

crossroads circuit rider



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L a c t w i t h
s t e a d f a s t
love,
justice, and
RIGHTEOUSNESS
in the earth,
for in these
things I delight,
says the **LORD**.
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Ladies Summer Bible Study

The **Ladies Bible Study** group will have sessions during the summer months. On **Thursdays beginning at 10:30 AM**, the ladies will meet in the Social Hall and discuss troubling scriptures. It's always a time of great fellowship and praise. See Ruth Gilmore for more information.



The **Chancel Choir** is officially on break for the summer months of July & August. They work hard during ten months of the year bringing you special music each week and we thank them.

Now there is an opportunity for those who want to share their talents. The We Praise Team will lead the music on July 21 & August 18. So we are looking for solos (with your own accompaniment or with ours), duets, trios, quartets, small groups – whatever you have to share – to fill the remaining Sundays. See Mrs. Davis, our interim music director, or Susan Cohen, our Lay Leader, to help fill the summer calendar.



The We Praise Band will bring songs of Joy & Praise to the July 21st & August 18th Worship Services.

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.



Don't Take
a Vacation
from Church

The **Finance Committee** asks the assistance of all members in **keeping pledges current** and, when possible, paying them ahead when you will be away from church for extended periods. An adequate balance in the Operating Fund over the summer months is important. Thank you for helping out.

Crossroads is Excited to Welcome Pastor Camille Pentsil

Sunday, June 30, 2019 marks the first Sunday for our new pastor, Camille Pentsil. We welcome Camille and her husband Gerald to our church family. There will be a reception immediately after church.

Camille comes to us from Tempe First United Methodist Church in Arizona. When she first met with the Staff Pastor Parish Relations Committee she stated she was relational, a church revitalizer, and was an open door pastor. We look forward to working together and getting to know her family, which includes two dogs and a potbelly pig. How exciting!



Trustees Update on Parsonage

Pastor Lynda's belongings have been officially relocated to her home in Richmond. Several Trustees took part in a couple of trips to assist with this mission. As many of you know the Crossroads Trustees and volunteers have been working diligently to prepare the parsonage for our new minister and her family. This has been quite a task, from coordinating contractors, doing removal of carpet and vinyl flooring to minor repairs to reduce costs. We are pleased to write that the interior of the parsonage is practically new, with paint, flooring, and appliances. This endeavor would not have come to fruition on time without the help of **Ronnie Perkins**. He along with David Lutz and Dale Matthews started working on the parsonage prior to Pastor Lynda packing her personal items. They replaced bad deck boards and cleaned entire deck surface to restore it to its former beauty. These gentlemen have spent countless hours in the parsonage away from their families to make sure this project was completed in the timeliest and cost-effective manner and we wish to give them our humble thanks.

To volunteer or be "voluntold" is an unselfish act that goes a long way at Crossroads, I know many of us do so without a Thank You being spoken and some wish to keep it that way but I would like to give my thanks those that helped with this event:

Lisa Boettcher, Richard Brown, Susan Cohen, Willie Collins, Iverson Garrison, Jeff Hale, David Ozmon, Kay Perkins, Lynne Stitt, Bob Tynes, Nancy Wynne.

Yours in Christ,
Angie Hutchins / Trustee Vice-Chair

Daily Devotion Publication Available in Narthex

The July/August issue of **The Upper Room** daily devotional booklet is located in our narthex. Don't forget to get your copy! If you have not been using **The Upper Room**, why not try reading the wonderful devotions this summer. Many will truly touch your heart in special ways. Small print booklets are 75¢ and large print booklets will be \$1.25.



Food Pantry is Greatly Utilized

Crossroads' Food Pantry is open on Tuesdays 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM. The 3rd Sunday – **July 21 & August 18** – 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 3rd 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.



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Crossroads United Methodist Women would like to thank everyone who supported the Mother's Day Bulletin and the Father's Day Bulletin. The money raised from these projects goes a long way to help the mission budget of the UMW.

The next UMW General Meeting will be Wednesday, September 25 @ 7:00 PM. The Circle of Friends will present the program and provide refreshments.

Anyone who is not yet 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.

Enjoy your summer!



If anyone would like to keep in touch with Pastor Lynda, here is her forwarding address:

Pastor Lynda Moore
P.O. Box 34268
North Chesterfield, VA 23234



Graduate Congratulations

Joey Brown

Joey graduated from Churchland High School. He has signed and sworn into the U.S. Navy. Joey is the son of Randy and Kelly Brown and the grandson of Nick and JoLynn Brown.

Rachel Brown

Rachel earned an Associates Degree from Tidewater Community College in December 2018. She continues to take classes at TCC working toward a degree in the medical field. She is the daughter of Randy and Kelly Brown and the granddaughter of Nick and JoLynn Brown.

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

Gabrielle Garrison

Gabby graduated from Princess Anne High School with honors of 4.0 and above in the International Baccalaureate program. She will attend Virginia Tech this fall. She is the daughter of Paul and Vicky Garrison and the granddaughter of Georgia and Iverson Garrison.

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.

Nathaniel Rodriquez

Nathaniel graduated from Maury High School. He plans to attend Tidewater Community College for a degree in computer game design. He is the grandson of Janice Melton.

****The next newsletter deadline is Sunday, August 18th.**

At this time all news for **September** will be due. You can e-mail your articles to queenbeez@cox.net or give them to Susan Cohen.

<http://www.crossroadsmethodist.org>

Check out our new website. Any suggestions, let us know.



July

- 1 Mon. **1st Anniversary of Crossroads UMC**
Trustees – 7:00 PM
No Praise Practice
- 2 Tues. Food Pantry Open* – 10:00 AM – noon
[*=every Tuesday]
- 3 Wed. Men's Bible Study* – 7:00 PM
[*=every Wednesday]
- 4 Thurs. Independence Day – office closed
- 6 Sat. Ballet Dance practice* – 1:00 PM
[*=every Saturday]
- 7 Sun. Sunday School - Adults* – 9:45 AM
Sunday School - Children* – 11:00 AM
Holy Communion – 11:00 AM
- 11 Thurs. Ladies Bible Study – 10:30 AM
- 14 Sun. **World Hunger Offering Received**
- 15 Mon. We Praise Practice – 7:00 PM
- 16 Tues. Church Council Meeting – 7:00 PM
- 20 Sat. **Rise Against Hunger Event – 8:30 AM**
- 21 Sun. **Food Pantry Sunday – Offering Received**
We Praise @ Worship – 11:00 AM
- 22 Mon. Finance Committee Meeting – 7:00 PM
- 24 Wed. Meals on Wheels – 10:30 AM
- 25 Thurs. Oasis Breakfast – 6:00 AM
- 28 Sun. **Missionary Support Offering Received**

August

- 3 Sat. Ballet Dance practice* – 1:00 PM
[*=every Saturday]
- 4 Sun. Sunday School - Adults* – 9:45 AM
Sunday School - Children* – 11:00 AM
Holy Communion – 11:00 AM
- 4 Sun – 8 Thurs **Vacation Bible School – 5:45-8 PM**
- 6 Tues. Food Pantry Open* – 10:00 AM – noon
[*=every Tuesday]
- 7 Wed. Men's Bible Study* – 7:00 PM
[*=every Wednesday]
- 11 Sun. **World Hunger Offering Received**
- 12 Mon. We Praise Practice – 7:00 PM
- 13 Tues. Ministry Team Meeting – 7:00 PM
- 18 Sun. **Food Pantry Sunday – Offering Received**
We Praise @ Worship – 11:00 AM
Newsletter Deadline for September
- 22 Thurs. Oasis Breakfast – 6:00 AM
- 24 Sat. Church Picnic - TBA
- 25 Sun. **Missionary Support Offering Received**
- 28 Wed. Meals on Wheels – 10:30 AM

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Stewardship Corner

-submitted by Georgia Garrison-

Many Streams Make a Mississippi

The Mississippi River is only a few feet wide at the place where it begins. But only thirty miles further downstream, it swells to a width of fifty feet. Numerous streams flow into the Mississippi along its entire length until it becomes the largest river in North America. The mighty Mississippi would not exist without the contribution of these smaller streams.

This says a great deal about what it takes to make a great church. A few people can't do it in their own strength. It takes all of us working together, using our gifts and talents in the kingdom cause, to keep our church healthy and strong.



Two Ongoing Monthly Volunteer Opportunities for You:

- **Meals on Wheels** will be delivered on Wednesday, **July 24 & August 28**. To volunteer, please see Ginny Collins.
- **Oasis Ministries Breakfast** will be prepared and served on Thursdays, **July 25 & August 22**. 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.

Upcoming Events:



Vacation Bible School Theme is Set

Vacation Bible School will be the "mane" event this summer! The dates set are **Sunday, August 4 – Thursday, August 8 / 5:45 – 8:00 PM**. 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 for more info on how you can help.



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 20th** in our social hall. There is a need for at least 40-50 more volunteers. Set-up is at **8:30 AM** and begin work of filling bags is 10:00 AM. See Ronnie Perkins for more information. You can register at <http://events.riseagainsthunger.org/Portsmouth>. Put this on your calendar now and more details will be made available as the date approaches.



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.

Joint Sunday School in September

The three adult Sunday School Classes will hold their **5th Sunday Joint session** on **Sunday, September 29** beginning at 9:45 AM. This session will be held in the social hall. Coffee and Danish will be available.



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.