

crossroads circuit rider



1800 RODMAN AVENUE
PORTSMOUTH, VA 23707-4326
757-397-7815

Rev. Michael Cuffee, Jr.

- office@crossroadsumc.hrcoxmail.com
- <http://www.crossroadsmethodist.org>
- www.facebook.com/CrossroadsUnitedMethodistChurchPortsmouth
- Instagram: crossroads1800

The Church Council publishes the Circuit Rider.

Editor: Susan Cohen [queenbeez@cox.net]



Join Us for In Person Worship During this Lenten Season!

Join us for **in person worship** each **Sunday at 11:00 AM!**

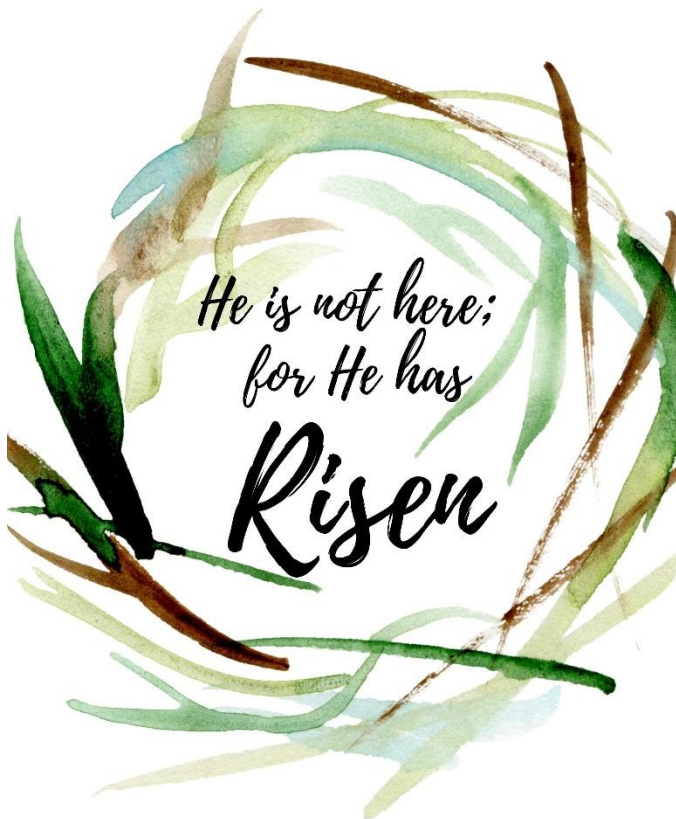
The services are also being recorded and will be available on our Facebook page. You will find this at:

[www.facebook.com/CrossroadsUnitedMethodistChurch
Portsmouth.](http://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



An Easter Sunday Prayer

Heavenly Father,
On this glorious Easter morning, my heart
overflows with gratitude.
Thank You for the gift of Your Son, who
conquered the grave and brought eternal hope
to all who believe.
May the light of the Resurrection chase away
every shadow of fear, doubt, and despair in my
life.
Help me to walk in the joy of this victory, to
speak words that bring life, and to serve with a
heart full of compassion.
Let my faith be bold, my love be deep, and my
hope be unshakable — for Christ is risen, and
because He lives, I can face tomorrow.
In Jesus' name, Amen.

Dayspring Daily Devotions

Experiencing the Heart of Jesus During our Weekly Bible Study

Crossroads UMC continues in its 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.



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**. The third Sunday of each month has been designated as a day to help our food pantry. The items being asked for on...

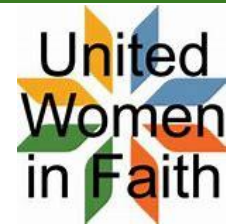
April 19 is Spaghetti Sauce & Pasta.

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.



The Crossroads **United Women in Faith** will have their first General Meeting of the year on Monday, April 20 at 7:00 PM. This will be a Call to Prayer and Self Denial.

They will be leading the worship service on Sunday, April 26. Stay tuned for how you will be asked to help.

Thank you to everyone who bought a flower for Easter Sunday. This was their first fundraiser of the year. Next will be the Mother's Day Bulletin in May.

Remember, both of our Circles would be happy to have new members. Think about it!

ATTN:
NEW CASH APP:
\$CrossroadsUMC1

You can give your offering online to
Crossroads UMC using Cash App.

For current photos and news updates,
check us out at
[http://www.facebook.com/CrossroadsUnited
MethodistChurchPortsmouth](http://www.facebook.com/CrossroadsUnitedMethodistChurchPortsmouth)



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.

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.



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
- **April 2** – Maundy Thursday
- **April 3** – Good Friday
- **Saturday, April 4** – NO Ballet
- **April 5 – Easter Sunday**
– Communion
- **Tuesday, April 7** – Circle of Friends – 7:00 PM
- **Wednesday, April 8** – Circle of Grace – 6:00 PM
- **Sunday, April 12** – We Praise Sunday – 11:00 AM
- **Sunday, April 12** – Charge Conference – 12:00 PM
- **Sunday, April 19** – Food Pantry Sunday - Spaghetti Sauce/Pasta
- **Monday, April 20** – United Women in Faith General Meeting - 7:00 PM
- **Sunday, April 26** – United Women in Faith Sunday - 11:00 AM



Crossroads' Budget Update

Needed monthly = \$12,000
 Offering as of March 8, 2026 = \$9,254.91
 Rental Income = \$4,800.00
 Food Pantry donation = \$150.00
 Total = \$14304.91

April Prayer List

-continue to keep these members in your prayers-

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

