

crossroads circuit rider



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Our next **Crossroads Community Prayer Walk** is scheduled for Saturday, November 5, **weather permitting**. If held, meet in front of the Sanctuary at 10:00 AM and wear your church t-shirt or any light blue shirt.



November 6 – “Fall Back” – Daylight Saving Time Ends – It’s that time when we turn our timepieces back one hour before we retire for the night.

All Saints Day

All Saints Day at Crossroads will be observed on **Sunday, November 6** during the worship service. At this time, we will honor those souls who have passed away in the last twelve months. If you have a family member or someone close you would like to have remembered, let Nancy Clark or the office know.



On **Sunday, November 6** the above “invite cards” will be handed out to those in attendance. It is hoped you will use them to invite others to your church. This could be your family and friends or those you meet in your daily lives. Let them know this is a good place to be during the Advent season and beyond.

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

Who: **Everyone!**

When: **Third Tuesday of every month → November 15**

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.

Recycle Day @ I.C. Norcom High School

The City of Portsmouth will host a **free drive-through** household hazardous waste collection, document shredding, electronics recycling, and clothing collection event in the I.C. Norcom High School parking lot on **Saturday, November 19 / 9:00 AM till 12:00 Noon.**

Crossroads plans on taking advantage of this local event to recycle items collected during our clean-up instead of putting them in the dump.

There might be a need for several trucks. Do you have a truck that could be used that day? Talk to Ronnie Perkins to see how you can help.



The We Praise Band will bring songs of Joy & Praise at the November 20 Worship Service.

The Manger of Love for the Wesley Center

The Manger of Love is on display in the Sanctuary. it will be used to collect unwrapped toys, books, socks, gloves, puzzles, etc. as well as cash donations for the **Wesley Community Center**. It will be on display through December 11th. See Nancy Clark for more information or to give a monetary donation.

Poinsettias for Christmas



Poinsettias will be available to order soon. These will adorn the Sanctuary during the Christmas season. Stay tuned...



Sunday, November 20

right after worship (we're ordering pizza!)

Come help us decorate the church for Christmas!

Come be a part of the **Hanging of the Greens** to decorate our church for Christmas. We will meet after church on **November 20th** for pizza and then decorate the Church. Many hands make for little work for those who will participate. We have a beautiful tree to decorate plus the windows and arches and the doors of the Church. It is good work, and we hope to see a lot of helpers that day. Men are really needed to get the tree up and to the high decorations. So, plan on joining everyone on November 20th after church.



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



United
Women
in Faith

The **Crossroads United Women in Faith** are approaching the end of the year. One of their goals each year is to meet their Pledge to Missions to the District. The last couple of years have been lean and they really need your help with meeting this pledge.

Their two money making projects for the end of the year are selling of Plantation Nuts and the Friendship and Remembrance bulletin. They Pledge \$1,890.00 to the district for mission work in the world. That is a pretty good sum for a group of 30 ladies. So, with this in mind, please consider supporting these projects.

The Plantation Nuts make great Christmas presents and they really are good. Also last year was their first year to do the Friendship and Remembrance bulletin and the response was wonderful, they hope it will be again this year. There is a box in the narthex with slips for the bulletin, just fill it out and drop in the box. See any member of the UWF to get your order in for the nuts. They thank you in advance for your support.

FRIENDSHIP AND REMEMBRANCE BULLETIN - November 21, 2022 -

THANKFUL FOR _____

IN REMEMBRANCE _____

BY _____

RELATIONSHIP* _____

Your relationship to the person named. * (i.e., friend, daughter, son, daughter-in-law, son-in-law, grandchildren, mother, father) Donation appreciated for each entry. Checks can be written to Crossroads UMW. PLEASE RETURN THIS TO: Nancy Clark. **Deadline November 9, 2022** --- THANK YOU!



Crossroads' Dance Team has weekly practice on every Saturday of November except November 27. 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.

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



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, November 5 – 10:00 AM
- **Daylight Saving Time Ends** – Sunday, November 6
- **Communion Sunday** – November 6 – 11:00 AM
- **Staff Pastor/Parrish Relations Committee Meeting** – November 8 – 7:00 PM
- **Choir Practice** – Wednesdays (at this time) – 7:00 PM
- **"The Chosen" Bible Study** with Ruth Gilmore – Fellowship Hall – Thursdays – 10:00 AM
- **Ballet** – Saturdays @ 1:00 PM (except November 27)
- **Food Pantry** – Tuesdays – 10:00 AM till noon
- **Leadership Circle** – November 15 – 7:00 PM
- **Recycle Day @ I.C.Norcom HS** – November 19 – 9AM-12Noon
- **We Praise Sunday** – November 20 – 11:00 AM
- **Hanging of the Greens** – November 20 – after pizza lunch
- **Meals on Wheels** – Wednesday, November 23
- **Oasis Breakfast** – Thursday, November 24
- **Charge Conference** – Saturday, December 3 – 10:00 AM-12Noon

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, November 23. To volunteer, contact Ginny Collins.
- **Oasis Ministries Breakfast** will be prepared and served on 4th Thursday, November 24. If you would help with this, contact Iverson Garrison.

Please consider this.

Daily Devotion Publication Available in Narthex

The **November/December** issue of **The Upper Room** daily devotional booklet is located in our narthex. Don't forget to get your copy! If you have not been using The Upper Room, why not try reading the wonderful devotions this holiday season. Many will truly touch your heart in special ways. Small print booklets are 75¢ and large print booklets will be \$1.25.



Charge Conference

Our **Charge Conference** will be held on **Saturday, December 3 – 10:00 AM–12:00 PM**. This will be an in-person meeting with other Coastal Virginia District churches and will take place at **Great Bridge UMC**.



Stewardship Corner

-submitted by Georgia Garrison-

Bearing Fruit for Jesus!

During our recent stewardship program, **Bearing Fruit for Jesus!**, we have focused on how Christ enables us to bear fruit. Spiritual fruit characterizes the life of Christians. Jesus said, *"Remain in me, and I will remain in you ... If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing"* (John 15:4-5). In this passage, Jesus did not say, "You should bear fruit." He stated that, when we remain in him, it follows naturally that we will bear fruit. We are the branches, and we must stay firmly connected to the Vine in order to be mature and fruitful. Jesus calls each of us to stay connected to him. Only as Christ lives in us are we enabled to bear the fruit of his character.

On Harvest Sunday, October 23, we responded to who God is and what he has done and continues to do for us by dedicating cards indicating our intent to be fruitful with our time, talents, and money in 2023. If you have not yet returned your card, perhaps you're still praying about it; maybe you've forgotten it; maybe it's been lost. If so, we encourage you to complete it and return it to the church office at your earliest convenience. Additional cards may be found in the church narthex. In order to carry on the ministry that Christ has commissioned to us (Matthew 28:19-20), Crossroads United Methodist Church needs your support. Always remember all the ministries of our church in your prayers as we serve and work together in Christ. Thank you and may God continue to pour out his blessings on you as you bear fruit for Jesus.

Bearing Fruit for Jesus

Jesus said, "Go and bear fruit" (John 15:16).

"Crossroads UMC Harvest Sunday"
Commitments to Christ and our Church

I COMMIT TO BE FRUITFUL WITH MY TIME:

I COMMIT TO BE FRUITFUL WITH MY TALENTS:

I plan to do the following

I COMMIT TO BE FRUITFUL WITH MY MONEY:

As a fruitful steward of my/our material resources, my/our first fruit plan for giving for the upcoming year will be \$_____ weekly or \$_____ monthly or \$_____ annually.

Name (s)

(please print)