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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

30 Holden Batchelder
31 Mark Ostendorf

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

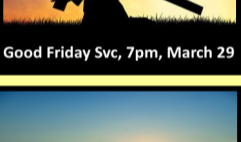
9 Darren Rogers
12 Peggy Clear
13 Tish Warren
21 Greg Drake
28 Phil Gronemeyer

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

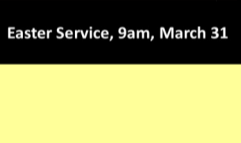
4 Paul & Donna Carr
14 Steve & Ella Anderson
20 Mike & Barb Jones

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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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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

Gib Pearis
Larry Streiff
Kala Handley
Carol Creach
Mickey Tabor
JoAnn Arnold
Phil Gronemeyer
Michael Mendiola
Grayson Kormanec
Eloise Sanders (Angie Kormanec's friend)
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)
Patricia Keck (mother of Joe Matson's friend)
Charles Grimes (Joe Matson's friend)
Marlin & Paula Sexton (Tracy Inman's friends)
Hazel Schmidt (Vickie Jones' friend)
Thomas Pinckney Smith, Jr. (Green 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 (Ma'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 (Ma'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

Submit Prayer Requests Here

Ponderings

Hey CrossRoads Family!

This is a special, set apart Thursday during our Lenten season. This is **Maundy Thursday**. Maundy comes from a Latin word meaning commandment. Read these Scripture verses with me and see if you can determine why this day is called "Maundy Thursday."



John 13:1-5, 12-15, 34-35

Before the Festival of Passover, Jesus knew that his time had come to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them fully. Jesus and his disciples were sharing the evening meal. The devil had already provoked Judas, Simon Iscariot's son, to betray Jesus. Jesus knew the Father had given everything into his hands and that he had come from God and was returning to God. So he got up from the table and took off his robes. Picking up a linen towel, he tied it around his waist. Then he poured water into a washbasin and began to wash the disciples' feet, drying them with the towel he was wearing. After he washed the disciples' feet, he put on his robes and returned to his place at the table. He said to them, "Do you know what I've done for you? You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and you speak correctly, because I am. If I, your Lord and teacher, have washed your feet, you too must wash each other's feet. I have given you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, so you also must love each other. This is how everyone will know that you are my disciples, when you love each other."

In our Lenten devotional, this week's everyday item is a towel to represent the towel Jesus uses in this passage to wash his disciples' feet. But also, I think, to represent the towel we are called to use to wash one another's feet.

Now hang in there with me, don't get grossed out over the idea of touching someone else's feet! This is a symbolic command! "Do as I have done - I have loved you and cared for you, even in the moment when I know one of you is going to betray me - by putting myself in a position lower than you to care for you, by putting your needs first, by caring for you in this practical way."

The command we are given on Maundy Thursday is the new commandment we are called to live by as those who follow Jesus. Love others because you are loved by me, and when you show this love people will come to know me. Love others by putting them before yourself. Love others by caring for them. Love others by meeting their needs and doing generous things for them.

Do you remember how our Lenten season started on Ash Wednesday which happened to fall on Valentine's Day this year? I say again, how poetic that we began this season on the day we use to tell people that we love them. And now our season is wrapping up with Holy Week and we are yet again reminded that we have been shown love and should now show love.

When I graduated from MidAmerica Nazarene University with my bachelor's degree in ministry, they gave us all a small, white towel to remind us of this command. As ministry leaders, or wherever we would land in the world, they wanted us to remember this example of Jesus. We should be the people willing to wash the feet of those around us, even if they seem like our enemy. (The towel is in my office if you'd like to come by and see it!)

How many times have you touched a towel today? Maybe it was in the bathroom this morning or in the kitchen during lunch or in your laundry pile that you attempted to move or fold. I bet you've touched at least one towel today of some kind. I bet your house is full of different sized towels!

I hope that our everyday item for Maundy Thursday's message becomes a reminder to us. May the towels you encounter remind you of the command to love as you have been loved. May you be willing to wash someone else's feet this week.

Peace and Blessings,
Pastor Erika

P.S. Join me for a powerful Good Friday worship tomorrow night at 7:00pm! Your Lenten season will feel even more impactful as we prepare ourselves for Easter morning by first hearing why this Friday is "good."

March 31, 2024
Easter Sunday

"Everyday Lent: Stones"

Mark 16:1-7



When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, the mother of Mary the mother of Jesus, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus' body. Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb and they asked each other, "Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?" But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. "Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.'"

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Tuesday Morning Fellowship

Pam Ekey's Lenten Study Group has decided to continue meeting on Tuesday mornings at 10:00am in a new class, The Fellowship. They will be starting a study of Adam Hamilton's book, "The Call." It is a study of the Apostle Paul and his journeys. They welcome all who are interested in joining the study. There is a sign-up sheet on the info table or you can sign up online at <https://form.jotform.com/232966820039158>

Easter Fair

We had over 50 guests for our Easter Fair last Friday! All had a great time with the crafts & games, as well as posing for pics with the Easter bunny (thanks Esco McCann!)

We also served a tasty hotdog meal to all (thanks Donna Shoemaker and her fabulous crew!) The Boy Scout leaders were on hand with their recruiting station.

Thanks to all of our CrossRoads volunteers who turned out to assist with this community outreach event!

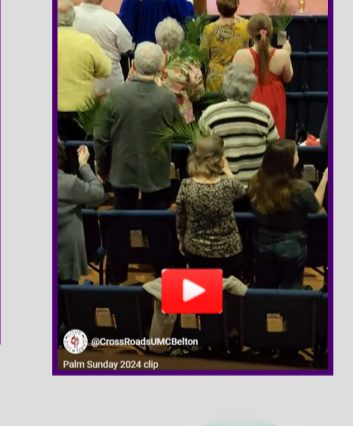
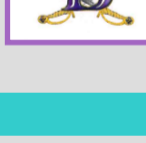


Senior Citizen Spring Luncheon at BHS April 5, 12pm

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.

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 29 7:00pm-8:00pm	Good Friday Good Friday Service in the Sanctuary
Saturday, March 30	NONE
Sunday, March 31 9:00am-10:00am 10:15am-10:45am 10:15am-10:45am	Easter Sunday Worship Service in the Sanctuary Devotions With Randy in Room #208 Explorers Adult Sunday School in Room #105
Monday, April 1 9:00am-10:30am 6:30pm-7:30pm	Creation Station Quilters in Room #205 Cub Scout Den Meeting in the Multipurpose Room
Tuesday, April 2 10:00am-11:00am	Fellowship Study w/Pam Ekey in Room #105
Wednesday, April 3 5:00pm-6:00pm 6:00pm-7:00pm	Crossroads Ringers Rehearsal in Room #210 Heavenly Bell Choir Rehearsal in Room #210
Thursday, April 4 8:45am-10:30am 11:00am-4:00pm 6:30pm-8:30pm	TOPS Meeting in Room #201 Creation Station Quilters in Room #205 Scout Troop #210 Meeting in the Multipurpose Room
Friday, April 5	NONE
Saturday, April 6	NONE
Sunday, April 7 9:00am-10:00am 10:00am-10:45am 10:15am-10:45am 10:15am-10:45am	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, April 8, 11:30am, Multipurpose Room
UMW Joy Group, April 11, 2:00pm, Room #105
Scouting Palooza, April 20, 3:00-8:00pm
CrossRoads Crafters, Sat, April 27, 9:00am, Multipurpose Room
VBS, July 22 through July 26, Meal 5:30pm, Activities 6-8pm

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