

# crossroads circuit rider



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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/CrossroadsUnitedMethodistChurch  
Portsmouth.](http://www.facebook.com/CrossroadsUnitedMethodistChurchPortsmouth)



Instead of our annual Easter Egg Hunt, there will be a **Spring Fling for Children** on Sunday, April 30. Lisa Boettcher and Elaine Brinkley will be heading this up. Help will be needed for snacks, crafts, games, etc. Let them know that you can help in some way.

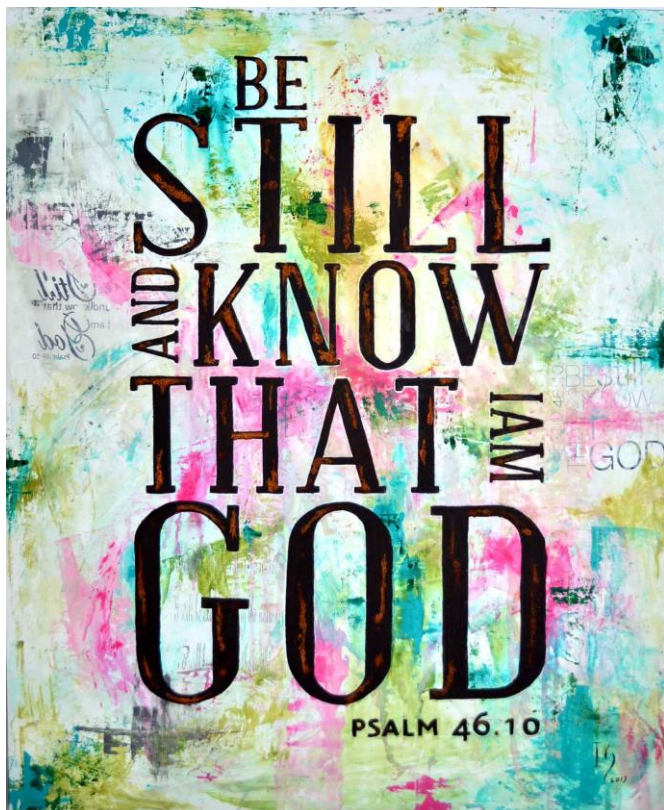


The Thursday morning **Ladies Bible Study** group has reconvened. Ruth Gilmore is the study leader. They have decided to study The Book of Daniel. It is so right for today. Join the group on Thursday mornings at 10:00 AM in the Social Hall. If you have any questions, ask Ruthie.

## Join in on Refreshing Crossroads

Crossroads will have its next day to **refresh the buildings** on Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup> / 9:00-11:00 AM. The focus on this day will be the hallway behind the sanctuary to the left. There is a pile of boxes from the former Broad Street UMC that need to be gone through.

One going through has already occurred and items such as bank statements were shredded. See David Lutz if you would like to be included in this event.



## Volunteers Needed!

Crossroads is at a turning point and to help us grown 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.

## Be A Part of Our Leadership Circle

Everyone is invited to be a part of the **Leadership Circle at Crossroads UMC**. They meet on the third Tuesday of each month. This month it will be May 16<sup>th</sup>. Join them in the Social Hall at 7:00 PM. This is where the "turning point" of Crossroads' ministry is discussed.



United  
Women  
in Faith

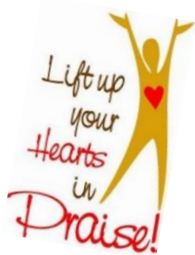
The Crossroads **United Women in Faith** had its first General Meeting of the year on April 19<sup>th</sup>. This was a Call to Prayer and Self Denial.

Thank you to everyone who purchased an Easter flower. The altar was beautiful for this special day. There were forty-six geraniums in a variety of colors – red, fuchsia, pink. This gave the UWF a profit of \$148.

They will get together on Saturday, April 29 @ 1:00 PM to put together flower arrangements for Autumn Care Nursing Home. This will be a nice addition to their dining room for Mother's Day.

The ladies are planning on another movie outing on Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup> to see "Book Club 2". Afterwards they hope to eat dinner at Surf Rider Restaurant. Anyone is welcome to join them.

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



The **We Praise Band** will bring songs of Joy & Praise at the May 14 & 28 Worship Services.

The We Praise Band consists of Mark Goldman – worship leader & guitar, 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 in April on the 30<sup>th</sup>. And their next meeting will be Sunday, June 25. You are encouraged to attend. – Gerald Pentsil



## Bereavement Support

The Crossroads' **Bereavement Committee** needs to be reorganized. It has been decided to create two teams – Team A and Team B. Each team would be responsible for connecting with the family of a Church member who has passed. They will offer whatever assistance is needed to the family. Ex. Meal after the service, staying at their home during the service, making a memorial donation in memory of the member are just some of the ways we can assist.

They feel that by dividing into two teams they can incorporate all the members of the church. Each team will have a leader and members to assist and will alternate the responsibility. Nancy Clark will be the Leader of Team A so a volunteer to be the Leader of Team B is needed. Please prayerfully consider this and let Nancy know if you would take the position as Team B's leader. The Team Leader can also select members to serve on their team. They feel that this will be a good way to get the whole congregation involved. Let Nancy Clark know if you would be a Team Leader.



## 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.





Dear Friends,

Grace and Peace be with you! It is hard to believe one-third of 2023 is already over! We are quickly coming up on Mother's Day.

As you may recall, the 2022 Virginia Annual Conference agreed to encourage each church in the conference to support a special offering appeal for the Pinnacle Living Samaritan Program through a love offering or mission gift sometime between Mother's Day (May 14) to Father's Day (June 18).

We are very blessed to have four United Methodist affiliated retirement communities in our conference – Hermitage Richmond, Hermitage Roanoke, Cedarfield, and WindsorMeade. As people are living longer, there are times residents outlive their financial resources. The Samaritan Program supports those who find themselves in this situation. In the last fiscal year, the Samaritan Program provided support to 12 persons totaling \$338,137. The average age of a recipient was 96.5 years old!

To assist you, there are resources available at <https://www.pinnacleliving.org/samaritan-program>. You will find:

- General Church Information
- Communication Suggestions including bulletin announcements, newsletter articles and social media posts.
- PowerPoint Presentation that can be added to your announcement slides for worship. Also, they have been separated individually as an option for their use.
- There is also a video of a sermon for Samaritan Program

If you have any questions, please contact me by phone at 804 347 8391 or by email at [cwickham@pinnacleliving.org](mailto:cwickham@pinnacleliving.org).

I am also available to preach or provide a program on the Samaritan Program.

Thank you for your help in supporting the most vulnerable residents!

In Christ,  
Charles W. Wickham  
Director of Donor Development  
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