

crossroads circuit rider



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Our next **Crossroads Community Prayer Walk** is scheduled for Saturday, October 1st, **weather permitting**. With Ian still hanging around, note that if it's raining, then the walk will be cancelled. If held, meet in front of the Sanctuary at 10:00 AM and wear your church t-shirt or any light blue shirt.

Clean out, Organize, and Move Forward in the Name of Crossroads

A **reorganization** to move forward as Crossroads UMC is long overdue. To begin this journey together, we are asking volunteers to help clean out West End and Broad Street paraphernalia so we can begin fresh as Crossroads.

The first day of this process will be **Saturday, October 22**. The start location will be the Social Hall. Beginning at **12 noon** the storage room will be cleaned out and the pictures of pastors on the wall will be taken down.

From there it will go to West End's History Room and so forth. This will take time, but it needs to be done. This is being called **"Dumpster Day"** even though there will not be a dumpster per se. Please volunteer to help with this project

Be A Part of Our Leadership Circle

- We Saved a Seat for You 🍷

Who: **Everyone**

When: **Third Tuesday of every month**

Time: **7:00 PM**

What: **We are entering into a time of discernment as a faith community.**

Crossroads is entering a new time of ministry. Questions to be asked: What are we discerning? How do we work together to serve God and our community? What can we do to streamline internal communication and processes? Where are our priorities in a post Covid world? How can "I" serve? In a perfect world, describe the church. Plan on being part of this new beginning.



The **weekly small group Bible study** led by Ruth Gilmore has been viewing and discussing **The Chosen, season 2**, on Thursdays mornings at 10:00 AM, in the church fellowship hall. **All** are welcome to come and participate. You will be blessed.





Join Us on Sundays for In Person Worship!

Join us for **in person worship** each **Sunday 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.



The **Crossroads United Women in Faith** had a very nice World Thank dinner on September 21, 2022. The program was great and the food wonderful. Thank you to all who attended. The Nominations Committee presented the slate of officers for the new year, so they are ready to start off 2023.

Their treasury is in real need of funds. They have two projects that they are ending the year with. First – selling of Planation Nuts. They make wonderful Christmas presents and they are really good. See any Circle member to put in our order.

Second – They are sponsoring the Friendship and Remembrance bulletin again this year. It was a great success last year. You can honor and remember your friends, family, or anyone you wish. Donations are accepted and appreciated in whatever amount you care to give. The bulletin will be ready on November 20, 2022. There are slips in the narthex for the bulletin.

The deadline for both of these projects is November 9th. The nuts will be in before Christmas.

As always remember you are invited to join either of the Circle meetings.

For current photos and news updates,
check us out at
<http://www.facebook.com/CrossroadsUnitedMethodistChurchPortsmouth>

Stewardship Corner

-submitted by Georgia Garrison-

“Bearing Fruit for Jesus”

In the coming weeks our congregation will be involved in an exciting stewardship program titled **Bearing Fruit for Jesus: His Grace and Power at Work within You**. Jesus said, *“I am the Vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit”* (John 15:5). When we abide in Jesus, it follows naturally that we bear fruit. Fruit characterizes the life of a Christian. During the three-week program, we will grow in our understanding of how we bear fruit for Jesus.

Under the banner of **Bearing Fruit for Jesus**, you are invited to join us in this program as we grow as stewards of all that God gives us. The sermon messages will offer these weekly themes:

- **October 9 - Fruitful Use of Time**
- **October 16 - Fruitful Use of Talents**
- **October 23 - Fruitful Use of Money (Harvest Sunday)**

In addition, Pastor Camille will be sharing a stewardship sermon on October 2 to begin our stewardship emphasis.

God prepares and equips us so we can use all of his gifts to his glory. God’s deeds of fruit are seen in and through us as we use the gifts that he has given to us, giving reasons for others to praise the Father in heaven (Matthew 5:16).

It is our prayer that you will attend the worship services, which will open up God’s Word so you can better understand what it means to be bear fruit for Jesus. May we all grow stronger in our commitment to serve him as we continue to experience all the blessings he entrusts to us.

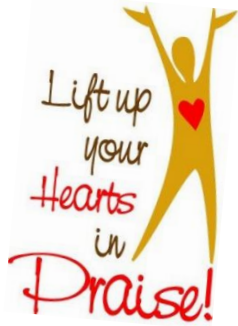
Bulletin inserts with the Plan for Bearing Fruit will be dedicated on Harvest Sunday, October 23. Additional cards will be available in the church narthex during the month of October. If you are unable to attend on Harvest Sunday, please return your form to the church office at your convenience. As you approach your commitment decisions, seek God’s guidance in prayer. Let love guide you in your decision.

Always remember all the ministries of Crossroads United Methodist in your prayers as we serve and work together in Christ.



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. The next performance will be **October 30**. This is such an inspiring ministry at Crossroads.



The We Praise Band will bring songs of Joy & Praise at the October 16 Worship Service.



World Communion Sunday

Every year on the first Sunday in October, on October 2nd this year, Christians around the globe celebrate **World Communion Sunday**. It is a day to remember that Jesus Christ is the Head of the Church and that every Christian Church and any denomination that promotes Christian unity are one. There are cards in your pew explaining more.

Halloween Party

There will not be a Trunk or Treat this year. Instead, there will be a **Halloween Party** after church on **Sunday, October 30**. The Ballet Troop and our children are invited to come that day and stay afterwards. See Lisa Boettcher for more info and how you can help.



Crossroads' Food Pantry is a Blessing to the Community

Crossroads' Food Pantry is open on **Tuesdays 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM**. There is a shortage in food available from the Food Bank currently. 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.

Upcoming Events:

- **Community Prayer Walk** – Sat, October 1 – 10:00 AM
- **Communion Sunday** – October 2 – 11:00 AM
- **Stewardship Emphasis begins** – October 2
- **Choir Practice** – Thursdays – 7:00 PM
- **"The Chosen" Bible Study** with Ruth Gilmore – Fellowship Hall – Thursdays – 10:00 AM
- **Ballet** – each Saturday @ 1:00 PM
- **Food Pantry** – Tuesdays – 10:00 AM till noon
- **Leadership Circle** – October 18 – 7:00 PM
- **"Dumpster Day"** – Sat, October 22 – 12 noon
- **Meals on Wheels** – Wednesday, October 26
- **Oasis Breakfast** – Thursday, October 27
- **Ballet performance** – Sun, October 30
- **Halloween party** – Sun, October 30 – after church

Ongoing Volunteer Opportunities:

- **Food Pantry** will be filling and handing out bags of food on Tuesdays between 10:00 AM and noon. To volunteer, contact Ronnie Perkins or David Lutz.
- **Meals on Wheels** will be delivered on 4th Wednesday, October 26. To volunteer, contact Ginny Collins.
- **Oasis Ministries Breakfast** will be prepared and served on 4th Thursday, October 27. If you would help with this, contact Iverson Garrison.

Please consider this.



The month of October is designated as **Pastor Appreciation Month**.

This is a time for our congregation to give thanks to God for our pastor. It is also a time to demonstrate to our pastor genuine appreciation for her service.

