

crossroads circuit rider



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Daniel did more than survive
a den of hungry lions!



Vacation Bible School is Set for

Monday, July 17 – Thursday, July 20 / 9:00 AM-12:00 PM

Join Daniel—torn from his home and forced into the king's service. Imagine the pressure of learning a new language and culture...and the shock of discovering your best friends have been tossed into a fiery furnace. Explore exotic sights and smells in a Babylonian bazaar! Kids will find that they're not much different from Daniel and his friends, who kept their faith in a faithless culture.

Our kids will learn that:

- When things change, God is with you.
- When you need help, God is with you.
- When you're afraid, God is with you.
- When you're lonely, God is with you.
- When you're thankful, God is with you.

Lisa Boettcher is our director this year so stay tuned for more info on how you can help.

Could You Help by Sponsoring a Child for Vacation Bible School?

Would you consider sponsoring a child (or more than one) for Vacation Bible School with a **donation of \$20.00 per child**? This would be a blessing to a child, who may hear of God's love for the very first time while attending our VBS, not to mention the financial benefit it will be for this Crossroads ministry. If so, please complete the slip below and make all checks payable to "Crossroads UMC", reflecting VBS on the memo line. If you are willing to contribute, but are unable to sponsor one child, please indicate the amount you are willing to donate in the "Other" space below.

NAME: _____
VBS SPONSORSHIP OF (Please circle): \$20 \$40 \$60
Other _____

Reappointments for 2023-2024

PORTSMOUTH: Centenary: John W. Cole II (10)
Community: Timothy M. Stockton (1) PL
Crossroads: Camille D. Pentsil (5)
Monumental: H. Celeste Heath (6)
Saint Andrew's: James P. Bowers (6)
Saint Mark: Waverly C. Smith III (1) RL

Crossroads is happy to announce that Rev. Camille Pentsil has been **reappointed by the Virginia Conference** for another year. This will mark the beginning of her fifth year with us. God is good!

Bless the LORD,
O my soul, and
all that is within me,
bless his holy
name!

PSALM 103:1



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.



Discover the Possibilities

Get ready to dream! Rev. Jason Stanley is scheduled to meet with Crossroads on **Saturday, September 16th** from 8:30 AM till 3:00 PM. This is when we will work together to help discover the possibilities for Crossroads moving forward in its ministry. Rev. Stanley is the Revitalization Coordinator for the Coastal Virginia District. It is asked that you be in prayer about this. Crossroads needs you.



The Thursday morning **Ladies Bible Study** group has begun viewing the third season of **The Chosen**. This will take them through the summer and end on Thursday, August 10th. Ruth Gilmore is the study leader and leads the group in thought provoking discussions.

The **Chosen** is the first-ever multi-season series about the life of Christ. Tens of million viewers have watched the series. This is a show that explores Jesus through the eyes of those that knew Him. Join the group on Thursday mornings at **10:00 AM** in the Social Hall. See what everyone is talking about.

Volunteers Continually Needed!

Crossroads is at a turning point and to help us grow forward we need some more people to step up to the plate, so to speak. Sounds simple but **we need the following:**

- Someone to click the Power Point during the Sunday worship service
- People who would help with Children's Sunday School

If you would like more information about these areas, see Lisa Boettcher.



Crossroads' Food Pantry is a Blessing to the Community

Crossroads' Food Pantry is now USDA Certified. This will mean that our pantry can qualify for more food to distribute to our community. It also will mean more paperwork.

It 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. See David Lutz 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.



The **We Praise** Band will bring songs of Joy & Praise at the July 9 & 23 and August 13 & 27 Worship Services.

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



Crossroads United Methodist Men will meet in the Social Hall every other month on the last Sunday at 8:00 AM. They will meet next on August 27th. You are encouraged to attend. – Gerald Pentsil



The Crossroads **United Women in Faith** held their summer "Cook In" on June 21st. The food and fellowship were wonderful. Everyone enjoyed the Bunco game time after eating.

They will take a break for the rest of the summer and come back together in the Fall with their World Thank Covered Dish Dinner on September 20 @ 6:00 PM. As part of this evening there will be a speaker – the director from the Wesley Community Center. Everyone is invited to this event.



Crossroads' Ballet Troupe has weekly practice on every Saturday of the month. 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.

Their next performance is Sunday, July 30 during Worship.

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.

Weekly/Monthly Volunteer Opportunities:

- **Food Pantry** will be filling and handing out bags of food on Tuesdays between 10:00 AM and noon. To volunteer, contact David Lutz.
- **Meals on Wheels** will be delivered on 4th Wednesday, July 26 & August 23. To volunteer, contact Ginny & Willie Collins.
- **Oasis Ministries Breakfast** will be prepared and served on 4th Thursday, July 27 & August 24. To volunteer, contact Iverson Garrison.

Please consider this.



Daily Devotion Publication Available in Narthex

The Upper Room daily devotional booklet is available in our narthex. Small print booklets are 75¢ and large print booklets will be \$1.25.

Crossroads' Prayer List

-continue to keep these members in your prayers-

Nancy Clark
Lila Cox
Kathy McLaughlin
Charlie Morton
Ronnie Perkins
Debbie Wright
Robert Wright (deployed to Iraq)



If you know of a church member that would appreciate our prayers, send your request to queenbeez@cox.net. These will rotate off the list each month unless notified otherwise.



July Opportunities

- **Ballet Practice** – Saturdays @ 1:00 PM (no ballet on July 1)
- **Communion @ Sunday Worship** – Sunday, July 2 – 11:00 AM
- **We Praise practice** – Mondays – 7:00 PM
- **Food Pantry** – Tuesdays – 10:00 AM till noon
- **Independence Day** – office closed
- **Ladies Bible Study** – Thursdays – 10:00 AM
- **We Praise Sundays** – July 9 & 23 – 11:00 AM
- **Vacation Bible School** – July 17-20 – 9:00 AM-12:00 PM
- **Meals on Wheels** – Wednesday, July 26
- **Oasis Breakfast** – Thursday, July 27
- **Ballet Performs** – Sunday, July 30 – 11:00 AM

August Opportunities



- **Ballet Practice** – Saturdays @ 1:00 PM
- **Communion @ Sunday Worship** – Sunday, August 6 – 11:00 AM
- **We Praise practice** – Mondays – 7:00 PM
- **Food Pantry** – Tuesdays – 10:00 AM till noon
- **Ladies Bible Study** – Thursdays – 10:00 AM – ends on August 10
- **We Praise Sundays** – August 13 & 27 – 11:00 AM
- **Meals on Wheels** – Wednesday, August 23
- **Oasis Breakfast** – Thursday, August 24
- **United Methodist Men** – Sunday, August 27 – 8:00 AM

Help Keep Our Buildings, Staff, Members, and Visitors Safe

PLEASE make sure that **all** doors are locked before leaving either church facility. Your help in this matter would be greatly appreciated.

To ensure the safety of our buildings and office secretary, **ALL** doors need to be locked before you leave. Any door that has a keypad can be locked from the outside by pressing the lock button on the keypad.

Joys, Thanks, & News



Viola Higgins, longtime member of West End UMC and Crossroads UMC, has a new address and phone number.

Lake Prince Woods
Anna Goode Way #413
Suffolk, VA 23465
757-923-5965

She moved on June 1, 2023, and lives in their Assisted Living. Send her a card and let her know you are thinking of her.



...or from Your Church Responsibilities

Crossroads is asking for the assistance of all members in keeping pledges current and when possible, paying them ahead of time when you will be away from church for extended periods. An **adequate balance in the Operating Fund** over the summer months is important. As you have probably heard during Sunday services, we need approximately \$3000 a week to operate. Thank you for helping with this.



July Birthdays:

- 1 – Mark Goldman
- 4– Kathy McLaughlin
- 10 – Kathy Rogerson
- 17 – Georgia Garrison
- 19 – Debbie Wright
- 29 – Liz Lipp

August Birthdays:

- 2 – Tyler Brown
- 5 – Kay Perkins
- 8 – Donald Garrison

-if you have a birthday or anniversary that's not listed,
let queenbeez@cox.net know-



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