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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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> Nov 16th to 30th Joe Matson

TO ALL THOSE BORN IN NOVEMBER



15 Cheryl Ashbaugh15 Ian McCann

11/11 Glen & Sandy McNeil

- Donna Carr
- 16
- Ayla McCann Dick Brighthaupt
- Elaine Gum Patty Kluter Gwen Rogers
- Ron Spencer
- **Best Choice Bar Code**

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.

Scrip Gift Cards

There are many local and national retailers who

participate in our scrip gift card program. Order gift cards on our website or email Cindy at cjones@crossroads-umc.net

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!

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

facebook

CrossRoads. **Prayers**

From Pastor Randy

Reflections

As we enter into the Thanksgiving Holiday I want express my thanks and gratitude to Reverend Pam

Ekey for her support and willingness to help me out. Reverend Pam has agreed to give the message this Sunday, and I hope that you will also show your thanks and gratitude to Pam.

This is also United Women in Faith Sunday, so we will be giving thanks to all the women in our church and in our lives who have been shining examples of God's love for us.

May this be a service in which we all can reflect on the blessing God has given us, and of the people in

I will reflect on how grateful I am for such a loving

and supportive church family.



November 23

Colossians 3:15-17

through him.

the unwrapped gift.

on December 13th.

our Scrip Gift Card ministry.



Angel Tree Tags Available This Sunday Our annual Angel Tree arrives this Sunday, November 23rd. Be sure to get to church a bit early this week in order to see ALL the tags listing the wishes of the children and families we are supporting this year. Once you've selected your tags, **PRINT** your name beside the tag numbers you are taking on the clipboards near the tree.

in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father

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Thanks for your support of our Christmas Angel Tree ministry!

Once you've purchased your gift, firmly tape the numbered tag onto

Return the unwrapped gift to church by December 7th and place it

If you selected a tag for a Walmart (or other) gift card, please put \$25 with the tag and give to Cindy at the gift card table to purchase from

Gifts will be picked up by the families at our Cookies with Santa event

CrossRoads, we are inviting our Angel Tree families and our local BRING THE KIDS OUT community to our church on FOR THIS FREE EVENT! Saturday, Dec 13, from 10:30am to noon, for our Cookies with Santa COOKIES

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visit with and greet the families, and to help kiddos with the craft kits. For only a couple hours of your time, YOU can spread some

Christmas cheer to our visitors! Please sign up by clicking the link

SIGN UP HERE!

We need volunteers to be there to

create some fun crafts.

below.

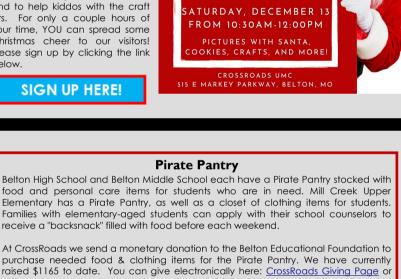
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Cookies with Santa

Volunteers Needed

This is a **FREE** event for all and kids can visit with Santa and

receive a "backsnack" filled with food before each weekend.



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

visit <u>crossroads-umc.net</u> and click on the red **GIVE NOW** button to visit our Donation

If you prefer to give via cash or check, you may put your donation in the offering

plate (be sure to mark your envelope or the memo line of your check with "Pirate Pantry"). Or mail your donation to CrossRoads UMC, P.O. Box 167, Belton, MO 64012.

Thanks so much for your support of this much needed ministry.

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 and in their dinner. We've emptied the full basket for HERO more donations, so please keep 'em coming!

Scouts Annual Bake Sale, Silent Auction, Spaghetti Dinner

Saturday, Nov. 22 2:00pm to 6:00pm At CrossRoads UMC

Come get your desserts for your Thanksgiving dinner from our Scout Troop's Bake Sale and some Christmas Gifts from their Silent Auction!

2025 Advent Study

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

of creation to the quiet majesty of that holy night in Bethlehem.



choose from:

An Advent Devotion Guide

by Pastor Randy Kelly

Silent Night, Holy Night

And there will be a Spaghetti Dinner for \$5 per person as well. Sponsored by the Parents Club, Scout Unit 210

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

 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



Let's make space in our hearts and calendars to reflect, connect, and

Last Sunday's Service

11/16/25 CrossRoads Worship S...

up online today.

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.

Annual Bake Sale & Auction (Scouts) 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

"The Chosen" DVD viewing at Carnegie Village Creation Station in Room #205 Mission: Possible with Lyn Polk in Room #105 Bunco with Kim Swift in Room #201 Cub Scout Den Meeting in the Multipurpose Room

Fellowship Book Study w/Pam Ekey in Room #105 Quilt Peeps in Room #201 Staff Meeting in Room #105

Troop Committee Meeting in the Multipurpose Room

thanksgiving

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

together.



Chris Harrelson Holden Batchelder Phil Gronemeyer Tanisha Ray T.J. Carr (Paul & Donna Carr's nephew)

Mary Jane Malmgren (Karen McLaughlin's sister)

Wednesday, November 26

Friday, November 28 Saturday, November 29

NONE

NONE

NONE NONE

Ist Sunday in Advent 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, 2:00pm, Multipurpose Room United Women in Faith Sunday, Nov 23

Tuesday, November 25 10:00am-11:00am 10:00am-12:00pm

CrossRoads Calendar

Friday, November 21

Saturday, November 22 2:00pm-6:00pm

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

Monday, November 24 9:00am-10:00am

10:00am-11:00am

9:00am-4:00pm

1:30pm-2:30pm 6:00pm-8:00pm 6:30pm-7:30pm

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

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, Upstairs Scout Lock-In, Fri Dec 12, 6pm thru Sat Dec 13, 9am

Cookies with Santa, Sat, Dec 13, 10:30am Christmas Eve Service, Dec 24, 7pm 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>

Chelsea (Lawrence family friend) Rice Family (Toni Wiseman's niece & family) Guy (father of Angel Tree family recipient) Merrick & Jessica (Kim's daughter & fiancé) Kyle Drake (former Troop 210 leader) Bill Gregory (Annalou Streiff's brother)
Julie Reed (Angie Kormanec's friend) Dave McGill (Pastor Randy's friend) John Jerls (Cindy Keen's nephew)

5:30pm-6:30pm 7:00pm-9:00pm

Thursday, November 27

(Cherrie Fleming's friend)
GROUPS

JR Alvarez (Angie Kormanec's family friend) Sally McLaughlin (Karen McLaughlin's sister) Janice Wilson (Karen McLaughlin's co-worker)

9:15am-9:45am 10:00am-11:00am

Patty LeCompte (Karen McLaughlin's sister) Michelle (Dick Brighthaupt's friend) 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)

Kim Kirschling (Che Gladden Staff & Students

Denise Wyatt (Wanda Carroll's friend) Linda Evans (Susie McClain's sister) Joyce Noah (TOPS)

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

Submit Prayer

Requests Here