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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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MARCH BIRTHDAYS

5 Donna Shoemaker
 12 Gary Handley
 13 Wanda Carroll
 16 Mike Jones
 16 Wanda Kiefer
 17 Pam Eaton
 22 Allan Jones
 24 Jade Huntington
 25 Chet Trutzel
 30 Holden Batchelder
 31 Mark Ostendorf

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

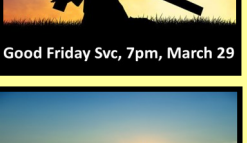
1 Cheryl & Travis Ashbaugh
 4 Cathy & Keith Parks

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Good Friday Svc, 7pm, March 29



Easter Service, 9am, March 31

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.

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!

Ponderings

Hey CrossRoads Family!

As the section in our hymnal on the passion and death of Christ implies, we are going darker this week with Hymn #290 "Go to Dark Gethsemane." If you aren't familiar with that big, weird word, that is ok! It is the name for the garden in Jerusalem that the Gospels tell us Jesus took his disciples to the night he was arrested.

In the garden, Jesus prayed to God to let this coming fate pass before him if possible, but he also prayed that God's will be done, not his own. As Jesus finishes this prayer, the one who betrayed him approached with the soldiers who would arrest him and take him away to be condemned, and we see that even Jesus' requests do not always get answered how even he would have hoped for. But not in vain – because God was at work in other ways.

The garden was a place of deep agony for our fully human, fully divine Christ. There he teaches us that we can bring all our pain before God, but he also moves our view to see that sometimes we don't get the answers we wish for because God has a bigger picture playing out for us.

That is what I think we are meant to get from these words written by James Montgomery in 1820.

Go to dark Gethsemane, ye that feel the tempter's power; your Redeemer's conflict see, watch with him one bitter hour. Turn not from his griefs away; learn of Jesus Christ to pray. See him at the judgment hall, beaten bound, reviled, arraigned; O the wormwood and the gall! O the pangs his soul sustained! Shun not suffering, shame, or loss; learn of Christ to bear the cross. Calvary's mournful mountain climb; there, adoring at his feet, mark that miracle of time, God's own sacrifice complete. "It is finished!" hear him cry; learn of Jesus Christ to die. Early hasten to the tomb where they laid his breathless clay; all is solitude and gloom. Who has taken him away? Christ is risen! He meets our eyes; Savior, teach us so to rise.

Although we are bid to come to the garden, Montgomery does not leave us in Gethsemane. Instead, he walks us all the way to the garden where the tomb will be found empty.

That is what God does when we come with our requests from our own agonies. We pray in the garden, but we are never left there. Even when our answers don't seem to come. God is moving us to a new garden still. One where we are taught that we have the power to rise as Christ did, and where we see that the agony was never going to be our end.

May we ponder that as our Lenten journey continues.

Peace and Blessings,
 Pastor Erika

March 3, 2024
3rd Sunday in Lent

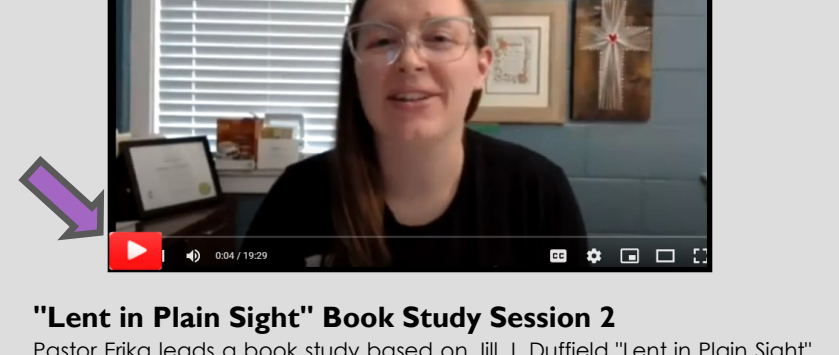
"Everyday Lent: Coins"

John 2:13-16



When it was almost time for the Jewish Passover, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple courts he found people selling cattle, sheep and doves, and others sitting at tables exchanging money. So he made a whip out of cords, and drove all from the temple courts, both sheep and cattle; he scattered the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. To those who sold doves he said, "Get these out of here! Stop turning my Father's house into a market!"

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"Lent in Plain Sight" Book Study Session 2

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.

If you would like to join the Zoom session for any of the coming weeks, here is the link to join: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89925401544> (use the same link each week). For session 2, here is the [Finger Labyrinth form](#).

Easter Origami Lily Fundraiser

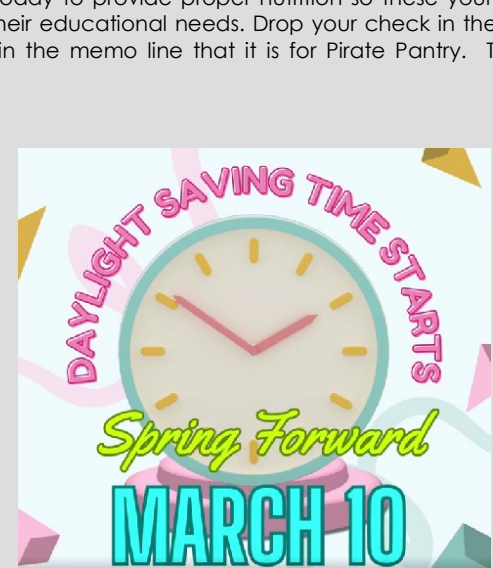
CrossRoads will celebrate Easter again this year with origami lilies. By doing so, we are more welcoming to those folks with allergies. We will again provide you with the opportunity to honor or memorialize loved ones in our Easter Sunday Bulletin by giving \$15 per flower to decorate our worship area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



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.

Prayers

PEOPLE IN NEED OF PRAYER

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|---|-------------------|
| Lyn Polk | Ken Kluter |
| Gib Pearis | Taylor Thayne |
| Keith Parks | JoAnn Arnold |
| Larry Streiff | Betty Robertson |
| Kala Handley | Chris Harrelson |
| Carol Creach | Holden Batchelder |
| Mickey Tabor | |
| Darren Rogers | |
| Phil Gronemeyer | |
| Michael Mendiola | |
| Grayson Kormanec | |
| Gary Curry (Uncle of Joe Matson's friend) | |
| 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 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
- Health Care Workers & 1st Responders
- Boy Scout 210 & Pack 4210
- USA and United States Methodist

Submit Prayer Requests Here

Last Sunday Service



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, March 1
NONE

Saturday, March 2
NONE

Sunday, March 3
 9:00am-10:00am
 10:00am-11:00am
 10:15am-10:45am
 10:15am-10:45am

Monday, March 4
 9:00am-4:00pm
 6:30pm-7:30pm

Tuesday, March 5
 10:00am-11:00am
 6:00pm-7:00pm

Wednesday, March 6
 5:00pm-6:00pm
 6:00pm-7:00pm

Thursday, March 7
 8:45am-10:30am
 11:00am-4:00pm
 5:30pm-6:00pm
 6:30pm-8:30pm

Friday, March 8
 5:00pm-9:00pm

Saturday, March 9
 SPRING FORWARD for DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

Sunday, March 10
 9:00am-10:00am
 10:00am-11:00am
 10:15am-10:45am
 10:15am-10:45am

3rd 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

4th 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

UMW Lunch Bunch, March 11, 11:30am, Multipurpose Room
UMW Joy Group, March 14, 2:00pm, Room #105
Easter Fair, Friday, March 22, 5:30-7:00pm, Multipurpose Room
CrossRoads Crafters, Fri, March 23, 10:00am, Multipurpose Room
Good Friday Service, March 29, 7:00pm, Sanctuary
Easter Morning Worship Service, March 31, 9:00am, Sanctuary

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