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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!

Next week starts our Lenten journey; the forty days we set aside in our church calendar year to focus on the journey Jesus took for us towards the cross. This season begins this year with Ash Wednesday on Valentine's Day, and there is just something poetic about that! I hope you will join us for our Ash Wednesday service next Wednesday at 7:00pm to start the Lenten season off reminding ourselves why Christ came for us.

I am going to be taking these articles during Lent and doing something intentional with them this year. I want you all to know that I HEAR you! You all do not like it when I pick hymns that you do not know – even when their lyrics go perfectly with the theme of the week. Music is highly personal for all of us, and I understand that those hymns you know and love help you have moments of worship that move your spirit closer to God.

However, as a church that uses traditional music as their preference, I feel that you are not getting the space to appreciate the theology and inspiration that many of the hymns in our UMC hymnal offer. Plus, if we only ever sing or hear the ones we know, how will we ever learn new ones?

To meet in the middle, I will be going over a hymn you may, or may not, be familiar with every week in my "Ponderings" article so that we can take time to get to know these Lent specific hymns a bit better.

For this week before Lent begins, we are looking at a hymn that comes from the section on Christ's gracious life, since Lent begins with the work Jesus did when he began his ministry. This hymn is called "Jesus' Hands Were Kind Hands" and it is Hymn #273 if you would like to look it up and see the tune.

The words say: Jesus' hands were kind hands, doing good to all, healing pain and sickness, blessing children small, washing tired feet, and saving those who fall; Jesus' hands were kind hands, doing good to all. Take my hands, Lord Jesus, let them work for you; make them strong and gentle, kind in all I do. Let me watch you, Jesus, till I'm gentle too, till my hands are kind hands, quick to work for you.

As this Lenten season begins, may we be reminded of these kind hands, and may we strive to have hands like these at work in this world today.

And may you ponder – what have these kind hands done for you today?

Peace and Blessings,
 Pastor Erika

SECURITY

Feb 1st to 15th
 Mark Polk
 816-868-3605

February

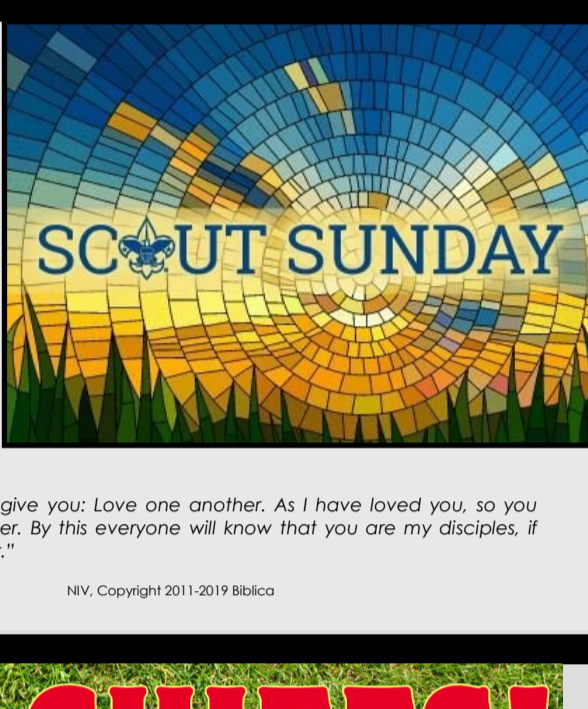
FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

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 11, 2024
Scout Sunday
Speaker: Mat McCann

"Love Is All We Need"

John 13:34-35 NIV



"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

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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.

GO CHIEFS!

WEAR RED OR YOUR FAVE CHIEFS GEAR THIS SUNDAY!

GROUP PHOTO AFTER CHURCH
And bring a pantry item for our collection for Heart n Hand for the MO Conference Sacking Hunger Challenge!

Before the Chiefs game Sunday, we can score a victory against hunger. Please bring nonperishable food items for Heart n Hand with you to church this Sunday for the [UMC Sacking Hunger Challenge](#).

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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. **Books are \$5.00 each.**

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

Sign Up Here

LENT IN PLAIN SIGHT
 A DEVOTION THROUGH TEN OBJECTS
 JILL J. DUFFIELD

Ash Wed.
 Ash Wed. Svc, 7:00PM, February 14

Good Friday Svc, 7pm, March 29

Easter Service, 9am, March 31

Pirate Pantry
[click here to donate online](#)

Collecting for 2024 School Year Now!

Thank you for your support in helping these students in need. We are now collecting for next year. To help us build our balance up, please drop your check in the offering plate and note that it is for Pirate Pantry in the memo line. Your donation for the 2024 school year is appreciated!

CrossRoads Connect Team

SIGN UP HERE!

CrossRoads, it is time to get back out there in our community with space for them and us! If you have a heart to make events 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.

Heart n Hand

Barrel Donations Needed:

- Any non-perishable food donations such as cereal, bars, oatmeal, instant potatoes, 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
 Ken Kluter
 Gib Pearis
 Keith Parks
 Taylor Thayne
 Larry Streiff
 Mickey Tabor
 Kala Handley
 Betty Robertson
 Darren Rogers
 Chris Harrelson
 Mickey Tabor
 Holden Batchelder
 JoAnn Arnold
 Michael Mendiola
 Grayson Kormanec
 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' friend)
 Thomas Pinckney Smith, Jr. (Gwen Roger's brother)
 Heidi Burks (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)
 Rod 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 Siems' mother)
 Walter Glenn (Sandy McNeil's friend)
 Shirley Kormanec

GROUPS

Gladden Staff & Students & Silver Angels
 People of Ukraine & Israel
 Family Care Workers & 1st Responders
 Boy Scout 421 & Pack 4210
 USA and United States Military

PEACE & COMFORT
 Family & Friends of Barb Linnell

Submit Prayer Requests Here

Last Sunday Service

02/04/24 Crossroads UMC Wors...

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

CrossRoads Calendar

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

Monday, February 12
 9:00am-4:00pm
 11:30am-12:30pm
 5:00pm-9:00pm

Tuesday, February 13
 5:00pm-7:00pm
 6:30pm-8:00pm

Wednesday, February 14
 5:00pm-6:00pm
 5:30pm-6:30pm
 6:00pm-7:00pm
 7:00pm-8:00pm

Thursday, February 15
 8:45am-10:30am
 11:00am-4:00pm
 6:30pm-8:30pm

Friday, February 16
 6:00pm-7:00pm

Saturday, February 17
NONE

Sunday, February 18
 9:00am-10:00am
 10:00am-11:00am
 10:15am-10:45am
 10:15am-10:45am

1st Sunday in Lent
 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

Ash Wednesday Service, Feb 14, 7:00pm, Sanctuary
Dance & Drums with Dr Kim, Fri, Feb 16, 6:00pm, Multipurpose Room
Card Making Class, Wed, Jan 24, 4:00pm to 8:00pm, Room #201
CrossRoads Crafters, Fri, Jan 27, 9:00am, Multipurpose Room

Questions or comments? Email us at cjones@crossroads-umc.net
 To remove your name from our mailing list, please [click here](#)