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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 16th to 31st
Joe Matson

July

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 Gooderl
7/20 Mark & Lyn Polk
7/23 Gerald & Maxine Johnson
7/27 Byron & Kim Swift
7/28 Steven & Billie Jean Hoskins

Carnegie Village
Worship

For those of you
who are residents at
Carnegie Village,
Pastor Randy will be
providing the
message for worship
in the Chapel on
Sunday, Feb 19 at
4:30pm. Hope you
are able to attend!

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 gift cards are in
stock and available for
purchase each Sunday.
See Cindy to purchase, or
you can also order gift
cards on our [website](#) or
email Cindy at
cjones@crossroads-umc.net
to place an order. Cards
that you order will be
available for pickup the
following Sunday, if
ordered on Sunday. We
can also get printed gift
certificates for many
merchants, available on
the same day you place
your order, that can be
emailed to you or printed
for you to pick up.

Best Choice Bar Code
Labels

Please keep collecting
your Best Choice Bar
Code Labels and place
them in the glass jar on
the welcome table in the
sanctuary or in the plastic
container in the reception
area. Proceeds go to our
Pirate Pantry Ministry.
Thanks for your support to
help students in the Belton
School District!

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
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Prayers



PEOPLE IN NEED OF PRAYER

Sandy Drake
Lisa Kenslow
Hailey Duncan
Joyce Johnston
Gregg Drake
Bob Daniels
Steve Daniel
Cherrie Fleming
Ron Spencer
Pastor Sid Robbins
Adree Anderson
Vincent Saulmon (Sandy McNeill'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 Halfmann (sister of Vickie Lawrence's friend)
Rick Alvord (father of Vickie Lawrence's friend)
Dana Sowerby (Randy's SLP friend)
Lisa Phipps (Brought'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 friend)
Ronna Buchannon (Wanda Carroll's friend)
Luthie Weil (Sandy McNeill'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)

Kendra Martin
Paul Carr
Carol Creach
Faye Wallace
JoAnn Arnold
Chris Harrelson
Holden Batchelder

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 Steve Hackett

Submit Prayer
Requests Here

Reflections

From Pastor Randy

As we approach the climax of our Indiana Jones stories, and the Raiders of the Empty Tomb, our last story is indeed the empty tomb.

You may recognize our scripture from Luke's gospel as we recently took a close look at Luke chapter 24 in our Resurrection to Pentecost series. Early on that Sunday morning, the women took the spices they had prepared to the tomb so that they could anoint the body of Jesus. They fully expected the body to be where they last saw it, and they definitely did not expect to find an empty tomb.

For our reflection this week, let us just pause for a moment and think about how important the empty tomb is to our beliefs. The whole story of redemption is centered around the fact that the tomb is empty.

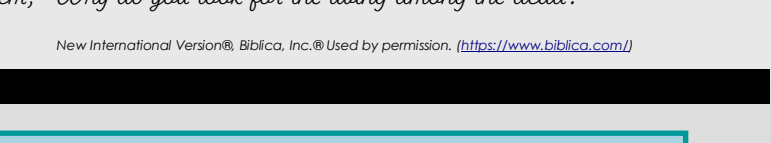
Those women on that first Easter Sunday may have felt robbed when they arrived at an empty tomb, only because they could not see the real blessing in that death could not defeat our Lord. He is Risen.

Pastor Randy Kelly
July 19, 2026
Empty Tomb
Luke 24:1-5

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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July 20 to 24
register at www.crossroads-umc.net



Tuesday Fellowship Class

A new video study on the roles Methodists played leading up to and after the Declaration of Independence was signed 250 years ago, will begin Tuesday, August 4th at 10 a.m. in room 105. The Fellowship study group will be looking at the formation of our nation and the establishment of the Methodist denomination. They will be using a video series developed by the General Commission on Archives and History and the New York Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church. All are welcome to attend this eight-week study.

Support Needed for the
BOTW Food Pantry Bus Repair

The Bridge Over Troubled Water Food Pantry Bus, a crucial resource for families and seniors in our area, recently suffered a major mechanical failure while serving at a stop in Peculiar. The repair is significant, with an estimated cost of **\$4,325.84**—an unexpected burden for this important ministry.

This bus is more than a vehicle. For many, it is access to groceries they otherwise could not reach. It is encouragement for parents doing their best. It is a steady reminder that our community shows up for one another. The BOTW Bus delivers food, but it also delivers **hope, compassion, and dignity.**

While repairs are underway, the need for food assistance continues. If you feel led to help, donations can be made online through CrossRoads at:
<https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z5N0/campaign/C-16F1A>

You may also give through the Sunday offering by noting **BOTW** on your check or envelope.

Thank you CrossRoads for helping us keep this lifeline moving forward.

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.

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.

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.

Heart n Hand

Barrel Donations 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)
- [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

Last Sunday's Service

07/12/26 CrossRoads Worship
CrossRoads UMC

Watch on YouTube

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 17	NONE
Saturday, July 18 10:00am-7:00pm	CrossRoads Crafters in the Multipurpose Room
Sunday, July 19 9:00am-9:30am 9:15am-9:45am 10:00am-11:00am 11:00am-11:30am	Devotions With Randy in Room #208 Explorers Adult Sunday School in Room #105 Worship Service in the Sanctuary Set Up for VBS
Monday, July 20 9:00am-10:00am 5:30pm-6:00pm 6:00pm-8:00pm	"The Chosen" DVD viewing at Carnegie Village VBS FREE Meal VBS Activities
Tuesday, July 21 5:30pm-6:00pm 6:00pm-8:00pm	VBS FREE Meal VBS Activities
Wednesday, July 22 5:30pm-6:00pm 6:00pm-8:00pm	VBS FREE Meal VBS Activities
Thursday, July 23 8:45am-10:30am 5:30pm-6:00pm 6:00pm-8:00pm	TOPS Meeting in Room #201 VBS FREE Meal VBS Activities
Friday, July 24 5:30pm-6:00pm 6:00pm-7:30pm 7:30pm-8:00pm	VBS FREE Meal VBS Activities VBS Musical Program
Saturday, July 25	NONE
Sunday, July 26 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

Tuesday Fellowship Meeting Resumes, Tues, Aug 4, 10:00am, Room #105
UWF Lunch Bunch, Monday, Aug 10, 11:30am, Multipurpose Room
Leadership Board Meeting, Tuesday, Aug 11, 5:30pm
CrossRoads Crafters, Saturday, Saturday, Aug 15, 10:00am
Staff Meeting, Tuesday, Aug 18, 5:30pm
Raymore Quilt Guild Quilt Show at CrossRoads, Aug 21-22, 11am-6pm

Questions or comments? Email us at cjones@crossroads-umc.net
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