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**Sunday  
Worship  
Service**  
10:00 am  
  
**Adult Sunday School**  
9:15am Explorers Room 105  
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

**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

**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!**

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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**  
Tom Roberts  
Ron Spencer  
Stevie Hoskins  
Roberta Maxwell  
Paul Carr  
Faye Wallace  
Carol Creach  
Tanisha Ray  
JoAnn Arnold  
Chris Harrelson  
Holden Batchelder  
Phil Gronemeyer  
Julie Reed (Angie Kormanec's friend)  
Terri Marsh (Joe Matson's friend)  
Samantha Manning (Joe Matson's friend)  
Angie Shearer (Darren's son's girlfriend)  
John Jerles (Cindy Keen's nephew)  
JR Alvarez (Angie Kormanec's family friend)  
Marry 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 (Sandy McNeil's mother)  
Ronna Buchanan (Wanda Carroll's friend)  
Ruthie Weil (Sandy McNeil's daughter)  
Alissa Sallee (Jada's cousin)  
Angela McNeil (from Sandy McNeil)  
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 (Cherrie Fleming's friend)  
  
**GROUPS**  
Gladden Staff & Students  
Silver Angels  
Health Care Workers  
First Responders  
Boy Scout 210 & Pack 4210  
USA and United States Ministry

**Submit Prayer Requests Here**

# Reflections

**From Pastor Randy**  
  
For our Stewardship Sunday we will be focusing on the gifts we have received from God, and how we might use those gifts to bless others.  
  
Many times during our congregational prayer time I have mentioned that a problem shared is cut in half, and a blessing shared is multiplied.  
  
God has blessed each of us with different gifts, but the greatest gift is Love. If we are to be a good steward of that gift, then we should share that Love with everyone we meet.  
  
This week let's reflect on all of the blessings God has poured out on us, blessings both big and small. Let's give thanks for the blessing, and then let's multiply.  
  
How can we share with others the blessing that God has given to us.  
  
Let's also reflect on how others have been a blessing to you. Through their generosity, their encouragement, their time, what made an impact on your life? And how can you pay that forward?  
  
Stewardship is not just about money, although the church does have expenses. Stewardship is about utilizing our blessings to maintain a healthy and effective ministry of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

## Stewardship Sunday

*Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.*

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**Click Here to Pledge**  
Estimate of Giving for 2026

**Stewardship Sunday, Nov 9**  
You should have received a letter (along with a pledge card) from Pastor Randy in the mail recently. It is your choice to place yours in the offering basket during our regular offering time on Stewardship Sunday, Nov. 9, or to mail it to the church in the envelope provided. If you didn't receive yours, you can also pledge online by clicking the image to the left here. Or you can pick up a blank card from the info table, available at church on Sunday morning for you. Thanks for your support of CrossRoads UMC and our ministries!

**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.

**BE A SOUPER HERO**

A shopping cart will be 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.  
  
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

**An Advent Devotion Guide**  
**Silent Night, Holy Night**  
  
by Pastor Randy Kelly

We will provide printed booklets for all participants. To help us prepare enough copies, please sign up as soon as possible. A clipboard will be available this Sunday, or you can sign up online today.  
  
**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**

Heart n Hand has experienced a major increase in need in our community as the shutdown drags on and government employees & military families go longer without paychecks and SNAP benefits are delayed, reduced, or not available in November.  
  
Food pantry bookings have tripled and are booked out as far in advance as they can go & they are adding additional appointments to accommodate people in need, all of whom are using it for the first time. Registration for the Heart n Hand Thanksgiving meals program increased from about 400 people over 8 days last year to 300 people signing up in the first 24 hours this year. Of these people, 60% of them are 1st time recipients. Even the Day Center is seeing a 25% increase in people per day, especially for the daily lunch meal.  
  
CrossRoads sent a one-time gift of \$1000 from our missions fund to assist with the increase of tens of thousands of dollars of additional food purchasing for the month. We continue to accept donations of non-perishable food, personal care, and household items in our blue barrel for Heart n Hand. Thanks for your assistance!

**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 7</b>  <b>Saturday, November 8</b> 10:00am-11:00am 10:30am-11:00am 11:30am-12:00pm  <b>Sunday, November 9</b> 9:00am-9:30am 9:15am-9:45am 10:00am-11:00am  <b>Monday, November 10</b> 9:00am-10:30am 9:00am-10:30am 10:30am-11:00am 11:30am-12:30pm 1:30pm-2:30pm 6:30pm-7:30pm  <b>Tuesday, November 11</b> 10:00am-11:00am 5:00pm-7:00pm 6:00pm-7:30pm  <b>Wednesday, November 12</b> 5:30pm-6:30pm 5:30pm-6:15pm 6:15pm-7:00pm  <b>Thursday, November 13</b> 8:45am-10:30am 10:30am-11:00am 11:30am-12:30pm 2:00pm-4:00pm 6:30pm-9:00pm  <b>Friday, November 14</b>  <b>Saturday, November 15</b>  <b>Sunday, November 16</b> 9:00am-9:30am 9:15am-9:45am 10:00am-11:00am	<b>NOVEMBER</b>  Charge Conference at St. Paul's UMC in Raymore Bunco in the Multipurpose Room Outreach Team Meeting in Room #105  <b>Stewardship Sunday</b> Devotions With Randy in Room #208 Explorers Adult Sunday School in Room #105 Worship Service in the Sanctuary  "The Chosen" DVD viewing at Carnegie Village Creation Station in Room #205 UWFF Lunch Bunch in the Multipurpose Room Mission: Possible with Lyn Polk in Room #105 Cub Scout Den Meeting in the Multipurpose Room  <b>Veterans Day</b> Fellowship Hymn Study w/Pam Ekey in Room #105 Creative Stitchers in Room #201 Pack Committee Meeting in the Multipurpose Room  Leadership Board Meeting in Room #105 CrossRoads Ringers Bell Choir Rehearsal in Room #210 Heavenly Bell Choir Rehearsal in Room #210  TOPS Meeting in Room #201 Happy Feet Walking Group in the Multipurpose Room Creation Station Quilters in Room #205 UWFF Joy Group in Room #105 Scout Troop 210 in the Multipurpose Room  <b>NOVEMBER</b>  Devotions With Randy in Room #208 Explorers Adult Sunday School in Room #105 Worship Service in the Sanctuary
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**Upcoming Events**  
**UWFF Lunch Bunch, Monday, Nov 10, 11:30am, Multipurpose Room**  
**Leadership Board Meeting, Wed, Nov 12, 5:30pm, Room #105**  
**UWFF Joy Group, Thursday, Nov 13, 2:00pm, Room #105**  
**Scouts Annual Bake Sale, Saturday, Nov 22, 12:00pm, Multipurpose Room**

Questions or comments? Email us at [cjones@crossroads-umc.net](mailto:cjones@crossroads-umc.net)  
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