

crossroads circuit rider



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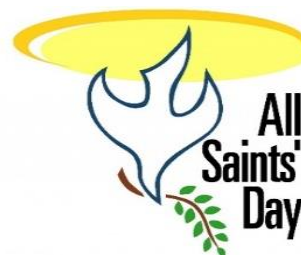
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November 3 – “Fall Back” – Daylight Saving Time Ends – It’s that time when we turn our timepieces back one hour before we retire for the night.



All Saints Day at Crossroads will be observed on **Sunday, November 3** 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.

Our Breakthrough Prayer

Please remember to pray our Breakthrough Prayer daily.

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:
www.facebook.com/CrossroadsUnitedMethodistChurchPortsmouth.

Advent Begins December 1st



Come be a part of the **Hanging of the Greens** on Saturday, **November 23rd** to 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 23rd.

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 8th. See Nancy Clark for more information or to give a monetary donation.



Before arming the alarm system, **PLEASE** double check that you are the last one in the building so that the alarm system isn't set off while someone is still in the building. Thank you all for your help in this matter.



Crossroads' Food Pantry is a Blessing to the Community

Crossroads' Food Pantry is open on **Tuesdays 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM**. They are hoping to give out turkeys with their Thanksgiving food bags. And with that, they need our help. If you could "sponsor a turkey" by donating \$10 to the cause, that would go a long way. They are hoping to have 40-50 turkeys to give to their clients. If you write a check to the church, earmark it for Food Pantry Turkey.

They are also asking for gently used cold weather items such as sweatshirts, jackets, and coats to prepare for wintertime. No other clothes are needed currently.

Anything you can do for this program would be a blessing to this ministry and to the people who are served. They could use help filling the bags on Monday mornings. See David Lutz for more information.



The **Crossroads United Women in Faith** will hold their General Meeting on November 13, 2024. The Circle of Friends will present the program on "Food Access and Food Justice".

They have two projects that they are ending the year with to fulfill their financial obligations. 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.

Second – 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.



The **We Praise** Band will bring songs of Joy & Praise at the **November 17** Worship Service.



Crossroads' Ballet Troupe has weekly 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 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 757-397-7815 and give their child's name, age, and phone number.

We thank everyone who has filled out and returned **their Contact Card**. Crossroads has been in need of updating our contact information and this has really helped us. If you need one to fill out, contact Susan Cohen (queenbeez@cox.net)

Stewardship Corner

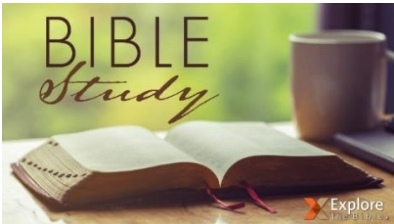
-submitted by Georgia Garrison-

Money: Handling the Bucks

Money commands a central place in many of our lives. We dream about having more; we worry about not having enough. Money to most of us is more than paper and change. It is the basis of our well-being. We give meaning to money which goes far beyond its ability to purchase goods and services.

For some of us, money means security. We may squirrel away money for those ominous rainy days or stash cash for a "safe" retirement. Others of us see money as a way of obtaining self-worth. After all, isn't money life's report card? But does more bring us happiness or bring us closer to God? When Mother Teresa was visiting the United States, she was asked to comment on her impression of America. She stated that while India was mired in tremendous physical poverty, America experienced widespread spiritual poverty.

Jesus understood the allure of money and spoke about it often. He teaches that money is a tool to be used to further God's kingdom. Jesus clearly states that we must decide whether we will serve God or the god of this world—money. He calls us to invest our lives in service to Him. After all, we were created by God for the purpose of loving and serving him. As we generously invest our lives---our money, time, our energy---in service to Christ, life becomes more meaningful.



Crossroads has Two Bible Studies

There are two Bible Studies in progress at Crossroads at this time. One meets on Thursday mornings and the other meets on Wednesday nights.

The **Wednesday Night Bible Study** is meeting on the first and third Wednesday s of each month at **7:00 PM**. They have been working their way through Leviticus.

The **Thursday Ladies Bible Study** will meet in the Social Hall at **10:30 AM**. They will be starting a new series soon.

Budget Update for Month of September

Approximate offerings needed weekly = \$3,000
Envelopes and loose money = \$6,198

Other income:

Rent and usage of the facilities = \$1,520
Food Pantry = \$105.00

November Prayer List

-continue to keep these members in your prayers-

Lila Cox
Pastor Michael Cuffee
Donald Garrison
Joyce Geluz
Iris Jennings
Kathy McLaughlin
Debbie Wright
Robert Wright (deployed)

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.



Joys, Thanks, & News

In memory of Donald Anderson:

Thank you so very much for the beautiful and delicious reception you prepared in honor of Daddy. I know he would have enjoyed it very much and would have been honored that you did it in his memory. He loved his church and the members. In Christian Love, Donna Harris and Susan Kemp

If anyone has news to share, let the editor know.

Daily Devotion Publication Available in Narthex


The **November/December** issue of **The Upper Room** daily devotional booklet can be found in our hallway by the back entrance. This will be the last time it will be offered for a while. This is a cost cutting measure to help us meet our budget. 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.

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NOVEMBER

- **We Praise Band practices** – Mondays – 7:00 PM
- **Food Pantry** – Tuesdays – 10:00 AM till noon
- **Ladies Bible Study** – Thursdays – 10:30 AM
- **Ballet** – Saturdays – 1:00 PM
- **Wednesday Night Bible Study** – Wednesday, November 6 – 7:00 PM
- **Worship with Communion** – Sunday, November 3 – 11:00 AM
- **All Saints Sunday** – Sunday, November 3 – 11:00 AM
- **Daylight Saving Time ends** – Sunday, November 3 – 11:00 AM
- **Circle of Friends** – Tuesday, November 5 – 7:00 PM
- **Veterans Day** – office closed
- **Circle of Grace** - Wednesday, November 13 – 6:00 PM
- **United Women in Faith** – Wednesday, November 13 – 7:00 PM
- **We Praise Leads Worship** - Sunday, November 17 – 11:00 AM
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- **Church Council Meeting** – Tuesday, November 19 – 7:00 PM
- **Wednesday Night Bible Study** – Wednesday, November 20 – 7:00 PM
- **Hanging of the Greens** – Saturday, November 23 – 10:00 AM
- **Special Thanksgiving Worship Service** – Sunday, November 24 – 11:00 AM
- **Thanksgiving Day** – Thursday, November 28
- **1st Sunday of Advent** – Sunday, December 1



Just for Kids


Give thanks

Find the words that are missing from the verses below. Use the graph to find the letters. For example: 3, 11 = b.

1) "I $\frac{3,5}{3,4} \frac{2,6}{1,4} \frac{3,4}{3,8} \frac{1,7}{1,9} \frac{2,7}{1,6}$ my $\frac{1,10}{2,9} \frac{2,5}{2,4} \frac{2,8}{3,9}$ when I $\frac{2,4}{2,4} \frac{3,9}{3,11} \frac{2,4}{2,4} \frac{2,9}{3,11}$ you in my $\frac{2,10}{2,9} \frac{3,4}{1,9} \frac{2,4}{2,4} \frac{2,9}{1,6}$ " (Philemon 1:4)

2) "Be $\frac{3,10}{1,11} \frac{1,4}{1,4} \frac{2,4}{2,4} \frac{2,8}{2,8}$ with the $\frac{1,6}{2,10} \frac{1,11}{2,9} \frac{1,11}{3,5}$... always and for $\frac{2,4}{3,6} \frac{2,4}{2,9} \frac{1,9}{3,5} \frac{2,6}{1,11} \frac{1,7}{1,7} \frac{1,8}{1,8}$ giving $\frac{3,5}{2,6} \frac{3,4}{1,7} \frac{2,7}{1,6}$ " (Ephesians 5:18, 20)

3) "Give $\frac{3,5}{2,11} \frac{2,6}{1,11} \frac{3,4}{2,9} \frac{1,7}{2,11} \frac{2,7}{3,7} \frac{1,6}{3,9} \frac{1,6}{1,6} \frac{3,5}{3,4} \frac{1,7}{2,11} \frac{2,4}{2,4} \frac{1,6}{1,6}$ " in all (1 Thessalonians 5:18)



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3	a	t	v	u	w	m	f	b		
4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11			



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"We're grateful for the checks that you have put in the collection plate, but in order for us to cash them, you'll have to make them out to the church, and not 'The Big Guy Upstairs.'"

