



CROSSROADS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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LOVE God and Others LEARN & Grow in Faith LIVE Your Faith by Serving

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 - Lyn Polk**
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 - Donna Shoemaker**
Hospitality
 - Cindy Jones**
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 - Kim Carson-Swift**
Melody Burns
Music Leaders
 - Bob Ridgley**
Tech Leader
 - Parker King**
Sound Tech



Sunday Worship Service
10:00 am

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

Tuesday Fellowship Class
10:00am
(Taking month of July off)

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SECURITY

July 1st to 15th
Bob Ridgley



- 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

Communion Sunday
blood pressure checks
1st Sunday each month

This week is Communion Sunday and our Parish nurses will be taking free blood pressure checks. All are welcome to utilize this service, so please see Lyn to get your B/P reading this month!

VBS Donations Requested

If you would like to help defray the expense for food & supplies for 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.mvvanco.com/L-75N0/campaign/C-12M6N>

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

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 to place an order.

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, Live 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 Brighthaupt's cousin)
 - Alicia Halvmann (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 Johnston (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)
 - Michelle (Dick Brighthaupt'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

Submit Prayer Requests Here

Reflections

From Pastor Randy

Our next VBS story is The Parable of the Lost Coin. The woman in the parable had ten coins but lost one. We are told she lit a lamp, swept, and searched until she found the lost coin. We tend to spend a lot of energy on finding lost items too, don't we?

If the coin had no value, the woman may have just dismissed it as lost forever. But the meaning behind the parable is that God sees value in all of us, and he is glad when the lost are found.

For some of us, we can reflect on a time when we felt we had no value. Our sins were too great, our failures too big. God could never value someone like us. Jesus says, don't believe that lie.

The lost coin found is the sinner who repents and finds their way back to a savior full of mercy and grace. Maybe our reflection can be on how we rejoiced when someone came to know Jesus, even after they were lost.

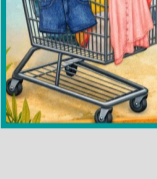
Pastor Randy Kelly
July 5, 2026
Lost Coin
Luke 15:8-10

"Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins and loses one. Doesn't she light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it? And when she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost coin.' In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

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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!

July Mission Project: Mobility Worldwide Carts

This July, CrossRoads is once again partnering with **Mobility Worldwide**, an organization that provides hand-propelled mobility carts to individuals living with limited mobility in some of the world's most remote regions. These sturdy carts, powered by the arms of the driver, offer dignity, independence, and the opportunity to earn a living by transporting goods. Since 1994, Mobility Worldwide has changed more than **36,000 lives**, and CrossRoads is grateful to be part of that ongoing impact.

Our **2026 VBS Mission Project** will focus on raising funds to help provide additional carts. In past years, our VBS children have embraced this project with enthusiasm, and we're excited to continue that tradition.

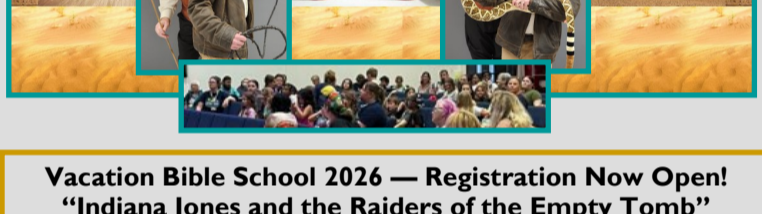


During VBS week (July 20-24), an actual mobility cart will be on display for the children to see and touch. Each evening, during our mission moment, **the girls and boys will bring their coins and dollars forward**, placing them into their respective buckets in a friendly competition to support Mobility Worldwide.

This year, our church family is invited to join the fun and strengthen the children's efforts. Throughout the month of July, the **boys' and girls' buckets will be placed on the altar each Sunday**. During offering time, you are welcome to drop your own donations into either bucket — or both — as we work together to make a meaningful difference. Online gifts may also be made through our giving page at www.crossroads-umc.net or click below to navigate directly to our Mobility Worldwide donation page.

VBS Mission Donations

Thank you in advance for your generosity and for supporting this life-changing ministry. Your gifts help provide mobility, dignity, and hope to neighbors around the world.



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 for this unforgettable week. Registration is now open at 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.

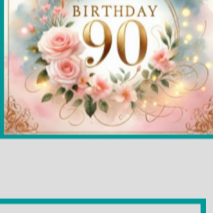
VBS Yard Signs

There will be VBS yard signs by the doors in the sanctuary the next couple of weeks. If you have a good location where they will be seen by passing cars at your home, or if you have permission to post one elsewhere, please take one today to post in your yard for the week before VBS (after July 13). Thanks!

A Note of Thanks from Maxine Johnson

Maxine Johnson would like to extend her heartfelt thanks to everyone who attended her surprise 90th birthday celebration this past Sunday afternoon. She is deeply appreciative of the many thoughtful cards she received and is grateful to Pastor Randy Kelly and all the church family members who took time to stop by and share in the joy of her special day.

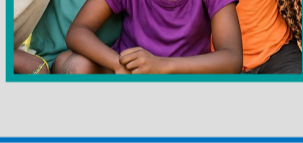
Your presence, kindness, and love made her birthday truly memorable. She sends her sincere thanks to all.



ZOE Empowers Update

Just a reminder that you have the opportunity to make a **one-time gift** to ZOE Empowers at any time. You can give by writing "ZOE" in the memo line of your check to CrossRoads and dropping it in the offering plate, or by giving online through our church website here:

ZOE Donations



This ministry will allow us to be a blessing in the lives of these young people, and we, in turn, will be blessed to see their courage, growth, and transformation unfold. **Thank you, CrossRoads family, for stepping into this work with such generosity and hope.**

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)

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

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	
Monday, July 6 9:00am-10:00am 9:00am-4:00pm 6:30pm-7:30pm	"The Station" DVD viewing at Carnegie Village Creation Station in Room #205 Cub Scout Den Meeting in the Multipurpose Room	
Tuesday, July 7	NONE	
Wednesday, July 8 5:30pm-6:15pm 6:15pm-7:00pm	CrossRoads Ringers Bell Choir Rehearsal in Room #210 Heavenly Bell Choir Rehearsal in Room #210	
Thursday, July 9 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 10	NONE	
Saturday, July 11	NONE	
Sunday, July 12 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

- UWF Lunch Bunch, Monday, July 13, 11:30am, Multipurpose Room**
- Leadership Board Meeting, Tuesday, July 14, 5:30pm**
- 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
To remove your name from our mailing list, please [click here](#)