

crossroads circuit rider



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Join Us for In Person Worship During this Lenten Season!

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

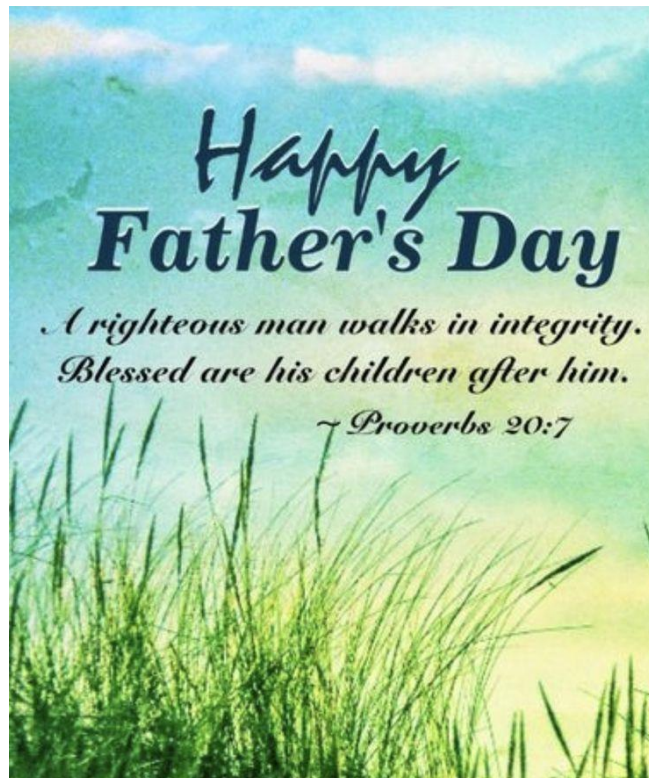
The services are also being recorded and will be available on our Facebook page. You will find this at:

www.facebook.com/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



A Father's Day Prayer

Dear God, We thank you for the gift of Dads in this life. We thank you that you are the greatest Dad ever, Abba Father, and we know that you cover us in your great love.

We pray for your blessing, favor, and strength over every Dad in this world, for those who are seeking to walk closely with you in a dark world, and for those who just need to be reminded that you are real. We ask for your renewed courage, for your boldness, for your Spirit to fill them. Make them always aware and alert of the schemes of the enemy. We ask that you would keep their footsteps firm and guard their way. We ask that you would help them to always stand strong, to be men of faith, to say "no" to what is wrong, and to say "yes" to what is right. We ask that you would fill their hearts with love, compassion, joy, faithfulness, and cover their lives with great peace. *Amen.*

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**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 is designated as **"Food Pantry Sunday"** and in June we will be asking for

Peanut Butter & Jelly.

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

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.

Remember also to help with the **Clothes Closet**. Bring 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** thank everyone who submitted a name for the Mother's Day bulletin. This gave the UWF a nice profit for their mission budget.

Their next fundraiser will be their Father's Day booklet. If you would like to honor or memorialize a special gentleman in your life, submit your slips to the Circle of Friends. The deadline will be Sunday, June 14. See form below. There are also slips at both entrances to the sanctuary.

FATHER'S DAY BULLETIN

In Honor of: _____

In Memory of: _____

By: _____

Relationship: _____

[You are her: daughter, son, daughter-in-law, son-in-law, grandchildren, mother, father, family, friend...]

- return to the *Circle of Friends* by Sunday, June 14 / donation appreciated for each entry
- Susan Cohen or place in box in narthex / queenbeez@cox.net

**ATTN:
NEW CASH APP:**

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



We Praise Band

will bring songs of
Joy & Praise to the
June 21
Worship Service.

Crossroads' Budget Update

Needed monthly = \$12,000
Offering as of May 17, 2026 = \$6,193.00
Rental Income = \$3,389.00
In Memory of John Spence = \$250.00
Cash App = \$635.00
Total = \$10,467.00

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

Congratulations to Joyce Brockhousen and Shaun Kane

Crossroads would like to extend our congratulations and best wishes to Joyce and Shaun on their recent wedding. They were married on May 16th by Rev. Camille Pentsil.

A reception has been planned for them to be held after church in the social hall on **Sunday, June 14**. Everyone is welcome to attend. If you would like to bring a "finger food" to share, contact Peggie Gower.



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.



We are thrilled that the Annual Conference body will gather this year at the Atlantic Union Bank Center at James Madison University (JMU) in Harrisonburg, VA from **June 17-20, 2026**.

As this is a new venue for all attendees, and to make sure everyone feels prepared for the event, there will be an orientation session for ALL persons attending the Annual Conference on **Thursday, May 28, at 7 p.m.**

This orientation will provide helpful information about the venue and the conference as a whole and will provide opportunities for Q&A.

Go online @ VAUMC.org/ac2026 for more information.



It's time for our 2nd quarter Birthday Luncheon! If your birthday is in **April, May, or June** we will be celebrating with you on **Sunday, June 7**. There will be a covered dish lunch after church to celebrate your birthday. Everyone is asked to bring a covered dish to share.



Opportunities

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
- **Sunday, June 7** – Communion
- **Sunday, June 7** – Birthday Luncheon
- **Tuesday, June 9** – Circle of Friends – 7:00 PM
- **Wednesday, June 10** – Circle of Grace – 5:45 PM
- **Sunday, June 14** – Wedding Reception for Joyce and Shaun – after church
- **Sunday, June – June 17-20** – Annual Conference in Harrisonburg, VA
- **Sunday, June 21** – Food Pantry Sunday – PB&J
- **Sunday, June 21** – We Praise Sunday – 11:00 AM

June 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 McLaughlin
Debbie Wright



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 June, 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 will be available for your shopping.



...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.

← Could You Help by Sponsoring a Child for Crossroads' 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 _____



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.