

crossroads circuit rider



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Daylight Saving Time
Begins on
Sunday, March 10

Remember to set your clocks ahead one hour before going to bed on **Saturday, March 9** 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 services are also being recorded and will be available on our Facebook page. You will find this at:
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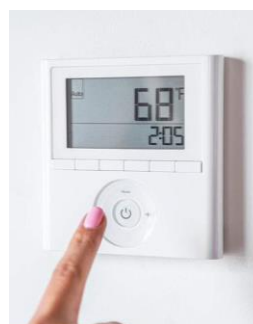
You Are Part of Our Leadership Circle

If you are part of the church called Crossroads and want to see it grow in spirit and number, then you are part of the **Leadership Circle**. There are two upcoming events in March that you should put on your calendar.

On **Tuesday, March 12 @ 7:00 PM**, we will be joined by Kristin Fogle (lay person from Haygood UMC) and Bill Slingerland. They led the Breakthrough Prayer segment at the District Palooza which your editor attended and will help us create our own personalized breakthrough prayer, our first step in our Discover the Possibilities.

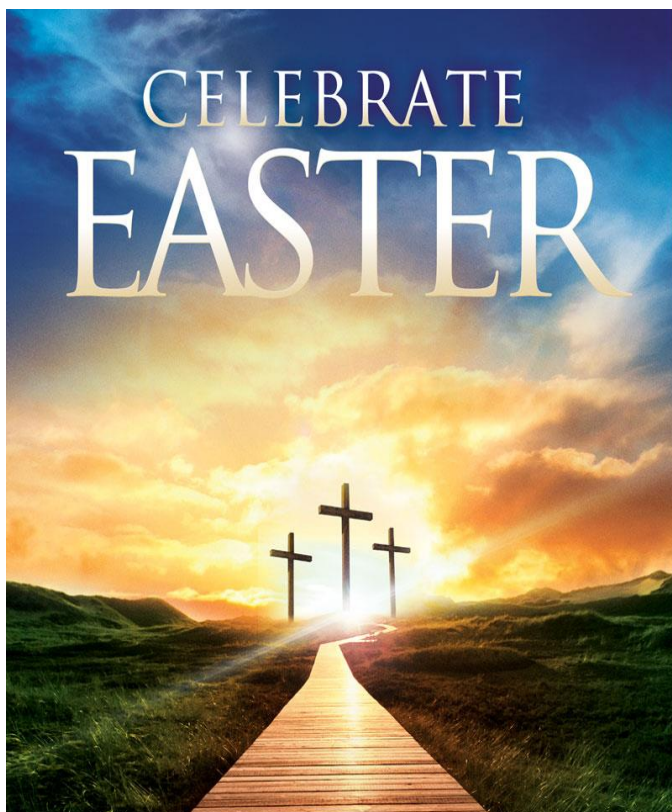
Then on **Tuesday, March 19 @ 7:00 PM**, we will join as a church to discuss Crossroads next steps.

It is hoped that you will make these two meetings a priority.



New Thermostats are Here

A new thermostat has been installed in the social hall. It is programmed at this time for heat during 5:30-9:00 PM on weekday nights. It can be bumped up or down during this time and will return to its programmed heat for the next day's cycle.



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Crossroads will hold their **Easter Egg Hunt** on **Sunday, March 31**, immediately after the Easter Worship service. Help will be needed in collecting treats for the eggs and help in stuffing the eggs. Place any candy, stickers, small trinkets in the Manger of Love located in the Sanctuary by Sunday, March 24. Lisa Boettcher and Elaine Brinkley will be heading this up.



Crossroads' Ballet Team 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 March 31st. 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.



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 will be needed.



The Crossroads **United Women in Faith** will have their first General Meeting of the year on Wednesday, April 17 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 below and in the sanctuary.

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

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 \$14.00 each – checks made out to **"Crossroads United Methodist Women"**. The deadline for placing orders is Sunday, March 10.

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

In Honor of: _____

In Memory of: _____

By: _____



The **We Praise Band** will bring songs of Joy & Praise at the March 17th Worship Services.

The We Praise Band consists of Mark Goldman – 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 on Sunday, **March 31** at 8:00 AM. They will be cooking **breakfast** for the congregation. All are encouraged to attend. – Gerald Pentasil



Stewardship Corner

-submitted by Georgia Garrison-



Easter, a time of wonder and miracles, is just around the corner. It's fitting that Easter takes place during spring – a time for growth and new beginnings. The Easter message of rebirth and life everlasting gives us the hope we need in these times when turmoil is all around. The good news of Christ's resurrection and the promise of victory over sin and death is the message that can give us inner peace when peace in the world seems out of reach. I find comfort in the refrain of the Gaither hymn "Because He Lives" which reads:

*"Because He lives, I can face tomorrow.
Because He lives, all fear is gone.
Because I know He holds the future,
And life is worth the living, just because He lives."*

Yes, peace is possible, even in these times. The calm assurance to face uncertain days is available to us because He lived and died to buy our pardon. What a priceless gift God has given us. The power that raised Jesus from the dead is available to you and me to infuse our lives with hope, to handle life's difficulties and to give us the best gift of all, eternal life.

Easter is not just an event that we celebrate on Easter Sunday. It is our Christian battle cry! Christ is alive! Christ is working through you and me! We must rededicate ourselves this Easter season to our commitment to share this extraordinary news with the world. There should be no better time to share our blessings and gifts for the furthering of His Kingdom than Easter. To Him who loved us and washed away our sins with His own blood, we say "Thank you, Jesus. You are so good to me."

Crossroads thanks you for your continuing support and your stewardship of God's blessings given freely to you. Celebrate God's greatest gift of love this Easter. Christ is risen! Today! Tomorrow! Always! Even unto the ends of the world! Hallelujah!

- **Ballet** – Saturdays @ 1:00 PM
- **Food Pantry** – Tuesdays – 10:00 AM till noon
- **Pastor's Bible Study** – Wednesdays – 7:00 PM
- **We Praise Practice** – Mondays, March 4 & 11 – 7:00 PM
- **3rd Sunday in Lent & Communion Sunday** – March 3 – 11:00 AM
- **4th Sunday in Lent** – Sunday, March 10
- **Deadline for ordering Easter Flowers** – Sunday, March 10
- **Daylight Saving Time begins** – Sunday, March 10
- **Breakthrough Prayer mtg** – Tuesday, March 12 – 7 PM
- **Circle of Grace** – Wednesday, March 13 – 6:00 PM
- **We Praise Sunday** – March 17 – 11:00 AM
- **Leadership Circle** – Tuesday, March 19 – 7:00 PM
- **Palm Sunday** – March 24
- **United Methodist Men / Easter Breakfast for All** – Sunday, March 31 – 8:00 AM
- **Easter Sunday** – March 31
- **Easter Egg Hunt** - Sunday, March 31 – after worship

March Prayer List

-continue to keep these members in your prayers-

Iris Jennings
Vance McEachern, Jr.
Kathy McLaughlin
Charlie Morton
Debbie Wright

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.

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