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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 Mother's Day Prayer

Heavenly Father,

Today we lift every mother into Your loving hands.
Thank You for the gift of their lives, their sacrifices,
and the love they pour out so freely.

Bless them with strength when they are weary,
peace when they are anxious, and joy that
overflows in every season.

May Your wisdom guide their words, your grace
cover their hearts, and Your presence be their
constant comfort.

For the mothers who rejoice, let their hearts sing
with gratitude. For the mothers who grieve, wrap
them in Your tender mercy.

Lord, let them know they are seen, valued, and
deeply loved—not only by their families, but by
You, their Creator.

We honor them today and entrust them to Your
care, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

Dayspring Daily Devotions



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Crossroads UMC using Cash App.**



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

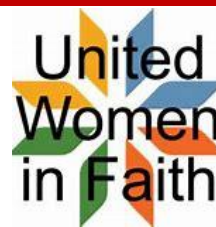
May 17 is Canned Foods.

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 Crossroads **United Women in Faith** had its first General Meeting of the year on April 20th. This was the Call to Prayer and Self Denial and the program was presented by Joyce Dignard.

The next General Meeting is set for June 15th and will be an indoor covered dish picnic in the social hall. This will begin at 6:00 PM. There will also be games to enjoy.

April 26th was United Women in Faith Sunday and our ladies led the service. Julie Kissell, the president of Coastal VA District UWF and the president of the Wesley Community Center Board, brought us the message. They were pleased to present Elaine Brinkley with the Special Mission Recognition pin.

Thank you to everyone who purchased Easter flowers. The altar was beautiful for this special day. There were forty-one beautiful pink geraniums. This gave the UWF a nice profit for their budget.

Their next fundraiser will be their Mother's Day booklet. If you would like to honor or memorialize a special lady in your life, submit your slips to the Circle of Grace. The deadline will be Sunday, May 3. See form below.

MOTHER'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 Grace* by Sunday, May 3 / donation appreciated for each entry
- Nancy Clark or place in box in narthex / gran12@cox.net



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 will be May 31.

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.



Everyone's help is needed for this day. Please sign up and show your support for your church and for your community.

Happy Birthday

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 1. There will be a covered dish lunch after church to celebrate your birthday. Everyone is asked to bring a covered dish to share.

The Manger of Love will be Collecting for Health Kits at this Time

The Manger of Love will be open at this time for the collection of items for the **VA Conference Health Kits**. Items to be collected are:

- **Hand towels** (15" X 25" up to 17" X 27") – no kitchen, cleaning, or microfiber towels
- **Wash clothes** – no kitchen, cleaning, or microfiber towels
- **Combs** – sturdy 4"-7" – not a pocket comb or a comb with a handle
- **Toenail or fingernail clippers** – no emery boards or metal nail files
- **Bath-size soap** (3 oz. bar or larger) – no Ivory or Jergen's soap – do not remove from packaging
- **Adult toothbrushes** – personal advertising not acceptable – do not remove from packaging
- **Adhesive bandages** (3/4 X 3 inches) – common household bandages acceptable
- **One-gallon size resealable bags**

Other important pieces of information are as follows: All items must be new. Do not wash any of the items as they will no longer be considered new. Contents of kits or the containers of kits should not be imprinted with cartoon characters, advertisements, religious, patriotic, military or camouflage symbols.

The United Women in Faith will see that these items are appropriately packaged and delivered to the Annual VA Conference in June.

MAY EVENTS

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, May 3** – Communion
- **Wednesday, May 13** – Circle of Grace – 5:45 PM
- **Sunday, May 17** – Food Pantry Sunday – Canned Foods
- **Sunday, May 24** – Pentecost Sunday – Wear Red!
- **Sunday, May 24** – We Praise Sunday – 11:00 AM
- **Sunday, May 24** – SAS Leadership Meeting – after church [note change from calendar]
- **Sunday, May 31** – Ballet Performs – during worship
- **Sunday, May 31** – Happy Birthday to Pastor Mike!!

Announcement Day in the Virginia Conference

It was with great joy that the announcement was made on April 12th that Pastor Michael Cuffee would be **returning to Crossroads**. We look forward to another uplifting year with Mike as our spiritual leader.

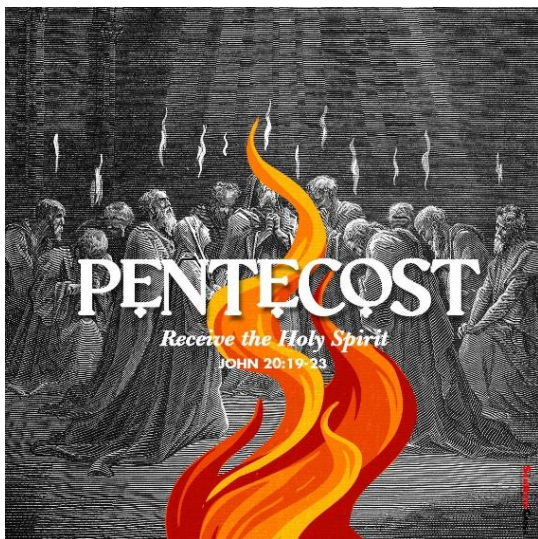
May Prayer List

-continue to keep these members in your prayers-

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



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Pentecost Sunday will be Observed
on May 24. Wear **RED** to church
on that Day.



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.

Crossroads' Budget Update

Needed monthly = \$12,000
Offering as of April 19, 2026 = \$7,717.67
Rental Income = \$4,090.00
Food Pantry donation = \$200.00
Cash App = \$315.00
Total = \$12,372.67