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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

TO ALL THOSE BORN IN NOVEMBER



Donna Carr

- 15 Cheryl Ashbaugh15 Ian McCann
- Ayla McCann Dick Brighthaupt 16
- Elaine Gum
- Patty Kluter Gwen Rogers Ron Spencer
- 11/11 Glen & Sandy McNeil

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Ministry We are currently raising funds for the Pirate Pantry to help

students in the Belton

School District who

need food assistance.

Pirate Pantry

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.

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!

Reflections

For our Stewardship Sunday we will be focusing on the gifts we have received from God, and how we might

From Pastor Randy

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.

given to us.

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

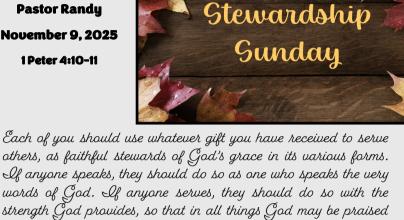
Let's also reflect on how others have been a blessing to you. Through their generosity, their encouragement, their time, what made an impact on your life? And how can you pay that forward?

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.

Pastor Randy

November 9, 2025

1 Peter 4:10-11



through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen. New International Version®, Biblica, Inc.® Used by permission. (https://www.biblica.com/) Stewardship Sunday, Nov 9 Click Here You should have received a letter (along with

> recently. It is your choice to place yours in the offering basket during our regular offering time

online by clicking the image to the left here. Or you can pick up a blank card for your support of CrossRoads UMC and our ministries!

to Pledge

from the info table, available at church on Sunday morning for you. Thanks Be a "Souper Hero" This November! This month, CrossRoads is teaming up with the Belton Welfare Association

church, ready to receive your soup donations. Whether it's chicken noodle,

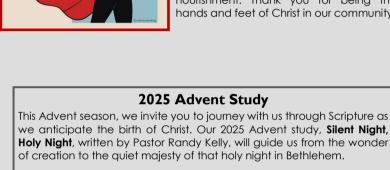
tomato, or hearty vegetable, every can

makes a difference in someone's day-

a pledge card) from Pastor Randy in the mail

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

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 will be stationed at the



choose from:

An Advent Devotion Guide

Silent Night, Holy Night

that cart with love fill nourishment. Thank you for being the

and in their dinner.

hands and feet of Christ in our community!

a self-guided reflection to complete at your own pace. You may

Tuesday mornings at 10:00am with Rev. Pam Ekey

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

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

calendars to reflect, connect, and

prepare for the coming of Christ

together.

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

up online today.



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

Be sure to "Like" our Facebook page!

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

CrossRoads sent a one-time aift 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

> 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

household goods, furniture, books, children's items, etc. to the thrift store. They do not accept mattresses or box TV's, or

If you watch our service online either

on Facebook or on YouTube, please either comment on the video to let us

advance as they can go & they are adding additional appointments

are 1st time recipients. Even the Day Center is seeing a 25% increase

in people per day, especially for the daily lunch meal.

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,

items that are broken, missing pieces, or torn.

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

Coffee, creamer, and sweeteners

Last Sunday's Service

and condiments

towels, diapers)

balms, wipes)

Pet food

11/02/25 CrossRoads Worship

know or let Cindy know to record your attendance. CrossRoads Calendar Friday, November 7 NONE **Saturday, November 8** 10:00am-11:00am 10:00am-11:00am

JoAnn Arnold Chris Harrelson Holden Batchelder Phil Gronemeyer

> 6:30pm-7:30pm Tuesday, November II
> 10:00am-11:00am
> 5:00pm-7:00pm

Wednesday, November 12 5:30pm-6:30pm

5:30pm-6:15pm

Thursday, November 13 8:45am-10:30am 10:30am-11:00am 11:00am-4:00pm 2:00am-4:00pm

6:30pm-9:00pm Friday, November 14

Saturday, November 15

Creation Station in Room #205 UWF Lunch Bunch in the Multipurpose Room Mission: Possible with Lyn Polk in Room #105 Cub Scout Den Meeting in the Multipurpose Room **Veterans Day**

Fellowship Hymn Study w/Pam Ekey in Room #105 Creative Stitchers in Room #201 Pack Committee Meeting in the Multipurpose Room

Charge Conference at St. Paul's UMC in Raymore

Stewardship Sunday
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

Bunco in the Multipurpose Room Outreach Team Meeting in Room #105

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 UWF Joy Group in Room #105 Scout Troop 210 in the Multipurpose Room

NONE NONE

Devotions With Randy in Room #208 Explorers Adult Sunday School in Room #105 Worship Service in the Sanctuary

Paul Carr Faye Wallace Carol Creach Tanisha Ray

Tom Roberts

Ron Spencer Stevie Hoskins

Roberta Maxwell

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) Sally McLaughlin (Karen McLaughlin's sister) Janice Wilson (Karen McLaughlin's co-worker)

6:00pm-7:30pm

11:30am-12:00p

9:15am-9:45am

1:30pm-2:30pm

10:00am-11:00am

Sunday, November 9 9:00am-9:30am

Monday, November 10 9:00am-10:00am 9:00am-4:00pm 11:30am-12:30pm

Sunday, November 16 9:00am-9:30am 9:15am-9:45am 10:00am-11:00am

Leadership Board Meeting, Wed, Nov 12, 5:30pm, Room #105 UWF 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 <u>cjones@crossroads-umc.net</u> To remove your name from our mailing list, please <u>click here</u>

Upcoming Events

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)
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)

GROUPS Kim Kirschling (Che Gladden Staff & Students Silver Angels Health Care Workers First Responders

Boy Scout 210 & Pack 4210 USA and United States Military

Submit Prayer

Requests Here

UWF Lunch Bunch, Monday, Nov 10, 11:30am, Multipurpose Room