

Crossroads UMC is in a new Bible Study led by Pastor Mike. It is held each Wednesday Night beginning at 7:00 PM. The book is entitled "**Experiencing the Heart of Jesus for 52 Weeks**" by Max Lucado. Books are \$10. If you would like to join this group, see Pastor Mike.

It is a transformative study designed to deepen your relationship with Jesus through a year-long exploration of His character and love. This study invites readers to embark on a journey to truly know Jesus not just know about Him. This study emphasizes developing a personal relationship with Christ, encouraging readers to see Him as a close friend and companion. The book includes 52 lessons that draw from Lucado's bestselling works, providing insights into the person of Christ and how His teachings can shape our lives.



The **We Praise** Band will bring songs of Joy & Praise to the March 15 Worship Service.

Crossroads' Budget Update

Needed monthly = \$12,000
Offering as of February 15, 2026 = \$4,157.00
Cash App = \$1,580.00
Rental Income = \$3,458.00
In Memory of John Spence = \$100.00
Bible Study books = \$50.00
Total = \$9,345.00



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

Crossroad's Food Pantry had two wonderful donations in February. Monumental UMC donated over 300 cans of food and made a generous monetary gift of \$2,000. Beech Grove UMC donated 492 cans of soup that they collected. Both churches chose our food pantry to receive their collections on Super Bowl Sunday, and we couldn't be more thankful.

Our pantry is open on **Tuesdays 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM**. The third Sunday of each month has been designated as a day to help our food pantry. The item being asked for on...

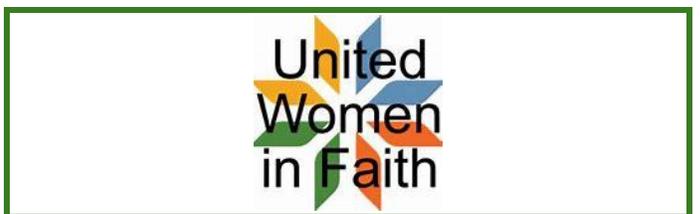
March 15 is Instant Mashed Potatoes.

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.



The Crossroads **United Women in Faith** has changed their night for holding their General Meetings. They will now be on designated Mondays. Their first General Meeting will take place on Monday, April 20 at 7:00 PM. This will be a Call to Prayer and Self Denial.

Please remember that all the ladies of the Church are invited to join the United Women in Faith; they would love to have you. The Circle of Friends meets on the first Tuesday of every other month at 7:00 PM beginning in February and the Circle of Grace meets the second Wednesday monthly in the Social Hall at 6:00 pm. Come and try them out!!



Ballet Troupe

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 of the year will be Sunday, March 29.

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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Upcoming Events:

- **Choir Practice** – Sundays at 10:30 AM and after church
- **Wesley SS Class** – Sundays – 9:45 AM
- **Holy Grounds Café** – Sundays – 10:00 AM
- **We Praise Practice** – Thursdays – 7:00 PM
- **Food Pantry** – Tuesdays – 10:00 AM till noon
- **Wednesday Bible Study** – 7:00 PM
- **Ballet** – Saturdays @ 1:00 PM
- **2nd Sunday in Lent** – March 1
- **Communion Sunday** – March 1 – 11:00 AM
- **3rd Sunday in Lent** – March 8
- **Daylight Saving Time begins** – Sunday, March 8
- **Circle of Grace** – Wednesday, March 11 – 6:00 PM
- **4th Sunday in Lent** – March 15
- **We Praise Sunday** – March 15 – 11:00 AM
- **Food Pantry Sunday** – March 15 – 11:00 AM
- **SAS Leadership meeting** – March 15 – after church
- **5th Sunday in Lent** – March 22
- **Palm Sunday** – March 29
- **Ballet Troupe performs** – Sunday, March 29 – 11 AM

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



In preparation for our **annual Easter Egg Hunt**, the Manger of Love will be open for donations of wrapped candies. When you buy treats to fill the eggs, think about the size of an egg and choose according. If you have any questions, contact Lisa Boettcher or Elaine Brinkley.

Crossroads' Prayer List

-continue to keep these friends in your prayers-

Terry Byrd
Susan Cohen
Joe Cohen
Lila Cox
Pastor Michael Cuffee
Donald Garrison
Georgia Garrison
Iverson Garrison
Iris Jennings
Tommy Livingston
Kathy McLaughlin
The family of John Spence
Debbie Wright



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