

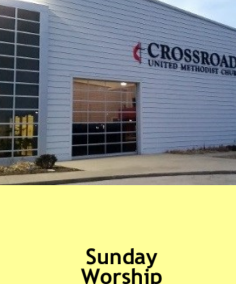


# eReminder

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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

**Music for Sunday**  
 Here are the songs that we will sing this Sunday. Click below to listen and learn these tunes.

- [In The Secret](#)
- [Forever](#)
- [Breathe](#)
- [How Majestic Is Your Name](#)



**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!

## Ponderings

Hey CrossRoads Family!

I want to share some pieces from one of my absolute favorite prayers with you from my favorite meditative book called, "A Rhythm of Prayer: A Collection of Meditations for Renewal." This is called, "A Prayer Against Efficiency" and is written by Micha Boyett.

*Oh God beyond time, beyond the number line, the hourglass. Beyond moons that wax and wane and waves that push and pull along our fragile ground. Oh God beyond days and weeks and months, God uncontained by our twenty-hour hours, free of our borders and yet still within them.*

*God who is here. God of the meetings, the emails, the PTA, the neck ache, the child crying over homework, the car leaking oil, the head lice, and the sheets to wash...*

*God beyond time, we come to you pulled by the bullet points in our calendars, by the titles we keep beside our names, by the goals we've charted and the accomplishments we list to define our value...You, God, touch our distortions and soothe the edges of our efficiency, and only you can make us real.*

*God beyond the boxes we build to contain our lives, the hours we track and tally. God outside of time, yet here: Come to us, relieve our ragged breaths, slow our steps, relax the red lines that spike in our brains. Tell us what is true. Show us how time rolls like calm water, let us cup it quiet in our hands.*

*God, teach us to pause in this moment, to tuck ourselves in the curve of your slow arm, that we may know the miracle of now, the gift of this moment; you beside and beyond us, welcome us outside of all we measure, and standing with us in it. May we see the goodness of our still hours and days, sunrises, sunsets, and the darkness where our rest is found.*

*Order us, that we may stand within time holding your hand. That we may know we are enough, not because of what we make of these hours, but because within these hours – with you- we are being made.*

May you chew on these morsels of truth that push us beyond our daily grind.

Peace and Blessings,  
 Pastor Erika

**UWF Sunday**  
**October 27, 2024**

**Our Guest Speaker**  
**Rev. Sherry Habben**

**Luke 8:43-48**

**United Women in Faith**

*And a woman was there who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years, but no one could heal her. She came up behind him and touched the edge of his cloak, and immediately her bleeding stopped. "Who touched me?" Jesus asked. When they all denied it, Peter said, "Master, the people are crowding and pressing against you." But Jesus said, "Someone touched me; I know that power has gone out from me." Then the woman, seeing that she could not go unnoticed, came trembling and fell at his feet. In the presence of all the people, she told why she had touched him and how she had been instantly healed. Then he said to her, "Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace."*

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### Belton BackSnack Grows to Pirate Pantry

About twelve years ago Carl Gum heard a presentation from the Belton Education Foundation at a Rotary meeting. Our Mission Chair met with the BEF Director and learned that many of our Belton school children suffer from serious food shortages which impair their ability to concentrate and learn. So CrossRoads joined the other organizations in town that support the BackSnack program.

Early on, a group of us met at the District Office and actually packed the food into the backpacks. Then we took the backpacks to the schools. Now the food comes pre-packed by Harvesters and the District delivers it to each school.

The Belton Education Foundation has expanded the services provided and therefore changed the name to Pirate Pantry. Elementary kids still get the backpacks of food to carry them through the weekend. But now all schools have pantry areas where kids who didn't get breakfast at home can grab a nutrition bar or shake to carry them to lunch. The pantries are also stocked with socks, underwear, and sweat pants for children who might have an accident that would interfere with their ability to concentrate and learn.

For several years we met the \$7000 goal we had set for each school year. Last year we donated \$5500. Right now, we have collected \$1027 and the school year is almost half over. We need to shake a leg, folks! Please see if there is any way that you can contribute to this important ministry to the children of our community. And thanks so much for all the good each of you are doing!

**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!

**28 OCT 2024** | FREE ENTRY | FAMILIES OF K-5  
**STARTS AT 6:00 PM**

CROSSROADS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
 515 MARKEY PARKWAY, BELTON, MO 64012  
 SCOUTS210.COM

### 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 infant 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**

### CrossRoads Thanksgiving Dinner Ministry

CrossRoads is adopting families for Thanksgiving again 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**



### OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

24 Randy Kelly  
 27 Stacy Batchelder

### OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

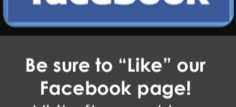
10/25 Mike & Joan Resch  
 10/26 Chuck & Susie McClain

### NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

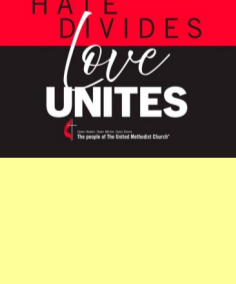
1 Larry Thompson  
 3 Lizzy Swift  
 12 Christina Painter  
 13 Chris Harrelson  
 14 Donna Carr  
 15 Cheryl Ashbaugh  
 15 Ian McCann  
 16 Ayla McCann  
 22 Elaine Gum  
 24 Patty Kluter  
 24 Gwen Rogers

### NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

11/11 Glen & Sandy McNeil  
 11/30 Walter & Annette Waugh

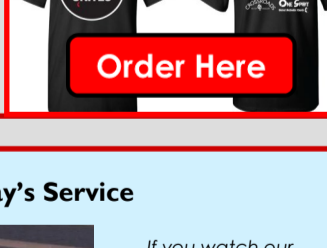


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### CrossRoads & One Spirit T-Shirt—Last Chance!

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**

### 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's friend)
- Lacinda Hamilton Kramer (Dana's daughter)
- Jerry Contreras (Vickie's son-in-law's father)
- Kayla Jackson (Vickie Lawrence's friend)
- Dave McGill (Randy Kelly's friend)
- Dawn Maksimov (Angie Kormanec's friend)
- Richard Gray (Darren Roger's friend)
- Brianna Cattelino (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 (Sue McClain's friend)
- Linda Evans (Susie McClain's sister)
- Thelma, Joyce Noah (TOPS)
- Kim Kirschling (Cherry Fleming's friend)
- Greg Coy (Cherry 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



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

<b>Friday, October 25</b> 9:30am-10:30am	<b>NATIONAL "I CARE ABOUT YOU" DAY</b> "The Chosen" DVD viewing in Room #105
<b>Saturday, October 26</b>	NONE
<b>Sunday, October 27</b> 9:00am-10:00am 10:00am-11:00am 10:15am-11:00am 10:15am-10:45am	<b>UWF SUNDAY</b> Worship Service in the Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal in Room #210 Devotions With Randy in Room #208 Explorers Adult Sunday School in Room #105
<b>Monday, October 28</b> 9:00am-10:00am 9:00am-4:00pm 6:00pm-8:00pm	"The Chosen" DVD viewing at Carnegie Village Creation Station in Room #205 Trunk or Treat in the lower parking lot
<b>Tuesday, October 29</b> 10:00am-11:00am	Fellowship Book Study with Pam Ekey in Room #105
<b>Wednesday, October 30</b> 5:30pm-6:15pm 6:15pm-7:00pm	CrossRoads Ringers Bell Choir Rehearsal in Room #210 Heavenly Bell Choir Rehearsal in Room #210
<b>Thursday, October 31</b> 8:45am-10:30am 10:30am-11:00am 11:00am-4:00pm	TOPS Meeting in Room #201 Happy Feet Walking Group in the Multipurpose Room Creation Station Quilters in Room #205
<b>Friday, November 1</b> 9:30am-10:30am	"The Chosen" DVD viewing in Room #105
<b>Saturday, November 2</b> 12:00pm-6:00pm	Private Party in the Multipurpose Room
<b>Sunday, November 3</b> 9:00am-10:00am 10:00am-11:00am 10:15am-10:45am 10:15am-10:45am	<b>ALL SAINTS SUNDAY</b> 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**

**Trunk or Treat (Scouts & CRUMC), Mon, Oct 28, 6-8pm, Lower Parking Lot**

**Daylight Saving Time Ends, 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](#)**