



eReminder

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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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SECURITY

July 1st to 15th
Bob Ridgley

July 16th to 31st
Joe Matson



JULY BIRTHDAYS

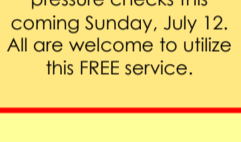
- 3 Barbara Jones
- 4 Maxine Johnson
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- 24 Stan Hedrick
- 25 Angie Kormanec
- 26 Roberta Maxwell
- 27 Bob Ridgley

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



Since Lyn was absent last Sunday due to illness, she will be taking blood pressure checks this coming Sunday, July 12. All are welcome to utilize this FREE service.

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>

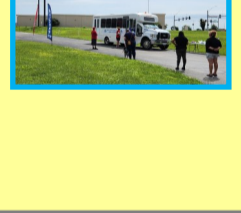
Thanks for your support!

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" or online here: BridgeOverTroubledWater.org

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.



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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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Reflections

From Pastor Randy

Indiana Jones is in search of the Holy Grail in our next VBS story. Don't get this confused with King Arthur and the Knights of the Lord's Table.

This Holy Grail is the cup that Jesus would pass to the disciples during that Last Supper. It would symbolize the blood of a new covenant as Jesus would pour out his blood for the atonement of our sins. The cup itself was not the important element in the story, but what the cup held.

Of the artifacts that were a part of Jesus' public ministry, which one would you like most to see and touch? Something to reflect on this week.

Something else we might reflect on this week is how you might explain the importance of the communion elements to a child. It can be a heavy conversation.

We'll have to wait and see how Indiana Jones manages this quest.

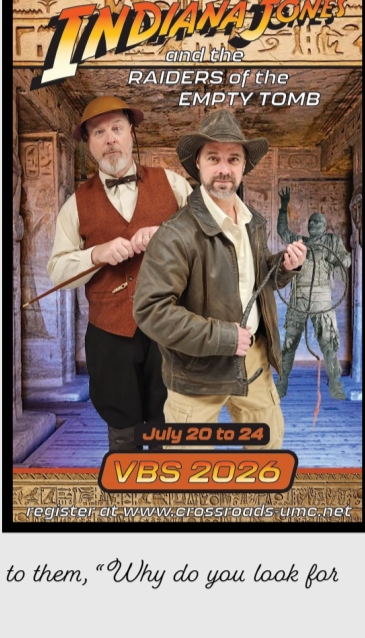
Pastor Randy Kelly

July 12, 2026

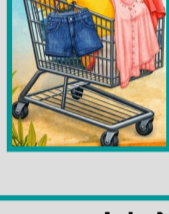
Holy Grail
Luke 22:17-18

On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead?"

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Clothing Collection Extended



Due to popular demand, we will keep the shopping cart out on Sunday mornings through the end of July. 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.

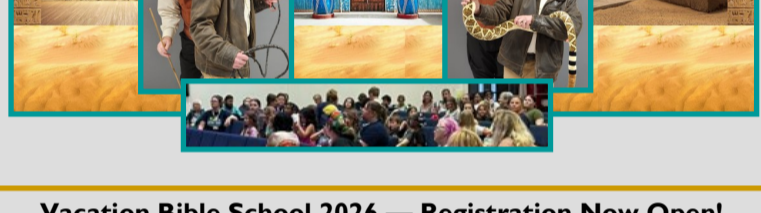


During VBS week (July 20-24), an actual mobility cart will be on display for the children to see and touch. Each evening, during our mission moment, **the girls and boys will bring their coins and dollars forward**, placing them into their respective buckets in a friendly competition to support Mobility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

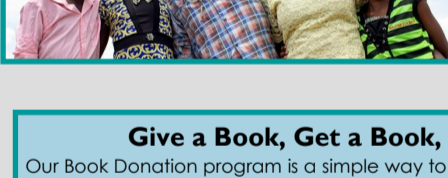


VBS Yard Signs

There will be VBS yard signs by the doors in the sanctuary on Sunday. If you have a good location where they will be seen by passing cars on 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!

Take a Virtual Trip to Kenya

ZOE Empowers presented a **one-hour Zoom virtual trip to Kenya**. Here is a link to the recorded session if you would like to view it and learn more. Not only will you meet the young people from the Upendo Mukorene group, but you'll also have the opportunity to virtually visit a few of their businesses. See first hand how they generate income to support their families, a key component of the empowerment program.



[ZOE Zoom link](#)

Give a Book, Get a Book, Grow Our Savings

Our Book Donation program is a simple way to turn the books we love into blessings for others. Throughout the year, you're invited to donate gently used books of all kinds—fiction, nonfiction, children's books, devotionals, and more. **Each donated book is then made available for purchase for just 50 cents each.**

It's a beautiful cycle of generosity: you can give books you're no longer using, discover new reads for yourself, and know that every dollar goes directly to rebuild a prudent reserve in our Foundation account. This financial security will allow CrossRoads to continue our ministry in practical, meaningful ways.

Whether you donate, shop, or both, you're helping our church make a difference one book at a time. Thank you for supporting this ongoing ministry.

Heart n Hand

Barrel Donations Needed:

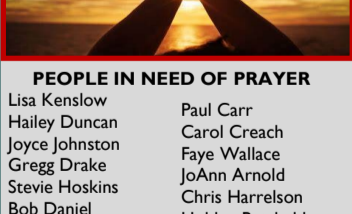
- Any non-perishable food donations, such as cereals, pasta, baking mixes, canned fruit, cooking oils, granola bars, oatmeal, instant potatoes, canned meat, juices, seasonings and condiments
- Personal care & household items (like toilet paper, paper towels, diapers)
- Hygiene items (Preferably travel 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

Prayers



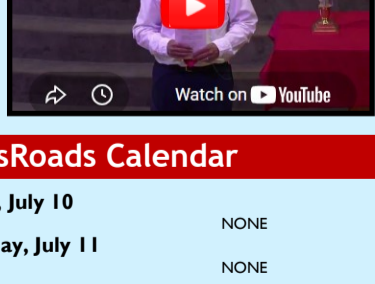
PEOPLE IN NEED OF PRAYER

- Lisa Kenslow
- Hailey Duncan
- Joyce Johnston
- Gregg Drake
- Stevie Hoskins
- Bob Daniel
- Cherrie Fleming
- Ron Spencer
- Pastor Sid Robbins
- Adree Anderson
- Mary (Cherrie Fleming's friend)
- 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 Halframm (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)
- 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

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 text or email Cindy so we can record your attendance. Thank you!

CrossRoads Calendar

Friday, July 10	NONE
Saturday, July 11	NONE
Sunday, July 12	Devotions With Randy in Room #208 Explorers Adult Sunday School in Room #105 Worship Service in the Sanctuary
Monday, July 13	"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
Tuesday, July 14	Creative Stitchers in Room #201 Leadership Board Meeting in Room #105 Pack Committee Meeting in the Multipurpose Room
Wednesday, July 15	CrossRoads Ringers Bell Choir Rehearsal in Room #210
Thursday, July 16	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 17	NONE
Saturday, July 18	CrossRoads Crafters in the Multipurpose Room
Sunday, July 19	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**

Questions or comments? Email us at cjones@crossroads-umc.net
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Submit Prayer Requests Here