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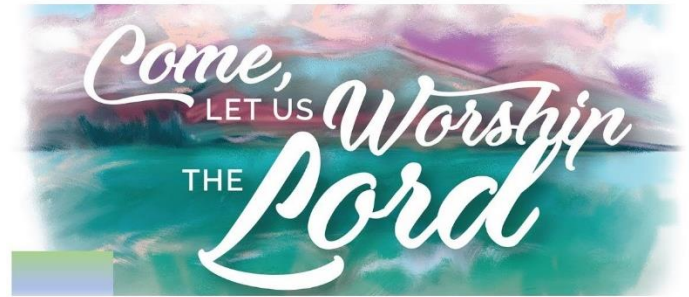
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## Join Us for In Person Worship

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/CrossroadsUnitedMethodistChurchPortsmouth](https://www.facebook.com/CrossroadsUnitedMethodistChurchPortsmouth).

## 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 time for our 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter Birthday Luncheon!** If your birthday is in **April, May, or June** we will be celebrating you on Sunday, May 4. There will be a covered dish lunch 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 as of March 30<sup>th</sup> = \$6688  
Food Pantry = \$225  
Rental Income = \$2100



The Crossroads **United Women in Faith** had its first General Meeting of the year on April 9<sup>th</sup>. 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 11<sup>th</sup> and will be an indoor covered dish picnic in the social hall. This will begin at 6:00 PM. There will also be games to enjoy.

April 27<sup>th</sup> was United Women in Faith Sunday and our ladies led the service. In Georgia Garrison's absence, Susan Cohen delivered the sermon on being "a Water Wader or a Boat Potato". They were pleased to present Lisa Garrison with the Mission Special Recognition pin.

Thank you to everyone who purchased an Easter flower. The altar was beautiful for this special day. There were thirty-eight 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 4. 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 4 / donation appreciated for each entry
- Nancy Clark or place in box in narthex / gran12@cox.net



**Give Online Through our Webpage Using Cash App?**

There have been some issues of late with using the Cash App. Please continue to make your donations in person or mailing them in to the church office. When the issue is rectified, we will let you know.



**Crossroads' Food Pantry is a Blessing to the Community**

**Crossroads' Food Pantry** is open on **Tuesdays 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM**. They clean off their shelves frequently and the Food Bank does not always have what is needed. You are asked to think of the Food Pantry when you grocery shop. Some items you could purchase are spaghetti sauce & noodles, soups, canned meats, canned fruits & vegetables, cereal/oatmeal, peanut butter & jelly. Bring them to church and place them 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.



## Joys, Thanks, & News

Joyce Geluz is now living in an assisted-living home. She is doing well and would appreciate a card or letter. Her new address is:

Joyce Geluz  
Sierra Place Apt. 117  
1111 West College Parkway  
Carson City, NV 89703

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



*We Praise Band* will bring songs of Joy & Praise to the **May 18** Worship Service. They have changed their rehearsal night to Thursdays in May.

For current photos and news updates, check us out at  
<http://www.facebook.com/CrossroadsUnitedMethodistChurchPortsmouth>

## Announcement Day in the Virginia Conference

It was with great joy that the announcement was made on April 27<sup>th</sup> that Pastor Michael Cuffee would be **returning to Crossroads**. We look forward to another uplifting year with Mike as our spiritual leader.

## The Manger of Love will be Collecting for Health Kits at this Time

The Manger of Love will be open at this time for the collection of items for the **VA Conference Health Kits**. Items to be collected are:

- **Hand towels** (15" X 25" up to 17" X 27") – not a kitchen, cleaning, or microfiber towels
- **Wash clothes** – not a kitchen, cleaning, or microfiber towels
- **Combs** – sturdy 4"-7" – not a pocket comb or a comb with a handle
- **Toenail or fingernail clippers** – no emery boards or metal nail files
- **Bath-size soap** (3 oz. bar or larger) – no Ivory or Jergen's soap – do not remove from packaging
- **Adult toothbrushes** – personal advertising not acceptable – do not remove from packaging
- **Adhesive bandages** (3/4 X 3 inches) – common household bandages acceptable
- **One-gallon size resealable bags**

Other important pieces of information are as follows: All items must be new. Do not wash any of the items as they will no longer be considered new. Contents of kits or the containers of kits should not be imprinted with cartoon characters, advertisements, religious, patriotic, military or camouflage symbols.

The United Women in Faith will see that these items are appropriately packaged and delivered to the Annual VA Conference in June.

## Game-Night @ Crossroads!

**6:30 PM in the Social Hall**

**Wednesday, May 28**

**You can bring a snack to share.**



- **Choir Practice** – Sundays at 10:30 AM and immediately after church
- **We Praise Practice** – Thursdays – 7:00 PM
- **Food Pantry** – Tuesdays – 10:00 AM till noon
- **Wednesday Bible Study** – 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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** – May 4 – 11:00 AM
- **Happy Birthday Luncheon** – Sunday, May 4 – immediately after church
- **Mother's Day** – Sunday, May 11
- **Circle of Grace / Social Hall** – Wednesday, May 14 – 6:00 PM
- **Worship led by We Praise** – May 18 – 11:00 AM
- **Leadership "SAS" meeting / Social Hall** – May 18 – after church
- **Memorial Day** – Monday, May 26 – office closed
- **Game Night** – Wednesday, May 28 – 6:30 PM

## May Prayer List

-continue to keep these friends in your prayers-

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



**Crossroads' Ballet Troupe** has weekly practice 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.

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 29<sup>th</sup>.