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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 16th to 31st**  
Steve Worstell

## Ponderings

Hey CrossRoads Family!

I want to share yet another thing with you from my favorite meditative book called, "A Rhythm of Prayer: A Collection of Meditations for Renewal." These are two quotes that are sprinkled amidst the pages of prayers and prose.

The first comes from Anne Lamott: "I do not understand the mystery of grace – only that it meets us where we are and does not leave us where it found us."

How true is that quote for your life? Where has grace moved you to? How has grace moved you?

I read something in a workbook for this educational cohort I am a part of that encouraged us to find the language and bravery to speak to our spiritual interactions again. May this quote enable you to speak to yourself about your spiritual interactions where you have witnessed or experienced grace moving in your life.

The other quote I want to share this week is from Georges Bernanos: "The wish to pray is a prayer in itself."

When I first read that quote, I cannot say that it made much impact on me. My first reaction may have been that it is a nice thought and certainly true, but I don't know that I had any actual experience with what it is pointing to.

Today, after the year I have endured and all the changes that have happened, this quote hits home like a true arrow. In the midst of everything I was experiencing this year, I found myself in a space of wanting to pray but not being able to find the motivation or words or direction to actually pray. This quote now soothes my soul as I share it with you all.

I pray that one of these quotes gives you a morsel to chew on as you prepare your hearts for worship this week. Ponder away!

Peace and Blessings,  
Pastor Erika



- OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS**
- 1 Silvy Batchelder
  - 1 Jakson 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

**Music for Sunday**

Kim has provided the following links to the songs that we will sing this Sunday, to help you learn them. Listen and sing along and join in this Sunday!

[Amazing Love](#)  
[Just a Little Talk with Jesus](#)



**October 20, 2024**

**Luke 5:17-20**  
**Romans 15:1-6 Luke 6:31**

**Luke 5:17-20**

One day Jesus was teaching, and Pharisees and teachers of the law were sitting there. They had come from every village of Galilee and from Judea and Jerusalem. And the power of the Lord was with Jesus to heal the sick. Some men came carrying a paralyzed man on a mat and tried to take him into the house to lay him before Jesus. When they could not find a way to do this because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and lowered him on his mat through the tiles into the middle of the crowd, right in front of Jesus. When Jesus saw their faith, he said, "Friend, your sins are forgiven."

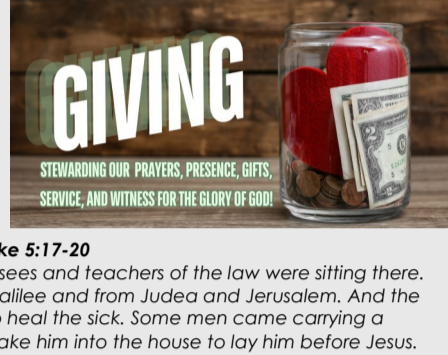
**Romans 15:1-6**

We who are strong ought to bear with the failings of the weak and not to please ourselves. Each of us should please our neighbors for their good, to build them up. For even Christ did not please himself but, as it is written: "The insults of those who insult you have fallen on me." For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide we might have hope. May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Luke 6:31**

Do to others as you would have them do to you.

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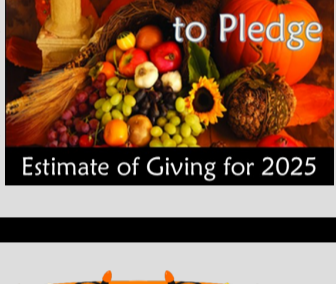


**Health Notes**

Don't forget your flu shot & vaccine boosters!

**Estimate of Giving**

You should have received a letter from Pastor Erika and a pledge card in the mail recently. We will bring those forward at our regular offering time this Sunday, Oct 20. If you didn't receive yours, you can also pledge online by clicking the image to the right, or there will be blank cards available Sunday morning for you. Thanks for your support of CrossRoads UMC and our ministries!



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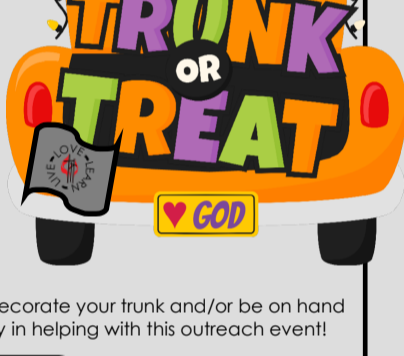
**Trunk or Treat Donations & Volunteers Needed**

Together with our Boy Scouts, we are hosting a Trunk or Treat for the local 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 is a box to collect your donations for the event.

We are also looking for a few volunteers to decorate your trunk and/or be on hand to pass out candy. Thanks for your generosity in helping with this outreach event!

[Click here to help](#)



**Pirate Pantry**  
[click here to donate online](#)

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!

**Crock Pot Cook Off & Trivia Games**

We are hosting a Crock Pot Cook Off and Trivia Game Day on Saturday, November 16 from 11:30am to 1:30pm. All are invited to bring either a crock pot meal (or other main dish), a side dish, or a dessert to share. Please sign up below for what you would like to bring to this potluck.

[SIGN UP HERE!](#)



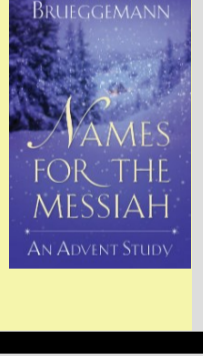
**2024 Advent Study**

**Our 2024 Advent 4-week book study will begin on Nov. 25th and 26th.** You may choose from Pastor Erika's Monday evening 6:00pm virtual zoom session (Nov 25, Dec 2, 9, 16), Pam Ekey's Tuesday morning 10:00am session in room #105 (Nov 26, Dec 3, 10, 17), or Randy Kelly's Tuesday evening 6:00pm session in room #105 (Nov 26, Dec 3, 10, 17).

You will read Walter Brueggemann's "Names for the Messiah". In Isaiah 9:6, a divine utterance is given to us using four royal titles Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, and Prince of Peace. "Names for the Messiah" ponders each title and how the people understood it then, how Jesus did or did not fulfill the title, and how Christians interpret Jesus as representative of that title. Christians have claimed from the beginning that Jesus was the Messiah foretold in the Old Testament. The author tackles the questions: "What were these expectations? and Did Jesus fulfill them?"

We have ordered the books (used from Thriftbooks) for all who wish to participate, and the price is \$6.00 each. So that we will have enough on hand, we'd like you to sign up as soon as possible. There will be a clipboard out Sunday or you can sign up right now. If we run out of books, we will order additional copies from Amazon at \$9.00 each.

[Sign Up Here](#)



**HATE DIVIDES love UNITES**

The Power of the United Methodist Church

**CrossRoads Thanksgiving Dinner Ministry**

CrossRoads is adopting families for Thanksgiving dinner this year. Please click the Meal Donation Form button below to let us know which food items you would like to contribute to the meals. We will invite the families to pick up their meals at the church on the weekend before Thanksgiving.

We ask that you bring your donations to church with you **(NO EARLIER THAN November 3, and NO LATER THAN Wednesday, November 20th)** for pickup by the families on Saturday, Nov. 23rd or Sunday, November 24th. Please place your items on the tables by the wall in the multipurpose room and put a checkmark by your name on the list to indicate that you have delivered them. If you are donating the more perishable items, such as rolls and pies, please don't bring them to church until Nov. 17th or later, so they will be fresh.

If you have questions, please contact [cjones@crossroads-umc.net](mailto:cjones@crossroads-umc.net). Thank you for your donations to this ministry!

[Thanksgiving Meal Donation Form](#)

**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](mailto:cjones@crossroads-umc.net)

[Order Here](#)



**National "I Care About You" Day**

It's no mystery that this day is about showing care and affection for others! Try something as simple as sending someone a card, passing them a love note, offering them a big hug, writing them a poem or giving them a small gift. Take someone special out for a cup of coffee, enjoy a simple lunch together on the back patio or take a walk in the park. Whatever the way, National I Care About You Day is a super check-in to make sure those loved ones feel especially cared for.

**Prayers**

**PEOPLE IN NEED OF PRAYER**

Faye Wallace  
 Mark Polk  
 Kala Handley  
 Carol Creach  
 Phil Gronemeyer  
 Caleb Kormanec  
 Grayson Kormanec  
 Ken Kluter  
 JoAnn Arnold  
 Betty Robertson  
 Chris Harrelson  
 Holden Batchelder

Robbie Robertson (Darren Rogers' friend)  
 Lacinda Hamilton Kramer (Dana's daughter)  
 Jerry Contreras (Vickie's son-in-law's father)  
 Kayla Jackson (Vickie Lawrence's friend)  
 Dawn Maksimov (Angie Kormanec's friend)  
 Natalie (Karen McLaughlin's great niece)  
 Richard Gray (Darren Roger's friend)  
 Brianna Cattellino (Lisa Kenslow's niece)  
 Julie Reed (Angie Kormanec's coworker)  
 Peggy Mullinix (Karen McLaughlin's friend)  
 Brandi 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 (Wanda Carroll'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**

Hurricane Victims  
 Gladden Staff & Students & Silver Angels  
 People of Ukraine & of the Middle East  
 Health Care Workers & 1st Responders  
 Boy Scout 210 & Pack 4210  
 USA and United States Military

[Submit Prayer Requests Here](#)

**Last Sunday's Service**

[10/13/24 CrossRoads UMC Wors...](#)

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 18**  
9:30am-10:30am "The Chosen" DVD viewing in Room #105

**Saturday, October 19**  
11:00am-2:00pm Private Family Party in the Multipurpose Room

**Sunday, October 20**  
9:00am-10:00am Worship Service in the Sanctuary  
10:00am-11:00am Choir Rehearsal in Room #210  
10:15am-10:45am Devotions With Randy in Room #208  
10:15am-10:45am Explorers Adult Sunday School in Room #105

**Monday, October 21**  
9:00am-10:00am "The Chosen" DVD viewing at Carnegie Village  
9:00am-4:00pm Creation Station in Room #205  
6:30pm-7:30pm Cub Scout Den Meeting in the Multipurpose Room

**Tuesday, October 22**  
10:00am-11:00am Fellowship Book Study with Pam Ekey in Room #105  
7:00pm-9:00pm Troop Committee Meeting in the Multipurpose Room

**Wednesday, October 23**  
NONE (Bell Choir Rehearsals Cancelled)

**Thursday, October 24**  
8:45am-10:30am TOPS Meeting in Room #201  
10:30am-11:00am Happy Feet Walking Group in the Multipurpose Room  
11:00am-4:00pm Creation Station Quilters in Room #205  
6:30pm-8:30pm Scout Troop #210 Meeting in the Multipurpose Room

**Friday, October 25**  
9:30am-10:30am **NATIONAL "I CARE ABOUT YOU" DAY**  
"The Chosen" DVD viewing in Room #105

**Saturday, October 26**  
NONE

**Sunday, October 27**  
9:00am-10:00am Worship Service in the Sanctuary  
10:00am-11:00am Choir Rehearsal in Room #210  
10:15am-10:45am Devotions With Randy in Room #208  
10:15am-10:45am Explorers Adult Sunday School in Room #105

**Upcoming Events**

**Trunk or Treat (Scouts & CRUMC), Mon, Oct 28, 6-8pm, Lower Parking Lot**  
**Daylight Saving Time, Sunday, Nov 3**  
**All Saints Sunday, Nov 3rd, Remembering & Honoring those we've lost**  
**Election Day, Tues, Nov 5 & Veterans Day, Mon, Nov 11**  
**Crock Pot Cook Off Luncheon & Trivia, Nov 16, 11:30am**

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