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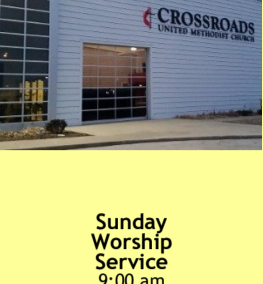
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Sunday Worship Service
9:00 am

Adult Sunday School
10:15am Explorers Room 105
10:15am Devotions with Randy Room 208

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SECURITY

Oct 1st to 15th
Mark Polk

Ponderings

Hey CrossRoads Family!

I want to share something with you from my favorite meditative book called, "A Rhythm of Prayer: A Collection of Meditations for Renewal." This is edited by Sarah Bessey and features prayers, thoughts, quotes, and prose from a whole host of authors (I highly recommend it!) I want to share some pieces from one of the few pieces written by Sarah Bessey called, "A Reminder."

You don't have to be productive and you don't have to change the world. You're already so loved.

You don't have to be smart. You don't have to be simple. You don't have to read all the right books by the right people. You're already so loved.

You don't have to be beautiful and thin...You don't have to be healthy in your mind or in your body. You don't have to be in full-time vocational ministry. You can watch horrible television or you can be proud of your televisionless home. You can be artistic or scientific. You can spend your life travelling to meet beautiful people or you can live and die in the town where you were born.

You don't have to conform to someone else's ideas of holy or acceptable... You don't have to be conservative and you don't have to be liberal. You don't have to identify with certain political persuasions or ideology on sexuality or science or socioeconomics or foreign policy. You can be a social justice warrior, or, you know, not.

None of that moves the meter of your belovedness. God won't say, "Okay, now I love her just a bit more because, look, she is finally out of debt or thin or powerful or influential or tireless..."

You have nothing to prove. You have nothing to earn...

Love can and does and will transform us in every way – our ideology, our opinions, our habits, our values, our priorities, our very names. But it's not a prerequisite or a requirement, it's not behavior modification, it never is, not for Love.

Love has happened and it is happening and it will happen. It is kind and patient towards you.

You're already so loved, you aren't earning a breath of love or tenderness more than what you already have just by breathing – just by existing, just by being here in the wonder. Your name is already written in the lines of the hands of the universe. You're star-breath-of-dust, and you are beloved, intimately, faithfully, wholly...You are known. You are loved with delight and abundance, with choice and desire, with covenantal love.

You may feel it or not.

YOU ARE SO LOVED.

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Something to ponder...

Peace and Blessings,
Pastor Erika

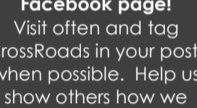


OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Silvy Batchelder
- 1 Jakeson Batchelder
- 5 Dawson Batchelder
- 5 Donna Ridgley
- 11 Tracy Inman
- 11 Joan Resch
- 16 Nancy Clutter
- 18 Helen Thompson
- 24 Randy Kelly
- 27 Stacy Batchelder

ANNIVERSARIES

- 10/21 Randy & Penny Kelly
- 10/25 Mike & Joan Resch
- 10/26 Chuck & Susie McClain



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October 6, 2024

Mark 9:36-37
Mark 10:13-16
Proverbs 22:6



Mark 9:36-37

He took a little child whom he placed among them. Taking the child in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me."

Mark 10:13-16

People were bringing little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." And he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them.

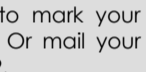
Proverbs 22:6

Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it.

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U.S. Disaster Response



Hurricane Helene left devastation in its wake. If you would like to donate funds to help, you can give electronically here: [CrossRoads UMCOR Giving Page](#) or visit www.crossroads-umc.net and click on the red **GIVE NOW** button to visit our Donation Page. If you prefer to give via cash or check, you may put your donation in the offering plate (be sure to mark your envelope or the memo line of your check with "UMCOR"). Or mail your donation to: CrossRoads UMC, P.O. Box 167, Belton, MO 64012.

We will also designate this week's communion offering to UMCOR. Thanks so much for your support of those affected by this hurricane disaster.

CrossRoads & One Spirit T-Shirt

CrossRoads and One Spirit are joining the "Hate Divides, Love Unites" call to action by wearing our very own t-shirt design! This shirt has a good message and also points to our connection as church partners! Shirts are \$12 each and come in unisex sizing. Please place your order by clicking on the "Order Here" button at the right.

If have any questions, please contact Cindy in the office at cjones@crossroads-umc.net



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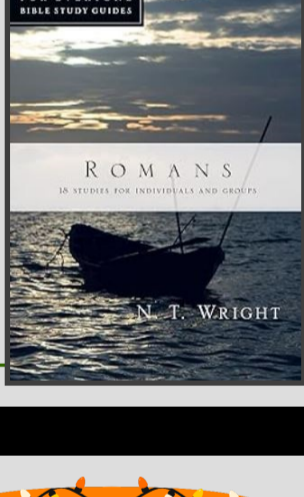


Don't forget your flu shot & boosters!

New Bible Study Beginning Oct 15 with Pam Ekey

You are invited to study the Book of Romans with the Tuesday Morning Fellowship group weekly at 10:00am, beginning Oct 15. We will be using N.T. Wright's study guide for Romans which will cost about \$10. Purchase is optional. Please sign up below to indicate interest and whether you would like a study guide.

Sign Up Here



Scrip Gift Cards
There are many local and national retailers who participate in our scrip gift card program.

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Pirate Pantry
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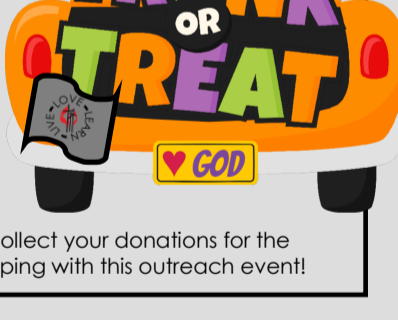
Collecting for 2024-2025 School Year Now!

Thank you for your support in helping these students in need. We are now collecting for next year. To help us build our balance up, please drop your check in the offering plate and note that it is for Pirate Pantry in the memo line. Your donation for the 2024-2025 school year is appreciated!

Trunk or Treat Donations Needed

Together with our Boy Scouts, we are hosting a Trunk or Treat for the whole community on Monday, October 28th from 6:00pm to 8:00pm.

We are requesting donations of individually wrapped candy to pass out to children during the event. There will be a box out on Sundays to collect your donations for the event. Thanks for your generosity in helping with this outreach event!



Heart n Hand Food Pantry Items Needed



You can either drop pantry items in our blue barrel at church or deliver them to HnH at the designated hours. Needed items are:

- 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 (household travel sized items: wash cloths, small combs and brushes, deodorant, body wash, razors, lip balms, wipes)

Please do NOT put items for the thrift store, such as clothes, etc. in the blue barrel.

Deliver those to the thrift store yourself.

Prayers

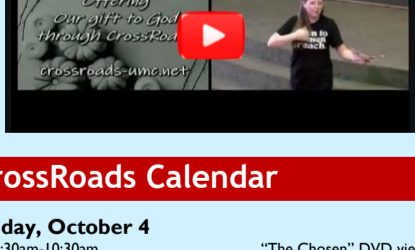
PEOPLE IN NEED OF PRAYER

- Jim Joy
- Cherrie Fleming
- Faye Wallace
- Mark Polk
- Kala Handley
- Carol Creach
- Phil Gronemeyer
- Caleb Kormanec
- Grayson Kormanec
- Ken Kluter
- JoAnn Arnold
- Betty Robertson
- Chris Harrelson
- Holden Batchelder
- Allysson (Jade's cousin)
- Robbie Robertson (Darren Rogers' friend)
- Lacinda Hamilton Kramer (Dana's daughter)
- Jerry Contreras (Vickie's son-in-law's father)
- JoAnna Cooper (Sandy Drake's friend)
- Kayla Jackson (Vickie Lawrence's friend)
- Dave McGill (Randy Kelly's friend)
- Dawn Maksimov (Angie Kormanec's friend)
- Natalie (Karen McLaughlin's great niece)
- Richard Gray (Darren Roger's friend)
- Brianna Cattelino (Lisa Kenslow's niece)
- Julie Reed (Angie Kormanec's coworker)
- Peggy Mullinix (Karen McLaughlin's friend)
- Mary Fleming (Cherrie's sister-in-law)
- Brendi Price (Tracy, Penny, Vickie, & Angie's cousin)
- Amanda Brodfuehrer (Vickie's daughter's cousin)
- T.J. Carr (Paul & Donna Carr's nephew)
- Gail Welchon (Sandy McNeil's friend)
- Charles Grimes (Joe Matson's friend)
- Thomas Pinckney Smith, Jr. (Gwen Roger's brother)
- Heidi Burks (Vickie Lawrence's friend)
- Roseann (Wanda Carroll's friend's daughter)
- Dennis Matson (Joe Matson's brother)
- Lisa McBride (Nancy Jones' neighbor)
- Denise Wyatt (Sue McCarrroll's friend)
- Linda Evans (Susie McClain's sister)
- Thelma, Joyce Noah (TOPS)
- Kim Kirschling (Cherrie Fleming's friend)
- Greg Coy (Cherrie Fleming's brother)
- Dan (Carol Dunlap's niece's husband)
- Justin Wright (Darren Roger's son)
- Shawn Burnam (Sharon Burnam's son)
- Sue Schindler (Sami Siems' mother)

GROUPS

- Gladden Staff & Students & Silver Angels
- People of Ukraine & Israel & Palestine
- Health Care Workers & 1st Responders
- Boy Scout 210 & Pack 4210
- USA and United States Military
- PEACE & COMFORT**
- Family & Friends of Shirley Kormanec

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 let Cindy know to record your attendance.

CrossRoads Calendar

Friday, October 4 9:30am-10:30am 5:00pm-6:00pm	"The Chosen" DVD viewing in Room #105 Lay Leadership Team Meeting in Room #103
Saturday, October 5 9:00am-9:00pm	CrossRoads Craft Fundraiser
Sunday, October 6 9:00am-10:00am 10:00am-11:00am 10:15am-10:45am 10:15am-10:45am	Worship Service in the Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal in Room #210 Devotions With Randy in Room #208 Explorers Adult Sunday School in Room #105
Monday, October 7 9:00am-4:00pm 6:30pm-7:30pm	Creation Station in Room #205 Cub Scout Den Meeting in the Multipurpose Room
Tuesday, October 8 10:00am-11:00am 5:00pm-7:00pm 6:30pm-8:00pm	Fellowship Book Study w/Pam Ekey in Room #105 Creative Stitchers in Room #201 Pack Committee Meeting in the Multipurpose Room
Wednesday, October 9 5:00pm-5:30pm 5:30pm-6:15pm 6:15pm-7:00pm	SPR Meeting in Room #103 Leadership Board Meeting in Room #105 5:30pm-6:30pm CrossRoads Ringers Bell Choir Rehearsal in Room #105 Heavenly Bell Choir Rehearsal in Room #210
Thursday, October 10 8:45am-10:30am 10:30am-11:00am 11:00am-4:00pm 2:00pm-4:00pm 6:30pm-8:30pm	TOPS Meeting in Room #201 Happy Feet Walking Group in the Multipurpose Room Creation Station Quilters in Room #205 UWF Joy Group Meeting in Room #105 Scout Troop #210 Meeting in the Multipurpose Room
Friday, October 11 9:30am-10:30am	"The Chosen" DVD viewing in Room #105
Saturday, October 12	NONE
Sunday, October 13 9:00am-10:00am 10:00am-11:00am 10:15am-10:45am 10:15am-10:45am	Worship Service in the Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal in Room #210 Devotions With Randy in Room #208 Explorers Adult Sunday School in Room #105

Upcoming Events

UWF Lunch Bunch, Monday, Oct 14, Multipurpose Room
Trunk or Treat (Scouts & CRUMC), Mon, Oct 28, 6-8pm, Lower Parking Lot

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

Submit Prayer Requests Here