

# crossroads circuit rider



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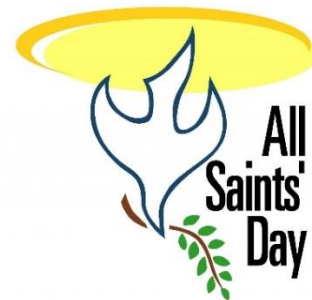
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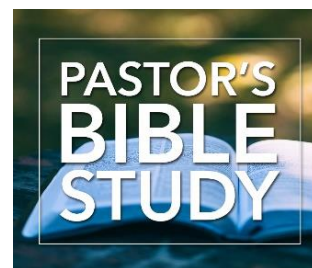
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November 5 – “Fall Back” – Daylight Saving Time Ends – It’s that time when we turn our timepieces back one hour before we retire for the night.



**All Saints Day** at Crossroads will be observed on **Sunday, November 5** 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.



## Join the Weekly Bible Study Every Wednesday Night

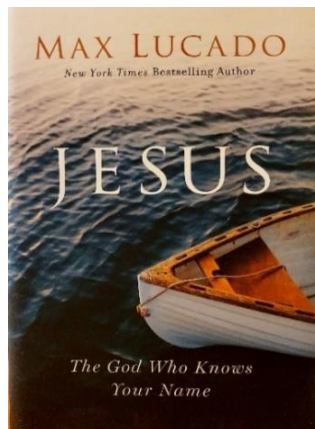
Please join in for **“The Bible Study”** held on **Wednesday, nights at 7:00 PM**. It will be in person at Crossroads and on Zoom. They began with Genesis 1:1 and continue with an in-depth study of the Pentateuch - the first 5 books of the Bible. This is a self-paced, interactive, and reflective immersion into scripture.

Materials will be provided; please bring your favorite Bible, an open mind and prepare to be transformed!

Rev Camille Pentsil

## "Discover the Possibilities"

Crossroads' "Discover the Possibilities" was held on **Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup>**. On that day Rev. Jason Stanley, the Revitalization Coordinator for the Coastal Virginia District, met with us. It was a day of lively discussion and sharing of thoughts and ideas. Jason will be getting back with us on what he feels our next step should be.



### Ladies Bible Study Is Held on Thursdays

The Ladies Bible Study Group is finishing up a study from Max Lucado, "Jes, The God Who Knows Your Name". They meet on Thursdays at 10:00 AM. Contact Ruth Gilmore for more info – [ruthiegilmore@hotmail.com](mailto:ruthiegilmore@hotmail.com) /757-635-9203.

## The District Charge Conference

The **Coastal District Charge Conference** will be held at Oak Grove United Methodist Church on Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup>. Oak Grove is located at 472 Battlefield Blvd. N in Chesapeake, VA. The day will start at 10:00 AM and should finish by 2:30 PM.



### 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/CrossroadsUnitedMethodistChurchPortsmouth](http://www.facebook.com/CrossroadsUnitedMethodistChurchPortsmouth).



The **We Praise** Band will bring songs of Joy & Praise to the November 19 Worship Services.

## Advent Begins December 3<sup>rd</sup>



Come be a part of the **Hanging of the Greens** to decorate our church for Christmas. We will meet after church on **November 19<sup>th</sup>** 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. 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 19<sup>th</sup> after church.

### 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 10<sup>th</sup>. See Nancy Clark for more information or to give a monetary donation.

### Your Help is Always 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:**

- Volunteers to click the Power Point during the Sunday worship service. You get to sit in your pew and keep the PowerPoint going.
- People who would help with Children's Sunday School. They need a second person to be with the leader. That could be you.

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. If you would like to help, contact David Lutz.

It is open on **Tuesdays 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM**. As we go into cooler temps if you have any usable coats or jackets that you could donate, bring them to church. Anything you can do for this program would be a blessing to this ministry and to the people who are served.



Dear Fellow Christians,

*Greetings in the name of our risen Lord and Savior, Jesus!*

Thank you to all those who dedicated commitment forms during our October 22 worship service. Your commitment will further God's work through Crossroads United Methodist Church. The generosity of so many people supports our ministries for children and youth, the elderly, the sick, the shut-ins, our staff, and our facilities, along with outreach and missions.

Our "Excel in the Grace of Giving" stewardship program focused on giving as one response to God's immeasurable love. Throughout the program, we were reminded that giving expresses our gratitude to God for who he is and what he has done for us through his son, Jesus.

We will strive to keep the entire congregation informed on the work of our ministries throughout the year so each of you can see your contributions in action.

Thank you again for sharing your blessings and being a partner in this journey of faith. May God's blessings be with you as you faithfully manage all that he has entrusted to you!

In his love,

*Rev. Camille Pentsil, Pastor*

### Stewardship Corner

-submitted by Georgia Garrison-

## ***Excel in the Grace of Giving!***

### **Thank You for your Commitment, Involvement, and Generosity**

Although our culture makes every attempt to conform us to its worldly ways, as Christians we persevere and cling to our faith, for the one who is in us is greater than all the forces of evil in the world (1 John 4:4). We live in this world, but we are not of this world (John 17:14). By God's grace, he makes our ways become his ways. By his grace, he gives us power to acknowledge him as Creator and Provider of all things. By his grace, he empowers us to fulfill his purpose for our lives. By his grace, he forgives us when we lose our way and restores us again to himself.

It is only because of your commitment, involvement, and generosity to our church that we are able to share the Gospel with both the church and the unchurched. Thank you for the generous giving of your time, talents, and treasures to God through our church. Through your giving, the Gospel is preached, our ministry goes forward, we are blessed, and God is glorified.

God calls and equips us to be generous people. Through his Word and Sacraments, the Holy Spirit transforms us into people who **excel in the grace of giving**.

May God bless you as you faithfully manage all the blessings he has entrusted to your care.

In God's love,

*Georgia Garrison, Stewardship Chair*

## **Update on Nursery and Children's Sunday School**

Currently Crossroads is only providing Sunday School for those 3 years and up. There will be no nursery provided during the Worship hour. If someone comes with a child under the age of three, they will have to sit with their caregiver.



The **Crossroads United Women in Faith** will not have another General Meeting before the end of 2023. But they are in the midst of their end of year fundraisers. They have three projects under way.

First – selling Planation Nuts. They make wonderful Christmas presents and they are yummy (who doesn't like fresh nuts!) See any Circle member to put in your order. Deadline is November 12<sup>th</sup>.

Second – They are sponsoring the Friendship and Remembrance bulletin again this year. You can honor and remember your friends, family, or anyone you wish. Donations are accepted and appreciated in whatever amount you care to give. The bulletin will be ready for the November 19 service. There will be slips in the narthex for this bulletin.

Third – purchasing Poinsettias to be placed on the altar before Christmas. This is always a great way to honor or memorialize someone dear to you, and to beautify the church and your home afterwards.

As always remember you are invited to join either of the Circle meetings.

### **FRIENDSHIP AND REMEMBRANCE BULLETIN -**

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 12, 2022** --- THANK YOU!

For current photos and news updates,  
check us out at

<http://www.facebook.com/CrossroadsUnitedMethodistChurchPortsmouth>





**Crossroads' Ballet Troupe** 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.

On Thanksgiving weekend, the Ballet will not meet on Saturday, November 25. They will be back together on December 2<sup>nd</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.

## Crossroads' Prayer List

-continue to keep these members in your prayers-

Nancy Clark  
Ruth Gilmore  
Connie Holland  
Vance McEachern, Jr.  
Kathy McLaughlin  
Charlie Morton  
Kay Perkins  
Ronnie Perkins  
Debbie Wright

*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.*



# November



- **All Saints Day** - Wednesday, November 3
- **Pastor's Bible Study** – Wednesdays – 7:00-8:00 PM
- **Ladies Bible Study** – Thursdays – 10:00 AM
- **Ballet Practice** – Saturdays @ 1:00 PM (no practice on the 25<sup>th</sup>)
- **Daylight Saving Time Ends** – Sunday, November 5
- **Communion @ Sunday Worship** – Sunday, November 5 – 11:00 AM
- **All Saints Day observed** – Sunday, November 5 – 11:00 AM
- **We Praise practice** – November 6 – 7:00 PM
- **Food Pantry** – Tuesdays – 10:00 AM till noon
- **Circle of Friends** – Tuesday, November 7 – 7:00 PM
- **SPPR Meeting** - Wednesday, November 8 – 6:00 PM
- **Leadership Circle** – Tuesday, November 14 – 7:00 PM
- **Circle of Grace** – November 15 – 6:00 PM
- **District Charge Conference** - Saturday, November 18 – 10 AM – 2:30 PM
- **We Praise Sunday** – November 19 – 11:00 AM
- **Decorate Sanctuary for Advent** – Sunday, November 19 after church
- **Oasis Breakfast** – Thursday, November 23 – 6:00 AM

## Daily Devotion Publication Available in Narthex

The **November/December** issue of **The Upper Room** daily devotional booklet can be found 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.

## 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.
- **Oasis Ministries Breakfast** will be prepared and served on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday, November 23. To volunteer, contact Iverson Garrison.  
Iverson will be rotating out of this leadership roll at the end of 2023. If there is anyone who would like to spearhead this outreach program, let him know.



### November Birthdays:

7 – David Ozmon  
8 – JoLynn Brown  
16 – Karen Day  
17 – Susan Cohen  
Charles Morton  
19 – Lisa Howard  
21 – Susan Reid  
25 – Richard Brown  
26 – Janet Day  
28 – Tricia Bright