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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 Room105
10:15am Devotions with Randy Room 208

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SECURITY

April 1st to 15th
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Ponderings

Hey Crossroads Family!

Are you still singing "Christ the Lord is risen todaaaaay, haaaaallleeeeeeelluuuuujjjaaaah!" like me? Nope, just me singing it that wildly?

I hope something from our Easter worship is still playing in your head! As we wrap up this Lenten and Easter season, I want to thank those of you who have been reading along with me every week as we have dug into Lent specific hymns that we may never have heard before.

I am not done just yet sharing these new songs with you all. So today, I would like to share with you all Hymn #311 "Now the Green Blade Riseth."

> *Now the green blade riseth, from the buried grain, wheat that in the dark earth many days has lain; Love lives again, that with the dead has been: Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.*
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> *In the grave they laid him, Love who had been slain, thinking that he never would awake again, laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen: Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.*
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> *Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain, Jesus who for three days in the grave had lain; quick from the dead my risen Lord is seen: Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.*
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> *When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain, Jesus' touch can call us back to life again, fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been: Love is come again, like wheat that springest green.*

As we move on from our Lenten season and our glorious Easter morning, I pray the hope we have been reminded of during this season allows our hearts to spring forth like a new, green blade that knows the Son has risen just for them.

Next week, I will share one final hymn that may or may not be new to you. It will remind us that even though Easter is now behind us for the year, we are still called to be Easter people every day of the year!

Peace and Blessings,
Pastor Erika

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

April 7, 2024

Psalm 23:1-3

The LORD is my shepherd,
I lack nothing.
He makes me lie down
in green pastures,
he leads me beside quiet waters,
he refreshes my soul.
He guides me along
the right paths
for his name's sake.

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New sermon series on the ways that plastics impact our lives and God's creation, to equip people of faith to take actions to address this epidemic in faithful and practical ways.

"The Chosen", beginning April 19, 9:30am

Vicki Miller has the first three seasons of "The Chosen" on DVD and she, along with Kathy and Jim Joy, are going to view them as a series at church in room #105 on Friday mornings at 9:30am, beginning on April 19. If you are interested in joining them, there will be a sign up sheet this Sunday at church or click below to sign up now (you only have to enter your name to sign up!)

SIGN UP HERE!

"The Chosen" is an American Christian historical drama television series. Created, directed, and co-written by filmmaker Dallas Jenkins, it is the first multi-season series about the life and ministry of Jesus of Nazareth. Primarily set in Judaea and Galilee in the 1st century, the series centers on Jesus and the different people who met and followed or otherwise interacted with him. See a preview here: https://www.imdb.com/title/tt9471404/

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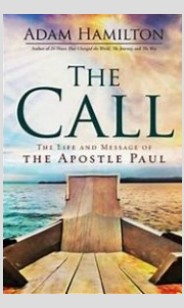

Tuesday Morning Fellowship

Pam Ekey's Lenten Study Group has decided to continue meeting on Tuesday mornings at 10:00am in a new class, The Fellowship. They have begun 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

putting your house in order

Are there things you'd like to get in order that would make your intentions clear for your loved ones if you become incapacitated or after you're gone?

Join us on Saturday, May 11th, at 10:30am for a free 90 minute workshop put on by The Missouri United Methodist Foundation

We will go over things like: how to organize your financial affairs, how to put together a will, what you'd like your service of remembrance to include, and more. This event is open to people of all ages and walks of life.

Join us in the multipurpose room at CrossRoads

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.

We didn't get a team together to walk in the 5K, but we are going to accept donations for the cause to send in on behalf of CrossRoads.

The 30th Annual 5K for Health directly benefits Cass Community Health Foundation's safety net dental clinic, Cass County Dental Clinic. Every year, the clinic treats thousands of children and teens who otherwise couldn't afford dental care at its two locations in Belton and Harrisonville. Your support of the 5K for Health ensures that smiles are created in Cass County and the surrounding area every day!

We'll accept donations for the next two weeks. Please mark your check memo line, envelope, or online donation with "5k". Thanks for your support!

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!

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
Ken Kluter
Taylor Thayne
Betty Robertson
Chris Harrelson
Holden Batchelder
Audrey Newton(Donna Shoemaker's granddaughter)
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 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 grrandmother)
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

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

Sunday, April 7
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, April 8
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, April 9
10:00am-11:00am Fellowship Book Study w/Pam Ekey in Room #105
6:30pm-8:00pm Pack Committee Meeting in the Multipurpose Room

Wednesday, April 10
5:00pm-5:30pm Nominations Committee Meeting in Room #103
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, April 11
8:45am-10:30am TOPS Meeting in Room #201
11:00am-4:00pm Creation Station Quilters in Room #205
2:00pm-4:00pm UWF Joy Group in Room #105
6:30pm-8:30pm Scout Troop #210 Meeting in the Multipurpose Room

Friday, April 12
NONE

Saturday, April 13
NONE

Sunday, April 14
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

Upcoming Events

UMW Lunch Bunch, April 8, 11:30am, Multipurpose Room
UMW Joy Group, April 11, 2:00pm, Room #105
"The Chosen" Dvd Series, Fridays beginning April 19, 9:30am
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

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