

crossroads circuit rider



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**Crossroads' Food Pantry
is a Blessing to the Community...
But We Need Your Help!**

Crossroads' Food Pantry is open on **Tuesdays 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM**. They clean off their shelves frequently and, with the budget cuts, the Food Bank does not always have what is needed. You are asked to think of the Food Pantry when you grocery shop. Each month we will focus on a certain food item to make it easier for you.

The third Sunday of each month will be designated as "**Food Pantry Sunday**" and in July we will be asking for **Canned Meat**. In August we are asking for **Canned Veggies**. We are asking each person reading this to bring an item and place it on the communion rail.

Not only is the food portion greatly utilized, but we have now formed a tremendous **Clothes Closet** (thanks to Judy). Your help is truly needed in bringing in clothes that you no longer need – useable, of course – especially **Men's Shirts and Women's Shorts**.

There is a tall glass bottle near the communion rail that you can also make monetary donations. 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.

Our Breakthrough Prayer

Please pray this 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





It's almost time for our 3rd quarter Birthday Luncheon!

If your birthday is in **July, August, or September**, we will be celebrating you on **Sunday, August 3**. There will be a covered dish lunch after church to celebrate your birthday. Everyone is asked to bring a covered dish to share.



Vacation Bible School is Set for
Monday, July 21 – Friday, July 25
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Mark your calendars!



We Praise Band

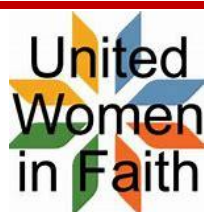
will bring songs of
Joy & Praise to the

July 20 & August 17

Worship Service.

They have changed their rehearsal night to Thursdays.

At our VBS we will point kids to Jesus, a faithful friend we can always trust. We will take kids on the ultimate Alaskan adventure where the northern lights shine over majestic mountains, racing rivers, and sparkling glaciers. As they trek the tundra, they'll discover how easy it is to lose sight of what's true in our wild world today. Guiding them towards Jesus, True North VBS reveals that He is a faithful friend we can always trust. He's our True North!



The Crossroads **United Women in Faith** held their summer "Cook In" on June 11th. The food and fellowship were wonderful, and everyone enjoyed playing Bingo afterwards and receiving prizes.

They would like to thank everyone who supported the Mother's and Father's Day Bulletins. They garnered a nice profit of \$534 and \$471 respectively for their missions' budget.

They will take a break for the rest of the summer and come back together in the Fall with their World Thank Covered Dish Dinner on September 10th @ 6:00 PM. Joyce Dignard will be presenting a program for the World Thank Dinner. Everyone is invited to this event.

The Manger of Love is Ready to Collect School Supplies

The Manger of Love is ready in the sanctuary to **collect school supplies**. These will be collected in July and August in time to be taken to Westhaven Elementary School by the start of school. Items to be collected are crayons, pencils, erasers, pencil sharpeners, notebook paper, rulers, glue sticks, round tip scissors, and so much more. A list is available for your shopping.

Could You Help by Sponsoring a Child for Vacation Bible School?

Would you consider sponsoring a child (or more than one) for Vacation Bible School with a **donation of \$20.00 per child**? This would be a blessing to a child, who may hear of God's love for the very first time while attending our VBS, not to mention the financial benefit it will be for this Crossroads ministry. If so, please complete the slip below and make all checks payable to "Crossroads UMC", reflecting VBS on the memo line. If you are willing to contribute, but are unable to sponsor one child, please indicate the amount you are willing to donate in the "Other" space below.

NAME: _____

VBS SPONSORSHIP OF (Please circle): \$20 \$40 \$60

Other _____

Crossroads' Budget Update

Needed monthly = \$12,000

Offering received for May = \$6,127.67

Food Pantry = \$150

Rental Income = \$880



Crossroads' Ballet Troupe has weekly practice every Saturday of the month (except July 5). 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. Their next performance in church will be June 29th, then again on August 31st.

The **June 29** performance will be followed in the social hall with a **church-wide cookout**. Hot dogs & hamburgers will be provided, but we ask you to bring a side dish to share.

Our Special Olympian 2025 Justin Ozman



Game-Nights @ Crossroads!

6:30 PM in the Social Hall
Wednesday, July 23 & August 27
You can bring a snack to share.

Crossroads' Prayer List

-continue to keep these friends in your prayers-

Terry Byrd
Lila Cox
Pastor Michael Cuffee
Donald Garrison
Joyce Geluz
Iris Jennings
Kathy McLaughlin
Janice Melton
Steve Rapp
Debbie Wright



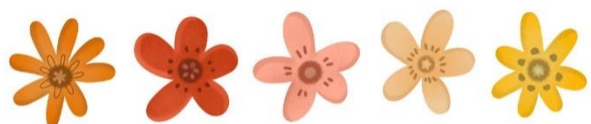
Opportunities

July

- **Choir Practice** – Sundays at 10:30 AM and immediately after church in sanctuary
- **We Praise Practice** – Thursdays – 7:00 PM – no practice on 7/26
- **Food Pantry** – Tuesdays – 10:00 AM till noon
- **Mentoring Men in Discipleship Bible Study** – Thursdays – 6:00 PM
- **Wesley SS Class** – Sundays – 9:45 AM
- **Ballet** – Saturdays @ 1:00 PM – no ballet on 7/5
- **Holy Grounds Café** – Sundays – 10:00 AM
- **Independence Day** – July 4 – office closed
- **Communion Sunday** – July 6 – 11:00 AM
- **Leadership "SAS" meeting / Social Hall** – July 20 – after church
- **Worship led by We Praise** – Sunday, July 20
- **Food Pantry Sunday** – July 20 – bring your donation of canned meats or a monetary donation
- **Game Night** – Wednesday, July 23 – 6:30 PM

August

- **Choir Practice** – Sundays at 10:30 AM and immediately after church in sanctuary
- **We Praise Practice** – Thursdays – 7:00 PM – no practice on 8/3
- **Food Pantry** – Tuesdays – 10:00 AM till noon
- **Mentoring Men in Discipleship Bible Study** – Thursdays – 6:00 PM
- **Wesley SS Class** – Sundays – 9:45 AM
- **Ballet** – Saturdays @ 1:00 PM
- **Holy Grounds Café** – Sundays – 10:00 AM
- **Communion Sunday** – August 3 – 11:00 AM
- **Leadership "SAS" meeting / Social Hall** – August 17 – after church
- **Worship led by We Praise** – Sunday, August 17
- **Food Pantry Sunday** – August 17 – bring your donation of **Canned Veggies** and/or a monetary donation
- **Game Night** – Wednesday, August 27 – 6:30 PM
- **Ballet Performs and Back to School Bash** – Sunday, August 31 – 11:00 AM



Stewardship Corner

-submitted by Georgia Garrison-



The Spiritual Nature of Money

In his remarks prior to the offering at a men's retreat, a Colorado pastor said, "We never take collections at these events. We do, however, receive an offering."

He was stating an important truth about Christian stewardship. Receiving an offering is quite different from fund raising. Offerings are a spiritual matter in which we give ourselves to God's causes. Fund raising, on the other hand, is a financial matter in which we give our money to pay the bills for a good cause.

That is an important distinction. In our worship service each Sunday, we are not just taking a collection to pay the bills; that would be fund raising. No, we are receiving an offering. When we give an offering, we give more than money.

That is the main reason that churches ask people to give money as part of the worship service each Sunday---because our giving of money helps us to give a far more important gift: ourselves.

Stewardship Nuggets by Herb Miller

Rethink Church Was Held During Worship on June 22

Crossroads spent part of the worship service on June 22 "**rethinking church culture**". We discussed things that are working in our community: Food Pantry, Clothes Closet, VBS, Ballet, Scout Cabin use – to name a few. We also discussed what isn't working: no youth or young people, sharing our testimonies, total involvement with our church, inviting others to church.

Some ideas to consider in the near future: having a worship service later in the day/afternoon with more current music and more meaningful worship, getting out more on various social media platforms (FB, Instagram, TikTok, YouTube), getting an electronic sign outside.

Our next steps will be to form a Worship Committee to look into reformatting the worship service, getting on various social media channels, institute 2 or 3 services with blended worship, have a modern worship service for the community twice a month.

Keep Crossroads in your prayers.



Leave Crossroads a Bequest in Your Will

An excellent way for you to support Crossroad UMC's mission is to leave the church a bequest in your will, living trust or with a codicil. One significant benefit of making a gift by bequest is that it allows you to continue to use the property you will leave to charity during your life. Another benefit is that you are able to leave a lasting legacy.

Types of Bequests:

There are a number of ways you can make a bequest.

Specific Bequest. A specific bequest involves making a gift of a specific asset such as real estate, a car, other property or a gift for a specific dollar amount.

Percentage Bequest. Another kind of specific bequest involves leaving a specific percentage of your overall estate to charity. For example, you may wish to leave 10% of your estate to the church.

Residual Bequest. A residual bequest is made from the balance of an estate after the will or trust has given away each of the specific bequests. A common residual bequest involves leaving a percentage of the residue of the estate to charity. For example, you may wish to leave 30% of the residue of your estate to the church.

Contingent Bequest. A contingent bequest is made to charity only if the purpose of the primary bequest cannot be met. For example, you could leave specific property, such as a vacation home, to a relative, but the bequest language could provide that if the relative is not alive at the time of your death, the vacation home will go to the church.

Bequest Benefits:

A bequest is generally a revocable gift, which means it can be changed or modified at any time. You can choose to designate that a bequest be used for a general or specific purpose so you have the peace of mind knowing that your gift will be used as intended. Bequests are exempt from federal estate taxes. If you have a taxable estate, the estate tax charitable deduction may offset or eliminate estate taxes, resulting in a larger inheritance for your heirs. In order to make a bequest, you should speak with your attorney, who can help you include a bequest in your estate plan.

- Adapted from an Article from Virginia United Methodist Foundation

*May the Lord
bless and protect you*

*May the Lord shine
His face upon you
and be gracious to you*

*May the Lord turn
his face toward you
and give you Peace*

