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Markey Parkway
The temporary entrance to the church parking lot is now open for use. Access it from the Y Hwy side. See more info below in this newsletter.

Sunday Worship Service
10:00 am

Adult Sunday School
9:15am Explorers Room 105
9:15am Devotions with Randy Room 208

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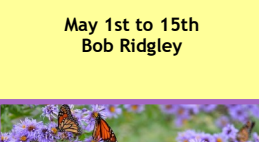
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SECURITY

April 16th to 30th
Steve Worstell

May 1st to 15th
Bob Ridgley



May

APRIL BIRTHDAYS
28 Phil Gronemeyer

MAY BIRTHDAYS
7 Ari Frank
7 Jessica Frank
8 Annette Waugh
10 Cindy Keen
13 Cherrie Fleming
16 Steve Anderson
18 Cathy Parks
21 Macy Batchelder
24 Dana Pearis
25 Mat McCann
31 Joe Matson
31 Sandy Harrelson

MAY ANNIVERSARIES
5/7 Parker & Ashleigh King
5/31 Chris & Sandy Harrelson

Pirate Pantry
[click here to donate online](#)

Collecting for 2024—2025 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—2025 school year is appreciated!

VBS 2025
July 21 thru July 25
Meal 5:30pm
Activities 6 to 8pm

VBS Helpers Needed
Email [Cindy](mailto:Cjones@crossroads-umc.net) if interested
cjones@crossroads-umc.net

Heart n Hand

Some items 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)

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.
www.facebook.com/crossroadsbelton

Prayers

PEOPLE IN NEED OF PRAYER

Paul Carr
Patty Kluter
Faye Wallace
Carol Creach
Phil Gronemeyer
Ken Kluter
JoAnn Arnold
Betty Robertson
Chris Harrelson
Holden Batchelder
Nikki Bowers (Gerald & Maxine's granddaughter)
Lacinda Hamilton Kramer (Dana's daughter)
Christina & Charleton Painter
Mary Jane Malmgren (Karen McLaughlin's sister)
Katlyn Madrigal (Jade's friend's mom)
Lorna Stinchfield (Cherrie Fleming's sister)
Tessa (Ainche Kormane's friend)
Lata (Penny Kelly's son's mother-in-law)
Willis (Carree Zoller's brother)
Maria Smith (Gwen Rogers' sister-in-law)
Kim Smith (Gwen Rogers' daughter-in-law)
Jeanne Baker (Kala Handley's niece)
Daniel Hood (Cherrie's friend Pat Hood's grandson)
Frank Sotosek (Nancy Jones' cousin)
Mark Mikel (Nancy Jones' cousin's husband)
Tiffany Hedger (Joe Matson's friend)
Don Jamerson (Toni Wiseman's nephew)
Frank Medlin (Robert Berry family friend)
Andrew Bowman (Vickie Lawrence's S-I-L's friend)
Jake Minor (Vickie Lawrence's S-I-L's friend)
Melissa Shipman (Vickie Lawrence's family friend)
Robbie Robertson (Darren Rogers' friend)
Kayla Jackson (Vickie Lawrence's friend)
Brandi Price (Tracy, Penny, Vickie, & Angie's cousin)
Amanda Brodfuehrer (Vickie's daughter's cousin)
Gail Welchon (Sandy McNeil's friend)
Charles Grimes (Joe Matson's brother)
Dennis Matson (Joe Matson's brother)
Lisa McBride (Nancy Jones' neighbor)
Denise Wyatt (Wanda Carroll'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



Submit Prayer Requests Here

Ponderings

Hey Church Family!

Christ is Risen!

Christ is Risen Indeed!

May we keep shouting this hope filled statement in our souls as we move away from this Holy Sunday that we experienced together just a few days ago. May this statement settle in our souls in a way that becomes a constant reminder of what has been done for us. May we remember that nothing in this world can overcome this joyous exclamation: Christ is Risen Indeed!

Our poetic contemplative piece this week from the Sanctified Arts series is one that I have been and will continue chewing over in my heart so that I can fully digest the bits of hope that it brings. I pray it speaks to you, wherever you are in your journey, and moves you forward – so that you might be able to grasp this hope that has been placed before you. Amen.

In the Direction of Hope

I am on my way.

Wait for me in the garden;

I will be there soon.

I'm not the fastest runner,

Lord knows that,

but these legs are moving.

I suppose I could blame my weary spirit for the slow speed.

I could blame the grief I've shoved into my pockets and

laid around my neck.

I could blame my own hesitation to hope,

a hesitation that clings like mud.

But I don't know that Jesus cares about my speed.

So tell God when you see them—

I am on my way.

Wait for me in the garden.

I will be there soon.

Peace and Blessings,

Pastor Erika

April 27, 2025

2nd Sunday of Easter

Luke 24:13-35



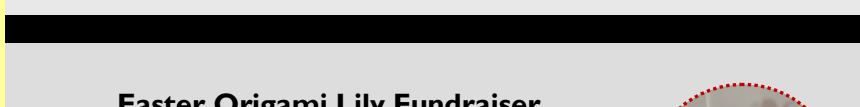
Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; but they were kept from recognizing him. He asked them, "What are you discussing together as you walk along?" They stood still, their faces downcast. One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, "Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?" "What things?" he asked. "About Jesus of Nazareth," they replied. "He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning but didn't find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus." He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?" And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself. As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going farther. But they urged him strongly, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. They asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?" They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together and saying, "It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon." Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread.

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Easter Origami Lily Fundraiser

Thanks to all of you who contributed to our Easter Lily Fundraiser. The money you donated will go toward our fund to provide rent and utility assistance to those in need in our local community.

We collected \$490 from the Lily Fundraiser and received a special contribution of \$1450, bringing our total collection to \$1940. **Thanks for your support of our 2025 Easter mission.**



Easter Lilies Are Given in Memory of:

Doug Thompson
by Helen & Larry Thompson

Art & Louise Polk
Darrel & Ruth Draper
by Mark & Lyn Polk

Lela & Kenneth Handley
Connie & Otto Burr
Casey Casebier
by Gary & Kala Handley

Our Parents
Loved Ones
by Rich & Pam Eaton

Keith Parks
Abigail Estelle Brown
Mary Ann Parks
by Cathy Parks

Carl Gum
Brett Gum Sorensen
by Elaine Gum

Delores Crockett
by Annalou Streiff

Greg Coy
by Cherrie Fleming

Gib Pearis
by Dana Pearis

James Allen
by Jeanne Allen

Bud & Marg Smith
by Karen McLaughlin

Our Parents & Grandparents
by Chuck & Susie McClain

Grandparents
by Nancy Jones

Our Parents
by Jim & Kathy Joy

Easter Lilies Are Given in Honor of:

Aubrey, Wyatt, Eli, & Silas McLaughlin
by Karen McLaughlin

Earl & Faye Bailey
Carl & Maryanna Gum
by Elaine Gum

Our Family & Our Church Family
by Jim & Kathy Joy

Anna Berry by Jade Huntington

Our Family
by Allan & Marge Jones

Our Children, Our Grandchildren, & Our Great Grandchildren
by Chuck & Susie McClain

CrossRoads UMC
by Donna Shoemaker

Allan & Marge Jones
My Family by Cindy Jones

Human Exhibition Tour

You're invited to join Pastor Erika and one of her professors from Seminary as we tour the exhibit: *Exploring Human Origins: What Does it Mean to Be Human?* St. Paul School of Theology is hosting the exhibit at the Church of the Resurrection, 13720 Roe Ave, Bldg C, in Leawood KS. We will meet there on Saturday, May 10th at 10:30am to learn together. Some folks from One Spirit will be joining us as well. You can read more about the exhibit here: <https://www.spst.edu/special-events/>

Memorial Brick Garden

We are providing an opportunity to honor those we love or to remember those we've lost by adding a customized brick to our Memorial Brick Garden through the month of April. Each brick is \$40.00. You can have between 1 and 3 lines of text on the brick. Orders will be placed at the end of April. There are some order forms on the info table or you can order online here:

<https://www.crossroads-umc.net/brick-order-form.html>

31st Annual 5K FOR HEALTH

The church is not participating in the 31st Annual 5K for Health this year, but Kim Swift and her friends from Gladden will be walking on Saturday, May 3rd. If anyone would like to donate on behalf of their team, the funds will go to help the Cass County Dental Clinic, which helps a lot of children whose families are unable to pay for dental care.

Here is the link if you wish to donate to Kim's team:
<https://runsignup.com/Race/87116/Donate/mJrST93LELodj37K>

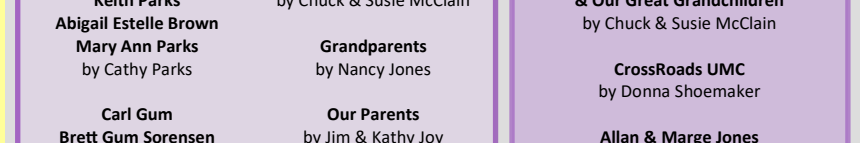
Thanks for helping children in Cass County with their dental needs.

Road Construction Markey Pkwy

The temporary entrance for the church is now open, and it is accessed from the Y Hwy side. To go to the church, you'll use the left turn lane at the traffic signal on Markey Pkwy (by Hobby Lobby), but instead of turning left towards the shopping center, you'll go straight across the intersection to access the church entrance.

Here is a picture of the church access drive that is now open.

The entire project has a planned completion date of July 2025.



Last Sunday's Service

[04/13/25 CrossRoads UMC Wors...](#)

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, April 25
9:30am-10:30am
Study of David Class in Room #208

Saturday, April 26
NONE

Sunday, April 27
9:15am-9:45am
9:15am-9:45am
10:00am-11:00am
11:00am-12:00pm
Devotions with Randy in Room #208
Explorers Adult Sunday School in Room #105
Worship Service in the Sanctuary
Choir Practice in Room #210

Monday, April 28
9:00am-10:00am
9:00am-10:00pm
6:00pm-8:00pm
6:30pm-7:30pm
"The Chosen" DVD viewing at Carnegie Village
Creation Station in Room #205
Bunko with Kim Swift in Room #201
Cub Scout Den Meeting in the Multipurpose Room

Tuesday, April 29
10:00am-11:00am
Fellowship Book Study w/Pam Ekey in Room #105

Wednesday, April 30
NONE

Thursday, May 1
8:45am-10:30am
10:30am-11:00am
11:00am-4:00pm
6:30pm-8:30pm
TOPS Meeting in Room #201
Happy Feet Walking Group in the Multipurpose Room
Creation Station Quilters in Room #205
Scout Troop #210 Meeting Upstairs or Offsite

Friday, May 2
9:30am-10:30am
6:00pm-7:00pm
Study of David Class in Room #208
Gray Spaces Class via ZOOM

Saturday, May 3
9:00am-9:30am
10:00am-11:30am
Leadership Board Meeting in Room #105
Bunko with Penny in the Multipurpose Room

Sunday, May 4
9:15am-9:45am
9:15am-9:45am
10:00am-11:00am
11:00am-12:00pm
11:15am-12:15pm
Devotions With Randy in Room #208
Explorers Adult Sunday School in Room #105
Worship Service in the Sanctuary
Choir Practice in Room #210
Leadership Board Meeting in Room #105

Upcoming Events

UWF Joy Group, Thurs, May 8, 2:00pm
Happy Mother's Day, Sun, May 12, Gifts for all ladies at church
UWF Lunch Bunch, Mon, May 13, 11:30am
Craft Social, Sat, May 17, 10am to 7pm

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