

# crossroads circuit rider



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AND NOW THESE  
THREE REMAIN:  
*faith, hope and love*  
BUT THE  
GREATEST  
OF THESE IS  
*love*

1 CORINTHIANS 13:13

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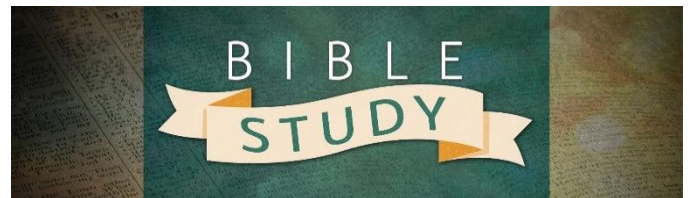


## Join Us for Virtual Worship

The Covid Positivity Rates in Portsmouth and Chesapeake have been over 30% but are slowly declining. For everyone's well being, Crossroads UMC is having **virtual worship** each Sunday. Worship begins at 11:00 AM. The services are also being recorded and will be available on our Facebook page. You will find this at:

[www.facebook.com/CrossroadsUnitedMethodistChurchPortsmouth](https://www.facebook.com/CrossroadsUnitedMethodistChurchPortsmouth).

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



The **weekly small group Bible study** led by Ruth Gilmore continues to be held on Thursday mornings at 10:00 AM in the church fellowship hall. They are working their way through the New Testament at this time. **All** are welcome to come and participate. You will be blessed.

## Many Thanks for All That Made Christmas Special At Crossroads



Thank you to everyone who ordered the **poinsettias** that adorned the altar for the Advent/Christmas season. They went a long way to bringing the spirit into the sanctuary.



The Wesley Community Center was overjoyed with all the donations that filled the **Manger of Love**. The many toys, books, puzzles, and such were very much appreciated by .



The Choir did a beautiful job presenting their special **Christmas Worship Music** on Sunday, December 19 during the 11:00 AM service. You heard renditions of "O Come, All Ye Faithful", "Do You Hear What I Hear", and "Jesus, Oh, What a Wonderful Child". Harlan worked hard putting this together. Wait till you see what he has planned for the Easter season!



**Crossroads' Dance Team** has weekly practice on Saturdays. They meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays during the year. This will be such an inspiring ministry at Crossroads.

The **Crossroads United Methodist Women** will have an Executive meeting on Sunday Jan 30<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM in the Social Hall. They will be discussing the year's plans. Remember all our Circles would be happy to have new members. Think about it!

## Financial Information

## Get Your Sewing Machines and Scissors Ready for the Next Project

Your **Financial Statements** for 2021 are prepared and Nancy Clark will be passing them out as soon as we are back into Church. If you need more than the statement for your taxes, please let her know and she will see that whatever you need is provided.

**Offering envelopes** for the year are in the narthex. Just take a box. Nancy does not need the number on the box. Please remember to write your name on the envelope when you put it into the offering plate. Thank you!

Thank you all for your participation in the recent walker bag/tote bag mission project. Last November 40 tote backs packed with shampoo, conditioner, toothbrushes, toothpaste, lotion, hand sanitizer, tissues, notebooks, and pens were delivered to the H.E.R. shelter. In December, about 80 walker bags packed with socks, puzzle books, pencils, tissues, lotion, and hand sanitizer were delivered to underserved senior facilities in our community. The Red, White, and Blue themed fabric walker bags went to the Veterans Hospital nursing facility in Hampton. Thirty-two adult bibs were also being distributed with the walker bags and sugar free candy was also going out to each facility. Representatives from the receiving facilities have expressed extreme appreciation for these donations to their clients and residents.



## Crossroads' Food Pantry is Greatly Used

**Their next project will be to make pillowcases for the H.E.R. shelter and "hero" capes for EDMARC Children's Hospice and Red Bird Mission. We will meet on Friday & Saturday, February 11 & 12, 2022 beginning at 10 AM each day in room 13 at New Creation UMC. And as always, they need cutters and pressers too – not just folks who sew.**

**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.

While there are all of the materials needed for the hero capes, they will need donations of cotton fabric to make pillowcases. One yard each of two coordinating 42- to 44-inch-wide fabrics will make 2 pillowcases. So, look through your stash for any suitable fabric you might have – in addition to the ladies at the shelter there are also young children as well as teenage children who reside there with their mothers so consider that when making fabric selections. They will also be accepting monetary donations to purchase fabric. If you've never made burrito pillowcases you are in for a treat. They are really fun and simple. So, get your machines tuned up and ready to go. Look forward to seeing you in February 2022.

## Get Ready to Clean-up

Please share this information with anyone that you think might want to join in for this mission project of the United Methodist Women and contact Tracy with any questions at 757-407-3468 (call or text) or email at [mamaq8888@cox.net](mailto:mamaq8888@cox.net)

Perhaps you have noticed that there are boxes in the back hallways of the Sanctuary building. 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.

In His Service, Tracy Grandon



**Crossroads Community Prayer Walks** were put on hold because of the inclement weather we have been having. The hopes are that they will begin again in March. The first Saturday of the month is what has been chosen as the meetup day. That being said, it is on the calendar for Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM. Wear your church t-shirt, if you have one, and meet on the steps of the sanctuary. If it's chilly, peak inside to see if walkers are trying to stay warm.



## Two Ongoing Monthly Volunteer Opportunities for You:

- **Meals on Wheels** will be delivered on 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday, February 23. To volunteer, contact Ginny Collins.
- **Oasis Ministries Breakfast** will be prepared and served on 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday, February 24. If you would help with this, contact Iverson Garrison.

## Upcoming Events:

- **Bible Study** with Ruth Gilmore – Fellowship Hall – Thursdays – 10:00 AM
- **Ballet** – each Saturday @ 1:00 PM
- **Food Pantry** – each Tuesday – 10:00 AM till noon
- **Communion Sunday** – February 6<sup>th</sup> – 11:00 AM
- **Sewing @ New Creation – Fri & Sat, Feb. 11 & 12**
- **Meals on Wheels** – Wednesday, February 23
- **Oasis Breakfast** – Thursday, February 24
- **Ash Wednesday** – March 2

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