

crossroads circuit rider



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

Crossroad's Food Pantry is open on **Tuesdays 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM**. Thank You to all who continue to donate items for our "Food Pantry Sunday" or help in any way. The third Sunday of each month has been designated as a day to help our food pantry. The item being asked for on...

October 19 is **Spaghetti Sauce & Pasta**

We are asking each person who reads this to bring an item and place it on the communion rail or put a donation in the plate or in the glass bottle.

Your donations are a blessing. You don't have to wait until Food Pantry Sunday to bring donations to church. When you go food shopping for yourself, throw a few extra things in your cart and bring them to church on any Sunday. Cash donations are also accepted to purchase additional items as well.

Not only is the food portion greatly utilized, but we have now formed a tremendous **Clothes Closet**. Your help is truly needed in bringing in clothes that you no longer need – useable, of course.

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

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



Crossroad's **Trunk or Treat** will be held on Saturday, October 25th. This will not be just our usual handing out of candy from the trunk of your car. There will be games and treats. Lisa Boettcher and Elaine Brinkley are in charge, so they will be telling us more ways that they need our help as the date gets closer.



The **Crossroads United Women in Faith** held their World Thank Dinner on September 10, 2025. The speaker was Patti Johnson, Founder and Executive Director for Shining Light Homes, a charitable organization addressing the immediate needs of single mothers and their children, operating out of St. Andrews United Methodist Church. It was very informative, and the food was wonderful. Thank you to all who attended and for those who brought items for the organization.

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. The deadline is October 18th.

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 month of October is designated as **Pastor Appreciation Month.**

This is a time for our congregation to give thanks to God for our pastor.

It is also a time to demonstrate to our pastor genuine appreciation for his service.



The **We Praise** Band will bring songs of Joy & Praise to the October 19 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 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 757-397-7815 and give their child's name, age, and phone number.



- **Choir Practice** – Sundays at 10:30 AM and immediately after church in sanctuary
- **Thursday Night Bible Study** – 7:00 PM
- **We Praise Practice** – Thursdays – 7:00 PM
- **Food Pantry** – Tuesdays – 10:00 AM till noon
- **Wesley SS Class** – Sundays – 9:45 AM
- **Ballet** – Saturdays @ 1:00 PM
- **Holy Grounds Café** – Sundays – 10:00 AM
- **Wednesday Bible Study** – October 1 – 7:00 PM
- **World Communion Sunday** – October 5 – 11:00 AM
- **Circle of Grace** – Wednesday, October 8 – 6:00 PM
- **Worship led by We Praise** – Sunday, October 19 – 11:00 AM
- **Food Pantry Sunday** – October 19 – bring your donation of **Spaghetti Sauce & Pasta** and/or a monetary donation
- **Leadership "SAS" meeting / Social Hall** – Sunday, October 19 – after church
- **Game Night** – Wednesday, October 22 – 6:30 PM
- **Trunk or Treat** – Saturday, October 25 – time TBA

Annual Charge Conference:
Monday, November 3 – 6:30 PM @ Jolliff UMC

Crossroads' Prayer List

-continue to keep these friends in your prayers-

Terry Byrd
Lila Cox
Pastor Michael Cuffee
Donald Garrison
Georgia Garrison
Iverson Garrison
Family of Annette Greene
Iris Jennings
Kathy McLaughlin
Family of Janice Melton
Family of Doris Lewis
Debbie Wright



After School Program

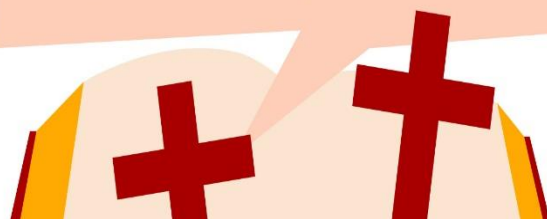
Crossroads is in the planning phase to open an After School Program to service the students from Westhaven Elementary School. It will be open from around 4:30 till 7:00 PM. If you would like to volunteer on certain afternoons, see Pastor Mike.

BIBLE WORD SEARCH

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Stewardship Corner

-submitted by Georgia Garrison-

Stewardship Emphasis in October

Our services for Stewardship Emphasis this year will be held on October 12, 19 and 26 and will be entitled, "Giving to God". We will be emphasizing offering as an act of worship and reminding us that we are giving to God through the church rather than just giving to the church. The sermons will be based on thoughts from Dr. David Jeremiah's small group study by the same name. Please plan to attend and pray this prayer in preparation:

Dear Lord,
 Teach me to be generous
 As you have been generous with me.
 Teach me that all I am and have
 Are gifts from you.
 And gifts, Lord,
 Are meant to be shared.
 Show me the joys of generosity.
 Help me to understand that others,
 Perhaps unknown to me,
 Depend on me for help.
 Remind me that my world, my parish,
 Need "Good Samaritans" to heal the wounds of our times.
 Make me a gift to others in your name.
 - AMEN

Crossroads' Budget Update

Needed monthly = \$12,000
Offering received September = \$5,539.34
Food Pantry = \$920
Rental Income = \$700

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