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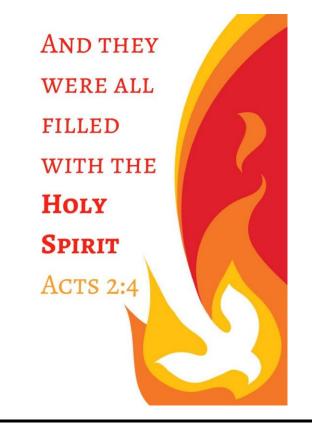


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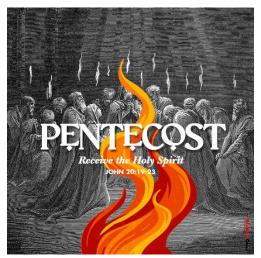
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Pentecost Sunday will be Observed on June 8^{th.} Wear RED on that Day.

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:

www.facebook.com/CrossroadsUnitedMethodistChurch

Portsmouth.



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 June we will be asking for **Peanut Butter & Jelly**. We are asking each person reading this to bring an item and place it on the communion rail.

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 <u>covered dish lunch</u> after church to celebrate your birthday. Everyone is asked to bring a covered dish to share.



Crossroads' Budget Update

Needed monthly = \$12,000
Offering received for April = \$8,198.34
Spaghetti Dinner = \$185
Food Pantry = \$210
Rental Income = \$1,400



The Crossroads **United Women in Faith** will have its next General Meeting on June 11th. This will be a covered dish picnic in the Social Hall. This will begin at 6:00 PM. They will be playing BINGO afterwards.

Thank you to everyone who submitted a name for the Mother's Day bulletin. This gave the UWF a nice profit for their mission budget.

Their next fundraiser will be their Father's Day booklet. If you would like to honor or memorialize a special gentleman in your life, submit your slips to the Circle of Friends. The deadline will be Sunday, June 8. See form below. There are also slips in the white basket in the narthex.

FATHER'S DAY BULLETIN In Honor of:_____ In Memory of:_____ By:____ Relationship:_____

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

- return to the Circle of Friends by Sunday, June 8 / donation appreciated for each entry
- Susan Cohen/place in box in narthex/queenbeez@cox.net



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

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!

RETHINKCHURCH

RETHINK.REDISCOVER.RENEW.RETURN



We want to come together as Crossroads and think of ways to extend God's love in creative ways. **"Rethink Church"** is an invitation. We use that phrase as invitation to rethink participation in a community faith. We also use it as an invitation to rethink what comes to mind when we think about *church*, because we believe that church isn't a place or an event. Church is a group and a movement.

We will come to church on Sunday, June 22 and Pastor Mike will lead us through "rethinking our church". Mark this on your calendar and be present.



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 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.

June Prayer List -continue to keep these friends in your prayers Terry Byrd Lila Cox Pastor Michael Cuffee Donald Garrison Joyce Geluz Iris Jennings Kathy McLauchlin Janice Melton Steve Rapp Terry Wilk Debbie Wright

Game-Night @ Crossroads!

We will play BUNCO

6:30 PM in the Social Hall

Wednesday, June 25

Bring a small wrapped or bagged gift. You can also bring a snack to share.



- **Choir Practice** Sundays at 10:30 AM and immediately after church in sanctuary
- We Praise Practice Thursdays 7:00 PM
- Food Pantry Tuesdays 10:00 AM till noon
- Wednesday Bible Study 1st & 3rd Wednesdays 7:00 PM
- 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 June 1 11:00 AM
- Circle of Friends / Social Hall Tuesday, June 3 7:00 PM
- Pentecost Sunday Wear RED Sunday, June 8
- Leadership "SAS" meeting / Social Hall June 8 after church
- United Women in Faith General Meeting / Covered
 Dish Picnic / Social Hall— 6:00 PM
- Virginia Annual Conference in Roanoke, VA June
- Father's Day Sunday, June 15 11:00 AM
- Worship led by We Praise Sunday, June 15
- Food Pantry Sunday Sunday 15 bring your donation of Peanut Butter & Jelly or a monetary donation
- Juneteenth Thursday, June 19 office closed
- Rethink Church Sunday, June 22 during worship service
- Game Night Wednesday, June 25 6:30 PM
- Ballet Performs during Worship Sunday, June 29 11:00 AM
- After Church Cookout Sunday, June 29 after church