

crossroads circuit rider



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Our Breakthrough Prayer

A **Breakthrough Prayer** is an intentional congregational prayer practice. The purpose of this prayer is to ask God for guidance for our next steps, including new possibilities for the congregation. Your Leadership Circle has met and has written this congregation-wide prayer, asking God to break through and do only that which God can do. This prayer will be prayed whenever the church gathers for worship, fellowship, meetings, etc. and when you are home daily. Here is our prayer:

Dear God, you have put us at these crossroads for a purpose. Help us to keep our lights shining amid the challenges we face so that we may help others find their way. -Amen



In Person and Online

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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Conference News

Clergy Appointment Information:

- **Sunday, April 21, 2024:** Announcement Sunday – Bishop Sue Haupt Johnson in consultation with the Appointive Cabinet of the Virginia Conference of the United Methodist Church has projected that Reverend Camille D. Pentsil will be appointed Pastor, of Washington Street United Methodist Church in Alexandria, Virginia effective July 1, 2024. No appointment has been set for Crossroads at this time.
- **Sunday, June 9, 2024** – Last Sunday for Camille in our pulpet
- **Sunday, June 23, 2024:** Last Sunday for pastors moving appointments in 2024 (This date may be earlier depending on terms with SPRC).
- **Wednesday, June 26, 2024:** Clergy Moving Day
- **Sunday, June 30, 2024:** The Sunday in between current pastor leaving and new pastor arriving at appointment. This Sunday's worship will be led by local church laity.
- **Monday, July 1, 2024:** First Day for clergy in new appointments
- **Sunday, July 7, 2024:** First Sunday in pulpits for clergy



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Joys, Thanks, & News

I would like to thank everyone who helped to organize the reception for Ronnie's Celebration of Life service. All the food was delicious, and everyone thoroughly enjoyed it. I am so blessed to have such a wonderful church family. Thank you to everyone. Kay Perkins

Be a Part of our Leadership Circle

Everyone is invited to be a part of our **Leadership Circle** at Crossroads UMC. This month's meeting will be held on **Tuesday, May 21** @ 7:00 PM in the Social Hall. There will be lots to discuss with the many changes taking place.



United
Women
in Faith

The Crossroads **United Women in Faith** had its first General Meeting of the year on April 17th. This was the Call to Prayer and Self Denial and the program was presented by Janet Day.

The next General Meeting is set for June 19th and will be an indoor covered dish picnic in the social hall. This will begin at 6:00 PM and there will be a program on Climate Justice.

Thank you to everyone who purchased an Easter flower. The altar was beautiful for this special day. There were forty-five geraniums of red and pink. This gave the UWF a nice profit for their budget.

Their next fundraiser will be their Mother's Day booklet. If you would like to honor or memorialize a special lady in your life, submit your slips to the Circle of Grace. The deadline will be Sunday, May 5. See form below.

MOTHER'S DAY BULLETIN

In Honor of: _____

In Memory of: _____

By: _____

Relationship: _____

[You are her: daughter, son, daughter-in-law, son-in-law, grandchildren, mother, father, family, friend...]

- return to the *Circle of Grace* by Sunday, May 5 / donation appreciated for each entry
- Nancy Clark or place in box in narthex / gran12@cox.net



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.



Crossroads' Ballet Troupe has practice 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 ages 3 years old and up. Mrs. Ellen Clayton is the instructor.

Their next performance is **July 30th**. 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.



Daily Devotion Publication Available in Narthex

The Upper Room daily devotional booklet for May & June is available in our narthex. Small print booklets are 75¢ and large print booklets will be \$1.25.



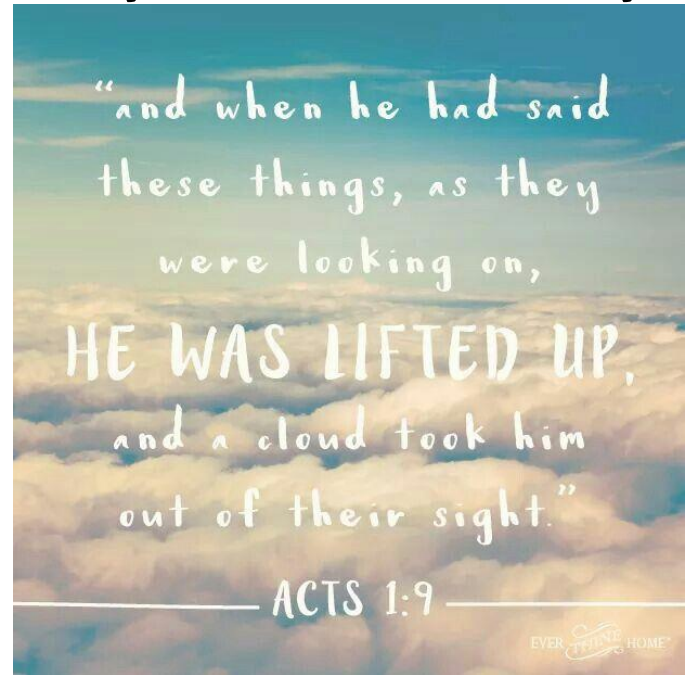
The **We Praise Band** will bring songs of Joy & Praise at the May 19 Worship Services.

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.



- **We Praise Band practices** – Mondays – 7:00 PM
- **Food Pantry** – Tuesdays – 10:00 AM till noon
- **Pastor's Bible Study** – Wednesdays – 7:00 PM
- **Ballet** – Saturdays @ 1:00 PM
- **Communion Sunday** – May 5 – 11:00 AM
- **Deadline for Mother's Day dedications** – Sunday, May 5
- **Circle of Grace** – Wednesday, May 8 – 6:00 PM
- **Mother's Day** – Sunday, May 12
- **Pentecost Sunday** – May 19
- **We Praise Leads Worship** – Sunday, May 19 – 11:00 PM
- **Leadership Circle** – Tuesday, May 21 – 7:00 PM
- **Memorial Day** – Monday, May 27

May 12 ~ Ascension Sunday



May Prayer List

-continue to keep these members in your prayers-

Iris Jennings
 David Lutz
 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.



May 19 ~ Day of Pentecost

Holy God, thank you for sending your Spirit, the Spirit of the risen Christ, from heaven. Help us to be like the early disciples praying patiently as we wait for your guidance and power. Fill our hearts and minds with your gifts of faith, hope, and love.

May our conversations with people of every language and culture around us witness to your grace and mercy. We dedicate ourselves and our offerings to your good purposes in the world through our church's mission by the power of your Spirit. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen. (Acts 2:1-21)

Pentecost

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