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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

Nov 1st to 15th
 Bob Ridgley

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 am writing this from my couch, cuddled under a blanket, sipping on water and munching on crackers while Weston has free range of all the toys and is watching all the tv. I think I gave myself food poisoning last night and the recovery is slow going.

I'm fighting that internal voice that is telling me I'm not doing the best I should be by letting our day be mostly tv oriented and not being able to play with Weston. But as I reflect on our upcoming sermon topic, I am reminded that some things are simply out of our control. (Even if my decisions of what to eat for dinner put me in this position.)

Is this the most educational or connected day for Weston? No, maybe not. Am I going to get the work done I had planned to do today? Probably not. Do I feel incredibly bad about both of those? Yep! But that's where grace comes in.

Sometimes we need to give ourselves the grace that we have worked to learn to give to others. Some days we have to extend it to ourselves as a way of loving ourselves.

We will all have days like this where our best may not feel good enough, but that's ok. When illness takes us out, when stress paralyzes us, or when exhaustion finally wins, please hear that it is ok to rest. It is ok to do your best, even if it's below your typical standards. It is ok to do what is best FOR you.

So join me in giving yourself grace today or whatever day you need it! Don't let the internal negative voice make you feel bad for surviving a bad day.

You deserve grace. Something to ponder and practice.

Join me in worship Sunday as we look at what the Serenity Prayer has to teach us today. I should be off the crackers by then!

Peace and blessings,
 Pastor Erika

November 10, 2024

Phillipians 4:4-9

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

Serenity prayer

God grant me the serenity...whatever that means

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Pirate Pantry Donations Needed

Marcia Vest of the Belton Education Foundation called to thank CrossRoads for being so supportive all these years. We hope to grow our pirate pantry fund for BEF in the next month before submitting this year's donation to them. If you can help, please designate your offering to Pirate Pantry throughout the month of November. Thanks for your generosity and caring for the students of the Belton School District.

Crock Pot Cook Off & Trivia Games

We are hosting a Crock Pot Cook Off and Trivia Games 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!



CrossRoads Thanksgiving Dinner Ministry

Thanks so much for your donations to our Thanksgiving dinners for our Angel Tree families. We ask that you bring your donations to church for pickup by the families as soon as possible, but remember, 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. Items will be picked up by the families on the weekend before Thanksgiving.

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. Thank you for your donations to this ministry!



- NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS**
- Larry Thompson
 - Lizzy Swift
 - Christina Painter
 - Chris Harrelson
 - Donna Carr
 - Cheryl Ashbaugh
 - Ian McCann
 - Ayla McCann
 - Elaine Gum
 - Patty Kluter
 - Gwen Rogers

- NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES**
- 11/11 Glen & Sandy McNeil
 - 11/30 Walter & Annette Waugh


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



Annual Bake Sale & Silent Auction

November 24, 2024
 2:00PM at
 CrossRoads UMC



Come get your desserts for your Thanksgiving dinner from our Scout Troop's Bake Sale and some Christmas Gifts from the Silent Auction!


Sponsored by the Parents Club, Scout Unit 210

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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 CrossRoads.

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Heart n Hand



If you didn't get on the list for our Thanksgiving dinner donations and would like to help, Heart n Hand reached out to us to see if any of you are able to donate to their Thanksgiving meals. They already have made arrangements for turkeys, pumpkin pies, and rolls.

How our church can help:

You can purchase the items on the below shopping list and drop them off at Heart-n-Hand's Program Center at 200 B Street, Belton, MO 64012.

Heart-n-Hand Ministries
 Restoring Hope Rebuilding Lives

Thanksgiving Basket Outreach Shopping List:

- Instant mashed potatoes
- Brown or Turkey gravy mix
- Boxed stuffing mix
- Aluminum turkey pan
- Canned green beans
- Canned corn
- Cranberry sauce
- Mac & Cheese dinners

Sponsor a family by going to
www.heartnhand.org/holiday-programs.html
 and then "Sponsor a Family"

Or you can go online to Heart n Hand's [Amazon Shopping list](#) to purchase food items and have them delivered to Heart-n-Hand at 200 B Street, Belton, MO 64012.

Or you can donate to a love offering for Heart-n-Hand and we will forward the funds to them. Place your check in the offering plate Sunday and note HnH on the memo line OR use our [Fundraiser link](#) to designate your online donation to Heart n Hand.

Any help, large or small, will be greatly appreciated in providing families in our community with a Thanksgiving meal this year!

Prayers

PEOPLE IN NEED OF PRAYER

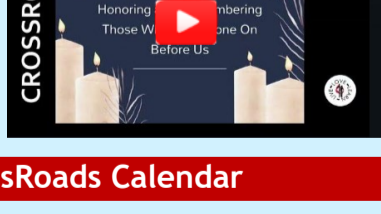
- Faye Wallace
- Kala Handley
- Carol Creach
- Phil Gronemeyer
- Caleb Kormanec
- Grayson Kormanec
- Ken Kluter
- JoAnn Arnold
- Betty Robertson
- Chris Harrelson
- Holden Batchelder
- Melissa Shipman (Wanda Lawrence's family friend)
- Bill Drennen (Wanda Kiefer's son-in-law)
- Robbie Robertson (Darren Rogers' friend)
- Lacinda Hamilton Kramer (Dana's daughter)
- Kayla Jackson (Vickie Lawrence's friend)
- Dave McGill (Randy Kelly's friend)
- Dawn Maksimov (Angie Kormanec's friend)
- Richard Gray (Darren Roger's friend)
- 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)
- 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 Kirschner (Cherrie Fleming's friend)
- Greg Coy (Cherrie Fleming's brother)
- 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 & of the Middle East
- Health Care Workers & 1st Responders
- Boy Scout 210 & Pack 4210
- USA and United States Military



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, November 8 9:30am-10:30am	"The Chosen" DVD viewing in Room #105
Saturday, November 9 10:00am-12:00pm 1:00pm-2:30pm 2:30pm-3:00pm	Bunco Upstairs in Room #201 Visitation for Taylor Skivers Funeral Taylor Skivers Funeral Service
Sunday, November 10 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, November 11 9:00am-10:00am 9:00am-4:00pm 11:30am-12:30pm 6:30pm-7:30pm	"The Chosen" DVD viewing at Carnegie Village Creation Station in Room #205 UWF Lunch Bunch in the Multipurpose Room Cub Scout Den Meeting in the Multipurpose Room
Tuesday, November 12 10:00am-11:00am 5:00pm-7:00pm 6:30pm-8:00pm	Fellowship Book Study with Pam Ekey in Room #105 Creative Stitchers in Room #201 Pack Committee Meeting in the Multipurpose Room
Wednesday, November 13 5:30pm-6:15pm 5:30pm-6:30pm 6:15pm-7:00pm	CrossRoads Ringers Bell Choir Rehearsal in Room #210 Leadership Board Meeting in Room #105 Heavenly Bell Choir Rehearsal in Room #210
Thursday, November 14 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, November 15 9:30am-10:30am	"The Chosen" DVD viewing in Room #105
Saturday, November 16 11:30am-1:30pm	Crock Pot Cook Off and Trivia Games in the Multipurpose Room
Sunday, November 17 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

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