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- Please send address corrections to Amber Johnsen at amberj@mtco.com or call the church office at 444-2381.
- The monthly birthday list is available at the Welcome Desk and on the Crossroads website.

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From the Senior Pastor

Sherry and I sat glued to the television as terrified announcers reported on the Fukushima nuclear reactors, which were overheating and releasing radioactive steam into the environment. The reactors were damaged when the tsunami cut off electric power at the plants. The talking heads on CNN and a person from a nuclear watch-dog agency bantered back and forth about what could be done. Finally, the watch-dog representative lamented, "This is so frustrating. I am not sure what can be done".

Watching this dialogue, I had the same feeling as I did when I watched news helicopters report on people stranded on buildings in the Gulf following Katrina (and to a lesser degree the oil spill into the Gulf of Mexico last Spring). The feeling is something like intestinal distress, or simply being punched in the gut.

In Matthew's Gospel (9:35-38), there is a story about Jesus seeing crowds of suffering people. They were sick in body and in spirit, they were poor and laboring under burdensome taxes, and they were struggling to know how to serve God. They were not always getting the best leadership from the Jewish priests in Jerusalem. Jesus saw them and was moved by their suffering. Matthew describes his reaction as "moved to pity", and the Greek word actually has a medical background. Jesus felt

pain in his guts, his intestines, as he saw their distress.

Jesus reacted to this distress by calling his disciples together and telling them that these people need God, and that the way they were going to experience God was by going out into the world. "The harvest is plentiful but the laborers are few." Jesus sent his disciples out into the crossroads to care for people.

The people of Japan are hurting, suffering, and struggling. There is a need for laborers there. Those of us who feel compassion, pity, and empathy in our guts need to respond. The immediate need is to enable the people who are trained in this sort of thing to care for the people in Japan; therefore, we are called to send money and prayers their way. The United Methodist Church has already set up a special fund, and all money donated goes directly to those in need. There are no overhead or office costs. Money given will provide inflatable hospital tents, water purification systems and medical kits. You can find out more at new.gb-gm-umc.org/umcor.

Even after we give and pray, we still hurt right along with those who are suffering and in pain, but in our hearts we know that we are serving Christ by helping people, no matter how small it may seem.

The Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Tapia, a

Methodist theologian, recently blogged about her struggles with watching the suffering in Japan. "Is there life after the 8.9 quake and village-eating tsunami? Is there life when your family is gone and your city is deleted from the map? I have no words...I am not in Sendai...but humanity and creation are groaning... Silence...shock...hope...faith... prayers...rescue...relief aid... prayers...solidarity... mission...harmony. Yes to life! I see God's present help, among others, in the international and religious communities that send emergency help, search and rescue, reconstruction, and solidarity. 'Where there is life, there is God.' I see God's strength in the determination of Japanese people to rise up, help one another, and be calm in the midst of chaos and utter loss. Because I believe God is our refuge and strength, I will not fear. Because life is precious and fragile, I will not take anything for granted. Because we are interconnected, oceans and air are borderless, we are all in this together. May the God of Life and Spirit of Comfort, our refuge and strength, shake us together in love." (gb-gm-umc.org/global_news/full_article.cfm?articleid=5991)

May the example of Jesus Christ stir in our guts the desire to labor for the Kingdom of God.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Tom

“All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is by his great mercy that we have been born again, because God raised Jesus Christ from the dead.”
I Peter 1:3

Holy Week Worship

Maundy Thursday Service

April 21st
7:00pm

Service of Communion and Tenebrae

Nursery care through age 3 provided.

Community Good Friday Service

April 22nd
7:00pm

Calvary Evangelical Mennonite Church
115 E. Jefferson
Washington, IL

Sponsored by the Washington Ministerial Association

Easter Sunday

April 24th
Sonrise Service
6:30am

East side of our Lake
Led by High School Youth

Continental Easter Breakfast

7:15am

Worship Services

8:30am & 11:00am
“Not Empty”

Pastor Tom Goodell
preaching

Sunday School for all ages
at 9:45am.

Nursery care provided.



Outreach Team News

The Outreach Team at Crossroads coordinates opportunities to serve Christ locally and internationally. We sponsor “Adopt-a-Block”, and walk two blocks on the south side of Peoria on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month. We work with many area ministries that feed, clothe and care for those in need. We plan mission trips and partnerships with churches in China and Zimbabwe.

We invite you to join us on Sunday, May 1st for a special presentation by Margaret Machinga. Margaret and her husband Gift work with the Methodist Church in Zimbabwe. Crossroads has partnered with King David Methodist Church to build a worship/ministry annex. Margaret will share information about the church in Zimbabwe at the 8:30 service and during the

adult Sunday School hour.

Finally, if you wish to support the efforts of the Methodist Church in Japan, you may make checks payable to Crossroads and memo “Japan”. One hundred percent of all giving to Japan goes directly to the country in the form of aid.

Pastoral Notes

Congratulations to **Landon Gary Mabe**, son of Jason & Stephanie Mabe, who was baptized on March 20th.

Our sympathy to those who lost loved ones in March: Tyler (and Lindsay) Schwend on the death of his grandmother, **Helen**

Schwend, on February 26th. Helen Babcock and family on the death of **Gordon Babcock** on March 6th. Gordon was an active member of Crossroads. A memorial service was held for Gordon on March 10th in Faith Chapel. Memorials may be made to the church.

Ruth Echerd and family on the death of **Beno Echerd** on March 10th. Beno was a fifty year member of Crossroads. A memorial service will be held for Beno on March 29th. Memorials may be made to the church.

Nurse Sally's Tip of the Month

Migraines

A migraine can be disabling – with symptoms so severe that all you can do is find a dark, quiet place to lie down. In some cases, these painful headaches are preceded by a warning sign (aura), such as flashes of light, blind spots or tingling and numbness of an arm or leg. A typical migraine lasts from four to 72 hours, but the frequency with which they occur varies from person to person. You may have a migraine several times a month or just once or twice a year. Some or all of these signs and symptoms may occur:

- Moderate to severe pain on one or both sides of the head
- Pulsating or throbbing head pain
- Pain that worsens with physical activity
- Pain that interferes with regular activities
- Nausea with or without vomiting
- Extreme sensitivity to light or sound

The exact causes of migraines still aren't understood but a number of things may trigger them:

- **Hormonal changes.** Since women with a history of

migraines often report headaches immediately before menstrual periods, it is thought that a major drop in estrogen may play a part. Others have an increased tendency to develop migraines during pregnancy or menopause.

- **Foods.** Certain foods appear to trigger headaches in some people. Common offenders include alcohol, aged cheeses, chocolate, fermented or marinated foods, aspartame, overuse of caffeine, MSG, certain seasonings, many canned foods and processed foods. Skipping meals or fasting can also trigger headaches.
- **Stress.** A hard week at work followed by relaxation may lead to a weekend migraine. Stress at home can also instigate migraines.
- **Sensory stimuli.** Bright lights and sun glare can produce head pain. So can unusual smells both pleasant and unpleasant, such as paint thinner or second hand smoke.
- **Changes in sleep patterns.** Either missing sleep or getting too much may serve as a trigger in some individuals.
- **Physical Factors.** Intense physical exertion.
- **Changes in environment.** A change of weather, season,

altitude level, barometric pressure or time zone may prompt a migraine.

- **Medications.** Certain medications can aggravate migraines.

Even if you have a history of headaches, see your doctor if the pattern changes or your headaches suddenly feel different. Seek medical attention immediately if the following signs and symptoms occur:

- Abrupt, severe headache like a thunderclap
- Headache with a fever, stiff neck, rash, mental confusion, seizures, double vision, weakness, numbness or trouble speaking.
- Headache after a head injury, especially if it gets worse.
- A chronic headache that is worse after coughing, exertion, straining or a sudden movement.
- New headache pain of you are older than 50.

Any of these signs or symptoms may indicate other serious medical conditions.



Free Health Screenings

**Methodist Hospital
Wellmobile At Crossroads
Thursday, April 21st
8:30 – 11:30 a.m.
Fellowship Hall**

Screenings that will be offered **FREE OF CHARGE** are:

- Cholesterol, which includes total cholesterol, LDL (bad), HDL (good), and triglycerides. 12 hour fast

is recommended.

- Blood sugar, 12 hour fast recommended.
- Blood Pressure test
- Spirometry (lung capacity)

NO APPOINTMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED

- Blood work is done by fingerstick, 4 every 10 minutes

- Spirometry, one every five minutes
- Results will be available that day

A light breakfast will be available.

Feel free to call the Parish Nurse, Sally Charlton, with questions.

Youth Fundraisers



4th Annual Crossroads Chili Cook-Off April 10th at Noon

All are welcome to participate; simply sign up to bring a crock pot full of chili. Bring your secret recipe or find one on the web. Each pot of chili will be available for tasting, and then we will award the winners at the end of the meal. All donations for the lunch will go toward the youth mission trip to Atlanta. You may sign up on our website. (crossroads4all.org)



Can you dance, do magic, juggle, act, play a musical instrument, or recite poetry? Do you have a talent or gift that you would like to share?

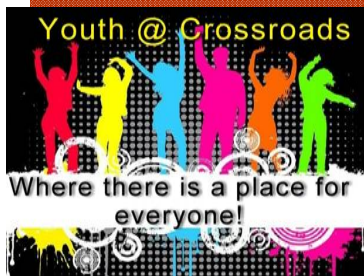
Sign up for the first annual Crossroads Got Talent Show. The show will take place on Sunday, May 8th at 7:00pm. Each contestant will have 3 to 5 minutes on stage to show us what you've got.

The more variety of acts, the better the show, so get your friends together and

start practicing your act now!

If you would like to participate, please fill out an application. You may sign up on our Crossroads website or you can get a form in the church office. There is no contestant fee; a small admission cost will be charged at the door and all funds raised will go toward the high school mission trip to Atlanta.

Youth News



The mission of the Crossroads Youth Ministry is to be committed to loving and caring for youth in the Washington area.

We will accomplish this goal by:

providing a safe and loving place so that youth can be who God created them to be, meeting them where they are in their spiritual development, helping them grow into young men and women of faith, and equipping them to share their faith with others now and in the future.

High School Lighthouse:

Every Wednesday night
6:30-8:30pm
Dinner, small groups, games, lesson, music and more!

Follow Lighthouse News!

Text "follow xroadlighthouse" to 40404

Middle School Impact:

6th-8th Grade
Sunday evenings
6:30-8:00pm
Fun, games, lesson, snacks and much, much more!

Just for Kids

Kids for Christ

A Kids Club for
3rd, 4th, & 5th graders
Bible time, Games, Music,
and Snacks
Fridays, 6:00 – 8:00pm

Remaining 2011 dates

March 25
April 8
April 29

Sunday School – K-5

The rotational workshops for
“Holy Week Memories:
Scrapbooking the Good News”
began March 13th. On April
17th, the children will complete
their own scrapbooks. All
children in Kindergarten
through 5th Grade are welcome
to come to Sunday school from
9:45 to 10:00 to learn about the
Good News: Christ Is Risen!

Children’s Easter Party 2011

Saturday, April 16th, from 9:30
until 11:00 at Crossroads.
For Children ages 3 through 3rd
Grade and their parents.

Activities include:

Puppet Show

The Easter Story

Easter Egg Hunt

No pre-registration is
necessary.

Easter Eggs Needed!

We will need 2500 plastic eggs
filled with wrapped candy for
the Children’s Easter Party
2011 egg hunt. Eggs may be
dropped off in the basket by the
church office. Your
contributions are much
appreciated. Every egg donated
helps!

Thank You

The Light Children’s
Conference on March 12th was
a great success. The church was
filled with singing and fun as
more than 250 first through
fifth graders heard the message
of Jesus presented by Harvest
Ministries. Many thanks to the
adults who acted as shepherds
for the more than 50 children
from Crossroads. Special
thanks to Lori and Larry
Brittain and Christie Boyd who
coordinated the event (and to
Lori who appeared on Good
Company the Tuesday before
the event). Another special
thanks to the Youth of our
church under the supervision of
Trevor. Their help and clean up
skills were vital to the success
of the day.

Ready to “Step Out of the Boat” for our kids?

Do you like to tell others about
your job? Did God lead you to
your job? How did He do it?
Our kids are growing up and
they want to learn how to listen
for God to show them what is in
their future. God calls us all for
special jobs, and each of our
jobs are important. We would
like you to share your
experiences with the AWANA
kids. AWANA is training up
our boys and girls to NOT be
ashamed and to go out and tell
others about Christ...in our
neighborhoods, to our co-
workers, to our friends at
school. Sometimes in our
church home, we forget that
when we walk outside these
walls, others don’t know what
we know...that Jesus loves us
all! Are you willing to step out
of the boat for our kids for just
one night? If so, they could
learn valuable lessons. We are
their foundation. Please help
and share. Contact Michelle
Dubois for more information at
(309) 444-2754.

2011 Communion Workshop Participants

The following kids and their
parents participated in the
Communion Workshop on
February 19th. During the
workshop, they learned what
communion is, why we partake
in communion, the spirit in
which we take it and the
promise that communion offers
us. Each child made a
communion plate and chalice to
remember this important day in
their faith journey with Jesus.

Adam Wierenga
Allie Scrivner
Brandon Ford
Brayden Smith
Brody Langstaff
Colleen Cagle
Dylan McClure
Elizabeth Boyd
Hailey Langstaff
Jackson Hunsicker
Landon Glenn
Lilli Smith
Lily Tellefson
Luke Zobrist
Maddie Boyd
Olivia Al-Kayyaly
Rachel Blankenship
Sydney Hanson
Thomas Blackorby



“Be still
and know
that I am
God.”
Psalm
46:10

Prayer Challenge

Chaos. Utter chaos can surround us everywhere. We bring it upon ourselves, we have others in our life that cause it AND we allow it, and then the enemy of our soul will wreak havoc with chaos as much as possible. If you are running around with so much chaos in your life, how can you hear God? Do you find your thoughts scattering every which way? Do you start panicking when you ask God repeatedly for the same things with no answer coming, or heaven forbid not the answer you want?! Then do you catch yourself over and over again putting a different spin on your prayer request? All the while, continuing to live in utter chaos? I’m finding myself starting to have anxiety just writing the Prayer Challenge for this month from that

introduction. I’ve been there, I’m there now and I pray I will never be there again.

Even while writing this, I have chaos surrounding me. Sometimes, chaos can just happen. My newborn nephew is crying for food, a diaper change or just sweet comfort from his Mommy and Daddy. My niece is playing hide and seek and wanting my attention. Maybe chaos was the gift for this article, since my original topic was vastly different. Chaos spoke to me, but God spoke louder!

STOP! Breathe. Relax. Focus. *Psalm 46:10, “Be still and know that I am God.”* Retreat to the quiet place in your soul to hear the precious words God

has written for each one of us. Do what needs to be done to accomplish this. God is waiting for you. He wants to talk to you in a still small voice. Do not let the chaos rule your life any longer. Let the peace of God rule your life, and let Him give you the peace you so richly deserve and take the time to be in sweet quiet communion with HIM. Talk to Him, but better yet, listen to Him. The sweet season of Spring is upon us and what a better time than now to start fresh, renew friendships, make amends and be ever so in love with Jesus.

Pray On with Steadfast Love,

Laurie Bouton

Prayer Labyrinth

A Prayer Labyrinth is a pathway that serves as an aid to meditation. It is a single path on concentric circles that leads to a center point, and then returns the same way. We walk the labyrinth as we pray or meditate and in the process learn to calm our minds, relax our bodies, and reduce stress by letting go of all that burdens us. It provides a space that helps guide our minds and hearts in prayer.

The prayer of the labyrinth

allows us to experience the mystery of God in a tangible way. The labyrinth is more about the journey than the destination, about *being* rather than *doing*. It reminds us that no time or effort in life is ever wasted, for each step takes us toward the center and moves us closer to God.

The Prayer Team will be selling Butter Braids and Cookies from March 20th - April 10th with all proceeds going to a fund for a Prayer

Labyrinth. If you want to read more about a Prayer Labyrinth, go to www.sundayschoollessons.com/ftlab. If you have any questions, please call Sherry Guimond at (949)697-1514.



Garrett Evangelical Seminary



Are you a mini golfer?

*Family Scrambler
Mini Golf Fundraiser
for the Garrett Scholarship Fund
Sunday, May 15th at 1:00pm
Hillcrest Golf Course
Cost: \$6 per person or
\$20 for a family of 4*

Your whole family is invited to participate. If you do not golf but would like to be a hole sponsor, contact Cliff Smith.

Participating families can be hole sponsors as well. *Questions or to sign up:* Contact either Pastor Bob Lawry at 444-2381 or Cliff Smith at 444-8516.

Attention All Golfers

*Mixed Doubles Scrambler
Golf Fundraiser
for the Garrett
Scholarship Fund
Saturday, May 14th at 1:00pm
Hillcrest Golf Course*

Cost: \$35 per couple, which does not cover the cost of a cart.

Both golfers and non-golfers can sign up to be a hole sponsors. To sign up your team, contact Joe Cimino at 444-3311. Questions? Contact Cliff Smith at 444-8516.

Celebrate Recovery Events

Happy 4th Birthday to Celebrate Recovery at Crossroads United Methodist Church!



Please join us for a cake & punch reception during

fellowship hour in between services on Sunday, May 1st! Celebrate Recovery is for anyone who desires to put aside anything that gets in the way of following Christ.

Glory to God for 4 years of changing lives through Celebrate Recovery @ Crossroads United Methodist Church!

We invite you to join us for **Tropical Island Night** Thursday, April 28th @ 6:00 in celebration of our 4th Birthday!

Food & Worship Music inspired by the Tropics and Special Guest Speakers!

Stephen Ministry

Taking care “from” another, not just giving care “to” another – what does that mean to you? Most people are much more comfortable *giving* care than *receiving* it. When a person is giving care, they are in a position of stability and authority. When a person is receiving care, they may feel vulnerable, weak or insecure.

As a result, there are many people today who, though they really could benefit from a Christian friend who would listen and care for them, instead tough it out on their own. They remain the strong silent type, or wear a smile on their face that is holding back a flood of tears.

We may think that to ask for help is to admit weakness, a “failure” as a Christian somehow.

But God did not create us to be so independent that we become an “island”. He created us to be interdependent. His Word is clear: “It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him” (Genesis 2:18). The New Testament contains more than 50 verses containing the words “one another”. For example “love one another,” “encourage one another,” “build up one another,” and “pray for one another.”

We do this for others but we are also to allow other people to

love, encourage, build up and pray for us! We all have “seasons” (long or short) of difficulty (big or small) at one time or another in our lives. Christ asked us to serve others and allow others to serve us.

Are you able to say, “I have the grace to let you serve me too”? Think “Stephen Ministry” and turn to us for comfort, confidential listening and care. There is personal and spiritual growth and healing that can follow.

Contact: Referral Coordinator Lori Samp at 367-9422 or saved57@gmail.com Pastor Bob DeBolt at 253-5504 or pstrbob@mtco.com.

Senior Adult Fellowship



Senior News

Ropp Jersey Cheese Farm April 20th Leave from Crossroads at 9:30am

On April 20th the M and M's will be traveling to Normal for a visit to Ropp's Cheese Farm. We will learn firsthand how fine quality cheeses are made. We will explore the grounds, if able, and we may even pet their pure bred, prize winning Jersey calves. We will have the opportunity to visit the 600

square foot retail store, which features viewing windows into the cheese slicing room. There is not an excess of walking involved.

After we leave Ropp's, lunch at Biaggi's Restaurant in Bloomington is next. Biaggi's offers authentic Italian food and a variety of dishes for lunch, including pastas and pizza, as well as beef, chicken and seafood, all prepared in the tradition of rustic Italian cuisine.

Please call the church at 444-2381 **before March 15th** to sign up for this really interesting trip.

Senior Meal

Our Senior Meal will be Tuesday, April 12th at noon. We meet in the fellowship area and enjoy a delicious "sit-down" meal, hot from the kitchen. There is no charge, but we do pass a basket for donations to help defray the cost of the food. Just make a reservation in the office (444-2381) and join us for an hour of great food and fellowship.

Fellowship Opportunities

Sewing Circle

The Dorcas Sewing Circle meets *weekly* on Wednesdays from 9:00am to noon. Even if you are not an experienced sewer, you are welcome to join us for some great fellowship and to share ideas.

Men's Fellowship

Guys, join us at the Men's Fellowship Group, which meets on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 6:00pm in the chapel. Join us for supper, a testimony, a Bible study, and prayer. We are currently viewing the video series "The Measure of a Man", which teaches about the 20 character traits of a godly man. We encourage all men to come, and invite your friends. This is a great opportunity to see what God is doing among us.

Spirited Book Discussion Group

On April 19th, we will be discussing Riven by Jerry B. Jenkins. This is a very powerful book. Many of you have read this book and we encourage you to come and join our discussion. For more information contact Nancy Bullard at nanrb@mtco.com or 444-5140.

Girls Night Out Friday, April 1st 6:00 - 10:00pm

Come out for a girls night of friends and fellowship. Learn a few tips on how to take better photos. Learn quick photo solutions on how to get all of your photos into albums for your family to enjoy. Free mini lessons are available. Or simply come and work on something you have been meaning to get done. Let's

get together; we meet once a month. The May meeting will be Friday, May 6th at 6:30p.m. Contact Tammy Miller 444-2408 for more information.

Corn Stock Summer Theater

Again Crossroads United Methodist church will attend Corn Stock summer theater. We have done this for over 20 years. This season looks exceptionally exciting. The discounted cost to our group is \$59.40 per person for the five shows. The bus will be available for some of the shows – otherwise we will carpool. If you choose to attend, make a check out to Corn Stock Theater and mail it to Alice Nobles Arn, 605 E. Jefferson, Washington, IL 61571. Call 309-219-4719 with any questions. Please have your check to her by **March 31**.

CONVERSATION

CORNER

This month's Conversation Corner features Julie Puckett, who serves as commander of our AWANA ministry along with Kris Ross. AWANA ("approved workers are not ashamed", 2 Timothy 15) is a children's program that meets Thursday nights at Crossroads. Over 100 children are learning Scripture, developing a relationship with Jesus Christ, and learning how to serve as disciples through AWANA. This is the second year we have offered AWANA at Crossroads.

Julie became commander after hearing God's calling in her heart. She remembers attending an organizational meeting in the summer of 2008, but did not speak up. She prayed that night, telling God that "if He wants me to be part of this someone else would have to ask her to serve". Within a few days, Sue Husted (Family Ministries Coordinator) called Julie to ask if she would serve in a leadership position with AWANA. When Julie told her husband Jeff about her prayer to God and the quick follow up through the church, he simply smiled and said, "Duh"!

Julie laughs at this moment and has this advice for all disciples: "Don't pigeon hole yourself or think that you know where and how much you can serve God in the church!"



Much of the ministry of an AWANA commander happens behind the scenes. Julie and Kris are here during the week to make sure that supplies are ordered, classrooms are set up, substitute teachers and leaders are secured and last minute changes are smoothed out. On Thursdays they have to be ready for the kids!

Julie and Kris balance the AWANA ministry with full time jobs and being a mom at home. Julie is mom to Todd, Carrie and Tori; Kris to Sara and Megan.

Julie received an unexpected blessing in serving through AWANA. She and Kris (who

were not well acquainted before AWANA) are now great friends. They were even mistaken as sisters recently. She also shares that the Crossroads mentoring ministry has helped her serve. She was paired with Cheryl Russell. Mentoring is a twelve week study which focuses on discovering our spiritual gifts, establishing disciplines in our life (prayer, Bible study, etc.), balancing serving at home, in our communities, and through the church, and understanding spiritual warfare. If you would like to learn more about the mentoring ministry, contact Pastor Tom.

In short, Julie says that she is blessed to have stepped out of the boat and to be serving in a ministry that is connecting over 100 children and 30 adult servants to the Gospel. She is glad to have listened to God's voice speaking to her heart and hopes that others will listen as well. Oh, and if that voice is directing your heart to AWANA, Julie and Kris would love to talk to you about where you might serve.

~ Pastor Tom

Walk to Emmaus News

Men's Emmaus Walk

July 21st-24th
October 20th-23rd

Women's Emmaus Walk

August 4th-7th
November 3rd-6th

For more information on any of these events, visit www.ilheartlandemmaus.com.

Emmaus Liaisons:

Valerie Kruzan
745-3321 or vkruzna@aol.com
Jim O'Malley



United Methodist Women

Festival of Quilts April 8th & 9th at Cunningham Children's Home

A group of women (and men!) will be travelling by church bus on Saturday, April 9th to attend the quilt show, bake sale, and gift shop. We will leave the church parking lot at 8:30am to arrive in Urbana at 10:00am when the doors open. Quilt show tickets are \$5. Also, there will be a small charge to ride the bus, and riders should bring money to each lunch in Urbana. After lunch, we will leave Urbana to head back to Crossroads. It is very important to have an exact count for the bus. We may even have enough riders for 2 buses! Please call the church office at 444-2381 if you want to participate. If you have signed up but cannot go, please let that be known as well.

The Cunningham Festival of Quilts is an annual event, the proceeds of which go to help support the home and their much-needed work with children having special needs. This outing will be well worth your time. Please join us, and bring a friend.

District Spring Gathering

**Saturday, April 16th
8:30am**

Dunlap Prospect UMC
For reservations or more information, please call Nancy Bullard (444-5140) or Rebecca Bell (444-2570).

Thank you!

We wish to thank all of our generous donors for the items brought for the U.M.C.O.R. health kits. The United Methodist Women assembled 21 health kits with extra items left over. Kits and extra items were all taken to the Midwest mission distribution center in Chatham, IL. Thank you so much!

Looking ahead...

Mark your calendars for May 13th at 6:00pm for the Annual Mother/Daughter/Friend Banquet.

“Attic Treasures” Sale

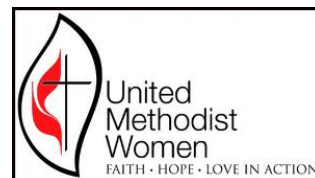
This year, the UMW are “stepping out of the boat” and into the attic, for an **“Attic Treasures Sale”** (formerly the “Rummage Sale”)

August 15-17: Bring your sale items to Crossroads
August 18-19: “Attic Treasures Sale”

All proceeds will go to mission work locally, nationally, and globally. We thank you in advance for your donations of CLEAN items in GOOD CONDITION including:

- household items (dishes, glassware, etc.)
- Linens
- Books
- Toys
- Craft items

Please, no furniture, baby furniture or equipment (due to governmental regulations), electronics, or clothing. Please take your clothing items to Threads, Hope, and Love or to Goodwill. Thank you for following our new guidelines.



Notes from Our Congregation

Bill and I want to thank everyone who helped us celebrate our 50th Anniversary. Special thanks go to Ruthie & Ron Sons and Vicki & Dean Quinn for the many hours they devoted to the planning of the reception, and our small group for their help. We appreciate all the warm wishes and many cards we received, plus prayers. We are blessed to be part of the Crossroads Church family. God bless all of you.
Bill & Mary Hatfield

Thank you, dear church family for your many prayers of healing while I was in the hospital and then in physical therapy. The prayers, visits, and get well cards were so

comforting and the calls to my daughter, who was here to help, were so appreciated. Thank you to the pastors for their visits and a special thank you to Pastor Bob DeBolt for his many visits and his loving and encouraging prayers and to Nurse Sally and husband Jim Charlton for their help above and beyond...I am so grateful.
God's blessings to all,
Margie Mason

I want to praise the Lord for the 7 couples who have taken the Pre-Marital counseling course offered by Crossroads UMC. These are wonderful young people who are committed to building a strong biblical foundation for their marriage.

What an honor for me to walk along side of this exciting journey of a lifetime.
Darlene Cali

Thank you to Pastor Tom and Pastor Bob for being with my family at the hospital, and for the wonderful service for Gordon. Thank you to UMW for the lunch and all thought it was so good. Thank you to my church family for all the prayers, cards, food, all the phone calls and visits, and donations. At this time you are numb; but friends are so important. Our family gives thanks and praise to God for being with us during this hurtful time and for his peace.
The Gordon Babcock Family

“Every time I think of you, I give thanks to my God.”
Philippians 1:3

Big Daddy Weave Concert

BIG DADDY WEAVE
Tuesday, May 3rd
7:00pm
Crossroads
United Methodist Church

General Admission
Ticket Information:

\$15 in advance
\$18 at the door
\$20 Artist Circle

Tickets available at
www.Itickets.com or
by calling the church office at
(309)444-2381

**WANTED:
ROADIE FOR A DAY!**

On Tuesday May 3rd, Crossroads will welcome Big Daddy Weave, Chris Sligh, and Luminare live in concert for their *Love Come To Life*

Tour. The tour carries full production including lighting, sound, and video.

We are looking for 12 physically able volunteers 18 years of age or older to assist with load-in and load-out of equipment for this concert. We will need help starting on Tuesday afternoon, and then again following the concert.

If you have always wanted to see how a concert comes together, this is your opportunity!

We will also have dinner for the volunteers and free tickets to the concert!

If you are interested, please contact Brian Wierenga at crossroadsconcerts@live.com or (815)980-1997.



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8:30 am
Spirited Traditional

9:45 am
Christian Education
for All Ages

11:00 am
Casual Contemporary

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