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Christmas Eve



Adult Sunday School 9:15am Explorers Room105 9:00am Devotions with Randy Room 208

Tuesday Fellowship Group 10:00am

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> Nov 1st to 15th Bob Ridgley

Nov 16th to 30th Joe Matson



Donna Carr

- 13 Chris Harrelson
- Cheryl Ashbaugh Ian McCann
- Ayla McCann Dick Brighthaupt 16
- Elaine Gum Patty Kluter
- Gwen Rogers Ron Spencer
- NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES 11/11 Glen & Sandy McNeil

Best Choice Bar Code Labels

far this year and hope to make it to 3000! Proceeds go to our Pirate Pantry Ministry

Thanks for your support.

Please keep collecting your Best Choice Bar Code labels. We have

received 2000 labels so

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 <u>donate</u> 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.

SOUPER)

HERO

An Advent Devotion Guide

by Pastor Randy Kelly

and condiments

towels, diapers)

balms, wipes)

Coffee, creamer, and sweeteners

Pet food

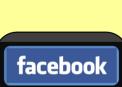
Silent Night, Holy Night

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!



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. **Prayers**

PEOPLE IN NEED OF PRAYER

Merrick & Jessica (Kim's daughter & fiancé) Rob Shoemaker(Donna Shoemaker's son)

Kyle Drake (former Troop 210 leader)

Ron Spencer Stevie Hoskins Roberta Maxwell

Paul Carr Faye Wallace

Carol Creach

JoAnn Arnold

Tanisha Ray

Chris Harrelson

Holden Batchelder Phil Gronemeyer

Reflections

In December 0f 2024, when our District Superintendent asked me to consider the extended appointment at

From Pastor Randy

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 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

Philippians 2:1-11



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,

> 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,

by becoming obedient to death-

Therefore God exalted him to the highest place

even death on a cross!

he humbled himself

and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. New International Version®, Biblica, Inc.® Used by permission. (https://www.biblica.com/) 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.

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.

In addition to the blessing, the team will have a selection of handmade

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

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,

Come celebrate this ministry and be part of the blessing!



so please keep 'em coming!

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

We will provide printed booklets for all

participants. To help us prepare

enough copies, please sign up as soon

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

possible. A clipboard will be available this Sunday, or you can sign

Sign Up Here

up online today.

Heart n Hand **Barrel Donations Needed:**

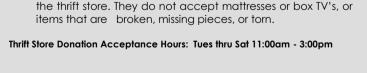
> Any non-perishable food donations, such as cereal, pasta, baking mixes, canned fruit, cooking oils, granola bars, oatmeal, instant potatoes, canned meat, juices, seasonings

> Personal care & household items (like toilet paper, paper

Hygiene items (Preferably travel sized items: wash cloths,

small combs and brushes, deodorant, body wash, razors, lip

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



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

NONE

11 09 25 CrossRoads Worship

Saturday, November 15 NONE Sunday, November 16 9:00am-9:30am 9:15am-9:45am **Pastor Bob Daniel** Devotions With Randy in Room #208 Explorers Adult Sunday School in Room #105 Worship Service in the Sanctuary

Monday, November 17 9:00am-10:00am 9:00am-4:00pm 6:30pm-7:30pm

Friday, November 14

10:00am-11:00am

10:00am-11:00am 7:00pm-9:00pm Wednesday, November 19

Tuesday, November 18

Thursday, November 20 8:45am-10:30am 10:30am-11:00am II:00am-4:00pm 6:30pm-9:00pm

Friday, November 21

Sunday, November 23 9:00am-9:30am 9:15am-9:45am

NONE TOPS Meeting in Room #201 Happy Feet Walking Group in the Multipurpose Room Creation Station Quilters in Room #205

Fellowship Hymn Study w/Pam Ekey in Room #105 Scout Parents Club Meeting in the Multipurpose Room

"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

Scout Troop 210 in the Multipurpose Room NONE Annual Bake Auction (Scout Parents Club) in Multipurpose Room Rev. Pam Ekey / UWF Sunday

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 Advent Study Begins Dec 2, Pastor Randy @ 6pm, 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

Bill Gregory (Annalou Streiff's brother) Julie 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) 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 McNeil's daughter) Alissa Sallee (Jade's cousin)

Saturday, November 22 I 2:00pm-7:00pm

Angela McNeil (from Sandy McNeil) (Cherrie Fleming's friend)
GROUPS

Vera 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) Dennis Matson (Joe Matson's brother) Denise Wyatt (Wanda Carroll's friend) Linda Evans (Susie McClain's sister) Joyce Noah (TOPS) Kim Kirschling (Che Gladden Staff & Students

Silver Angels Health Care Workers First Responders Boy Scout 210 & Pack 4210 USA and United States Military **PEACE & COMFORT**

Submit Prayer

Requests Here

Family & Friends of Tom Roberts (Mary Roberts's husband)

10:00am-11:00am

Cookies with Santa, Sat, Dec 13, 10:30am Questions or comments? Email us at <u>cjones@crossroads-umc.net</u> To remove your name from our mailing list, please <u>click here</u>