



# eReminder

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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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**SECURITY**

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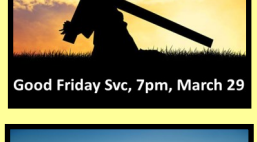


**FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**

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

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 Visit often and tag CrossRoads in your posts when possible. Help us show others how we Love people, Learn together, and Live in service to God at CrossRoads.  
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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.

**Daylight Saving Time Starts**  
 Spring Forward  
**MARCH 10**

**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!

**Prayers**

**PEOPLE IN NEED OF PRAYER**

Vickie Trutzel  
 Joan Resch  
 Keith Parks  
 Larry Streiff  
 Kala Handley  
 Carol Creach  
 Darren Rogers  
 Mickey Tabor  
 JoAnn Arnold  
 Michael Mendiola  
 Grayson Kennec  
 Amanda Brodfuehrer (Vickie's daughter's cousin)  
 T.J. Carr (Paul & Donna Carr's nephew)  
 Gail Welchon (Sandy McNeil's friend)  
 Patricia Keck (mother of Joe Matson's friend)  
 Charles Grimes (Joe Matson's friend)  
 Marlin & Paula Sexton (Tracy Inman's friends)  
 Charlene Hoyal (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 Rogers'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  
 Health Care Workers & 1st Responders  
 Boy Scout 210 & Pack 4210  
 USA and United States Military

## Ponderings

Hey CrossRoads Family!

This week, we are looking at a hymn from the section on the passion and death of Christ's gracious life. This is Hymn #287 "O Love Divine, What Hast Thou Done." This was written by Charles Wesley in 1742, and I invite you to pay attention to the punctuation that he intentionally used to make us feel these words all the more intensely.

*O Love divine, what hast thou done! The immortal God hath died for me! The Father's coeternal Son bore all my sins upon the tree. The immortal God for me hath died: My Lord, my Love, is crucified!*

*Is crucified for me and you, to bring us rebels back to God. Believe, believe the record true, ye all are bought with Jesus' blood. Pardon for all flows from his side: My Lord, my Love, is crucified!*

*Behold him, all ye that pass by, the bleeding Prince of life and peace! Come, sinners, see your Savior die, and say, "Was ever grief like his?" Come, feel with me his blood applied: My Lord, my Love, is crucified!*

There's a trend out there that makes fun of millennials like me for the way we constantly use exclamation marks in our writing; like we want you to know that we are positive but then it just comes off as overboard most of the time. I know that I am guilty of this! (See!)

But I don't think Charles' use of exclamation points is coming off as overboard here. I think instead they drive the point farther in and we feel his deep astonishment at what God has done for us through the Son.

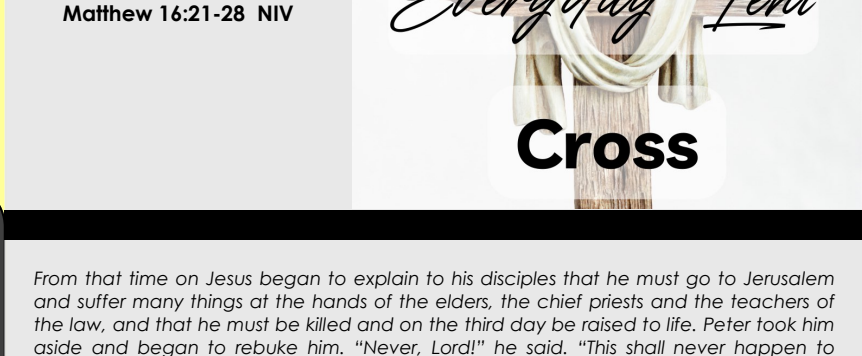
As I was going over this hymn, I was reminded of one of my favorite Advent hymns "Love Came Down at Christmas." I often repeat during the Advent season that the babe in the manger came to be our Christ upon the cross. And as this year's Lent season has felt like it started so early, like we had just put the Christmas trees up last week and yet here we are in the midst of Lent!

It feels as though this sentiment is even more connected for me this year. Love came down at Christmas for us, and in this season we hear again how Love was crucified for us.

As we ponder the deep amazement in this hymn and we connect our two high holy seasons, I pray we may begin to get a glimpse of just how deeply, and wholly, and truly we are loved.

Love loves you. So even if you didn't get any Valentines last week, don't let it bother you, because LOVE loves YOU! I pray this Lenten season drives that home for us in ways we have never understood before.

Peace and Blessings,  
 Pastor Erika



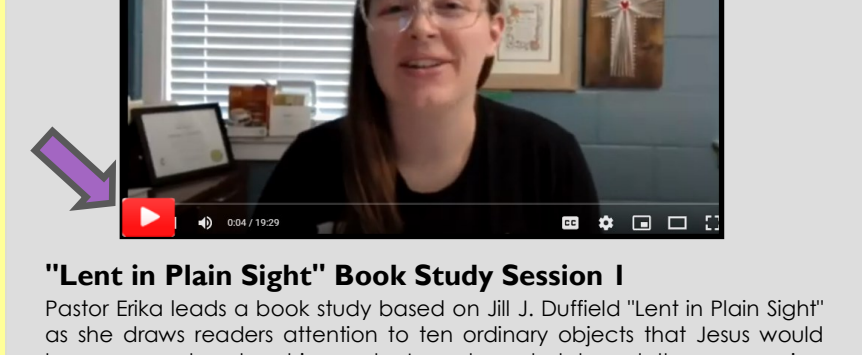
**February 25, 2024**  
**2nd Sunday in Lent**

**"Everyday Lent: Cross"**

**Matthew 16:21-28 NIV**

From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life. Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. "Never, Lord!" he said. "This shall never happen to you!" Jesus turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns." Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it. What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? For the Son of Man is going to come in his Father's glory with his angels, and then he will reward each person according to what they have done. "Truly I tell you, some who are standing here will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

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**"Lent in Plain Sight" Book Study Session I**

Pastor Erika leads a book study based on Jill J. Duffield "Lent in Plain Sight" as she 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. Click above to view the video on YouTube.

**Easter Origami Lily Fundraiser**

CrossRoads will celebrate Easter again this year with origami lilies. By doing so, we are more welcoming to those folks with allergies. We will again provide you with the opportunity to honor or memorialize loved ones in our Easter Sunday Bulletin by giving \$15 per flower to decorate our worship area on Easter. You may take your lily home with you after our Easter worship service.

The money you donate will go toward our Vacation Bible School ministry for meals, décor, and supplies. You may place your order on our website [www.crossroads-umc.net](http://www.crossroads-umc.net) here: [Easter Origami Lily Order Form](#) or use the order form on the bulletin insert and indicate "Lily" on the memo line of your check.

**Pirate Pantry Ministry**

We are currently raising funds for the Pirate Pantry to help students in the Belton School District who need food assistance. Please consider donating today to provide proper nutrition so these young people can focus on their educational needs. Drop your check in the offering plate and note in the memo line that it is for Pirate Pantry. Thanks for your support!

**Card Making Class, Feb. 28, 4pm to 8pm**

Our next monthly card making class is February 28 in room #201 from 4pm to 8pm. You pay \$25 for supplies for materials to make 10 to 15 cards and envelopes. Bring your own card making equipment. Please register online at [crossroads-umc.net](http://crossroads-umc.net) or pick up a registration card from the info table and drop it in the offering plate today. Hope to see you there!

**Best Choice Bar Code Labels**

Continue to bring your Best Choice Bar Code Labels to church. The proceeds will go toward our Pirate Pantry for the coming year.

**Heart n Hand Food Pantry Items Needed**

You can either drop pantry items in our blue barrel at church or deliver them to HnH at the designated hours. Needed items are:

- 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)

**Please do NOT put items for the thrift store, such as clothes, etc. in the blue barrel.**  
**Deliver those to the thrift store yourself.**

**Last Sunday Service**

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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 23**  
 5:00pm-6:00pm Connect Team Meeting in Room #105

**Saturday, February 24**  
 10:00am-7:00pm CrossRoads Craft Social in the Multipurpose Room

**Sunday, February 25**  
 9:00am-10:00am Worship Service in the Sanctuary  
 10:00am-11:00am Choir Rehearsal in Room #210  
 10:15am-10:45am Devotions With Randy in Room #208  
 10:15am-10:45am Explorers Adult Sunday School in Room #105

**Monday, February 26**  
 9:00am-4:00pm Creation Station Quilters in Room #205  
 6:30pm-7:30pm Cub Scout Den Meeting in the Multipurpose Room

**Tuesday, February 27**  
 10:00am-11:00am Lenten Book Study w/Pam Ekey in Room #105  
 6:00pm-7:00pm Lenten Book Study w/Randy Kelly in Room #105  
 7:00pm-9:00pm Troop Committee Meeting in the Multipurpose Room

**Wednesday, February 28**  
 4:00pm-8:00pm Card Making Class in Room #201  
 5:00pm-6:00pm Crossroads Ringers Rehearsal in Room #210  
 6:00pm-7:00pm Heavenly Bell Choir Rehearsal in Room #210

**Thursday, February 29**  
 8:45am-10:30am TOPS Meeting in Room #201  
 11:00am-4:00pm Creation Station Quilters in Room #205  
 5:30pm-6:00pm Virtual Lenten Book Study w/Pastor Erika via zoom  
 6:30pm-8:30pm Scout Troop #210 Meeting in the Multipurpose Room

**Friday, March 1**  
 NONE

**Saturday, March 2**  
 NONE

**Sunday, March 3**  
 9:00am-10:00am Worship Service in the Sanctuary  
 10:00am-11:00am Choir Rehearsal in Room #210  
 10:15am-10:45am Devotions With Randy in Room #208  
 10:15am-10:45am Explorers Adult Sunday School in Room #105

**3rd Sunday in Lent**

**Upcoming Events**

**Daylight Saving Time Begins, March 10, Spring Forward**  
**UMW Lunch Bunch, March 11, 11:30am, Multipurpose Room**  
**UMW Joy Group, March 14, 2:00pm, Room #105**  
**CrossRoads Crafters, Fri, March 23, 10:00am, Multipurpose Room**

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