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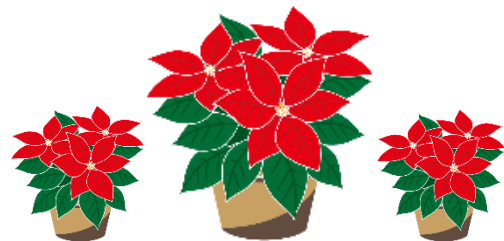
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Time to Order Poinsettias

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 \$12.00 each – checks made out to "Francis Asbury Class". The deadline for placing orders is Tuesday, November 30. Complete this form and place in box in narthex / give to Susan Cohen / queenbeez@cox.net.

In Honor of: _____

In Memory of: _____

By: _____



Join Us for a Neighborhood Prayer Walk

On **Saturday, December 4th** Crossroads is holding its second **neighborhood Prayer Walk**. We would love to have many willing walkers join in as we walk down the streets in front of our church and pray for our neighbors. Plan to meet in front of the Sanctuary at 10:00 AM and you will be given a map to show what street(s) you can walk. Remember to wear your new t-shirt if you bought one, and jacket if weather calls for it.

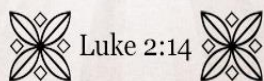


The Manger of Love for the Wesley Center

The **Manger of Love** is on display. It is being used during the holidays collect unwrapped toys, books, socks, gloves, puzzles, etc. as well as cash donations for the Wesley Community Center. It will be on display **through December 12th**.

See Nancy Clark for more information or to give a monetary donation.

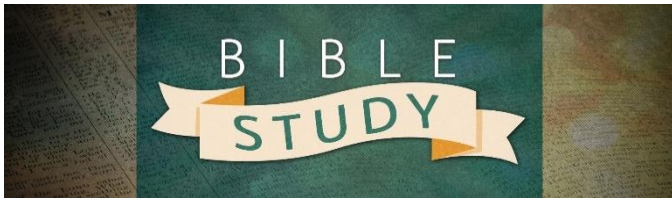
Glory to God
in the highest,
and on earth peace,
good will toward men.



Luke 2:14

Christmas Music

Our **Christmas Worship Music** will be brought to us by our choir on Sunday, December 19 during the 11:00 AM service. You will hear renditions of "O Come, All Ye Faithful", "Do You Hear What I Hear", and "Jesus, Oh, What a Wonderful Child".



A new **weekly small group study** led by Ruth Gilmore has begun. It is held on Thursday mornings at 10:00 AM in the church fellowship hall. The study is based on Season One of "The Chosen", the beginning sessions of the multi-season show which presents the greatest story ever told. We will be reintroduced in a new way to many people from the gospels, such as Simon Peter, Nicodemus, Mary Magdalene, Matthew, and of course Jesus, in a way never before seen on film. Response to this project from people around the world has been overwhelming. Come and view the sessions and delve into the meaning it has for us as we live our lives today. **All** are welcome to come and participate. You will be blessed.



Crossroads' Dance Team has weekly practice on Saturdays. They meet on the 2nd floor of the Education wing at 1:00 PM. The class is open to boys and girls between the ages of 3 years old and up. Mrs. Ellen Clayton is the instructor. Anyone who would like more information or would like to register their child can contact the church office at 397-7815 and give their child's name, age, and phone number.

They plan to perform on the 5th Sundays during the year. This will be such an inspiring ministry at Crossroads.

Sunday School is in Session

All **Sunday Schools** will be back in session as of **December 5th**. If you would like to be part of this, meet in the Dill Chapel at 9:45 AM that day.



Recycle Here

As you exit the Sanctuary through the front doors you will see a **blue recycle box**. This is for paper only, not trash. If you do not need to keep your bulletin, you can drop it here on your way out. We would rather you do that than putting them in the trash.

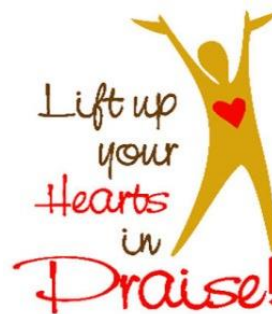


Join Us for In-Person Worship

Crossroads UMC continues to have **in-person worship** each Sunday. Worship begins at 11:00 AM and everyone is asked to be in their seats by this time.

Continue to wear your **masks currently**. We also encourage everyone to social distance. The services are being recorded and will be available on our Facebook page. This can be found at www.facebook.com/CrossroadsUnitedMethodistChurchPortsmouth those who cannot be with us.

Your PRG consists of Pastor Camille Pentsil, Susan Cohen, Tricia Bright, Tom Boettcher, and Georgia Freeman if you have any questions.



The We Praise Band will bring songs of Joy & Praise to the December 12th Worship Service.

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





The **Crossroads United Methodist Women** would like to thank everyone who donated items for the bags being made and donated. Thirty tote bags were filled with various sundries for the HER Shelter and 80 nursing home walker totes were filled and delivered to several nursing homes in the area.

The United Methodist Women would also like to thank everyone who supported their projects for the end of the year. It is hoped everyone enjoyed the "Thankful For and Remembrance" bulletin; and \$841.00 was the profit for this. The Plantation Nut sale will make another good profit when it's all said and done. With these two projects they will meet their budget for the year, with a little left over.

In conjunction with Church Women United, your UMW have partnered with Portsmouth Social Services' Operation Santa to help bring joy to the children in Foster Care. Currently there are only fourteen children between the ages one to 16 years of age. Crossroads has taken four of them. They received the children's wish lists and will make their presentation of gifts to PSS on Friday, December 3rd. At this time all the churches will have cars meet at Third Baptist Church, fully decked out for Christmas, and parade down High Street to PSS.

They hope to get things going in January and get back on track. They will have an executive meeting the first part of the month to plan our year.

Please remember that all the ladies of the Church are invited to join the United Methodist Women; they would love to have you. The Circle of Friends meets on the first Tuesday every other month. The Circle of Ruth meets the second Wednesday at 1:00 pm at Ruth Baker's home and the Circle of Grace meets the second Wednesday in the Social Hall at 6:00 pm. Come join in!



Crossroads' Food Pantry is Greatly Used

Crossroads' Food Pantry is open on **Tuesdays 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM**. This may have to go to a once-a-month program. There is a shortage in food available from the Food Bank at this time. Anything you can do for this program would be a blessing to this ministry and to the people who are served. Monetary donations would be helpful to be able to buy foods from other sources. See Ronnie Perkins, David Lutz, or Pat Mullins for more information.

If you would like to help in the Food Pantry on Tuesdays, contact the above folk and they can tell you when you would be needed. Some days it is super busy and some days it's slower, but they always appreciate the extra hands.

Get Ready to Clean-up After the First of the Year

Perhaps you have noticed that there are boxes in the sanctuary narthex and back hallways. That there are rooms over in the Chapel building that have become "storage" units. Well, it is time to **clean up our mess**. The Trustees will organize a few people to get involved and decide what needs to be done. Hopefully 2022 will be a better year for us.

Two Ongoing Monthly Volunteer Opportunities for You:

- **Meals on Wheels** will be delivered on 4th Wednesdays, December 22 & January 27. To volunteer, contact Ginny Collins.
- **Oasis Ministries Breakfast** will be prepared and served on 4th Thursdays, December 23 & January 27. If you would help with this, contact Iverson Garrison.

Upcoming Events:

- **Last Day to Order Poinsettias** – Tuesday, November 30
- **"The Chosen" Bible Study** with Ruth Gilmore – Fellowship Hall – Thursdays – 10:00 AM
- **Operation Santa** – Friday, December 3 – 10:00 AM
- **Prayer Walk** – Saturday, December 4 – 10:00 AM – through our immediate neighborhood streets – weather permitting
- **Sunday School** – Sunday, December 5 – 9:45 AM
- **Last Day to Donate Toys, etc.** – Sunday, December 12
- **Praise Music** – Sunday, December 12 – 11:00 AM
- **Christmas Music by Choir** – Sunday, December 19 – 11:00 AM
- **Meals on Wheels** – Wednesday, December 22
- **Oasis Breakfast** – Thursday, December 23

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