



eReminder

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

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- Donna Shoemaker**
Hospitality
- Cindy Jones**
Office Administrator

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

March 1st to 15th
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March

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

facebook

Be sure to "Like" our Facebook page!
 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.
www.facebook.com/crossroadsbelton

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!

Prayers

PEOPLE IN NEED OF PRAYER

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| Lyn Polk | Ken Kluter |
| Gib Pearis | Taylor Thayne |
| Larry Streiff | JoAnn Arnold |
| Kala Handley | Betty Robertson |
| Carol Creach | Chris Harrelson |
| Mickey Rabor | Holden Batchelder |
| Darren Rogers | |
| Phil Gronemeyer | |
| Michael Mendiola | |
| Grayson Kormanec | |
| Kathy Dunten (Kim Swift's aunt) | |
| Tom Frank (Ari & Jessica's grandpa) | |
| 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) | |
| Hazel Wallace (Nancy Jones' friend) | |
| Thomas Pinckney Smith, Jr. (Gwen Roger's brother) | |
| Heidi Burkas (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) | |
| 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 | |

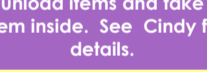
GROUPS

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

PEACE & COMFORT

Family & Friends of Keith Parks

Submit Prayer Requests Here



Ponderings

Hey CrossRoads Family!

This week's hymn is one that comes from the African American Spirituals. These are the hymns that have deep roots in the beginning of slavery in America.

These songs come from a people who see the Christ on the cross in a way most of us cannot. They identify with the suffering Jesus endured in a way those of us in the modern world cannot. When they read that Christ was whipped, their own backs stung from their last whipping.

The depth of these songs is so powerful. They have been passed down from generation to generation and a few of them have made their way into our UMC hymnals. This is Hymn #291 "He Never Said a Mumbalin' Word."

They crucified my Lord, and he never said a mumbalin' word; They crucified my Lord, and he never said a mumbalin' word, not a word, not a word, not a mumbalin' word.

They nailed him to the tree, and he never said a mumbalin' word; they nailed him to the tree, and he never said a mumbalin' word, not a word, not a word, not a mumbalin' word.

They pierced him in the side, and he never said a mumbalin' word; they pierced him in the side, and he never said a mumbalin' word, not a word, not a word, not a mumbalin' word.

His blood came trickling down, and he never said a mumbalin' word; his blood came trickling down, and he never said a mumbalin' word, not a word, not a word, not a mumbalin' word.

He hung his head and died, and he never said a mumbalin' word; he hung his head and died, and he never said a mumbalin' word, not a word, not a word, not a mumbalin' word.

You may be thinking, but Jesus did say words. We went over them last Lent and the beautiful banners of what he said are hanging on the walls of the sanctuary right now.

But I don't think "mumbalin' word" is referring to literal words coming out of Jesus' mouth. Instead, I think they are referring to how Jesus did not say any word of discontent, of rebuttal, of placing blame, or of rebuking his place on that tree.

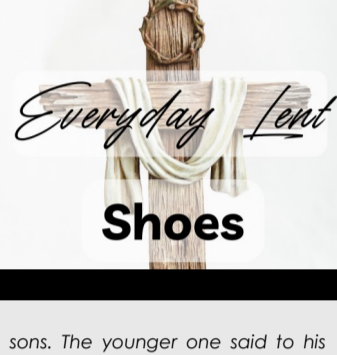
No, Jesus took in all the pain and agony without breathing a "mumbalin' word" because God had him on that tree for you and for me. Ponder that.

Peace and Blessings,
 Pastor Erika

March 10, 2024 4th Sunday in Lent

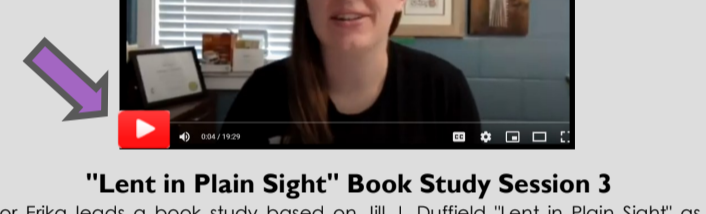
"Everyday Lent: Shoes"

Luke 15:11-22



Jesus continued: "There was a man who had two sons. The younger one said to his father, 'Father, give me my share of the estate.' So he divided his property between them. "Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything. "When he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.' So he got up and went to his father. "But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him. "The son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' "But the father said to his servants, 'Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet.

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"Lent in Plain Sight" Book Study Session 3

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.

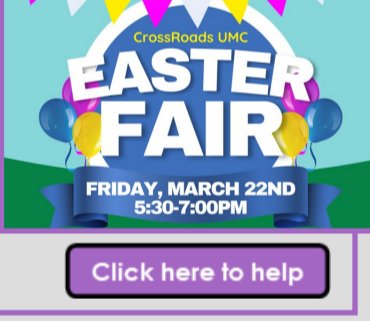
If you would like to join the Zoom session for any of the coming weeks, here is the link to join: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89925401544> (use the same link each week).

Easter Fair Helpers Needed

Our Connect Team is planning an Easter Fair on March 22, 2024, from 5:30pm to 7:00pm at CrossRoads. We are inviting the community for a night of free family fun that will include a photo op with the Easter bunny, a hotdog meal for the whole family, and several fun activities such as crafts, games, videos, and more.

We are asking our CrossRoads family to assist with this event. We need people to serve food, monitor crafts, welcome guests, set up, tear down, two bunny helpers, carnival game monitor. Click the button below to let us know what you will help with.

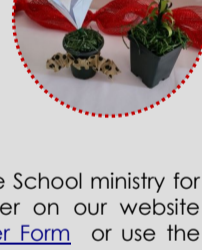
We are also requesting donations of plastic easter eggs and individually wrapped candy that will fit in the eggs. If you can provide these items, please bring them to church with you and put them on the tables by wall by the coat rack.



[Click here to help](#)

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.



SCAM ALERT INFO

From Pastor Erika:

I want to alert you to a scam that is going around using my name. If you receive a text message or email claiming to be me and asking you to do me a favor, it is NOT me!

This is a common scam that attacks congregations often. Please do not fall for it. I would never ask you to go get gift cards of any amount for me because I'm tied up in a meeting or whatever other excuse it tries.

If you receive anything like this, please contact the office and let us know. Do NOT purchase any gift cards or send this unknown number/email any information.

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.

CrossRoads Calendar

Friday, March 8

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| 10:00am-11:00am | Parks Visitation in the Sanctuary |
| 11:00am-12:00pm | Parks Funeral Service in the Sanctuary |
| 12:00pm-2:00pm | Parks Funeral Dinner |
| 5:00pm-9:00pm | Scouts Arrow of Light Crossover Ceremony |

Saturday, March 9

SPRING FORWARD for DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

Sunday, March 10 4th Sunday in Lent

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| 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, March 11

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| 9:00am-4:00pm | Creation Station Quilters in Room #205 |
| 11:30am-12:30pm | UWF Lunch Bunch in the Multipurpose Room |
| 6:30pm-7:30pm | Cub Scout Den Meeting in the Multipurpose Room |

Tuesday, March 12

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| 10:00am-11:00am | Lenten Book Study w/Pam Ekey in Room #105 |
| 5:00pm-7:00pm | Creative Stitchers in Room #201 |
| 6:00pm-7:00pm | Lenten Book Study w/Randy Kelly in Room #105 |
| 6:30pm-8:00pm | Pack Committee Meeting in the Multipurpose Room |

Wednesday, March 13

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| 5:00pm-6:00pm | Crossroads Ringers Rehearsal in Room #210 |
| 5:30pm-6:30pm | Leadership Board Meeting in Room #105 |
| 6:00pm-7:00pm | Heavenly Bell Choir Rehearsal in Room #210 |

Thursday, March 14

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| 8:45am-10:30am | TOPS Meeting in Room #201 |
| 11:00am-11:30am | Creation Station Quilters in Room #205 |
| 2:00pm-3:00pm | UWF Joy Group in Room #105 |
| 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 15

NONE

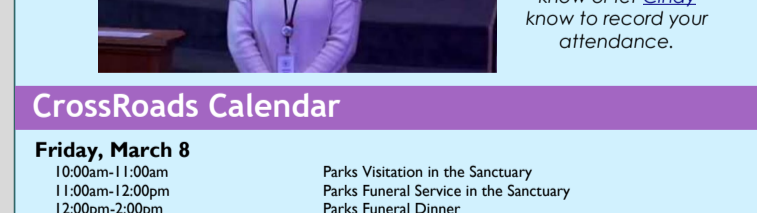
Saturday, March 16

NONE

Sunday, March 17 5th Sunday in Lent

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| 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 |

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.

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

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