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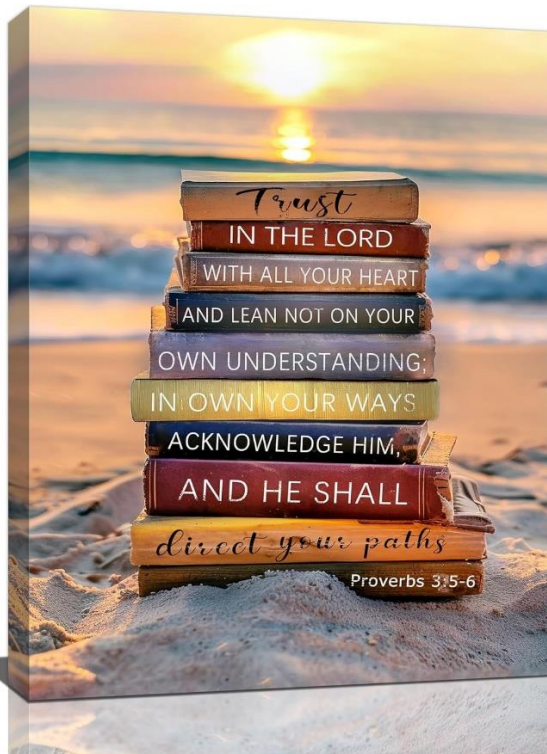
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Crossroads' Food Pantry is a Blessing to the Community... But We Need Your Help!

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...

September 21 is **Instant Mashed Potatoes**

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.



Crossroad's **Vacation Bible School** was held during the third full week of July. We had about 20 kids assemble in the morning this year and they had a terrific week.

At our VBS we pointed our kids to Jesus, a faithful friend we can always trust. We took our kids on the ultimate Alaskan adventure where the northern lights shine over majestic mountains, racing rivers, and sparkling glaciers. Guiding them towards Jesus, True North VBS revealed that He is a faithful friend we can always trust. He is our True North!

We thank everyone that took part in this outreach program for the children – the kitchen crew (Nancy, Nancy & Carol), the craft instructors (Elaine), the science instructors (Jolynn & Joyce), the Bible story ensemble (Susan & Joe), and of course the director – Lisa Boettcher.

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



The Crossroads **United Women in Faith** is ready to convene after the summer hiatus. It is hoped everyone enjoyed their break.

They will hold their World Thank Covered Dish Dinner on September 10 at 6:00 PM. Everyone is invited to attend.

They will be taking orders for Plantation Nuts again this Fall, so be thinking about what yummys you would like to order. They are always welcome for Christmas gifts.



The **We Praise** Band will bring songs of Joy & Praise to September 21st Worship Service.

The We Praise Band consists of Elaine Brinkley – leader, vocalist, & bass, Donna Goldman – vocalist, Tricia Bright – keyboard & vocalist, Susan Cohen – vocalist & tambourine, Connie Lane – vocalist, and Ed Cassidy – drums, vocalist & guitarist.

Crossroads' Budget Update

Needed monthly = \$12,000
Offering received for July & up to August 2nd =
\$7,352.34
Food Pantry = \$445
VBS = \$140
Rental Income = \$1,250
IRS = \$8,237.01



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.



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- **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 – no practice on 9/25
- **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
- **No Wednesday Bible Study** on September 3
- **Church Women United** – Friday, September 5 – 10:30 AM in Social Hall
- **Communion Sunday** – September 7 – 11:00 AM
- **Grandparents Day** – Sunday, September 7 – photo shoot opportunity
- **Circle of Friends** – Tuesday, September 9 – 7:00 PM (change of date)
- **United Women of Faith** – World Thank covered-dish Dinner – Wednesday, September 10 – 6:00 PM
- **Wednesday Bible Study** – September 17 – 7:00 PM
- **Worship led by We Praise** – Sunday, September 21 – 11:00 AM
- **Food Pantry Sunday** – September 21 – bring your donation of **Instant Mashed Potatoes** and/or a monetary donation
- **Leadership "SAS" meeting / Social Hall** – Sunday, September 21 – after church
- **Game Night** – Wednesday, September 24 – 6:30 PM



Game-Nights @ Crossroads!

6:30 PM in the Social Hall

Wednesday, September 24

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
Iverson Garrison
Family of Joyce Geluz
Iris Jennings
Kathy McLaughlin
Debbie Wright



Stewardship Corner

-submitted by Georgia Garrison-

According to the Camber Collective "Money for Good" report, about 95% of people in the United States feel strongly enough about giving that they donate to some form of charity. Most people really do believe that their giving makes a difference. That's good news for the church.

People give for a variety of reasons. Some people believe that giving is a responsibility or a way to "pay it forward" out of gratitude for their blessings. Others believe it is a way to connect to their community. For many, charitable giving is an act that has grown from family, community or religious values. Obviously, empathy and compassion for others plays a part in the decision.

Most importantly, our giving through the church should be framed as a lifetime of worship before the Lord. We, as Christians, should be motivated to give for spiritual reasons and the blessings that come as a result. Our giving should be the joyful experience it was meant to be. We are called to offer our very best and first fruits to the Lord. Think on these things.



Online Giving Is Available Again.



Give Online Using
Cash App.

You can give your weekly offering online to Crossroads UMC using our new app called **Cash App**. Our moniker is **\$CrossroadsUMC1**. If you have any questions, direct them to Pastor Mike.



Thank you to everyone who donated **Back to School Supplies for Westhaven Elementary School**. Our Manger of Love was overflowing We had many backpacks, crayons, pencils, glue sticks, and so much more. The students reported back to school on August 18, and the supplies were delivered to Westhaven on the 21st by Pastor Mike, Elaine Brinkley, Susan Reid, and Susan Cohen. They were thankfully received by Westhaven's new principal and vice principal, Mrs. Eliza Fly and Mr. Kevin Lowther. Please keep these students in your prayers as they begin a new school year.

Supply	Quantity
Backpacks	12
Composition Books	17
Crayons	39
E watercolors	20
Erasers	102
Folders	4
Glue Sticks	74
Glue--Bottles	12
Hand Sanitizer	1
Highlighters - neon	10
Index cards-package	1
Notebook paper	5
Notebooks	34
Pencil Boxes	7
Pencil pouch	1
Pencil set-color	1
Pencil Sharpeners	4
Pencils	209
Rulers	5
Scissors	9
Tissue box	1
Yarn Box	1