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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 :15am Explorers Room10 9:15am Explorers Room105 9:00am Devotions with Randy Room 208

Tuesday Fellowship Group 10:00am

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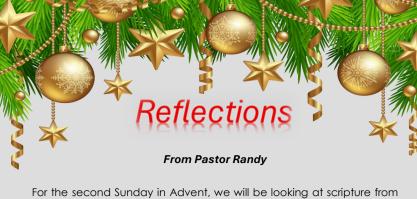
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- 30 Marge Jones 31 Stacy McCann 31 Mike Resch
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**LEARN & Grow in Faith** 

LOVE God and Others



Jesus and how she received word of God's plan. To the rest of the world, Mary was not that significant or important. But God chose her to be the one who would bring his son into our world. Mary most likely had a number of thoughts and feelings going through

Luke's gospel. In particular, we will be looking at Mary the mother of

her when she got the announcement. We can easily imagine her feeling humbled and honored. But what about scared or uncertain, maybe even unworthy. God was executing a plan in his way, doing something extraordinary through an ordinary person. Can you reflect on a time when God has worked through you in an extraordinary way? How did that make you feel?

We can imagine that Mary probably spent many moments in silence after hearing the news she would give birth to God's son. Who would she have felt comfortable to trust sharing that with? We know that she praised God, but we can imagine she probably prayed for God's guidance and presence as well.

bringing his son into this world. Let us reflect on that this week.

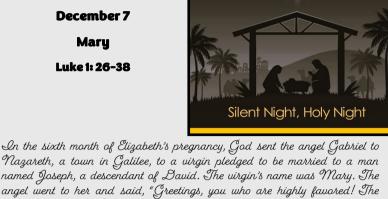
Mary would know the intimacy of God's silence, and the holiness of

**Pastor Randy** 

December 7

Mary

Luke 1: 26-38



what kind of greeting this might be. But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you to call him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father Bavid, and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end." "Now will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin? The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be unable to conceive is in her sixth month. For no word from God will ever fail." "I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May your word to me be fulfilled." Then the angel left her. New International Version®, Biblica, Inc.® Used by permission. (https://www.biblica.com/) CrossRoads Missions Update

Clean out your closets! We'll soon collect coats, hats, scarves, and gloves for neighbors in need. Items will be delivered to Bridge Over Troubled Waters and Heart 'N Hand



event

on

## Dec13. Thanks for your support of our Christmas

Santa

Angel Tree ministry! **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.

Labels

**Scrip Gift Cards** national retailers who card program.

**Bridge Over Troubled Water** 

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

Don't

There are many local and participate in our scrip gift Order gift cards on our website or email Cindy at

cjones@crossroads-umc.net

**Pantry** The Bridge Over Troubled Water Food Pantry in Belton has helped many

people in our community.

CrossRoads UMC and note on the memo line "BOTW". Thanks for your support in keeping this community resource up and running!



CrossRoads. facebook.com/ crossroadsbelton

**Prayers** 

Be sure to "Like" our Facebook page! Visit often and tag CrossRoads in your posts when possible. Help us show others how we

facebook

forget your flu shot & vaccine & boosters!

# **Love** people, **Learn** together, and **Live** in service to God at

**Bob Daniel** Dick Brighthaupt Penny Kelly Ron Spencer Roberta Maxwell

Avis Wolfe (Snow removal contractor Steve's wife) 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)

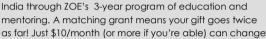
Janice Wilson (Karen McLaughlin's co-worker) Patty LeCompte (Karen McLaughlin's sister) Michelle (Dick Brighthaupt's friend) Ronna Buchannon (Wanda Carroll's friend) Ruthie Weil (Sandy McNeil's daughter)

6:30pm-9:00pm Friday, December 12 Friday 6pm to Saturday 9am

Sunday, December 14

Lord is with you." Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered

Ministries. Quick turnaround—we will begin collecting items on Sunday, December 14!



Coat Collection-Begins Sunday, December 14

Help transform the lives of orphaned children in Africa or

a child's future. Read Emmanuel's story here

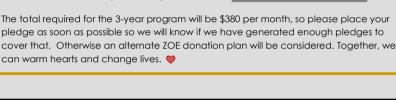
can warm hearts and change lives. 🤎

Pledge forms will be available this Sunday in your

ZOE Empowerment

My ZOE Pledge bulletin or you can pledge online right now: The total required for the 3-year program will be \$380 per month, so please place your pledge as soon as possible so we will know if we have generated enough pledges to

💆 Celebrate Christmas with Folded Ribbon Poinsettias 🍹



Order Here

**Emmanuel** 

CrossRoads will once again celebrate the joy of Christmas with folded ribbon poinsettias, a cherished tradition that brings beauty to our worship space and meaning to our celebrations. You are invited to honor or memorialize loved ones in our Christmas Eve

•\$15 for each flower pot

•\$20 for each altar flower pot-SOLD

Online Donation Page or by dropping a check in the offering

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

**Bulletin** by sponsoring a poinsettia:

plate with your order form.

All donations will be sent to support the Belton Pirate Pantry, blessing families in our community during this season of giving. 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

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

make arrangements with the church office. If you prefer not to receive a flower, you may

All orders must be received by Sunday, December 14. Thank you for your support of this ministry, which honors loved ones, beautifies our

still make a dedication to a loved one, and it will be listed in the bulletin.



was unfair to those who were into weight training and were very muscular. So other factors such as waist circumference, waist to height ratio and waist to hip ratio are now incorporated into the assessment. (I personally think it is now unfair to those of us who have lost height due to osteoporosis! But I digress.)

cal activity requirements.

check.

that obesity is more prevalent with older age.

Saturday, Dec 13, from 10:30am to noon, for our Cookies with Santa event. This is a FREE event for all and kids can visit with Santa and 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 below.

Cookies with Santa Volunteers Needed CrossRoads, we are inviting our



## $\overline{ ext{WITH}}$ SANTA

BRING THE KIDS OUT

FOR THIS FREE EVENT!

COOKIES

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13

FROM 10:30AM-12:00PM

PICTURES WITH SANTA, COOKIES, CRAFTS, AND MORE!

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SIGN UP HERE! Parish Nurse Ministry—Nurses Notes Say it isn't so! Nearly 7 in 10 American adults are now classified as obese. For decades, obesity was defined as having an elevated Body Mass Index (BMI). This metric is obtained by dividing your weight in pounds by your height in inches.

Researchers at Harvard Medical School and Massachusetts General Hospital used the U.S.-based "All of Us" database to determine the prevalence of obesity under the new definition. 68.6% of us are considered obese now. It doesn't surprise me

eating the recommended daily amount of vegetables?! And only one in four of us are fully meeting our daily physi-

11/30/25 CrossRoads Worship

In 2024, the CDC stated that obesity is a "common, serious, and chronic disease" in the United States. The CDC says that our dietary habits and our exercise habits are the greatest determinant of whether we become obese or not. Did you know that fewer than one in ten of us are Communion Sunday blood pressure checks 1st Sunday each month Just sharing some "food for thought". At least thinking A Nurse Ming won't make us fat. Well, if I think about Baskin-Robbins Pralines and Cream too long it might!! Stop by our table on Sunday for a free blood pressure 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.

## Private Party in the Multipurpose Room Bunco in Room #201 2nd Sunday in Advent

NONE

Tuesday, December 9 10:00am-11:00am 5:00pm-7:00pm

Sunday, December 7 9:00am-9:30am 9:15am-9:45am

6:00pm-7:00pm 6:00pm-7:30pm Wednesday, December 10

Thursday, December II 11:30am-3:00pm 2:00am-4:00pm

Advent Study w/Pastor Randy in Room #105
Pack Committee Meeting in the Multipurpose Room

CrossRoads Ringers Bell Choir Rehearsal in Room #210 Heavenly Bell Choir Rehearsal in Room #210

Scout Lock-In in the Multipurpose Room

Advent Study w/Pam Ekey in Room #105 Creative Stitchers in Room #201

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

Creation Station in Room #205 UWF Lunch Bunch in the Multipurpose Room Cub Scout Den Meeting in the Multipurpose Room

TOPS Christmas Party in the Multipurpose Room UWF Joy Group at home of Marge Jones Scout Troop 210 in the Multipurpose Room

Cookies with Santa in the Multipurpose Room 3rd Sunday in Advent Devotions With Randy in Room #208 Explorers Adult Sunday School in Room #105 Worship Service in the Sanctuary

**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

## JR Alvarez (Angie Kormanec's family friend) Mary Jane Malmgren (Karen McLaughlin's sister) Sally McLaughlin (Karen McLaughlin's sister)

Alissa Sallee (Jade's cousin) Angela McNeil (from Sandy McNeil) Vera Glenn (Sandy McNeil's friend)

Saturday, December 13 10:30am-12:00pm

9:00am-9:30am 9:15am-9:45am 10:00am-11:00am

**PEOPLE IN NEED OF PRAYER** Tanisha Ray CrossRoads Calendar JoAnn Arnold Chris Harrelson Paul Carr Faye Wallace Friday, December 5 Holden Batchelder Saturday, December 6 Carol Creach Phil Gronemeyer 9:30am-5:00pm 10:00am-11:00am

10:00am-11:00am Monday, December 8 9:00am-4:00pm 11:30am-12:30pm 6:30pm-7:30pm

6:15pm-7:00pm

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>

## 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 Military

**Submit Prayer** 

Requests Here