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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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9 Paul Carr

- Lyn Polk
- 15 John Stacey
- 27 Esco McCann 29 Steven Hoskins
- 30 Marge Jones 31 Stacy McCann 31 Mike Resch
- ANNIVERSARIES 12/3 Phil & Tracy Inman
 - Angel Tree

12/14 Doug & Carol Creach



you are taking on the clipboards near the tree. Once you've purchased your gift, firmly tape the numbered tag onto the unwrapped gift. Return the unwrapped gift to church **by Dec 7** and place it under the tree. Gifts will be picked up by the families at our Cookies with Santa event on Dec13. Thanks for your support of our Christmas Angel Tree ministry!

Pirate Pantry Ministry. Thanks for your support.

Best Choice Bar Code

Labels

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

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

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!

below.



Love people, Learn

together, and **Live** in

service to God at

CrossRoads. **Prayers**

LIVE Your Faith by Serving LOVE God and Others **LEARN** & Grow in Faith

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God's Son, the Christ, was born into a noisy and troubled world. And although the Jewish people, God's chosen people, had waited with expected anticipation for the

that night when Jesus was born.

coming of the Messiah, Jesus was born not in a palace but in a manger. It was a Silent Night, a Holy Night in which God was doing something new, sharing his one and only Son with His creation. Emmanuel, God with us.

those Silent moments, and how He reveals himself to us in those Holy moments. May we each find time during this season to reflect in our own silence just how blessed we are to know that God loved

each of us enough, that he thought of us before we were

created, to give us the precious gift of Jesus our Lord. That

This Advent season we will reflect on how God speaks to us in

upon his birth, all things would be made new. That through him, the gift of salvation would come. And because of him, we would know the love of God and eternal life. Let us all reflect on the deepest meaning of that Silent Night, Holy Night that Christ was born.

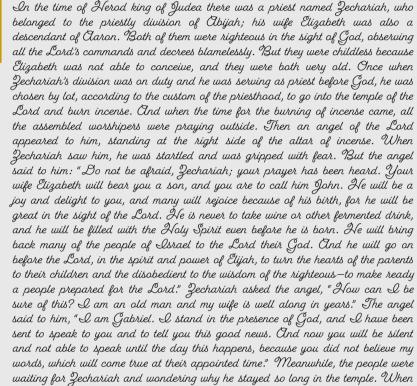
Pastor Randy

Silent Night, Holy Night

November 30

Zechariah

Luke 1: 5-22



Coat Collection Clean out your closets! We'll soon collect coats, hats, scarves, and gloves for neighbors

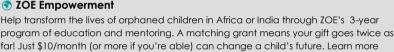
🔆 CrossRoads Missions Update 🧎

Our Missions Study Group has launched two exciting projects—join us in sharing God's

he came out, he could not speak to them. They realized he had seen a vision in

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the temple, for he kept making signs to them but remained unable to speak.



in need. Items will be delivered to Bridge Over Troubled Waters and Heart 'N Hand

Ministries. Quick turnaround—stay tuned for dates to bring to church!

here: zoeempowers.org/videos/theres-a-way-out-of-extreme-poverty

Pledge forms will be available soon or you can

Together, we can warm hearts and change lives. 🤎

pledge online right now:

Be a "Souper Hero" This November! This is our final week for our "Souper Heroes" to donate cans of soup for the Belton Welfare Association to help local families

Celebrate Christmas with Folded Ribbon Poinsettias CrossRoads will once again celebrate the joy of Christmas with folded ribbon poinsettias,

You may take your poinsettia home after Christmas Eve—or, if needed sooner, simply

Thank you for your support of this ministry, which honors loved ones, beautifies our

worship, and extends Christ's love into our community.

Cookies with Santa

Volunteers Needed

and kids can visit with Santa and create some fun crafts.

We need volunteers to be there to

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

make arrangements with the church office. If you prefer not to receive a flower, you may still make a dedication to a loved one, and it will be listed in the bulletin.

🚃 All orders must be received by Sunday, December 14.



facing food insecurity. Whether it's chicken noodle, tomato, or

hearty vegetable, every can makes a difference in someone's day—and in their dinner. Let's take this final Sunday to fill that cart with love and nourishment. Thank you for being the hands and feet of Christ in our community!

My ZOE Pledge

An Order Form will be available in the bulletin or you may order online below: Orders may be paid by submitting payment online through our Online Donation Page or by dropping a check in the offering **Order Here** plate with your order form.

WITH

SANTA

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13

FROM 10:30AM-12:00PM

PICTURES WITH SANTA, COOKIES, CRAFTS, AND MOR

CROSSROADS UMC 515 E MARKEY PARKWAY, BELTON, MO

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 event. This is a **FREE** event for all

SIGN UP HERE!

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 as Silent Night, Holy Night 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.

If you watch our service online either

on Facebook or on YouTube, please

attendance.

2025 Advent Study

either comment on the video to let us know or let Cindy know to record your

11/23/25 CrossRoads Worship

Last Sunday's Service

CrossRoads Calendar Friday, November 28 Saturday, November 29 Sunday, November 30 9:00am-9:30am 9:15am-9:45am

10:00am-11:00am

9:00am-4:00pm 6:30pm-7:30pm Tuesday, December 2 10:00am-11:00am 3:30pm -4:00pm 6:00pm-7:00pm

Monday, December I 9:00am-10:00am

Wednesday, December 3 5:30pm-6:15pm 6:15pm-7:00pm

Thursday, December 4 8:45am-10:30am 10:30am-11:00am

Friday, December 5

Saturday, December 6

"The Chosen" DVD viewing at Carnegie Village Creation Station in Room #205 Cub Scout Den Meeting in the Multipurpose Room Advent Study w/Pam Ekey in Room #105 SPR Meeting 3:30pm in Room #103 Advent Study w/Pastor Randy in Room #105

NONE

NONE

Ist Sunday in Advent

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

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 Scout Troop 210 in the Multipurpose Room

NONE Private Party in the Multipurpose Room Bunco in Room #201

Upcoming Events Penny's Bunco Group, Dec 6, 10:00am, Upstairs UWF Lunch Bunch, Mon, Dec 8, 11:30am, Multipurpose Room UWF Joy Group, Thursday, Dec 11, 2:00pm, Home of Marge Jones Scout Lock-In, Fri Dec 12, 6:00pm thru Sat Dec 13, 9:00am Cookies with Santa, Sat, Dec 13, 10:30am Christmas Eve Service, Dec 24, 7:00pm

Sunday, December 7 2nd Sunday in Advent Devotions With Randy in Room #208 Explorers Adult Sunday School in Room #105 Worship Service in the Sanctuary 9:00am-9:30am 9:15am-9:45am

Questions or comments? Email us at <u>ciones@crossroads-umc.net</u> To remove your name from our mailing list, please <u>click here</u>

Linda Evans (Susie McClain's sister) Joyce Noah (TOPS) (Cherrie Fleming's friend)
GROUPS Kim Kirschling (Che Gladden Staff & Students Silver Angels Health Care Workers First Responders Boy Scout 210 & Pack 4210 USA and United States Military

Penny Kelly Ron Spencer Roberta Maxwell Paul Carr Faye Wallace Carol Creach JoAnn Arnold Chris Harrelson Holden Batchelder Phil Gronemeyer Tanisha Ray

PEOPLE IN NEED OF PRAYER

Ryan (Carol Creach's friend's husband) 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) Julie Reed (Angie Kormanec's friend) Dave McGill (Pastor Randy's friend) John Jerls (Cindy Keen's nephew)

Avis Wolfe (Snow removal contractor Steve's wife)

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

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9:30am-5:00pm 10:00am-11:00am

10:00am-11:00am

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)

Submit Prayer

Requests Here