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October 27 is Our Commitment Sunday

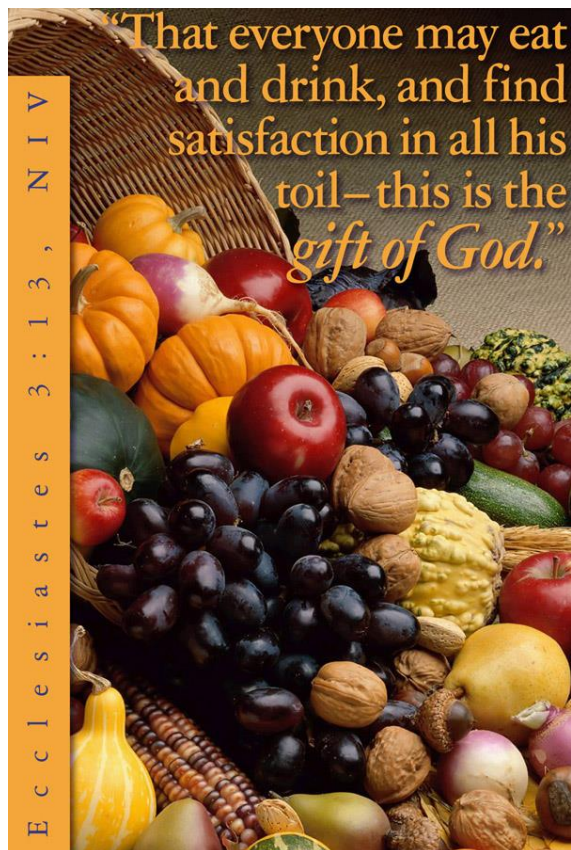
During the month of October, we have observed Stewardship Emphasis Month, utilizing a program entitled **Treasure: A Stewardship Program on Faith and Money**. The sermon series led by Pastor Camille has been based on Jesus' words, "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" (Matthew 6:21).

We have looked at the many ways that our treasure (time, energy, money) affects our hearts. We have considered how financial challenges in our personal lives affect our relationships with people and with God. We have seen how giving helps to determine the way we feel and act. Pastor Camille has preached on the following sermon topics:

- October 6 – "Where is Your Treasure?"
- October 13 – "The Problem with Two Masters"
- October 20 – "Giving Your Treasure Back to God"

On October 27, her sermon title will be "Don't Worry 'Bout a Thing". At the conclusion of the service, we will have the opportunity to make personal commitments of giving to Crossroads United Methodist Church for the coming year. Commitment cards, which have been available on Sundays as a bulletin insert, will be brought to the altar for dedication.

We have had an exciting month as we have considered our treasure and God's treasure. Plan to attend worship for the dedication on the 27th. If you are unable to attend that Sunday, you may mail in a commitment card to the church office or pick up one in the church narthex and place it in the offering plate. On the second Sunday in December a report on commitment cards returned will be shared with the congregation. Thank you for all the many ways you support Crossroads United Methodist Church.



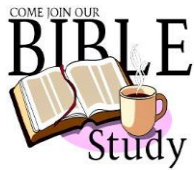
November 3 – "Fall Back"

– Daylight Saving Time Ends. –
It's that time when we turn our
timepieces back one hour.



ELIZABETH
RIVER DISTRICT
CHARGE CONFERENCE

Charge Conference will be held on **Sunday, November 10**. (Time and Location to be announced). The other UM churches joining together will be Community/St. Mark, Monumental, New Creation, and St. Andrews. The entire congregation is encouraged to attend, and all church lay leadership are requested to be in attendance



Ladies' Fall Bible Study Continues

The **Ladies Bible Study Group** has begun a wonderful study entitled, "Are You Willing to Risk Everything? Believing in Jesus". It is an exciting journey through the Book of Acts. The study was written by Lisa Harper, a world-renowned writer, teacher and Women's Ministry Leader. Even if you have never been before, don't be shy...come join us on Thursday morning at 10:30 AM in the Church Social Hall. The study will continue **through November 21, 2019**. Please contact Ruth Gilmore at ruthiegilmore@hotmail.com or call 757-635-9203.



The **Crossroads United Methodist Men** will host a Thanksgiving Luncheon on **Sunday, November 24th** immediately after church. The menu will include your traditional foods such as turkey, green beans, dressing, and iced tea. We look forward to seeing everyone at this event.

The We Praise Band will bring songs of Joy & Praise to the November 17th 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.

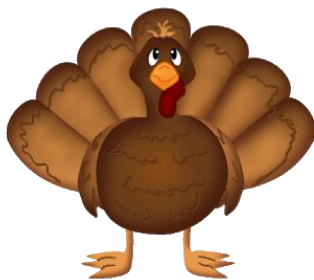


Crossroads United Methodist Women thank all who supported their fall fundraiser – the Planation Nut Sale. The deadline to order was November 3rd so you might have time enough to get your order in.

Thank you to everyone who helped by providing socks for "Socktober". These socks for Men, Women, and Children were a blessing for those in need as the weather cools.

The UMW will sponsor a World Thank luncheon with meeting after church on **Sunday, November 17th**. This is a covered dish lunch, and anyone is invited to join them. The officers for 2020 will be installed at this meeting.

If you have been thinking about joining the UMW, there are three Circles – the Circle of Ruth, the Circle of Grace, and the Circle of Friends. Ruth meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 1:30 PM. Grace meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM. Friends meets every other month on the 1st Tuesday at 7:00 PM.



Turkey Talk for Our Thanksgiving Offering

This November, in appreciation for all our many blessings and in lieu of our usual "Thanksgiving Offering" designated for our General Fund, we are asking our congregation to assist with the purchase of **40 turkeys for Food Pantry** distribution. Special **Thanksgiving Offering Envelopes** will be in the pew racks to be used for this project. We are requesting a **\$20 donation** for each of the 40 turkeys to be purchased. There will be a tally board lined with 40 paper turkeys at the front of the sanctuary. Each time a donation is received, a turkey will be removed from the board so that we will have a visual accounting of how many turkeys we will be able to distribute to those who visit our Food Pantry and how many still need to be funded. If you are unable to attend worship, but would like to contribute, just mail a check to the church office with "Turkey" on the memo line. Be a blessing to someone in need this Thanksgiving with the donation of a turkey.



Church Women United World Community Day/ Annual Meeting/ Operation Santa Assignments

Friday, November 1, 2019
10:30 AM Fellowship & 11:00 AM Celebration

@
St. Andrew's United Methodist Church
5615 Portsmouth Blvd.
Portsmouth, VA 23701

CWU Forum: Thursday, February 13, 2020
at 10:30 AM
St. Andrew's United Methodist Church



Daily Devotion Publication Available in Narthex

The November/December 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 Advent Season. Many will truly touch your heart in special ways. Small print booklets are 75¢ and large print booklets will be \$1.25.



Crossroads' Food Pantry is Greatly Utilized

Crossroads' Food Pantry is open on Tuesdays 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM. They are specifically requesting Eggs and a variety of Spices. Also, if your garden is still producing bring some of you overflow to share at the pantry. This would be a blessing to this ministry and to the people who are served.

The 3rd Sunday – **November 17** – 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.



Crossroads Fall Craft Fair & Bake Sale

Crossroads' **Fall Craft Fair and Bake Sale** on **Saturday, October 19, 2019** was a huge success. There were fourteen vendors present who paid to rent their table space. They filled the social hall and the history room. The church had four areas for their use --- the kitchen was selling vegetable beef soup and cornbread, along with drinks, there was a large table full of baked goods that everyone loved, the Dill Chapel was full of gently used items for the Country Attic sale, and the Dove Room was full of Christmas items and crafts. There was good "foot traffic" and the day brought in approximately \$13000.00 dollars. There is talk of perhaps doing something like this in the Spring.

Two Ongoing Monthly Volunteer Opportunities for You:

- **Meals on Wheels** will be delivered on Wednesday, **November 27**. To volunteer, please see Ginny Collins.
- **Oasis Ministries Breakfast** will be prepared and served on Thursdays, **November 28**. If you would could help with this, please see Iverson Garrison.

Other Opportunities:

- Crossroads has always been a welcoming congregation and help is needed at the sanctuary door each Sunday. There is a need for **Official Greeters** to greet our membership and welcome visitors as they walk into our narthex. If you are interested there is a sign-up sheet in the narthex, or you can see Ruth Gilmore or Nancy Clark to volunteer.
- 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.

Stewardship Corner

—submitted by Georgia Garrison—

The Thanksgiving holiday season is fast approaching; thankfulness, however, is a condition of the heart. If you were to stop and thank God for anything right this minute, what would it be? In fact, do just that—stop and give thanks for whatever comes to mind. Is it the ability to take another breath? Having eyes to see His creation? Tasting your favorite food? Getting a big hug from a loved one? If you think about it, you could write a list of things to be thankful for literally every day for the rest of your life. His goodness is endless.

When thinking of all the blessings that we should be thankful for, there is none of more value than the gift of God's grace. How do we define grace? Grace is overlooking an offense. It is not seeking payback toward someone who's wronged you. It is covering someone else's shortcomings with quiet love. It is paying someone else's debt when they aren't able to be there. **Grace is...Jesus taking on our sin before we ever even loved Him. Grace is what God extends to us each and every day.**

It seems there are no words to express enough gratitude to equal the gift of grace, yet gratefulness is the best response. So, begin today, and every day, with thanksgiving and gladness for God's grace. Thank Him from the depths of your heart for covering your sins, your shortcomings, your faults and your mistakes with such a gift and be forever grateful.

Earn Cash for Red Bird Mission

The United Methodist Women have been clipping **Box Tops for Education** for years and sending them to support Red Bird Mission in Kentucky. The method is now changing. Instead of clipping these off packaging, they are having you scan your receipt using an App. Sounds a little daunting.

There are a few videos to show you what needs to be done ---
<https://www.boxtops4education.com/about>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0w90-PWbJCA>

They also say if you can't scan, then you can send your receipt to Red Bird and they can scan it for you.

The Wesley Class News

The **Wesley Class** continues to study, "*Faithful During Distress*". Something everyone can relate to.

Their dinner meeting scheduled for Wednesday, November 6, 2019 at 6:30 PM has been canceled. They are excited that their Christmas Party this year will be a joint Christmas celebration with the other two Sunday School Classes; the Asbury Class and the Ed Garris Class. The party is scheduled for Sunday evening, December 1, 2019 at 5:30 PM in the social hall. More information coming soon.

They would love for you to come to their Sunday School Class each 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 News

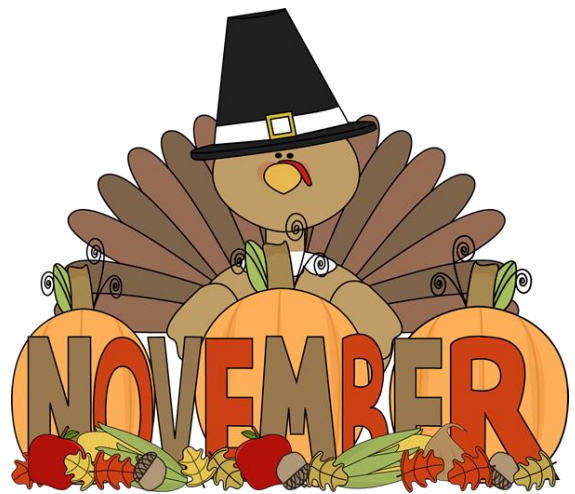
At this time the **Asbury Class** will be meeting jointly with the Wesley Class on Sunday mornings beginning at 9:45 AM. It is hoped to see you there



Joy, Thanks, & News

Congratulation to **George B. Jackson**, grandson of Nancy Jackson, who met the requirements for Eagle Scout with a project he completed this past April. George's Eagle Scout Board of Review was completed in September and the Eagle Court of Honor will be held Sunday, November 10, at Epiphany Episcopal Church in Danville. George is the younger son of Brett & Evie Jackson and resides in Danville, VA.

Congratulations to **Aaron and Alexandra Cohen** who were wed on Sunday, October 27, 2019 in Charleston, SC. Aaron is the son of Susan and Joe Cohen. Best wishes to them both.



OPPORTUNITIES:

- 1 Fri. All Saints Day
Church Women United – 10:30 AM
- 2 Sat. Ballet Dance practice* – 1:00 PM
[*=every Saturday]
- 3 Sun. Daylight Saving Times End – turn clocks back
Sunday School - Adults* – 9:45 AM
Sunday School - Children* – 11:00 AM
Holy Communion – 11:00 AM
[*=every Sunday]
- 4 Mon. All Saints Day Observed
Trustees Meet – 7:00 PM
We Praise Practice – 7:00 PM
[*=every Monday]
- 5 Tues. Food Pantry Open* – 10:00 AM – noon
[*=every Tuesday]
- 6 Wed. Circle of Friends meet – 7:00 PM
Men's Bible Study* – 7:00 PM
[*=every Wednesday]
- 7 Thurs. Ladies Bible Study* – 10:30 AM
Choir Practice* – 7:00 PM
[*=every Thursday]
- 10 Sun. **World Hunger Offering Received**
Charge Conference – time/location TBA
- 11 Mon. Veteran's Day
- 13 Wed. Circle of Ruth – 1:30 PM
Circle of Grace – 7:00 PM
- 17 Sun. **Food Pantry Sunday – Offering Received**
We Praise @ Worship
Newsletter Deadline for December/January
UMW World Thank Luncheon/Meeting
- 19 Tues. Church Council Meeting – 7:00 PM
- 24 Sun. UMM Breakfast Meeting – 8:00 AM
Missionary Support Offering Received
UMM Thanksgiving Luncheon
- 27 Wed. Meals on Wheels – 10:30 AM
- 28 Thurs. Thanksgiving Day
Oasis Breakfast – 6:00 AM

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Check out our website. Any suggestions let us know.

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