

eReminder

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 LOVE God and Others LEARN & Grow in Faith LIVE Your Faith by Serving

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NEW WORSHIP TIME
9:00am

Sunday School
 Explorers 10:15am
 Devotions 10:15am

Sunday Worship Service
 9:00 am

Adult Sunday School
 10:15am Explorers Room 105
 10:15am Devotions with Randy Room 208

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Ponderings

Hey CrossRoads Family!

January is over, finally! The long, cold, dark days are behind us. And although our griefs may not have left us, I pray the shining sun helps remind us that God's warm, loving arms are ever wrapped around us.

As we begin this month of love, I pray we ignore the consumeristic tint of the month and instead focus on the sharing of love that February can bring!

You can intentionally share love every day this month, and I dare you to make it a personal challenge to do so! Make a little note and put it near your spot you start your day at or make an alert in your phone calendar every day to remind you, and share the love every day of this month!

Call a friend and just let them know you were thinking about them.

Let someone go in front of you at the grocery store.

Send a valentine to someone you care for.

Text a joke or meme to share a giggle.

Compliment someone on their look, effort, or attitude.

Bring a coworker caffeine of some kind.

Walk a card over to your neighbor's house just to be friendly.

There's so many ways we can share love! February is the shortest month, but you can make it the most enjoyable month for those around you if you're willing! And I'm willing to bet that you'll LOVE February too if you're willing to use each day to share some positivity!

And I want to hear about it! Email me during the week when you share love or catch me on Sunday morning and tell me what you did that week! Today is your first opportunity - don't miss it!

What might your month be like if every day you were focused on loving someone else in a small way? Something to ponder...and something to test! You've been dared by the pastor! Don't let me down!

See you in worship Sunday!

Peace and Blessings,
 Pastor Erika

February

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 4 Adree Anderson
- 5 Ken Kluter
- 5 Chuck McClain
- 8 Karen McLaughlin
- 10 Peggy Kershaw
- 11 Virginia Robbins
- 16 Jennifer Huffman
- 20 Mason Ridgley
- 20 Lucas Ridgley
- 22 Phil Inman

February 4, 2024
Sermon Series: "Soul Filling"
Message: "Rhythm"
Guest Speaker: Randy Kelly

Genesis 12:1-9 NIV



The LORD had said to Abram, "Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you.

*"I will make you into a great nation,
 and I will bless you;
 I will make your name great,
 and you will be a blessing.
 I will bless those who bless you,
 and whoever curses you I will curse;
 and all peoples on earth
 will be blessed through you."*

So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he set out from Harran. He took his wife Sarai, his nephew Lot, all the possessions they had accumulated and the people they had acquired in Harran, and they set out for the land of Canaan, and they arrived there. Abram traveled through the land as far as the site of the great tree of Moreh at Shechem. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. The LORD appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built an altar there to the LORD, who had appeared to him. From there he went on toward the hills east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. There he built an altar to the LORD and called on the name of the LORD. Then Abram set out and continued toward the Negev.

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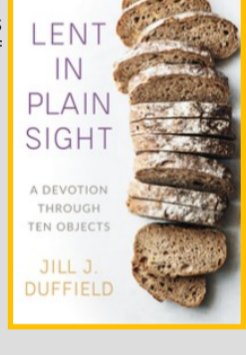
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Lenten 6-Week Book Study

Our 2024 Lenten 6-week book study will begin on February 20. You may choose from three time slots as listed below. You will read "Lent in Plain Sight". In this devotion for the season of Lent, Jill J. Duffield draws readers attention to ten ordinary objects that Jesus would have encountered on his way to Jerusalem: dust, bread, the cross, coins, shoes, oil, coats, towels, thorns, and stones. In each object, readers will find meaning in the biblical account of Jesus' final days. Each week, readers encounter a new object to consider through Scripture, prayer, and reflection. From Ash Wednesday to Easter, Lent in Plain Sight reminds Christians to open ourselves to the kingdom of God. **We have ordered the books for all who wish to participate, and the price is \$5.00 each.**

Tuesday, 10am, with Pam Ekey
 Tuesday, 6pm with Randy Kelly
 Thurs, 5:30pm, with Pastor Erika, virtual

Sign Up Here



Heart n Hand Barrel

Food Donations:
 Any non-perishable goods and individual bags of chips

Hygiene items:
 Preferably travel sized items: wash cloths, small combs and brushes, deodorant, body wash, razors, lip balms, wipes

Delivery Team
 All that is required is to load the contents of our blue barrel in your car and take to HnH. Let them know you are there, and they will unload items and take them inside. See Cindy for details.



SIGN UP HERE!

CrossRoads, it is time to get back out there in our community with events for them and us! If you have a heart to make space for new people, care for our neighbors, or create events for children in the area then we are asking you to sign up to be on our special events team! This team, guided by Pastor Erika, will spearhead the inspiration and planning of events meant to connect us to our community.

We are having a meeting on Friday, Feb. 23 at 5pm in room #105 to plan our Easter outreach event. Sign up today to be a part of the fun, or sign up Sunday morn.

Best Choice Bar Code Labels

We didn't quite make 2000 labels for this year, but we have received \$90 for our collection of 3000 labels submitted for 2023 and those proceeds will go toward our Pirate Pantry donation for the coming year. Thank you so much for your dedication in collecting the bar code labels for us!

Boy Scouts Selling Trash Bags

Our Boy Scout Troop is selling trash bags: Yellow=39 gal/25 per roll, White=15 gal/65 per roll, Blue=55 gal/16 per roll, and Paper bags=3 pack/5 bags per pack. Prices are \$10 per roll or pack. Bags are available on Sunday mornings at church or you can email your order to Cindy in the office. Make checks payable to: Parents Club. Thanks for your support of our Boy Scout Troop.

Heart n Hand

Barrel Donations Needed:

- Any non-perishable food donations, such as cereal, pasta, baking mixes, canned fruit, cooking oils, granola bars, oatmeal, instant potatoes, canned meat, juices, seasonings and condiments
- Personal care & household items (like toilet paper, paper towels, diapers)
- Hygiene items (Preferably travel sized items: wash cloths, small combs and brushes, deodorant, body wash, razors, lip balms, wipes)
- Gloves
- Hand warmers
- Pet food
- Tarps, tents, and sleeping bags
- Coffee, creamer, and sweeteners



Heart n Hand Thrift Store - 305 N. Scott

- 100% of proceeds from the HNH Thrift Store support the work at Heart N Hand. You can always donate clothing, household goods, furniture, books, children's items, etc., to the thrift store. They do not accept mattresses or box TV's, or items that are broken, missing pieces, or torn.

Thrift Store Donation Acceptance Hours: Tues thru Sat 11:00am - 3:00pm

Prayers

PEOPLE IN NEED OF PRAYER

- Joan Resch
- Gib Pearis
- Keith Parks
- Larry Streiff
- Kala Handley
- Mickey Tabor
- JoAnn Arnold
- Michael Mendiola
- Grayson Mendanec
- Patricia Keck (mother of Joe Matson's friend)
- Charles Grimes (Joe Matson's friend)
- Marlin & Paula Sexton (Tracy Inman's friends)
- Charlene Hoy (Cindy Keen's sister-in-law)
- Hazel Wallace (Nancy Jones's friend)
- Thomas Pinckney Smith, Jr. (Gwen Roger's brother)
- Thomas Wickens (Vickie Lawrence's friend)
- Roseann (Wanda Carroll's friend's daughter)
- Melissa Myers (Vickie Lawrence's friend)
- Jerry Contreras (Vickie's son-in-law's father)
- Dennis Matson (Joe Matson's brother)
- Louis Greer (Sandy Drake's friend)
- Karen Beatham (Vickie Lawrence's friend)
- Samantha Bishop (Penny Kelly's friend)
- Ken Thornton (Linda Grindstaff's friend)
- Lisa McBride (Nancy Jones' neighbor)
- Denise Wyatt (Wanda Carroll's friend)
- Wilma McCann (Mat's grandmother)
- Brandon Hedger (Joe Matson's friend)
- Delilah Schmidt (Vickie Lawrence's family friend)
- Linda Evans (Susie McClain's sister)
- Thelma, Joyce Noah (TOPS)
- Kim Kirschling (Cherrie Fleming's friend)
- Greg Coy (Cherrie Fleming's brother)
- Greg Swisher (Karen McLaughlin's friend)
- Dan (Carol Dunlap's niece's husband)
- Justin Wright (Darren Roger's son)
- Kris Sexton (Joe Matson's friend)
- Judy McCann (Mat's mother)
- Shawn Burnam (Sharon Burnam's son)
- Sue Schindler (Sami Siens' mother)
- Walter Glenn (Sandy McNeil's friend)
- Shirley Kormanec

GROUPS

- Gladden Staff & Students & Silver Angels
- People of Ukraine & Israel
- Health Care Workers & 1st Responders
- Boy Scout 210 & Pack 4210
- USA and United States Military

Last Sunday Service



If you watch our service online either on Facebook or on YouTube, please comment on the video to let us know or let Cindy know to record your attendance.

CrossRoads Calendar

Friday, February 2 5:00pm-6:00pm 6:00pm-7:00pm	Music Leadership Meeting in Room #105 Scout Pinewood Derby Setup in Multipurpose Room
Saturday, February 3 8:00am-1:00pm 11:00am-12:00pm	Pinewood Derby in the Multipurpose Room CrossRoads Care Team Meeting in Room #105
Sunday, February 4 9:00am-10:00am 10:00am-11:00am 10:15am-10:45am 10:15am-10:45am	Worship Service in the Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal in Room #210 Devotions With Randy in Room #208 Explorers Adult Sunday School in Room #105
Monday, February 5 9:00am-4:00pm 6:30pm-7:30pm	Creation Station Quilters in Room #205 Cub Scout Den Meeting in the Multipurpose Room
Tuesday, February 6	NONE
Wednesday, February 7 5:00pm-6:00pm 6:00pm-7:00pm	Crossroads Ringers Rehearsal in Room #210 Heavenly Ringers Rehearsal in Room #210
Thursday, February 8 8:45am-10:30am 11:00am-12:00pm 11:00am-12:00pm 12:00pm-1:00pm 2:00pm-4:00pm 6:30pm-8:30pm	TOPS Meeting in Room #201 Creation Station Quilters in Room #205 Ed Martin Memorial Service Martin Family Funeral Dinner in Multipurpose Room UMW Joy Group in Room #105 Scout Troop #210 Meeting in the Multipurpose Room
Friday, February 9	NONE
Saturday, February 10	NONE
Sunday, February 11 9:00am-10:00am 10:00am-11:00am 10:15am-10:45am 10:15am-10:45am	Scout Sunday Worship Service in the Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal in Room #210 Devotions With Randy in Room #208 Explorers Adult Sunday School in Room #105

Upcoming Events

- UWF Lunch Bunch, Feb 12, 11:30am, Multipurpose Room**
- Ash Wednesday Service, Wed, Feb 14, 7:00pm, Sanctuary**
- Dance & Drums with Dr Kim, Fri, Feb 16, 6:00pm, Multipurpose Room**

Submit Prayer Requests Here

Questions or comments? Email us at cjones@crossroads-umc.net
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