

crossroads circuit rider



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Turn Clocks **BACK** in FALL



Set Clocks Back 1 Hour
First Sunday In November

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November 2 – “Fall Back” – Daylight Saving Time Ends – It’s that time when we turn our timepieces back one hour before we retire for the night.



All Saints' Day

All Saints Day at Crossroads will be observed on **Sunday, November 2** during the worship service. At this time, we will honor those souls who have passed away in the last twelve months. If you have a family member or someone close to you that you would like to be remembered, let Nancy Clark or the office know.

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



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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...

November 16 is **Canned Foods**

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.

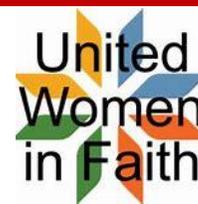


The **We Praise** Band will bring songs of Joy & Praise to the November 16 Worship Service.

Advent Begins November 30th



Come be a part of the **Hanging of the Greens** on Saturday, **November 22nd** to decorate the Church. Many hands make for little work for those who will participate. We have a beautiful tree to decorate plus the windows and arches and the doors of the Church. We hope to see a lot of helpers that day. Men are really needed to get the tree up and to the high decorations. So, plan on joining everyone on November 22nd.



The **Crossroads United Women in Faith** will hold its next General Meeting on Wednesday, November 12 at 7:00 PM. The Circle of Friends are in charge of the program and the refreshments.

They have two projects that they are working on. 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 November 9th.

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 Manger of Love for the Shining Light Homes Ministry

The **Manger of Love** is on display in the Sanctuary. it will be used to collect items mentioned below as well as cash donations for the **Shining Light Homes Ministry**. It will be on display through December 7th.

On their "wish list" are the following: canned foods, fruit cups, spaghetti sauce, rice, pasta, instant potatoes, mac & cheese, ramen noodles, peanut butter, jelly, pancake mix, syrup, potato chips, cookies, cakes, oil, gravy, diapers [size 3,4,5,6 only], pullups [size 2T, 3T, 4T, 5T only]

See Nancy Clark for more information or to give a monetary donation.



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. Their next performance is set for December 14th.

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** – designated Thursdays – 7:00 PM
- **Food Pantry** – Tuesdays – 10:00 AM till noon
- **Wesley SS Class** – Sundays – 9:45 AM
- **Ballet** – Saturdays @ 1:00 PM [no practice 11/29]
- **Holy Grounds Café** – Sundays – 10:00 AM
- **Wednesday Bible Study** – November 5 & 19 – 7:00 PM
- **All Saints Day Observed** – Sunday, November 2
- **Communion Sunday** – November 2 – 11:00 AM
- **Birthday Luncheon** – Sunday, November 2
- **Charge Conference @ Jolliff UMC** – Monday, November 3 – 6:30 PM
- **Circle of Friends** – Tuesday, November 4 – 7:00 PM
- **Veterans Day** – Office Closed - Tuesday, November 11
- **Circle of Grace** – Wednesday, November 12 – 6:30 PM
- **UWF General Meeting** - Wednesday, November 12 – 7:00 PM
- **Worship led by We Praise** – Sunday, November 16 – 11:00 AM
- **Food Pantry Sunday** – November 16 – bring your donation of **Canned Foods** and/or a monetary donation
- **Leadership "SAS" meeting / Social Hall** – Sunday, November 16 – after church
- **Decorate the Church for Advent/Christmas** – Saturday, November 22 – time TBA
- **Community Worship Service** - Sunday, November 23 – 11:00 AM
- **Thanksgiving Day** – Thursday, November 27
- **1st Day of Advent** - Sunday, November 30

Crossroads' Prayer List

-continue to keep these friends in your prayers-

Terry Byrd
Susan Cohen
Lila Cox
Pastor Michael Cuffee
Donald Garrison
Georgia Garrison
Iverson Garrison
Iris Jennings
Kathy McLauchlin
Debbie Wright



Stewardship Corner

-submitted by Georgia Garrison-

God created each of us with the willingness to give---to God and others. We're hard-wired to be givers; we need to be generous. Yet there are two "voices" that war against our God-given impulse toward generosity, tempting us to keep or hoard what we have.

1. Fear: The voice of fear says, "If you give, there may not be enough left over for you."

We are afraid to be generous because we are afraid of what might happen to us. What if we don't have enough to fill the gas tank or pay the bills? But I must implore you to not give fear the power to eliminate generosity from your life. Fear, along with a misplaced idea about the true source of our security, can keep us from being generous and lead us to hoard what we have. Yet the truth is that hoarding offers no real security in this world.

2. Self-gratification: The voice of self-gratification says, "If you give, you won't have enough money to buy the stuff you need to make you happy."

I don't have to tell you that we live in a culture that prizes abundance of possessions and pleasurable experiences above all else. We are convinced that a new car or bigger house will make us happy. Giving away our money means that we won't have enough to buy the latest and greatest electronic toy or take a lavish vacation. We don't want to "miss out" or deprive ourselves, so our self-gratifying tendencies cause us to clutch our money tightly.

So, how do we defeat the voices of fear and self-gratification? In a sense, they are defeated the moment we put our faith in Jesus Christ. Although we still wrestle with the voices from time to time, we are able to silence them more readily and effectively the more we grow in Christ. And the more we grow in Christ, the more generous we become. One of the ways we can cultivate spiritual growth, and subsequently grow in generosity, is to realize that our entire lives belong to the Lord.

~Adam Hamilton

The District Charge Conference

The **Coastal District Charge Conference** will be held at Jolliff United Methodist Church on Monday, November 3rd. Jolliff is located at 1900 Jolliff Road in Chesapeake, VA. The event will start at 6:30 PM.

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AFTERSCHOOL 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.

Poinsettias for Christmas



Poinsettias will be available to order soon. These will adorn the Sanctuary during the Christmas season. Stay tuned...

Asking Power

A famous American businessman bought a large insurance policy on himself. It was so large that the newspapers carried the story. One of the businessman's friends, an insurance agent, asked why he didn't buy the policy from him since he was a personal friend. The businessman replied, "You never asked me."

Could it be that some of our neighbors or friends would attend church services or Sunday school if we just asked them? Is it possible that someone will never accept Christ because we never asked them? Be sure to take the time to tell others the good news of Jesus and His salvation.

Crossroads' Budget Update

Needed monthly = \$12,000

Offering received as of October 19 = \$6,274.34

Food Pantry = \$555

Rental Income = \$950