in Sunday School as a kid, but we can learn a lot from this story.

The faithfulness of the woman in this story is remarkable. Common sense tells us there is no way miracles can happen to someone like us, and this woman may have thought the same thing at first. But she remained faithful and events came to pass just as Elijah said they would.

This world can hit us with numerous challenges. Sometimes we don't know if we can go another step forward. In those moments when Jesus is all you have, you have all you need.

Let us reflect on times in our walk of faith when we just did the next right thing, even though we couldn't see the good in it. And how God rewarded our faithfulness, maybe in a way we didn't even expect.

May your faithfulness encourage someone who might be struggling to do the next right thing too.

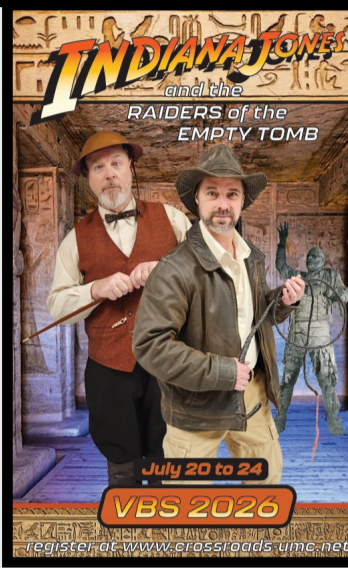
### Pastor Randy Kelly

June 28, 2026

#### Elijah's Jar 1 Kings 17:12-16

*"As surely as the Lord your God lives," she replied, "I don't have any bread—only a handful of flour in a jar and a little olive oil in a jug. I am gathering a few sticks to take home and make a meal for myself and my son, that we may eat it—and die." Elijah said to her, "Don't be afraid. Go home and do as you have said. But first make a small loaf of bread for me from what you have and bring it to me, and then make something for yourself and your son. For this is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: 'The jar of flour will not be used up and the jug of oil will not run dry until the day the Lord sends rain on the land.'" She went away and did as Elijah had told her. So there was food every day for Elijah and for the woman and her family. For the jar of flour was not used up and the jug of oil did not run dry, in keeping with the word of the Lord spoken by Elijah.*

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### Surprise (shhh!) 90th Birthday Celebration for Maxine Johnson

Please join us on **Sunday, June 28, 2026**, for a special **surprise** celebration honoring **Maxine Johnson's 90th birthday**. We will gather in the church **multi-purpose room from 2:00-4:00 PM**. Drop in when you can!



Let's shower Maxine with love by surprising her with a **card**. No gifts are needed—**your presence will be her present**. Come enjoy cake, punch, and sweet fellowship as we celebrate this wonderful milestone. **Hosted by: Donna Shoemaker**

### Clothing Collection Extended



Due to popular demand, we will keep the shopping cart out on Sunday mornings for the next couple of months. We've discovered that the need is great so we will continue collecting gently used clothing from those of you who are still sorting through closets and gathering items. Please bring your items to church and place them in the shopping cart as a blessing for our neighbors. Donations will be delivered to organizations that serve our local community. Thanks for your generosity!

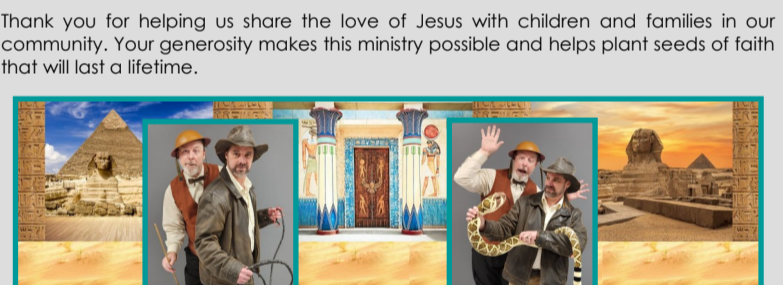
### June Mission Project: Supporting Our 2026 VBS "Indiana Jones and the Raiders of the Empty Tomb"

Pastor Randy and our VBS team are hard at work planning this summer's Vacation Bible School, Indiana Jones and the Raiders of the Empty Tomb, coming July 20-24. Providing this experience is a joyful ministry—and also a significant one. Our largest expense each year is the free daily meal we provide for all children and volunteers. We also supply all craft materials, game and science supplies, and purchase décor items that can't be created in-house. Every gift helps us offer a safe, welcoming, Christ-centered week for the children of our community.

For that reason, **our June Mission Project is the collection of monetary donations to support this year's VBS program**. If you feel led to give, you may place your donation in the offering plate on any Sunday in June (please note "VBS" on your check or envelope). Online giving is also available at [crossroads-umc.net](http://crossroads-umc.net)—simply click the red GIVE NOW button and select the tile labeled VBS Food & Supplies. Or click below to navigate directly to that tile to make a donation:

[VBS Food & Supply Donations](#)

Thank you for helping us share the love of Jesus with children and families in our community. Your generosity makes this ministry possible and helps plant seeds of faith that will last a lifetime.



### Thanks from Eagle Community Outreach

Dear CrossRoads friends,  
Thank you for making a difference! Your donation of food and clothing is very much appreciated and will help many families living in Cass County. Your thoughtfulness touches or hearts as we continue our mission of helping others.

Thank you,  
Jack & Crystal Benson  
Eagles Community Outreach

### You're Invited! Take a Virtual Trip to Kenya

ZOE Empowers invites you to join them on **Wednesday, July 1 at 9:00am** CST for a **one-hour Zoom virtual trip to Kenya**. Not only will you meet the young people from the Upendo Mukorene group, but you'll also have the opportunity to visit a few of their businesses. See first hand how they generate income to support their families, a key component of the empowerment program. There is no cost to attend—all you need to do is [register here](#).



### Vacation Bible School 2026 — Registration Now Open! "Indiana Jones and the Raiders of the Empty Tomb"

Our 2026 VBS program, Indiana Jones and the Raiders of the Empty Tomb, will take children on an exciting journey into the stories of Jesus—filled with discovery, friendship, and the joy of God's love.

We would love for our CrossRoads family to help spread the word. Please invite the children and grandchildren of your family and friends to join us in this unforgettable week. Registration is now open at [crossroads-umc.net](http://crossroads-umc.net) or click below to register a child now:

[Register Here](#)



Thank you for helping us introduce more children to the love, hope, and adventure found in Jesus.

### Heart n Hand

#### Barrel Donations Needed:

- Any non-perishable food donations, such as cereals, 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)

### CrossRoads Calendar

**Friday, June 26**

NONE

**Saturday, June 27**

9:00am-6:00pm

CrossRoads Crafters in the Multipurpose Room

**Sunday, June 28**

9:00am-9:30am  
9:15am-9:45am  
10:00am-11:00am  
2:00pm-4:00pm

Devotions With Randy in Room #208  
Explorers Adult Sunday School in Room #105  
Worship Service in the Sanctuary  
Maxine Johnson 90th Birthday Celebration

**Monday, June 29**

9:00am-10:30am  
9:00am-4:00pm  
6:30pm-7:30pm

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

**Tuesday, June 30**

10:00am-11:00am  
10:00am-12:00pm

Fellowship Book Study w/Pam Ekey in Room #105  
Quilt Peeps in Room #201

**Wednesday, July 1**

9:00am-10:00am  
5:30pm-6:15pm  
6:15pm-7:00pm

ZOE Empowers ZOOM session  
CrossRoads Ringers Bell Choir Rehearsal in Room #210  
Heavenly Bell Choir Rehearsal in Room #210

**Thursday, July 2**

8:45am-10:30am  
10:30am-11:00am  
11:00am-4:00pm  
6:30pm-9:00pm

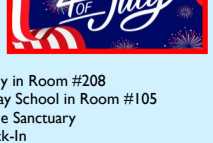
TOPS Meeting in Room #201  
Happy Feet Walking Group in the Multipurpose Room  
Creation Station Quilters in Room #205  
Scout Troop 210 in the Multipurpose Room

**Friday, July 3**

NONE

**Saturday, July 4**

NONE



**Sunday, July 5**

9:00am-9:30am  
9:15am-9:45am  
10:00am-11:00am  
5:00pm-6:00pm

Devotions With Randy in Room #208  
Explorers Adult Sunday School in Room #105  
Worship Service in the Sanctuary  
Scout Campbox Check-In

### Upcoming Events

- Happy Independence Day, Saturday, July 4
- UWF Lunch Bunch, Monday, July 13, 11:30am, Multipurpose Room
- Leadership Board Meeting, Tuesday, July 18, 10am
- CrossRoads Crafters, Saturday, July 18, 10am
- VBS, Mon-Fri, July 20-24, 5:30pm Meal & 6-8pm Activities
- Bunco, Saturday, August 1, 10:00am, Multipurpose Room

Questions or comments? Email us at [cjones@crossroads-umc.net](mailto:cjones@crossroads-umc.net) To remove your name from our mailing list, please [click here](#)