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**We are hosting a
Bridge Over
Troubled Water
Pop Up Pantry
On
Tuesday, July 28
10:30am-noon**

**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

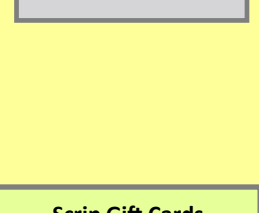


- JULY BIRTHDAYS**
24 Stan Hedrick
25 Angie Kormanec
26 Roberta Maxwell
27 Bob Ridgley
- JULY ANNIVERSARIES**
7/27 Byron & Kim Swift
7/28 Steven & Billie Jean Hoskins
- AUGUST BIRTHDAYS**
10 JoAnn Arnold
15 Carol Creach
17 Jane Spencer
24 Vickie Lawrence
26 Susie McClain
27 Charlie Hoskins
30 Faye Wallace
- AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES**
8/15 Bob & Donna Ridgley
8/20 Chet & Vickie Rutzel
8/23 Jim & Kathy Joy



**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!



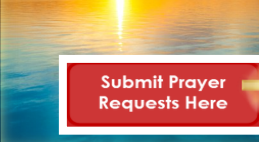
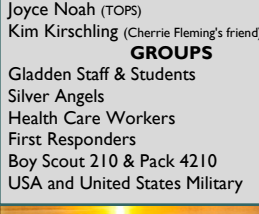
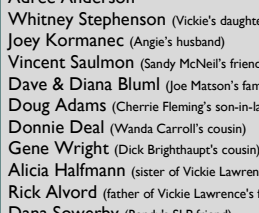
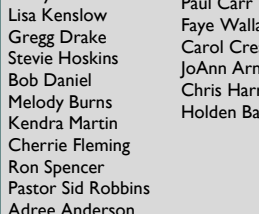
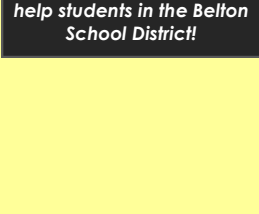
Scrip Gift Cards

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!



Reflections

From Pastor Randy

Another VBS in the books. Thank you to all of you who helped make it another success. We had quite the adventure with Indiana Jones and the Raiders of the Empty Tomb.

Our stories were based around biblical artifacts and hidden meanings. We learned that sometimes the greatest treasure is the one that is there.

In Matthew's gospel, Jesus tells his disciples not to store up treasures on earth, but to store up treasures in Heaven. So our focus this week will not be on treasures we can touch, but on treasures that truly mark us as children of God.

For our reflection this week, let us think on those moments during VBS when we observed treasures being stored in Heaven. Let us also reflect on ways that we might continue to store up those treasures in Heaven and be a blessing to those around us.

Pastor Randy Kelly
July 26, 2026
Treasures in Heaven
Matthew 6:19-21

"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

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

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VBS 2026 "Indiana Jones & the Raiders of the Empty Tomb"

We are 4 days into this year's VBS program and have welcomed 38 children so far. We have excellent volunteers helping us again this year and we appreciate each one of them. Here are some pics of the action to date:



July Mission Project: Mobility Worldwide Carts

We're having an incredible week with our Indiana Jones adventurers and their families. Our mission project this year supports **Mobility Worldwide**, providing hand-powered carts that offer dignity and independence to children and adults with limited mobility around the world.

A child-sized mobility cart is on display all week, and the kids are loving the chance to see and touch it. Each night, the girls and boys bring their coins and dollars to fill their buckets—and so far they've **raised an amazing 446.82** with one days still to go!

Our church family is also joining in and has **contributed \$171.27** so far. We're so grateful for the generosity of our VBS families and congregation. What a blessing to serve together. 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 for your generosity and for supporting this life-changing ministry. Your gifts help provide mobility, dignity, and hope to neighbors around the world.

Clothing Collection FINAL WEEK

This is the final week to bring your gently used clothing donations from those of you who have still been 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. This final load of donations will be delivered to Bridge Over Troubled Water for their "Back to School" ministry. Thanks for your generosity!

Music Dept Concessions & Bake Sale

The music department will be selling sandwich boxes and baked goods during the **August quilt show** to be held here at CrossRoads on **Friday, August 21 & 22**. They are requesting donations of baked goods and other food items. Items that are sealed and last longer may be brought to church on **Sunday, August 16th**. Items that could spoil easier should be brought to church on **Wednesday, August 19th by 5pm** so that we can prepare the sandwich boxes.

If you are able to help by donating items to sell or by volunteering to help work the table, please **click on the link below to sign up**. You will be able to review the available items and slots on the online form. Thank you!

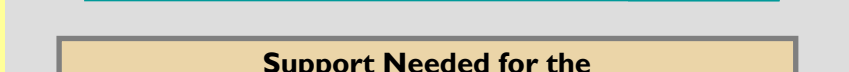
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30F0C4FA8AF2CA3FC1-64809374-music>

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.**

Explorers Sunday School

The Explorers Sunday School Class meets Sunday morning from **9:15am to 9:45am in room #105** (through the double doors at the back of the sanctuary). A **new book study** will begin **Sunday, August 2nd** and you are invited to join them. A limited supply of the books **"Sermon on the Mount"** are already available to use.



Support Needed for the BOTW Food Pantry Bus Repair

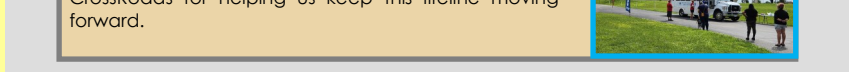
The Bridge Over Troubled Water Food Pantry Bus, a crucial resource for families and seniors in our area, recently suffered a major mechanical failure while serving at a stop in Peculiar. The repair is significant, with an estimated cost of **\$4,325.84**—an unexpected burden for this important ministry.

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**.

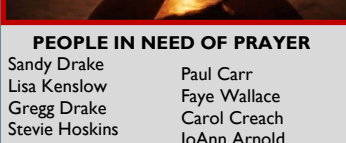
An anonymous donor has generously offered to match every donation dollar for dollar, up to \$2,000. That means every gift made now will have twice the impact in helping them get the bus back on the road. While repairs are underway, the need for food assistance continues. If you feel led to help, donations 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.



Prayers



PEOPLE IN NEED OF PRAYER

- Sandy Drake

Lisa Kenslow

Gregg Drake

Stevie Hoskins

Bob Daniel

Kendra Martin

Cherrie Fleming

Ron Spencer

Pastor Sid Robbins

Adree Anderson

Whitney Stephenson (Vickie's daughter-in-law)

Joey Kormanec (Angie's husband)

Vincent Saulmon (Sandy McNeil's friend)

Dave & Diana Blum (Joe Matson's family)

Doug Adams (Cherrie Fleming's son-in-law)

Donnie Deal (Wanda Carroll's cousin)

Gene Wright (Dick Brigham'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 Johnston (Joyce's husband)

Dusti Lawrence (Vickie Lawrence's daughter)

Chelsee (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)
- Paul Carr

Faye Wallace

Carol Creach

JoAnn Arnold

Chris Harrelson

Holden Batchelder

Gladden Staff & Students

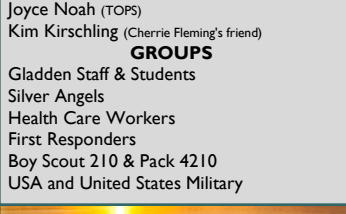
Silver Angels

Health Care Workers

First Responders

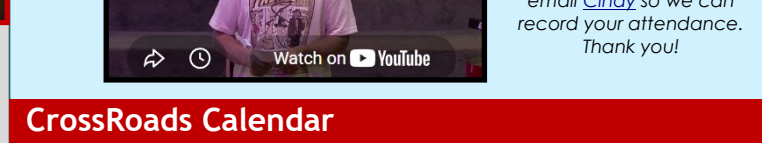
Boy Scout 210 & Pack 4210

USA and United States Military



Submit Prayer Requests Here

Last Sunday's Service



If you watch our service online on Facebook or 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 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 10:30am-11:00am 10:00am-11:00am	Devotions With Randy in Room #208 Explorers Adult Sunday School in Room #105 Worship Service in the Sanctuary
Monday, July 27 9:00am-10:00am 9:00am-4:00pm 6:30pm-7:30pm	"The Chosen" DVD viewing at Carnegie Village Creation Station Quilters in Room #205 Cub Scout Den Meeting in the Multipurpose Room
Tuesday, July 28 7:00pm-9:00pm	Troop Committee Meeting in the Multipurpose Room
Wednesday, July 29	NONE
Thursday, July 30 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 31	NONE
Saturday, August 1 10:00am-11:00am	Bunco in the Multipurpose Room
Sunday, August 2 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
To remove your name from our mailing list, please [click here](#)