

# crossroads circuit rider



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Add to the beauty of our sanctuary at Christmas by **purchasing a poinsettia in honor and/or in memory** of loved ones. Poinsettias may be purchased at a cost of \$10.00 each – checks made out to "Francis Asbury Class". The deadline for placing orders is Sunday, December 8. Complete this form and place in box in narthex or give to Susan Cohen.

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_



Our Christmas Program this year will be a **Festival of Nine Lessons and Carol**, featuring choir, soloists, drama and scripture readings. This program will take place on Sunday, Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup> at 11:00 AM during morning worship. If you are interested in participating in the choir, as a reader, a soloist, please contact Harlan at [harlan.zackery.jr@gmail.com](mailto:harlan.zackery.jr@gmail.com) or at 757-383-3964.



**Christmas Eve  
Candlelight  
Worship Service**

Tuesday,  
December 24, 2019  
8:00 PM

## Our Adult Sunday School Classes' News

The three **Adult Sunday School Classes** (Ed Garris, Wesley, Asbury) will share a joint Christmas meal and party. The date is Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup> @ 5:30 PM in the Social Hall. The meal is being catered and reservations need to be in by November 24<sup>th</sup>. The cost is \$13 per person. If you are paying by check, make it out to "Wesley Class".



### Church Women United Operation Santa Ingathering of Gifts

Friday, December 6, 2019  
10:30 AM Fellowship & 11:00 AM Celebration

@  
Park View Christian Disciples of Christ Church  
Corner of Western Branch Blvd and Taylor Road  
Chesapeake, VA 23321

CWU Forum: Thursday, February 13, 2020  
at 10:30 AM

St. Andrew's United Methodist Church  
Corner of Elmhurst Lane and Portsmouth Blvd

World Day of Prayer: Friday, March 6, 2020



### The District Training Day will be held on Saturday, January 18, 2020, at New Creation UMC.

The theme for this year's Training Day will be "Equipping YOU (and your church) for Ministry". The workshops will focus on providing the necessary tools and practical next steps for ministry. The Rev. Rachel Billups, senior pastor at Ginghamburg United Methodist in Tipp City, Ohio will be our keynote speaker!

[Cut and past the following web address to see the registration:](https://gallery.mailchimp.com/72d030fd810aa84884c311f29/files/eda5eadf-87f3-4fae-9ab3-1df016125302/DTD20.01.pdf)  
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The **Crossroads United Methodist Women** want to thank everyone who supported the fall Plantation Nut Sale. The profit made was \$858.98. Hope all enjoy their nuts!

On Sunday November 17<sup>th</sup> they held their Annual World Thank Dinner. This year it was an After-Church Lunch. At the meeting Pastor Camille installed the following officers for the new year.

President - Nancy Clark  
Vice President - Karen Day  
Secretary - Elaine Brinkley  
Treasurer - Georgia Garrison  
Social Action - Susan Cohen  
Spiritual Growth - Janet Day  
Education and Interpretation - Joyce Dignard  
Membership Nurture and Outreach - Beverly Collins  
Committee on Nominations - Tricia Bright, Janice Melton, Karen Day, Lisa Boettcher  
Circle leaders- Susan Cohen, Joyce Geluz and Cathy Merritt

The Executive members will meet on January 6, 2020 at 6:00 PM to plan the year's activities.

<http://www.CrossroadsMethodist.org>

Check out our website. Any suggestions let us know.



The **Crossroads Men's Fellowship** held a Thanksgiving Dinner on November 24<sup>th</sup> immediately after church. The meal was delicious. Thank you to everyone who helped and to everyone who came and enjoyed the meal.

Also, the Methodist men will ring the bell for the **Salvation Army at the Sam's Club at Chesapeake Square on December 7<sup>th</sup>**. Volunteers will be needed to work a two-hour shift from 10 am to 8pm. See Ronnie Perkins to be added to the list.

### Help 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.



## 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday – **December 15 & January 19** – 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.

## Two Ongoing Monthly Volunteer Opportunities for You:

- **Meals on Wheels** will be delivered on Wednesday, **January 22**. To volunteer, please see Ginny Collins. (December is Christmas Day)
- **Oasis Ministries Breakfast** will be prepared and served on Thursdays, **December 26 & January 23**. 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 **2020 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-

On Sunday, October 27, 2019 our members dedicated their commitment cards as we completed our October emphasis on "Treasure: A Stewardship Program on Faith and Money". We look forward to what God will do through our church this coming year with our faith promises. Thank you to those members and attenders who completed the cards. Without your support, our church's ministry could not happen.

There are two reasons we ask you to fill out and return a commitment card each year. First, it allows the church to plan accurately for ministries, since we can base our ministry budget on the dollar amount our members plan to give. Second, the act of filling out a card is a way of inviting you to set a goal for giving during the coming year. On Sunday, December 8, a report on the funds which will support our ministries will be shared with the congregation during the Stewardship Moment.

If you were not present on dedication Sunday and have not yet completed a commitment card, please consider doing so. **It is not too late.** Cards can be found in the narthex of the church or one can be mailed to you from the church office if needed. Please take a few minutes to pray about your giving for next year, complete the information on the card and place it in the offering plate or mail it to the church.

Thank you for all you do to further the mission and work of Crossroads United Methodist Church. You make a difference here!



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## OPPORTUNITIES:

- 1 Sun. **1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent**  
 Sunday School - Adults\* – 9:45 AM  
 Sunday School - Children\* – 11:00 AM  
**Holy Communion – 11:00 AM**  
*[\*=every Sunday]*
- 2 Mon. We Praise practice\* – 7:00 PM  
*[\*=every Monday]*
- 3 Tues. Food Pantry Open\* - 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM  
*[\*=every Tuesday]*  
 Circle of Friends Christmas Social – 6:00 PM
- 4 Wed. Men's Bible Study\* – 7:00 PM  
*[\*=every Wednesday]*
- 5 Thurs. Choir practice\* – 7:00 PM  
*[\*=every Thursday]*
- 6 Fri. Church Women United – 10:30 AM
- 7 Sat. Ballet Dance practice\* – 1:00 PM  
*[\*=every Saturday]*
- 8 Sun. **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent**  
**World Hunger Offering Received**
- 10 Tues. Ministry Team Meeting – 7:00 PM
- 11 Wed. Circle of Ruth Christmas Social – 12:30 PM  
 Circle of Grace Christmas Social – 6:30 PM
- 15 Sun. **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent**  
 Food Pantry Sunday  
 We Praise @ Worship – 11:00 AM
- 22 Sun. **4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent**  
 UMM Breakfast Meeting – 8:00 AM  
**Missionary Support Offering Received**
- 24 Tues. Christmas Eve Worship Service – 8:00 PM
- 25 Wed. **Christmas Day**
- 26 Thurs. Oasis Breakfast – 6:00 AM
- 29 Sun. Ballet @ Worship – 11:00 AM



## OPPORTUNITIES:

- 1 Wed. New Year's Day  
 Men's Bible Study\* – 7:00 PM  
*[\*=every Wednesday]*
- 2 Thurs. Choir practice\* – 7:00 PM  
*[\*=every Thursday]*
- 4 Sat. Ballet Dance practice\* – 1:00 PM  
*[\*=every Saturday]*
- 5 Sun. **Epiphany**  
 Sunday School - Adults\* – 9:45 AM  
 Sunday School - Children\* – 11:00 AM  
**Holy Communion – 11:00 AM**  
*[\*=every Sunday]*
- 6 Mon. UMW Executive Committee – 6:00 PM  
 Trustees Meeting – 7:00 PM  
 We Praise practice\* – 7:00 PM  
*[\*=every Monday]*
- 7 Tues. Food Pantry Open\* - 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM  
*[\*=every Tuesday]*  
 Circle of Friends – 7:00 PM
- 8 Wed. Circle of Ruth – 1:30 PM  
 Circle of Grace – 7:00 PM
- 12 Sun. **World Hunger Offering Received**
- 18 Sat. District Training Event
- 19 Sun. Food Pantry Sunday  
 We Praise @ Worship – 11:00 AM  
 Newsletter Deadline for February
- 21 Tues. Church Council Meeting – 7:00 PM
- 22 Wed. Meals on Wheels – 10:30 AM
- 23 Thurs. Oasis Breakfast – 6:00 AM
- 26 Sun. UMM Breakfast Meeting – 8:00 AM  
**Missionary Support Offering Received**



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