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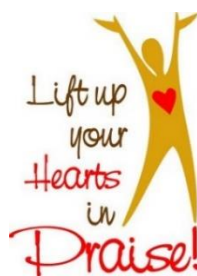
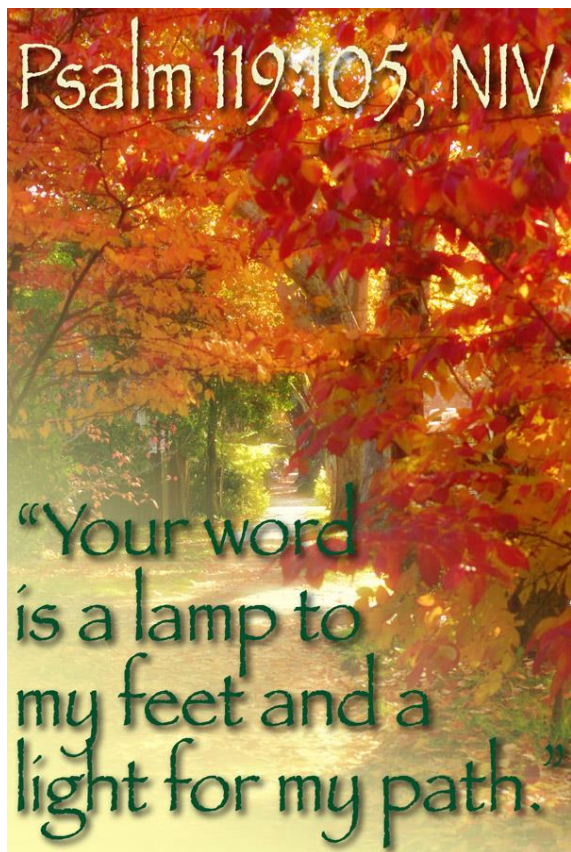
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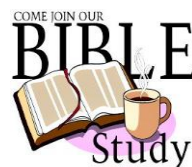
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The We Praise Band will bring songs of Joy & Praise to the **October 6th** Worship Service.

This is a **change in date** for October to accommodate your choir director and the chancel choir.

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.



Ladies' Fall Bible Study to Begin

The **Ladies Bible Study Group** will begin a very exciting study beginning **October 3, 2019**. The study is entitled, "Are You Willing to Risk Everything? Believing 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. The cost for the book and workbook is \$15.00. They will meet on Thursday mornings from 10:30 AM to 12:00 noon, October 3, 2019 through November 21, 2019. Please contact Ruth Gilmore at ruthiegilmore@hotmail.com or call 757-635-9203, if you are interested in joining so that I can arrange to order your books.



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 that 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. If you have items to sell as crafts or for White Elephant Sale, let Leigh Anne or Bear know. 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



Operation Cookie Time

Operation Cookie will take place on **Sunday, October 20th**. The congregation is asked to bring homemade or store-bought goodies [nabs, small packaged cookies, popcorn packages, candy bars, pens, highlighters, gum, candy...] to be sent to our college students and military troops, or money to help purchase items and pay for postage (which has gone up in recent years).

To make sure no one is left out, the names and current mailing addresses of Crossroad members attending **college and in the military** are needed. Please contact the church office to supply this information.



"Socktober" is Here

During the **month of October**, the United Methodist Women will sponsor a mission project for Crossroads UMC which is called **"Socktober"**. New socks for men, women and children will be collected for those in need. A collection basket will be available for the new socks during the month. Watch for sales on socks and start purchasing them in preparation for "Socktober". Take this opportunity to be a blessing to someone in need.

Trunk or Treat



Our **Trunk or Treat** will be held on **Thursday, October 31st** from 6:00 pm until 7:00 pm. We need your cars and candy. If you want to decorate your car that will be great! Also, if you want to decorate yourself you can do that too. The evening will be lots of fun and you will enjoy yourself and seeing all the cute little critters, ghosts, witches, goblins, pumpkins, bugs and who knows what else.

Please see Lisa Boettcher to sign up your car. Also, there will be a collection box in the narthex for your candy gifts. This is a great outreach to the community, and everyone really enjoys the evening, so we hope you can be part of the fun.



Church Women United

The Church Women United Forum will meet Thursday, October 10, 2019 at 10:30 AM at St. Andrew's United Methodist Church.



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Crossroads United Methodist Women hosted the Annual Elizabeth River District UMW Meeting on Saturday, September 14, 2019. It was a wonderful meeting. I want to give a big thank you and congratulations to Nancy Clark and all her Crossroads UMW volunteers for performing their magic and preparing a lovely dining room and a delicious meal of spaghetti pie, salad, bread and dump cake. I also want to give a big thank you to Janet Day who gave us a beautifully moving memorial for those members who crossed over during the last year; and to Lisa Boettcher for all the technical and power point expertise for the entire meeting.

Last but not least, a big round of applause for Crossroads UMC-UMW for being awarded The Gold Award for Living Into Our Purpose for 2019 and a Six Star Certificate for Contributing to Six Channels of Mission Giving.

As the current President of the Crossroads UMW, I encourage anyone who is not a member to consider joining a Circle. Our UMW performs many great works for Christ all during the year. We have three (3) Circles to choose from. If you are looking for a daytime Circle, the Circle of Ruth meets the second Wednesday of each month at 1:30 PM. If you are looking for a Circle with great younger ladies, the Circle of Friends is for you. They meet at 7:00 PM on the first Tuesday of January, March, May, September, November and December. Our third Circle is the Circle of Grace, which is a mixture of all ages and they meet on second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM.

Being in a Circle is a wonderful way to live out being the hands and feet of Christ. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me.

Your friend in Christ,

Ruthie Gilmore

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Boy Those Nuts Last Year Were Good!

Did you hear that last year? Did you order any **Plantation Nuts** from any of the **United Methodist Women**? Well if not you have your chance to order them this year. They make great Christmas presents or thank you gifts for someone special. See any member of the United Methodist Women to place your order. The deadline for ordering is November 3rd. You need to pay for your order when it is placed. The orders should be in before Thanksgiving.

They have all types of good nuts and chocolate covered raisins and party mix and peanut brittle so see one of our members and place your order.

****The next newsletter deadline is Sunday, October 20th.** At this time all news for **November** will be due. You can e-mail your articles to queenbeez@cox.net or give them to Susan Cohen.



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 – **October 20** – 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.

Sunday School Updates:

The Wesley Class

The Wesley Class has begun their Fall Study entitled, "*Faithful During Distress*". They just had our first Class Meeting for the Fall and Georgia and Iverson Garrison were the hosts. They served chicken nuggets and all the members brought delicious covered dishes; Donald Garrison had the Devotions. Our next dinner meeting will be Wednesday, November 6, 2019 at 6:30 PM.

They would love for you to come to their Sunday School Class on 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 led the 5th Sunday Joint Sunday School in September. The comparison between stewardship, your purpose and vultures was quite interesting. This is a casual, sit on the sofa, discussion class. If you would like to join in, they are located in the classroom next to the Food Pantry. Enter through the front door with the ramp. Times are 10:00 – 10:45 AM.



Daily Devotion Publication Available in Narthex

The September/October 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 fall. Many will truly touch your heart in special ways. Small print booklets are 75¢ and large print booklets will be \$1.25.

Do You Pay Your Bills Online?

If So, You Might Be Interested in This!

If you are **interested in giving online** and not having to remember to write that check each week or missing a Sunday when you are out of town or not feeling well, online giving is the way to go. If you go to the Church web page there is a place to sign up. It is very easy to do and, remember, your donations to the Church is what God calls us to do. Think about it!

Two Ongoing Monthly Volunteer Opportunities for You:

- **Meals on Wheels** will be delivered on Wednesday, **October 23**. To volunteer, please see Ginny Collins.
- **Oasis Ministries Breakfast** will be prepared and served on Thursdays, **October 24**. 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.

"Good Morning.

It Is So Nice to See You Today!"

If you think that line is a good one, please sign up to be a **Greeter on Sunday Morning**. Crossroads is establishing a group of 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.



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.



Your Weekly Offering Envelopes to Change

Weekly offering envelopes will be looking different next year. They will not be labeled with the date just 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th Sunday. There will be no year on them so they will be able to be used for any year. They will have numbers and these numbers let me know who has that box of envelopes and who to post the giving to. It is most appreciated if you would always write your name and the amount on the envelope and use your envelopes. There are envelopes in the pews for those who don't have assigned envelopes.

Online giving is another way to give and by doing that you don't have to keep track of the envelopes. You can go to the Church web site to sign-up for online giving. You can have it be a weekly, monthly or yearly giving. It is very easy to do. All your giving will show on your statement at the end of the year. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me, Nancy Clark



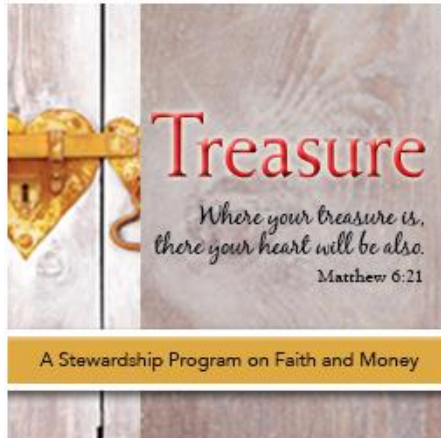
Choir/Music Notes

The **Crossroads UMC Choir** has resumed regular rehearsals. They rehearse on Thursday evenings at 7pm in the Choir Room. Although reading music and having prior choir experience is a plus, it is NOT A REQUIREMENT. They welcome all who are willing to come to rehearsals and make a joyful noise unto the Lord. If you would like a one-on-one voice lesson assessment with Harlan to gauge your readiness for choir or your overall vocal ability, please call him at 336-324-3674 or email him at harlan.zackery.jr@gmail.com. He is more than happy to work with you! God's grace and peace to you all!

Stewardship Corner

-submitted by Georgia Garrison-

Stewardship Emphasis in October



Money affects your heart. Whether you are in plenty or in want, money has a direct connection to your stress level, your anxiety, and the health of your relationships. It is no wonder, then, that Jesus talked about the relationship between our treasure and our hearts.

For a four-week period in October, we will look at the many ways that our treasure (time, energy, money) affects our spiritual and emotional lives. Join us in worship starting Sunday, October 6, as we begin our new sermon series called *Treasure*. We will explore Matthew 6 and Jesus' teachings on money, giving, worry, and more.

At the end of the four weeks, we will have an opportunity to make personal commitments of our offerings to God through our church in the coming year. Commitment cards will be available on Sunday mornings. We will dedicate these commitment cards during worship on Sunday, October 27.

I hope that you'll join us in the coming weeks as we look at Jesus' teaching on how we can avoid freedom from some of the common pitfalls related to money, and how we can give our lives and our treasure to God.

October OPPORTUNITIES:

- 1 Tues. Food Pantry Open* – 10:00 AM – noon
[*=every Tuesday]
- 2 Wed. Men's Bible Study* – 7:00 PM
[*=every Wednesday]
- 3 Thurs. Ladies Bible Study* – 10:30 AM
Choir Practice* – 7:00 PM
[*=every Thursday]
- 5 Sat. Ballet Dance practice* – 1:00 PM
[*=every Saturday]
- 6 Sun. Sunday School - Adults* – 9:45 AM
Sunday School - Children* – 11:00 AM
Holy Communion – 11:00 AM
We Praise @ Worship – 11:00 AM
[*=every Sunday]
- 8 Tues. Ministry Team Meeting – 7:00 PM
- 9 Wed. Circle of Ruth – 1:30 PM
Circle of Grace – 7:00 PM
- 13 Sun. **World Hunger Offering Received**
- 14 Mon. We Praise Practice – 7:00 PM
[*=every Monday]
- 19 Sat. Fall Craft Fair & Bake Sale – 9:00 AM–3:00 PM
- 20 Sun **Food Pantry Sunday – Offering Received**
Operation Cookie
Newsletter Deadline for November!!
- 22 Tues. **All Church Meeting – 7:00 PM**
- 23 Wed. Meals on Wheels – 10:30 AM
- 24 Thurs. Oasis Breakfast – 6:00 AM
- 27 Sun. UMM Breakfast Meeting – 8:00 AM
Missionary Support Offering Received
- 31 Thurs. Trunk or Treat – 6:00-7:00 PM