

# crossroads circuit rider



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Vacation Bible School is Set for  
Monday, July 27 – Friday, July 31  
9:00 AM – 12:30 PM  
Mark your calendars!

Grab your hiking boots and take a step through the misty air of Rainforest Falls, overflowing with wild waterfalls, towering trees, and colorful creatures. Beneath a canopy of chattering birds and howling monkeys, our VBS kids plunge into a lifelong adventure of discovering the nature of God.

The key themes of Rainforest Falls VBS revolve around five foundational truths about the nature of God:

1. God is Creator.
2. God is All-Knowing.
3. God is our Refuge.
4. God is Love.
5. God is Forever.

Each day, kids will connect a Bible point about God's nature with real-life stories from the Book of Psalms, helping them grow deep in faith. They'll explore what it means to be rooted in relationship with God, their creator, a refuge in life's storms.

See Lisa Boettcher with your questions and if you could volunteer.

## Could You Help by Sponsoring a Child for Vacation Bible School?

Would you consider sponsoring a child (or more than one) for Vacation Bible School with a **donation of \$20.00 per child**? This would be a blessing to a child, who may hear of God's love for the very first time while attending our VBS, not to mention the financial benefit it will be for this Crossroads ministry. If so, please complete the slip below and make all checks payable to "Crossroads UMC", reflecting VBS on the memo line. If you are willing to contribute, but are unable to sponsor one child, please indicate the amount you are willing to donate in the "Other" space below.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

VBS SPONSORSHIP OF (Please circle): \$20    \$40    \$60

Other \_\_\_\_\_

## 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



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

**Crossroads' Food Pantry** is open on **Tuesdays 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM**. They clean off their shelves frequently and, with the budget cuts, the Food Bank does not always have what is needed. You are asked to think of the Food Pantry when you grocery shop. Each month we will focus on a certain food item to make it easier for you.

The third Sunday of each month will be designated as "**Food Pantry Sunday**":

In July we will be asking for **Canned Meat**.

In August we are asking for **Canned Veggies**.

We are asking each person reading this to bring an item and place it on the communion rail.

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.

There is a tall glass bottle near the communion rail that you can also make monetary donations. Anything you can do for this program would be a blessing to this ministry and to the people who are served.

They could use help filling the bags on Monday mornings. See David Lutz for more information.

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



The Crossroads **United Women in Faith** would like to thank everyone who supported the Mother's and Father's Day Bulletins. They garnered a nice profit respectively for their missions' budget.

They will take a break for the rest of the summer and come back together in the Fall with their World Thank Covered Dish Dinner on September 21<sup>st</sup> @ 6:00 PM. Janet Day will be presenting a program for the World Thank Dinner. Everyone is invited to this event.

## The Manger of Love is Ready to Collect School Supplies

The Manger of Love is ready in the sanctuary to **collect school supplies**. These will be collected in July and August in time to be taken to Westhaven Elementary School by the start of school. Items to be collected are crayons, pencils, erasers, pencil sharpeners, notebook paper, rulers, glue sticks, round tip scissors, and so much more. A list is available for your shopping.



## We Praise Band

will bring songs of  
Joy & Praise to the  
**July 19 & August 16**  
Worship Service.



**Crossroads' Ballet Troupe** has weekly practice every Saturday of the month (except July 4). They meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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. Their next performance in church will be August 30<sup>th</sup>.



## Opportunities

### July

- **Choir Practice** – Sundays at 10:30 AM and immediately after church in sanctuary
- **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 – no ballet on 7/4
- **Holy Grounds Café** – Sundays – 10:00 AM
- **Communion Sunday** – July 5 – 11:00 AM
- **Leadership "SAS" meeting / Social Hall** – July 19 – after church
- **Worship led by We Praise** – Sunday, July 19
- **Food Pantry Sunday** – July 19 – bring your donation of canned meats or a monetary donation
- **Vacation Bible School** – July 27-31 – 9:00am-12:30pm

### August

- **Choir Practice** – Sundays at 10:30 AM and immediately after church in sanctuary
- **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
- **Communion Sunday** – August 2 – 11:00 AM
- **Worship led by We Praise** – Sunday, August 16
- **Food Pantry Sunday** – August 16 – bring your donation of Canned Veggies and/or a monetary donation
- **Ballet Performs and Back to School Bash** – Sunday, August 30 – 11:00 AM

### Crossroads' Budget Update

Needed monthly = \$12,000  
 Offering as of June 14, 2026 = \$6,461.57  
 Rental Income = \$1,060.00  
 Food Pantry = \$600.00  
 Total = \$8,121.57

### July & August Prayer List

-continue to keep these members in your prayers-

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



### ...or from Your Church Responsibilities

Crossroads is asking for the assistance of all members in keeping pledges current and when possible, paying them ahead of time when you will be away from church for extended periods. An **adequate balance in the Operating Fund** over the summer months is important. As you have probably heard during Sunday services, we need approximately \$3000 a week to operate. Thank you for helping with this.

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