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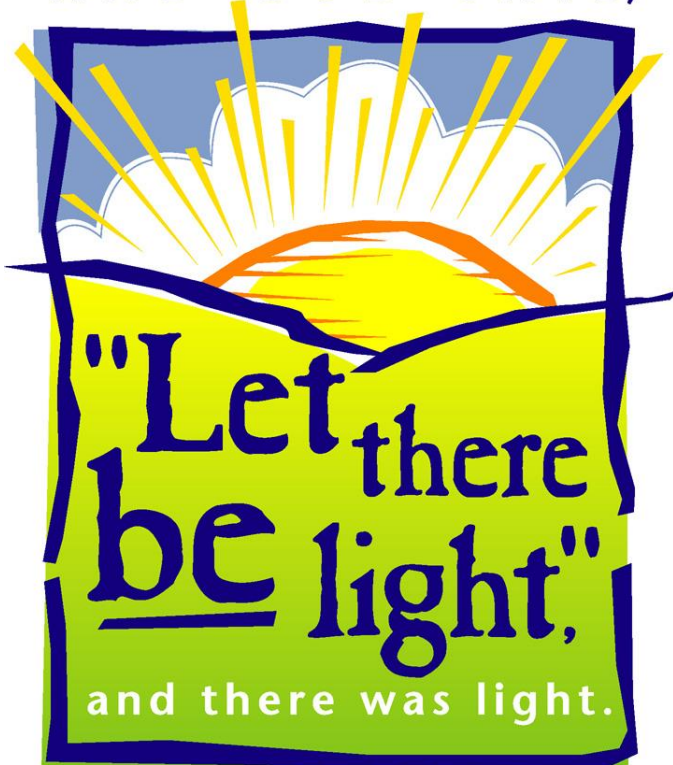
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AND GOD SAID,



GENESIS 1:3

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The We Praise Band will bring songs of Joy & Praise for the June 2<sup>nd</sup> Communion Worship Service.

The We Praise Band consists of Mark Goldman – leader & guitar, Donna Goldman – vocalist, Tricia Bright – keyboard, Susan Cohen – vocalist & tambourine, Connie Lane – vocalist, Elaine Brinkley – bass guitar & vocalist, and Ed Cassidy – drum.

## Two Upcoming Called Charge Conferences

There will be two **Called Charge Conferences** to put on your calendar. The first is on **Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>** @7:00 PM to establish an Endowment Committee and elect members. The second will be on **Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup>** immediately following the 11:00 AM worship to vote on clergy compensation for Pastor Camille Pentsil. Make sure to be present for both.



**Sunday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>** will be Pastor Lynda's last day with us. A special worship service is planned which will include lots of music and praise. After the service a **Farewell Banquet** will be held in the social hall. Terry Tynes is in charge so contact her for any info.



## Welcome Reception

Plan to join us on **Sunday, June 30<sup>th</sup>** as we welcome **Rev. Camille Pentsil** and her husband, Gerald, into our church family. A Welcome Reception will be held in the social hall immediately following our worship service. If you are interested in helping with the reception see Nancy Clark.





*To my beloved Crossroads UMC family,*

It seems as if it were only yesterday when I got the call from my District Superintendent on the Eastern Shore telling me that I had been appointed to West End UMC in Portsmouth. While I didn't know much about Portsmouth, I was excited because I would be coming back to the city. I remember, again like it was yesterday the "meet the pastor" time with Brad Phillips, who was the DS at the time and the members of the Staff/Pastor Parish Relations Committee. It was a rainy day in March and I had gotten to the church early, no one was at the church so I just walked around. What I saw gave me pause and I saw the possibility for ministry in the community. When I finally met the members of S/PPRC, I felt the presence of the Lord immediately. The DS left us to go to another "meet the pastor" and the members and I lingered awhile, seemingly not wanting to leave each other. It was clear to me that the Holy Spirit had led me to West End, and I was looking forward to serving as the pastor. That was in 2012 and I still feel the presence of God in the church that is now Crossroads UMC (with the merger of West End and Broad Street churches). I have been truly blessed being the servant leader at this church, yet it is time for me to move on. I believe that, through this retirement, that the Holy Spirit is moving me into a different direction and I am excited about the new opportunities for ministry back home in Richmond.

There is a hymn that is often song in African American congregations that comes to mind as I write this. I don't know the author's name, nor do I know all of the words but a part of the hymn says "precious memories, how they linger. How they ever flood my soul." The memories I have of my service here are many. I remember the reception the church gave me on my first Sunday and meeting the three Joyces. I remember the joy the late Frank Peters and I shared when he, as the church treasurer, came to my office to complete the paperwork and we discovered that we shared a birthday. I remember when Pat Short would play the piano before the worship service started. I remember that first Sunday worship service and Susan Cohen sang "How Great is Our God" with so much feeling. I remember how I looked forward to being in worship with the congregation each Sunday. I remember how the WE congregation supported me as I went through the ordination process and how members came to celebrate with me and surprised me by wearing blue and gold tee shirts (I'm a proud member of Sigma Gamma Rho sorority and our colors are royal blue and old gold) to the service.

I remember visiting the sick, comforting the bereaved and just being in fellowship with the members. I remember being with Neil Sasser as Gail made her transition from life to eternal life. I remember the conversations we had about the possibility of a merger with the members of Broad Street UMC, and I thank God for Crossroads UMC - you are the best. I won't forget that God blessed me to work with two secretaries here - Gail and now Sue Harris, we make a good team. I'll never forget when Gail and I were going to a meeting and I turned on the radio and Gail started singing a Bruno Mars song along with me (I was shocked). I will miss you. I love you with a pastor's love. God's not through with either of us yet. I truly believe that Pastor Camille Pentsil will take this congregation to higher heights. God is good all the time, and all the time God is good.

*Be blessed my beloved Crossroads family.  
Pastor Lynda*



## Moving Forward in God's Mission

**Matthew 28:18-20 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV) 18**  
*And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."*

The 2019 session of the **Virginia Annual Conference** will be held **June 20-22** at the Berglund Center, 710 Williamson Rd NE, Roanoke, VA 24016. We will be delivering our 100 school kits for UMCOR at this time.



## Food Pantry is Greatly Utilized

**Crossroads' Food Pantry** is open on Tuesdays 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday - **June 16<sup>th</sup>** - is designated Food Pantry Sunday. You can bring suggested items (listed below\*\*) or even better, a monetary donation to help us buy food from the area Food Bank. You don't have to wait until the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday to bring your donation to church. You can place it in the offering plate on any Sunday, earmarked "food pantry".

If you would like to help out in the Food Pantry on Tuesdays, come around 9:30 and someone will train you in what needs to be done. Some days it's super busy and some days it's slower but they always appreciate the extra hands.

Suggested Items\*\*: breakfast cereals - hot/cold; powdered milk; canned vegetables; canned or dry beans; instant potatoes; canned meats; spaghetti; spaghetti sauce; peanut butter; crackers; diapers - child/adult.

## Crossroads Fall Craft Fair & Bake Sale

Crossroads will hold its first (hopefully annual) **Fall Craft Fair and Bake Sale** on Saturday, October 19, 2019 at 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM. The church has formed a crafters guild who has been working on several craft projects, one being the Angel Hymnals.

Featured that day will be Crafts, Vendors, White Elephant Sale, Jewelry, Candles, Art, Refreshments, and much more. This will be just in time to shop for Christmas.

Also, there will be spaces rented out for Vendors at a cost of \$15 for just a space or \$25 if they need electricity. See Bear Bell for more information.



**Crossroads United Methodist Women** would like to thank everyone who participated in their Yard Sale on May 18<sup>th</sup>. They had lots of stuff and wonderful fellowship. They enjoyed the leftover Hot Dogs after Church on the 19<sup>th</sup>. Also the Circle of Grace thanks you for your support of the Mother's Day Bulletin. Both of the projects helps meet our Pledge to Missions. The Circle Friends will be sponsoring the Father's Day bulletin and the deadline for getting names to them is June 9<sup>th</sup>.

The next UMW General Meeting in June will be on the 19<sup>th</sup>. This is their last meeting until September, so everyone can enjoy the summer. Anyone who is not a member of the UMW is invited to join them. The Circle of Friends meet every other month on the first Tuesday and the Circle of Ruth at 1:30 PM and the Circle of Grace at 7:00 PM on the 2nd Wednesday every month except July and August.

## Joint Sunday School in June

The three adult Sunday School Classes will hold their **5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Joint session** on Sunday, June 30 beginning at 9:45 AM. This session will be held in the Dill Chapel since the social hall will be set up for Pastor Camille's welcome reception. Coffee and Danish will be available.

### The Wesley Class

The **Wesley Class** will hold their next meeting and dinner on Wednesday, June 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM. Chay and Leigh Anne Bell will be the host and hostesses; Janice Melton will have the Devotions, so please come and join in.

They would love for you to come to their Sunday School class any Sunday morning from 9:45 to 10:45 AM. Their class is located in the Dill Chapel – ask anyone you see, they will point you in the right direction.

### The Asbury Class

The **Asbury Class** continues their study, "Some Folks Feel the Rain, Others Just Get Wet", and welcome all to join in this discussion class. They are located through the double doors in the front of the Chapel building. They begin at 10:00 AM. You don't have to be a member to attend this stimulating series. They've always got a seat on the couch for you.



## Graduate Congratulations

### **Madison Hope Reid**

Madison graduated from Hampshire College in Amherst, MA on May 18, 2019 with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Communication. She is the daughter of Christina and Stephen Reid and the granddaughter of Joyce Geluz.

### **Ayanna Freeman**

Ayanna Freeman graduated high school Suma Cum Laude with a 4.33 GPA on May 31, 2019. She belonged to the Student Counsel Association (SCA), National Society of High School Scholars (NSHSS), National Honor Society (NHS), and was 1st Chair in the Symphonic Band (Tenor Sax). She will be attending The University of Pittsburgh this Fall. She is the granddaughter of Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Freeman

## Two Ongoing Monthly Volunteer Opportunities for You:

- **Meals on Wheels** will be delivered on Wednesday, **June 26**. To volunteer, please see Ginny Collins.
- **Oasis Ministries Breakfast** will be prepared and served on Thursdays, **June 27**. If you would could help with this, please see Iverson Garrison.

## Other Opportunities:

- There is a great need for weekly liturgists. The **2019 Liturgist calendar** is in the narthex for anyone who could help with the liturgy during a particular worship service during the year. If you have questions, please see Willie Collins, our Liturgist Coordinator.
- If you would like to honor or memorialize someone with **altar flowers** on a particular Sunday morning during the year, call the church office for assistance – 397-7815.

**\*\*The next newsletter deadline is Sunday, June 16<sup>th</sup>.** At this time all news for **July and August** will be due. You can e-mail your articles to [queenbeez@cox.net](mailto:queenbeez@cox.net) or give them to Susan Cohen.

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<http://www.crossroadsmethodist.org>  
Check out our new website. Any suggestions, let us know.



# OPPORTUNITIES:

- 1 Sat. Ballet Dance practice\* – 1:00 PM  
[\*=every Saturday]
- 2 Sun. Sunday School - Adults\* – 9:45 AM  
Sunday School - Children\* – 11:00 AM  
**We Praise @ Holy Communion – 11:00 AM**  
Conference Call Worship\* – 4:00 PM  
[\*=every Sunday]
- 4 Tues. Called Charge Conference – 7:00 PM  
Food Pantry Open\* – 10:00 AM – noon  
[\*=every Tuesday]
- 5 Wed. Wesley Class Dinner/Mtg – 6:30 PM  
Men’s Bible Study – 7:00 PM
- 6 Thurs. Chancel Choir Practice\* – 7:00 PM  
[\*=every Thursday]
- 9 Sun. **Pentecost Sunday – wear RED**  
**World Hunger Offering Received**  
Called Charge Conference - noon
- 11 Tues. Ministry Team Meeting – 7:00 PM
- 12 Wed. Circle of Ruth – 1:30 PM  
Circle of Grace – 7:00 PM
- 16 Sun. **Happy Father’s Day**  
**Food Pantry Sunday – Offering Received**  
**Newsletter Deadline for July & August**
- 19 Wed. UMW General Meeting – 7:00 PM
- 20-22 VA Annual Conference in Roanoke, VA
- 23 Sun. Men’s Fellowship breakfast meeting – 8:00 AM  
**Pastor Lynda’s Last Sunday**  
**Missionary Support Offering Received**  
**Banquet after Church for Pastor Lynda**
- 26 Wed. Meals on Wheels – 10:30 AM
- 27 Thurs. Oasis Breakfast – 6:00 AM
- 30 Sun. Joint Sunday School session – 9:45 AM  
**Welcome to our new Pastor – Rev. Camille Pentsil**  
**Welcome Reception after Church**

## Stewardship Corner

-submitted by Georgia Garrison-

### How Should We Spend Our Money?

At age 70, Bob Langley is somewhat of a local hero in the Atlanta area. After losing his wife to lung cancer in 1992, Bob decided to make a difference to those fighting the disease. He began volunteering with Road to Recovery, a service organization that proves transportation to cancer patients to and from treatment appointments. He spends roughly \$800 a month on gasoline, and puts about 1000 miles a week on his car. Bob doesn’t just drive; he cares. And he listens. Bob invests.

The wisest investment we can make is to spend our time, our money and ourselves on people who may never be able to pay us back, especially when it opens doors to them to know Jesus. This is not the way to make your bank account look better – it’s ludicrous by the world’s standards of investing but in God’s economy, when you spend on others, he can spend on you.

When we get to heaven, we will cast our crowns at Jesus’ feet. Our crowns will be the lives we touched with his love, and the souls that are there because we reached out to them in Jesus name. I want to be like Bob Langley and invest in people who need help and need someone to listen to them. I want to spend myself on people I see every day that might miss out on heaven unless I care enough to give, love and share.

1 John 3: 17: *If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him?*



## Upcoming Events:



### Event Set for the Summer

**Rise Against Hunger**, formerly Stop Hunger Now, is an international hunger relief non-profit organization that coordinates the packaging and distribution of food and other life-changing aid to people in developing nations. Founded in 1998, Rise Against Hunger mobilizes more than 350,000 volunteers each year to package meals for people in need around the globe. Since 2005, Rise Against Hunger has distributed more than 315,000,000 meals to recipients in 74 countries with a mission to end hunger.

You can be one of these packaging volunteers. Crossroads is planning a packaging event for **Saturday, July 20<sup>th</sup>** in our social hall. Put this on your calendar now and more details will be made available as the date approaches.



### Vacation Bible School Theme is Set

Vacation Bible School will be the “mane” event this summer! This epic African adventure engages the whole herd. At Roar kids will explore God’s goodness and celebrate a ferocious faith that powers them through this wild life. Lisa Boettcher is our director this year so stay tuned form more info on how you can help.



### Church Women United Forum Meeting

**Thursday, August 8, 2019** at 10:30 AM at St. Andrew’s United Methodist Church at the Corner of Elmhurst Lane and Portsmouth Blvd.