

crossroads circuit rider



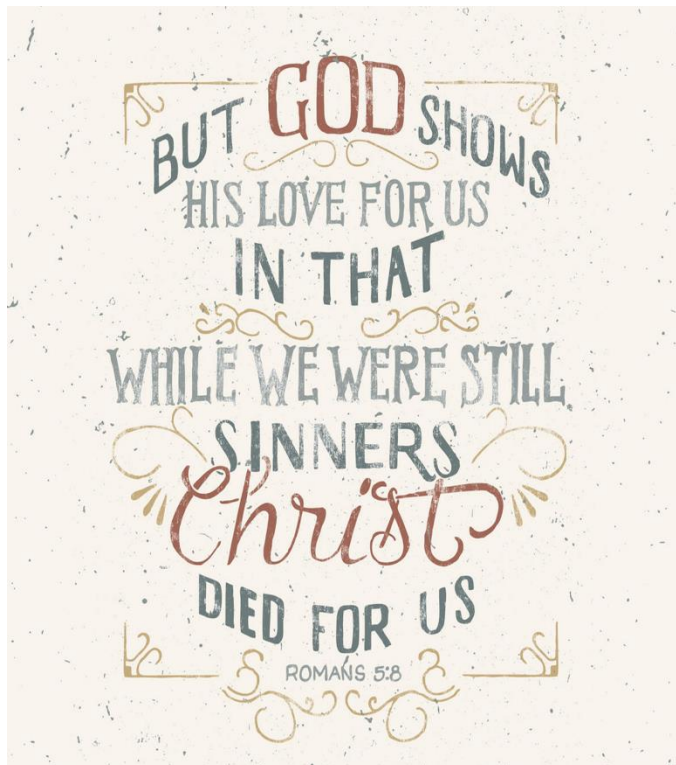
1800 RODMAN AVENUE
PORTSMOUTH, VA 23707-4326
757-397-7815

Rev. Camille Pentsil/Pastor

- office@crossroadsumc.hrcoxmail.com
- <http://www.crossroadsmethodist.org>
- www.facebook.com/CrossroadsUnitedMethodistChurchPortsmouth

The Church Council publishes the Circuit Rider.

Editor: Susan Cohen [queenbeez@cox.net]



April/May 2021

No. E-21-b



In-Person Worship is Happening

Crossroads UMC has been having **in-person worship** since Easter Sunday, April 4, 2021. Worship begins at 11:00 AM and everyone is asked to be in their seats by this time. This may mean getting to church a few minutes early to make time for signing in and finding a seat. Remember to wear your face covering.

The service will be recorded and available on our Facebook page after the service is completed. This can be found at www.facebook.com/CrossroadsUnitedMethodistChurchPortsmouth. What a blessing to have this capability during this time for those who cannot be with us.

A Few Volunteers are Needed

A **few Volunteers** are needed each Sunday. This would help our openings go smoother.

It would be nice to have **two greeters** – one at the front door and one at the side door. These people would welcome each person as they arrive and ask them to sign in at the tables. Let Susan Cohen know (queenbeez@cox.net) if you are willing to help here.

Each week **two ushers** are needed to collect the offering and hand out bulletins at the doors. See Tom Boettcher if you can help with this.

Revamping Our Communication Chain

I am currently working on a new Communication Chain. I have lost first line callers and I am working on a new format for the chain. One of the things I am considering is to email those who have email. I will also have a list of those who can or only want to be called. Please, Please, Please let me know if you want to be a part of this Chain. It is not automatic for any member; you need to let me know you want to be contacted with updates about church members and church happenings.

The email is an easy way to let people know quickly about things. I understand that many of our members do not have email and I do not want anyone left out.

If you would like to be a first line caller please let me know that also. Your assistance will be appreciated.

Remember we cannot share information if we do not have it. If you or your family wants information shared, please contact the Church Office or Nancy so that we can get the information out.

Our Church Family is important to all of us, and we care about each other. So, let us be a part of the Communication Chain and share the love.

In Christian Love, Nancy - 757-393-6876 - gran12@cox.net



Boy what a year. I am proud of what we were able to do even though we have not met in over a year. Our Treasurer has been able to make our donations to the District, but we are very close to being out of funds.

Two of our Circles have had Zoom meetings and we have done two Drive-bys to our Preacher and our Shut-ins. They were well received.

We were sad that Joyce Geluz fell and broke her hip and then had to move to her daughter's Christiana in Nevada. We know that she will be taken good care of there, but we will miss seeing her.

We need to get the whole group of members together to discuss how we are going to proceed. So, with this in mind I have talked with Karen, our Vice President, and we have decided to have a General meeting on Sunday, June 6th right after church. We will have the meeting outside at the Scout Cabin, under the trees. Please bring your chair, bag lunch and ideas for the meeting. We can social distance and meet and plan that rest of our year. Please mark your calendar and all plan on being there on the 6th of June.

In Christian Love, Nancy



Crossroads' Food Pantry is Greatly Used

Crossroads' Food Pantry is open on **Tuesdays 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM**. Anything you can do for this program would be a blessing to this ministry and to the people who are served.

If you would like to help in the Food Pantry on Tuesdays, come around 9:30 and someone will train you in what needs to be done. Some days it is super busy and some days it's slower but they always appreciate the extra hands. And as always at this time, wear a mask.



Daily Devotion Publication Available in Narthex

The Upper Room daily devotional booklet is available in our narthex. If you are not coming to worship, you can come up to the office on Tuesdays during office/food pantry hours and someone will help you get one. Small print booklets are 75¢ and large print booklets will be \$1.25.



Recycling Isn't Just for Earth Day

More and more trash is being created. Hopefully, it makes it to a trashcan, but we all know some of it is not. Let's all do our part with this. If you see something out in the yard, perhaps you could pick it up and dispose of it.

Also, there is more of a push to be Eco-friendly. One way is to **recycle our paper in church**. There are several blue cans and bins located around the church to help with this. (copy room, choir room, education bldg. hallway, kitchen) There will now be one in the narthex. If you plan to recycle your bulletin or other clean paper, you can dispose of it here on your way out.

Two Ongoing Monthly Volunteer Opportunities for You:

- **Meals on Wheels** will be delivered on 4th Wednesdays, May 26. To volunteer, contact Ginny Collins.
- **Oasis Ministries Breakfast** will be prepared and served on 4th Thursdays, May 27. If you would help with this, contact Iverson Garrison.



Joys, Thanks, & News

I would like to thank my Church Family for their love and support during the time that my sister Pam was sick. Also thank you for the love shown upon her death. Our whole family is very appreciative of the support.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart, Nancy Clark

Joyce Geluz has undergone hip surgery and needed homecare, so she has gone to stay with her daughter, Christine. Her new address is: 305 Ophir Road, Dayton, NV 89403. It is not known how long she will be there, but we know she'd love to hear from you.

"With special thanks ... God's spirit shines through in people like you." I want each of you to know that parade on Saturday (April 24) was totally enjoyed. In fact, it brought a smile for the rest of the day. Thank you for the goody bag – treats for days to come. I love you all.

Sincerely, Ann Farless

Prayer List: Joyce Geluz, Lila Cox, Ruth Baker, John Redd

If anyone has news to share, let the editor know.

For current photos & news updates check us out at <https://www.facebook.com/CrossroadsUnitedMethodistChurchPortsmouth>

crossroads circuit rider



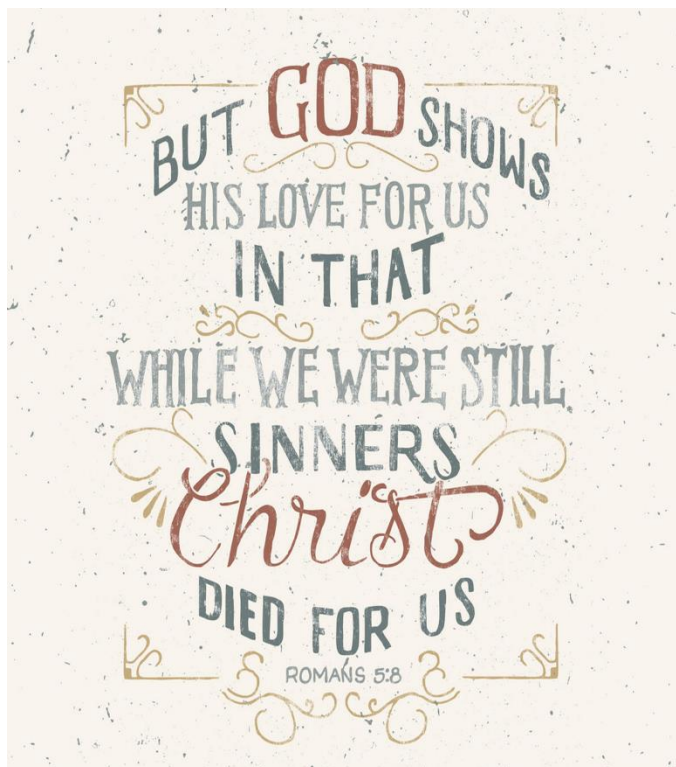
1800 RODMAN AVENUE
PORTSMOUTH, VA 23707-4326
757-397-7815

Rev. Camille Pentsil/Pastor

- office@crossroadsumc.hrcoxmail.com
- <http://www.crossroadsmethodist.org>
- www.facebook.com/CrossroadsUnitedMethodistChurchPortsmouth

The Church Council publishes the Circuit Rider.

Editor: Susan Cohen [queenbeez@cox.net]



In-Person Worship is Happening

Crossroads UMC has been having **in-person worship** since Easter Sunday, April 4, 2021. Worship begins at 11:00 AM and everyone is asked to be in their seats by this time. This may mean getting to church a few minutes early to make time for signing in and finding a seat. Remember to wear your face covering.

The service will be recorded and available on our Facebook page after the service is completed. This can be found at www.facebook.com/CrossroadsUnitedMethodistChurchPortsmouth. What a blessing to have this capability during this time for those who cannot be with us.

A Few Volunteers are Needed

A **few Volunteers** are needed each Sunday. This would help our openings go smoother.

It would be nice to have **two greeters** – one at the front door and one at the side door. These people would welcome each person as they arrive and ask them to sign in at the tables. Let Susan Cohen know (queenbeez@cox.net) if you are willing to help here.

Each week **two ushers** are needed to collect the offering and hand out bulletins at the doors. See Tom Boettcher if you can help with this.

Revamping Our Communication Chain

I am currently working on a new Communication Chain. I have lost first line callers and I am working on a new format for the chain. One of the things I am considering is to email those who have email. I will also have a list of those who can or only want to be called. Please, Please, Please let me know if you want to be a part of this Chain. It is not automatic for any member; you need to let me know you want to be contacted with updates about church members and church happenings.

The email is an easy way to let people know quickly about things. I understand that many of our members do not have email and I do not want anyone left out.

If you would like to be a first line caller please let me know that also. Your assistance will be appreciated.

Remember we cannot share information if we do not have it. If you or your family wants information shared, please contact the Church Office or Nancy so that we can get the information out.

Our Church Family is important to all of us, and we care about each other. So, let us be a part of the Communication Chain and share the love.

In Christian Love, Nancy - 757-393-6876 - gran12@cox.net



Boy what a year. I am proud of what we were able to do even though we have not met in over a year. Our Treasurer has been able to make our donations to the District, but we are very close to being out of funds.

Two of our Circles have had Zoom meetings and we have done two Drive-bys to our Preacher and our Shut-ins. They were well received.

We were sad that Joyce Geluz fell and broke her hip and then had to move to her daughter's Christiana in Nevada. We know that she will be taken good care of there, but we will miss seeing her.

We need to get the whole group of members together to discuss how we are going to proceed. So, with this in mind I have talked with Karen, our Vice President, and we have decided to have a General meeting on Sunday, June 6th right after church. We will have the meeting outside at the Scout Cabin, under the trees. Please bring your chair, bag lunch and ideas for the meeting. We can social distance and meet and plan that rest of our year. Please mark your calendar and all plan on being there on the 6th of June.

In Christian Love, Nancy



Crossroads' Food Pantry is Greatly Used

Crossroads' Food Pantry is open on **Tuesdays 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM**. Anything you can do for this program would be a blessing to this ministry and to the people who are served.

If you would like to help in the Food Pantry on Tuesdays, come around 9:30 and someone will train you in what needs to be done. Some days it is super busy and some days it's slower but they always appreciate the extra hands. And as always at this time, wear a mask.



Daily Devotion Publication Available in Narthex

The Upper Room daily devotional booklet is available in our narthex. If you are not coming to worship, you can come up to the office on Tuesdays during office/food pantry hours and someone will help you get one. Small print booklets are 75¢ and large print booklets will be \$1.25.

For current photos & news updates check us out at <https://www.facebook.com/CrossroadsUnitedMethodistChurchPortsmouth>



Recycling Isn't Just for Earth Day

More and more trash is being created. Hopefully, it makes it to a trashcan, but we all know some of it is not. Let's all do our part with this. If you see something out in the yard, perhaps you could pick it up and dispose of it.

Also, there is more of a push to be Eco-friendly. One way is to **recycle our paper in church**. There are several blue cans and bins located around the church to help with this. (copy room, choir room, education bldg. hallway, kitchen) There will now be one in the narthex. If you plan to recycle your bulletin or other clean paper, you can dispose of it here on your way out.

Two Ongoing Monthly Volunteer Opportunities for You:

- **Meals on Wheels** will be delivered on 4th Wednesdays, May 26. To volunteer, contact Ginny Collins.
- **Oasis Ministries Breakfast** will be prepared and served on 4th Thursdays, May 27. If you would help with this, contact Iverson Garrison.



Joys, Thanks, & News

I would like to thank my Church Family for their love and support during the time that my sister Pam was sick. Also thank you for the love shown upon her death. Our whole family is very appreciative of the support.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart, Nancy Clark

Joyce Geluz has undergone hip surgery and needed homecare, so she has gone to stay with her daughter, Christine. Her new address is: 305 Ophir Road, Dayton, NV 89403. It is not known how long she will be there, but we know she'd love to hear from you.

"With special thanks ... God's spirit shines through in people like you." I want each of you to know that parade on Saturday (April 24) was totally enjoyed. In fact, it brought a smile for the rest of the day. Thank you for the goody bag – treats for days to come. I love you all.

Sincerely, Ann Farless

Prayer List: Joyce Geluz, Lila Cox, Ruth Baker, John Redd

If anyone has news to share, let the editor know.

