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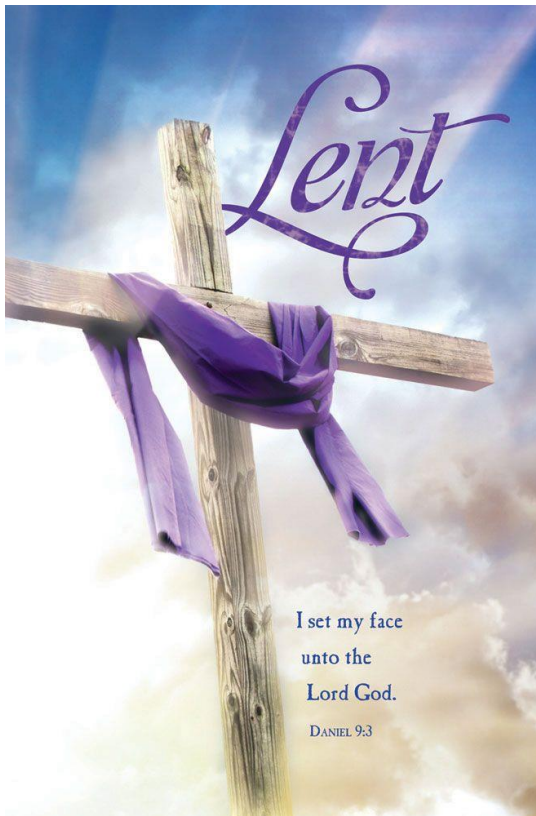
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Daylight Saving Time  
Begins on  
Sunday, March 13

Remember to set your clocks ahead one hour before going to bed on **Saturday, March 11** so as to arrive at church at the correct time the next day.



## Join Us for In Person Worship!

Join us for **in person worship** each **Sunday at 11:00 AM!**  
The sermons in Lent will be based on the book of Psalms.

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).

## Be A Part of Our Leadership Circle - We Saved a Seat for You -

Who: **Everyone!**

When: **Third Tuesday of this month → March 21**

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.



United  
Women  
in Faith

The Crossroads **United Women in Faith** enjoyed getting together for a social in February which involved going to the movies and afterwards having dinner out.

They will have their first General Meeting of the year on Wednesday, April 19 at 7:00 PM. This will be a Call to Prayer and Self Denial.

Their first fundraiser will be the dedication of Easter flowers. Look for the information elsewhere in this edition and also in the sanctuary.

Remember, both of our Circles would be happy to have new members. Think about it!



## 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 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.



**Crossroads United Methodist Men** will meet in the Social Hall every 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday at 8:00 AM. This month that will be March 26<sup>th</sup>. You are encouraged to attend. – Gerald Pentsil



The **We Praise Band** will bring songs of Joy & Praise at the March 12<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> Worship Services.

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



Crossroads is blessed to have two very talented musicians to help us out at our worship services. Elaine Brinkley and Tricia Bright have been alternating each Sunday when needed. Thank you to them both.

The We Praise Band is also helping out. They will lead the music on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month. Thank you to Mark Goldman and the crew for being there when we need them.

The SPPRC has met to discuss hiring a new pianist/organist/choir director. If you know of someone who would fill in while the search is on, let Georgia Freeman know.

## Pray and "Archive"

Crossroads Monthly **Day of Prayer** will be held Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM. Join us that day in the sanctuary as we pray for our community and especially our children.

Afterwards, they will get to work **archiving** the church storage boxes and closets. Anything of possible worth will be placed in the Social Hall to be perused and then the remainder disposed of. If you see anything on the tables, please help yourself.

## Time to Order Easter Flowers



Add to the beauty of our sanctuary this Easter by purchasing a geranium in honor and/or in memory of loved ones. These spring flowers may be purchased at a cost of \$13.00 each – checks made out to **"Crossroads United Methodist Women"**. The deadline for placing orders is Sunday, March 26.

*Complete this form and place in box in narthex or give to Susan Cohen or Missy Rapp.*

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_



**Crossroads' Dance Team** has weekly practice on every Saturday of the month. 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.

Their next performance is April 30<sup>th</sup>. 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.

For current photos and news updates,  
check us out at  
[http://www.facebook.com/CrossroadsUnited  
MethodistChurchPortsmouth](http://www.facebook.com/CrossroadsUnitedMethodistChurchPortsmouth)

## World Day of Prayer 2023

Women, men, and children in more than 170 countries and regions will celebrate **World Day of Prayer, Friday, March 3, 2023**. This year the women of Taiwan call us to worship with the words "I Have Heard About Your Faith." The WDP 2023 program is based on Ephesians 1:15-19, the letter sent to a faith community to express gratitude. Paul gave thanks to God for the Ephesians living out their love and faith, and prayed that they could see these three truths: the hope to which God has called the disciples, the riches of God's glorious inheritance among the saints, and the immeasurable greatness of God's power.

This year's service will be held on **March 3, 2023**, at **Park View Christian Church**, 3201 Western Branch Blvd, Chesapeake. Refreshments and fellowship will be at 10:30 AM followed by the worship service at 11:00 AM. Invite your friends, family, and communities of faith to join the women of Taiwan in prayer and song, supporting ecumenical efforts toward justice, peace and healing. The offering that day helps meet the needs of families in Taiwan and around the world who are victims of many forms of poverty, violence, and injustice.

World Day of Prayer is a worldwide ecumenical movement of Christian woman of many traditions who come together to observe a common day of prayer each year on the first Friday in March. World Day of Prayer was founded on the idea that prayer and action are inseparable in the service of God's kingdom. Each year a different country's committee serves as the writers of the World Day of Prayer worship service. And each year, we are called to action in response to the concerns raised by the writer country. For more information, contact Vernelle Lewis, President at (757) 558-0213 or World Day of Prayer USA at [www.wdp-usa.org](http://www.wdp-usa.org). or World Day of Prayer USA | 475 Riverside Drive, 15th Floor, New York, NY 10115

### Upcoming Events:

- **World Day of Prayer** – March 3
- **Prayer & Archive** – March 4 – 10:00 AM
- **Communion Sunday** – March 5 – 11:00 AM
- **Ballet** – Saturdays @ 1:00 PM
- **Food Pantry** – Tuesdays – 10:00 AM till noon
- **Circle of Friends** – Tuesday, March 7 – 7:00 PM
- **Circle of Grace** – Wednesday, March 8 – 6:00 PM
- **We Praise Sundays** – March 12 & 26 – 11:00 AM
- **Leadership Circle** – Tuesday, March 21 – 7:00 PM
- **Meals on Wheels** – Wednesday, March 22
- **Oasis Breakfast** – Thursday, March 23
- **United Methodist Men** – Sunday, March 26 – 8:00 AM

### 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 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday, March 22. To volunteer, contact Ginny & Willie Collins.
- **Oasis Ministries Breakfast** will be prepared and served on 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday, March 23. If you would help with this, contact Iverson Garrison.

*Please consider this.*

## March Prayer List

-continue to keep these members in your prayers-

Lila Cox  
Kathy McLaughlin  
Charlie Morton  
Ronnie Perkins  
Debbie Wright  
the family of Betty Ozmon  
the family of John Selby, Jr.

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



## Meals on Wheels Of Portsmouth Inc.

**Meals on Wheels of Portsmouth** is in need of VOLUNTEERS & DONATIONS. Meals on Wheels of Portsmouth Inc. is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization and is completely funded by the generous contributions of others. They receive no government funding and depend solely on donations from private citizens, businesses, grants, civic organizations, and service clubs. These contributions help them to fulfil their mission of providing healthy meals, friendly smiles, and warm reassurance to their homebound recipients.

Meals on Wheels of Portsmouth provides more than meals; they also provide a connection with the outside community and a daily "check-in" to ensure client safety and well-being. All donations, large or small, are gratefully received. It's support from generous businesses, local clubs/ lodges/ organizations, and their local corporate citizens that allow them to provide much needed assistance to their community members. All donations, large or small, are gratefully received. Your donation may be tax-deductible based on the donor's particular tax situation.

Please support them by **mailing your tax-deductible donation** to:

Meals on Wheels of Portsmouth  
1149 Jolliff Road  
Chesapeake, VA 23321

Can you **Volunteer**? Are you retired? Do you have a car? Are you free from 10:45 AM to 12:15 PM on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month? Volunteer to deliver meals for Meals on Wheels Portsmouth. You pick up your list of meal recipients and meals from Westhaven Baptist Church on Caroline Avenue in Portsmouth. Let Ginny or Willie Collins know if you are available.

