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Music Leaders  
  
Bob Ridgley  
Parker King  
Tech Leaders

**Christmas Eve**  
**at CrossRoads**  
**December 24th**  
**7:00 pm**  
Traditional  
Candlelight Service

**Sunday**  
**Worship**  
**Service**  
10:00 am  
  
**Adult Sunday School**  
9:15am Explorers Room105  
9:00am Devotions with Randy  
Room 208  
  
**Tuesday**  
**Fellowship Group**  
10:00am

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**SECURITY**  
  
Nov 1st to 15th  
Bob Ridgley  
  
Nov 16th to 30th  
Joe Matson

**TO ALL THOSE BORN IN**  
**NOVEMBER**  
**Happy Birthday**

**NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS**  
1 Larry Thompson  
3 Lizzy Swift  
5 Stevie Hoskins  
12 Christina Painter  
13 Chris Harrelson  
14 Donna Carr  
15 Cheryl Ashbaugh  
15 Ian McCann  
16 Ayla McCann  
20 Dick Brighthaupt  
22 Elaine Gum  
24 Patty Kluter  
24 Gwen Rogers  
28 Ron Spencer  
  
**NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES**  
11/11 Glen & Sandy McNeil

**Best Choice Bar Code Labels**  
  
Please keep collecting your Best Choice Bar Code labels. We have received 2000 labels so far this year and hope to make it to 3000!  
Proceeds go to our Pirate Pantry Ministry. Thanks for your support.

**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 or [donate online here](#). Thanks for your support!

**Bridge Over Troubled Water Pantry**  
The Bridge Over Troubled Water Food Pantry in Belton has helped many people in our community. They provide a food pantry, supermarket style, which allows families to choose the foods their family prefers.  
  
If you would like to make a donation to Bridge Over Troubled Water through CrossRoads, please make your check out to CrossRoads UMC and note on the memo line "BOTW". Thanks for your support in keeping this community resource up and running!

**Don't forget your flu shot & vaccine & boosters!**

**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.  
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**Prayers**

**PEOPLE IN NEED OF PRAYER**  
Ron Spencer  
Stevie Hoskins  
Roberta Maxwell  
Paul Carr  
Faye Wallace  
Carol Creach  
JoAnn Arnold  
Chris Harrelson  
Holden Batchelder  
Phil Gronemeyer  
Tanisha Ray  
Merrick & Jessica (Kim's daughter & fiancé)  
Rob Shoemaker (Donna Shoemaker's son)  
Kyle Drake (former Troop 210 leader)  
Bill Gregory (Annalou Streiff's brother)  
Daniel Reed (Angie Kormanec's friend)  
Dave McGill (Pastor Randy's friend)  
Samantha Manning (Joe Matson's friend)  
Angie Shearer (Darren's son's girlfriend)  
John Jerls (Cindy Keen's nephew)  
JR Alvarez (Angie Kormanec's family friend)  
Mary Jane Malmgren (Karen McLaughlin's sister)  
Sally McLaughlin (Karen McLaughlin's sister)  
Janice Wilson (Karen McLaughlin's co-worker)  
Patty LeCompte (Karen McLaughlin's sister)  
Michelle (Dick Brighthaupt's friend)  
Terri Marsh (Joe Matson's friend's mother)  
Ronna Buchannon (Wanda Carroll's friend)  
Ruthie Weil (Sandy Carroll's daughter)  
Alissa Sallee (Jade's cousin)  
Angela McNeil (from Sandy McNeil)  
Verna Glenn (Sandy McNeil's friend)  
Lorna Stinchfield (Cherrie Fleming's sister)  
Tessa (Angie Kormanec's friend)  
Daniel Hood (Cherrie's friend Pat Hood's grandson)  
Gail Welchon (Sandy McNeil's friend)  
Daniel Welchon (Joe Matson's brother)  
Denise Wyatt (Cherrie's friend Pat Hood's friend)  
Linda Evans (Susie McClain's sister)  
Joyce Noah (TOPS)  
Kim Kirschling (Cherrie Fleming's friend)  
**GROUPS**  
Gladden Staff & Students  
Silver Angels  
Health Care Workers  
First Responders  
Boy Scout 210 & Pack 4210  
USA and United States Military  
**PEACE & COMFORT**  
Family & Friends of Tom Roberts (Mary Roberts's husband)

**Submit Prayer Requests Here**

**Reflections**  
  
**From Pastor Randy**  
  
In December Of 2024, when our District Superintendent asked me to consider the extended appointment at Aldersgate UMC, as you can imagine it was a step out in faith. I had filled in as pulpit supply there a couple of times, but this was going to be every Sunday for a good stretch.  
  
The whole experience was a true blessing to both me and Penny. We were welcomed and embraced by the congregation. They accepted us into their family and showed us love.  
  
It was at this time that I met my good friend Pastor Bob Daniel. Bob was undergoing cancer treatments at the time and we lifted him up in prayer every Sunday.  
  
I didn't get to see Bob every Sunday, although he gave his best efforts to be there, sometimes the treatments were just too much. But when Bob was there, he never failed to give me encouragement or to tell me well done, even in spite of what he was going through.  
  
It has been a true blessing to continue our walk of faith together, although in a different church now.  
  
I want to share the blessing of Pastor Bob Daniel with you all as well. This Sunday he will be giving us the message and I hope you will come to support him.

**Pastor Bob Daniel**  
**November 16, 2025**  
**Phillipians 2:1-11**

*Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:*  
  
*Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross! Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*  
  
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**Blessing of the Quilts – This Sunday at CrossRoads!**  
This Sunday, we invite you to join us for a special "Blessing of the Quilts" ceremony. These lovingly crafted quilts—each stitched with care and compassion by our dedicated Quilting Ministry Team—will soon be donated to local nursing homes, bringing warmth and comfort to those in need.

In addition to the blessing, the team will have a selection of handmade items available for purchase. Proceeds will go directly toward supporting their ministry, enabling them to continue creating and donating these beautiful quilts in the months ahead.

We extend heartfelt thanks to Annalou, Penny, and their talented friends for their creative spirit and faithful service. Their work is a tangible expression of God's love, wrapped in fabric and prayer.

**"She opens her arms to the poor and extends her hands to the needy." — Proverbs 31:20**

Come celebrate this ministry and be part of the blessing!

**Be a "Souper Hero" This November!**  
This month, CrossRoads is teaming up with the Belton Welfare Association for a short-term mission that's as simple as it is impactful. Through the end of November, you have the opportunity to be a "Souper Hero" by donating cans of soup to help local families facing food insecurity.

A shopping cart is stationed at the church, ready to receive your soup donations. Whether it's chicken noodle, tomato, or hearty vegetable, every can makes a difference in someone's day—and in their dinner. We've already got over 70 cans and counting, so please keep 'em coming!

Let's fill that cart with love and nourishment. Thank you for being the hands and feet of Christ in our community!

**2025 Advent Study**  
This Advent season, we invite you to journey with us through Scripture as we anticipate the birth of Christ. Our 2025 Advent study, **Silent Night, Holy Night**, written by Pastor Randy Kelly, will guide us from the wonder of creation to the quiet majesty of that holy night in Bethlehem.  
  
In-person sessions begin Tuesday, Dec. 2, and continue weekly through December 16 (Dec. 2, 9, and 16) in Room #105. The final session will be a self-guided reflection to complete at your own pace. You may choose from:

- Tuesday mornings at 10:00am with Rev. Pam Ekey
- Tuesday evenings at 6:00pm with Pastor Randy Kelly
- Or complete the entire study on your own schedule

**Sign Up Here**  
  
Let's make space in our hearts and calendars to reflect, connect, and prepare for the coming of Christ together.

**Heart n Hand**

**Barrel Donations Needed:**

- 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)
- Pet food
- Coffee, creamer, and sweeteners

**Heart n Hand Thrift Store - 305 N. Scott**

- 100% of proceeds from the HNH Thrift Store support the work at Heart N Hand. You can always donate clothing, household goods, furniture, books, children's items, etc. to the thrift store. They do not accept mattresses or box TV's, or items that are broken, missing pieces, or torn.

**Thrift Store Donation Acceptance Hours: Tues thru Sat 11:00am - 3:00pm**

**Last Sunday's 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**

<b>Friday, November 14</b>	NONE
<b>Saturday, November 15</b>	NONE
<b>Sunday, November 16</b> 9:00am-9:30am 9:15am-9:45am 10:00am-11:00am	<b>Pastor Bob Daniel</b> Devotions With Randy in Room #208 Explorers Adult Sunday School in Room #105 Worship Service in the Sanctuary
<b>Monday, November 17</b> 9:00am-10:00am 9:00am-4:00pm 1:30pm-2:30pm 6:30pm-7:30pm	"The Chosen" DVD viewing at Carnegie Village Creation Station in Room #205 Mission: Possible with Lyn Polk in Room #105 Cub Scout Den Meeting in the Multipurpose Room
<b>Tuesday, November 18</b> 10:00am-11:00am 7:00pm-9:00pm	Fellowship Hymn Study w/Pam Ekey in Room #105 Scout Parents Club Meeting in the Multipurpose Room
<b>Wednesday, November 19</b>	NONE
<b>Thursday, November 20</b> 8:45am-10:30am 10:30am-11:00am 11:00am-4:00pm 6:30pm-9:00pm	TOPS Meeting in Room #201 Happy Feet Walking Group in the Multipurpose Room Creation Station Quilters in Room #205 Scout Troop 210 in the Multipurpose Room
<b>Friday, November 21</b>	NONE
<b>Saturday, November 22</b> 12:00pm-7:00pm	Annual Bake Auction (Scout Parents Club) in Multipurpose Room
<b>Sunday, November 23</b> 9:00am-9:30am 9:15am-9:45am 10:00am-11:00am	<b>Rev. Pam Ekey / UWF Sunday</b> Devotions With Randy in Room #208 Explorers Adult Sunday School in Room #105 Worship Service in the Sanctuary

**Upcoming Events**

- Scouts Annual Bake Sale, Saturday, Nov 22, 12:00pm, Multipurpose Room**
- United Women in Faith Sunday, Nov 23**
- Advent Study Begins Dec 2, Rev Pam @ 10am, Room #105**
- Penny's Bunco Group, Dec 6, 10:00am, Multipurpose Room**
- Leadership Board Meeting, Wed, Dec 10, 5:30pm, Room #105**
- Scout Lock-In, Fri Dec 12, 6pm thru Sat Dec 13, 9am**
- Cookies with Santa, Sat, Dec 13, 10:30am**

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