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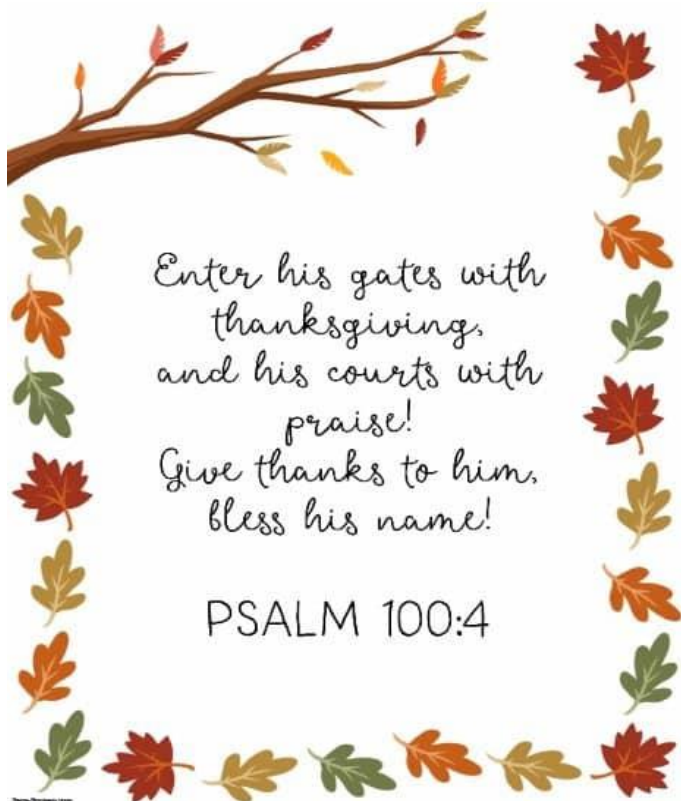
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Enter his gates with
thanksgiving,
and his courts with
praise!
Give thanks to him,
bless his name!

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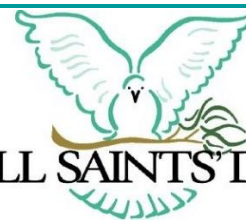
Join Us for a Neighborhood Prayer Walk

On **Saturday, November 6th** 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.



November 6 – “Fall Back”

– Daylight Saving Time Ends –
It's that time when we turn our timepieces back one hour before we retire for the night.



ALL SAINTS' DAY

Sunday, November 7, 2021

On this **Day of the Saints**, let us honor those who have hallowed this earth by their prayers and by the way they walked in the light of God.

Kathy Broda Romero - 3/4/20

Chay Bell - 5/20

Betty Little - 9/4/20

Virginia Simpson - 12/1/20

Pat Short - 1/9/21

Mott Williams - 1/14/21

Pam Shaffer - 3/4/21

Sam Evans - 4/1/21

Teeny Stafford - 4/19/21

Janice Clark -



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.



Time to Decorate for Advent & Christmas

Now that Halloween is over and Thanksgiving is in the air, it is time to start thinking about **decorating our church for the Advent and Christmas season**. The first Sunday of Advent is November 28. The decorating day has been chosen – Sunday, November 21 after the 11:00 AM Worship service ends. We will order pizza, eat, and then do the decorating. Of course, more hands make the job easier. It is hoped you will join us for food, fellowship, and decorating. Then we can all enjoy the beautiful decorations for the season.

The Manger of Love for the Wesley Center

The **Manger of Love** is on display. It was recently used to collect hoodies and backpacks that were donated to Westhaven Elementary.

Now it will be used to 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.



Recycle Here

As you exit the Sanctuary through the front doors you will see a **blue recycle box**. 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. There are several recycle receptacles around the church buildings.



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/CrossroadsUnitedMethodistChurchPortsmo 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.



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.



Our **Charge Conference** was held on **Sunday, October 24th**. The theme was "United as One". The Rev. Seonyoung Kim, who was appointed as the Superintendent of the Eastern Shore and Elizabeth River Districts as of July 1, 2021, presided. The other UM churches that Zoomed together that day were Community/St. Mark, Monumental, St. Andrews, Centenary, Beech Grove, and Ebenezer. Crossroads had at least 10 people in attendance. We presented our Prayer Walks as a way of connecting with our community.



Poinsettias will be available to order soon. These will adorn the Sanctuary during the Christmas season. Stay tuned...



The **Crossroads United Methodist Women Circles** have been meeting. The Circle of Ruth will meet on the second Wednesday of the month at Ruth Baker's home at 1:00 PM. The Circle of Friends meets the first Tuesday of November at 7:00 PM and the Circle of Grace on the second Wednesdays at 7:00 PM, the last two Circles meet in the Social Hall. If you would like to join any of these Circles please just show up.

Thank you to everyone who donated items for the bags being made and donated for the HER Shelter bags and nursing home bags. The box was overflowing.

The UMW is going to sponsor a Thankful and Remembrance Bulletin to be published the Sunday before Thanksgiving. You can remember loved ones or show thankfulness for those who have touched you. Just like with the Mother's Day and Father's Day bulletins we ask a donation of at least \$1.00 per name. There will be slips available and an email has gone out for you to use to remember those people who you are thankful for. Deadline for names to be submitted will be Sunday, November 7th. (see below)

The UMW are selling Plantation Peanuts again this fall. They make great Christmas presents and are just wonderful to eat for yourself. Please see any member to put in your order. Orders are due by November 10th.

**"THANKFUL FOR" AND "IN REMEMBRANCE"
BULLETIN - November 21, 2021**

THANKFUL FOR _____

IN REMEMBRANCE _____

BY _____

RELATIONSHIP* _____

*Your relationship to the person named. * (i.e., friend, daughter, son, daughter-in-law, son-in-law, grandchildren, mother, father)*

Donation appreciated for each entry.
Checks can be written to Crossroads UMW.

PLEASE RETURN THIS TO: Nancy Clark, Susan Cohen,
Cathy Merritt or Joyce Dignard.

Deadline November 7, 2021 --- THANK YOU!



Joys, Thanks, & New

In response to our donations to
Westhaven Elementary School of 50
Hoodies & 50 Backpacks:

*Dear Partners @ Crossroads UMC,
Thank you for your kindness and generosity. The Staff at
Westhaven Elementary appreciates you all.
Love, Westhaven Staff Members*



The We Praise Band will bring songs of Joy & Praise to the November 21st 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 Wild Horse Tour was Loads of Fun!

Crossroads had twelve people travel south to Corolla, NC on a pleasant Saturday in October to take part in the **wild horse adventure tour**. They boarded an open-air Hummer, put on their seatbelts, and got ready for their two-hour adventure. They road up to the 4X4 beach road and immediately were greeted by four beautiful Banker horses. These horses are unique to Corolla and can't be found in any other part of the world. Our driver/tour guide, Tom, was a fount of information and did a great job of scouring behind the dunes and finding more of these wild Spanish mustangs. We saw over two dozen and took so many pictures. You'll have to check these out on our FB page. They finished their day by eating lunch together and sharing fellowship.

Upcoming Events:

- **"The Chosen" Bible Study** with Ruth Gilmore – Fellowship Hall – Thursdays – 10:00 AM
- **Prayer Walk** – Saturday, November 6 – 10:00 AM – through our immediate neighborhood streets
- **Turn Your Clocks Back** – Saturday, November 6 – before going to bed
- **Decorate for Christmas** – Sunday, November 21
- **Meals on Wheels** – Wednesday, November 24

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 holiday season. Many will truly touch your heart in special ways. Small print booklets are 75¢ and large print booklets will be \$1.25.

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