



# 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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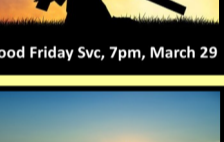
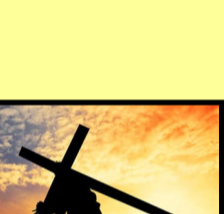
**SECURITY**  
 March 16th to 31st  
 Joe Matson  
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**MARCH BIRTHDAYS**  
 5 Donna Shoemaker  
 12 Gary Handley  
 13 Wanda Carroll  
 16 Mike Jones  
 16 Wanda Kiefer  
 17 Pam Eaton  
 22 Allan Jones  
 24 Jade Huntington  
 25 Chet Trutzel  
 30 Holden Batchelder  
 31 Mark Ostendorf

**MARCH ANNIVERSARIES**  
 1 Cheryl & Travis Ashbaugh  
 4 Cathy & Keith Parks

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 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.  
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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.

**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!

**Senior Citizen Spring Luncheon at BHS**  
**April 5, 12pm**  
 You're invited to the Senior Citizen Spring Luncheon at the Belton High School Field House, 801 w. North Ave, Belton, MO.  
 This event is free to Belton senior citizens. Come enjoy great food, company and entertainment. You can also learn more about the exciting things happening in our Belton Schools.  
 Parking available on the west side lot of the high school.



## 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**  
 Gib Pearis  
 Larry Streiff  
 Kala Handley  
 Carol Creach  
 Mickey Tabor  
 JoAnn Arnold  
 Phil Gronemeyer  
 Michael Mendiola  
 Grayson Kormanec  
 Brandi Price (Tracy, Penny, Vickie, & Angie's cousin)  
 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)  
 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 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 friend)  
 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 Military

Submit Prayer Requests Here

## Ponderings

Hey CrossRoads Family!

This coming Sunday is Palm Sunday, when we remember that moment that Jesus enters Jerusalem, where his whole earthly ministry journey had been directing him. Where he entered the city with praises from the people and yet would end the week with shouts of condemnation from some of the same people.

This week's hymn is one I am almost certain none of you have ever heard in a worship service because the English translation is not the original version. I am going to share the English translation with you all, but I encourage you to look this one up in your hymnal to see it in both languages.

This is Hymn #279 "Mantos y Palmas (Filled with Excitement)" and it was written by Ruben Ruiz Avila in 1972 and translated by Gertrude Suppe in 1979.

*Filled with excitement, all the happy throng spread cloaks and branches on the city streets. There in the distance they begin to see, riding on a donkey, comes the Son of God. From every corner a thousand voices sing praises to him who comes in the name of God. With one great shout of acclamation loud triumphant song breaks forth: "Hosanna, hosanna to the King! Hosanna, hosanna to the King!"*

*As in that entrance to Jerusalem, we sing hosannas to the Christ, our King, to the living Savior who still calls today, asking us to follow him with love and faith. From every corner a thousand voices sing praises to him who comes in the name of God. With one great shout of acclamation loud triumphant song breaks forth: "Hosanna, hosanna to the King! Hosanna, hosanna to the King!"*

This is how we will begin our worship together Sunday as we remember this excited moment of shouts and praise! Come ready to wave a palm branch high and as excitedly as you can muster!

Palm Sunday starts the holy week off with praise, but it ends with our attention turning towards the cross. So as we begin with palm branches waving, we must end the service by dropping them and trampling over them on the way out the door as we prepare our hearts for the week.

As we prepare ourselves for this heavy Sunday, I pray you will ponder what it might have been like to be a part of those shouting hosanna as Jesus entered the city. Could we duplicate their excitement Sunday as we shout our own hosannas?

Peace and Blessings,  
 Pastor Erika

**March 24, 2024 Palm Sunday**  
**"Everyday Lent: Coats"**  
 Mark 11:1-11

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and just as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here shortly.'" They went and found a colt outside in the street, tied at a doorway. As they untied it, some people standing there asked, "What are you doing, untying that colt?" They answered as Jesus had told them to, and the people let them go. When they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks over it, he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread branches they had cut in the fields. Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted, "Hosanna!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!" "Hosanna in the highest heaven!" Jesus entered Jerusalem and went into the temple courts. He looked around at everything, but since it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the Twelve.

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**"Lent in Plain Sight" Book Study Session 4**  
 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).

If you've missed any of the YouTubes, here are the links to the previous and upcoming sessions:

- Lent1 [https://youtu.be/R8\\_c4Vh7ZE](https://youtu.be/R8_c4Vh7ZE)
- Lent2 [https://youtu.be/V\\_SqeACDSzw](https://youtu.be/V_SqeACDSzw)
- Lent3 <https://youtu.be/CXbiyav-eYk>
- Lent4 <https://youtu.be/MZLvNxtsTSO>
- Lent5 <https://youtu.be/UU9LP2xpSYE>
- Lent6 <https://youtu.be/RxsbNfBsPhw>

**Easter Fair**  
 Our Easter Fair is this Friday, March 22, 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. Please invite your family and friends!

**Easter Origami Lily Fundraiser**  
**This week is your final chance** 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, or if you'd like to make a dedication without taking a lily, you may do that as well. Enter zero for the number of flowers if you don't wish to take one.

The money you donate will go toward our Vacation Bible School 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.

## CrossRoads Calendar

<b>Friday, March 22</b> 5:30pm-7:00pm	EASTER FAIR in the Multipurpose Room
<b>Saturday, March 23</b> 10:00am-9:00pm	Choir Rehearsal in Room #210
<b>Sunday, March 24</b> 9:00am-10:00am 10:00am-11:00am 10:15am-10:45am 10:15am-10:45am	<b>Palm Sunday</b> Worship Service in the Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal in Room #210 Devotions With Randy in Room #208 Explorers Adult Sunday School in Room #105
<b>Monday, March 25</b> 9:00am-10:00pm 6:00pm-7:30pm	Creation Station Quilters in Room #205 Cub Scout Den Meeting in the Multipurpose Room
<b>Tuesday, March 26</b> 10:00am-11:00am 6:00pm-8:00pm	Lenten Book Study w/Pam Ekey in Room #105 Lenten Book Study w/Randy Kelly in Room #105 Troop Committee Meeting in the Multipurpose Room
<b>Wednesday, March 27</b> 5:00pm-6:00pm 6:00pm-7:00pm	Crossroads Ringers Rehearsal in Room #210 Heavenly Bell Choir Rehearsal in Room #210
<b>Thursday, March 28</b> 8:45am-10:30am 11:00am-4:00pm 5:30pm-6:00pm 6:30pm-8:30pm	<b>Maunder Thursday</b> TOPS Meeting in Room #201 Creation Station Quilters in Room #205 Virtual Lenten Book Study w/Pastor Erika via zoom Scout Troop #210 Meeting in the Multipurpose Room
<b>Friday, March 29</b> 7:00pm-8:00pm	<b>Good Friday</b> Good Friday Service in the Sanctuary
<b>Saturday, March 30</b>	NONE
<b>Sunday, March 31</b> 9:00am-10:00am 10:00am-11:00am 10:15am-10:45am 10:15am-10:45am	<b>Easter Sunday</b> 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**  
**Easter Fair, Friday, March 22, 5:30-7:00pm, Multipurpose Room**  
**CrossRoads Crafters, Sat, March 23, 10:00am, Multipurpose Room**  
**Good Friday Service, March 29, 7:00pm, Sanctuary**  
**Easter Morning Worship Service, March 31, 9:00am, Sanctuary**

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