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## From Pastor Dan Doty

I was born and raised in Iowa, called into Christian ministry, trained for this work in Minnesota and Kansas, and have served congregations in Minnesota, Kansas, New Zealand, and Illinois. I am looking forward to a ministry together with all of you and the fine staff at Crossroads.

My call to ministry has consisted of an unending, patient, and persistent inner voice that led to an appropriate religious education, to ordination, and then to one full time ministry after another for the last forty-five years. Recently retired from full time Christian service, the circumstances of this opportunity to minister with Crossroads has led to the conclusion that my Master will let me slow down to a more appropriate pace, but will not let me go. I firmly believe that joining the Crossroads staff

as a part time visitation pastor is God's will for my life.



I have been married to my wife, Bev, for almost twenty-five years. As you become acquainted with us you will quickly learn that she is truly the "better half". Between us we have five grown children with spouses and thirteen wonderful

grandchildren. One of our children lives in Eureka and this is the reason we have settled in this area.

My hobbies include art, in particular soft lead pencil drawings and photography, canoeing, travel and writing for publication. I have displayed my drawings at art shows in New Zealand and the United States, and was feature artist at the Quad City Arts Center in Rock Island, Illinois. I am looking forward to more time to pursue these pastimes.

Both Bev and I crave Christian fellowship and we are looking forward to being a part of the life of this congregation. May God bless us as we work together for the glory of God's kingdom on earth.

In an effort to be good stewards, we plan to significantly reduce the amount of monthly newsletters ("Messengers") that we send out.

***Beginning with the September newsletter, the Messenger will be sent only to those who have signed up to receive it by mail or by e-mail.***

If you would like to continue to receive the Messenger by mail, please let Angie Shaw know at [ashaw@mtco.com](mailto:ashaw@mtco.com) or by calling the church office at 444-2381. If you would like to have the Messenger emailed to you, please email Angie. *Keep in mind that the Messenger is also available on the Crossroads website. ([www.crossroads4all.org](http://www.crossroads4all.org))*

## Church Staff News

Welcome to our new Visitation Pastor, **Rev. Dan Doty** (see front page) who begins on August 1<sup>st</sup>. Dan will be working Mondays and Thursdays and will be making hospital visits, nursing home visits, and homebound visits. You may reach Dan other days through the church office.

We also welcome two youth interns, **Brandon Robertson** and **Kelsey Mayginnnes**, who will be

leading the Junior High ministry at Crossroads this fall. They will lead IMPACT (for 6th-8th graders) on Sunday nights, as well as small groups for 7-8 boys and girls.

Finally, we welcome **Lynda Young** as a part-time Discipleship Coordinator. She will work with our pastors to develop small groups and adult Sunday School classes. Lynda and her husband Jerry have

been very active members of Crossroads, and led the Celebrate Recovery Ministry. Lynda is completing a Master of Arts in Ministry degree at Lincoln Christian College.

We will share more about our new staff in the next Messenger and let them tell us more about their ministry at the church.

Welcome all!

## Learn. Grow. Live.

Beginning on August 28<sup>th</sup>, our church will go back to the basics. We will embark on a study together of how we hear God's voice and find direction through reading the Bible and through prayer. This study will take place on Sunday mornings in our multipurpose room from 9:55-10:45am and will feature small group discussion, video and teaching from our pastors. These are classes designed to get us in the practice of reading the Bible and understanding it, praying and feeling close to God. I

am more excited about this study and its impact than anything I have seen since "Forty Days of Purpose". Each of these studies will last six weeks.

The study is part of a larger discipleship focus we are working on called "Learn - Grow - Live". The first step is to "**Learn**" who Jesus is and why my life has purpose when I have a relationship with Him. Then, we "**Grow**" into that purpose by reading the Bible, praying and practicing discipleship. Finally, we "**Live**" as a disciple. The

sermons on August 14 and 21 will focus on this process. You may sign up beginning July 31 on our website, [www.crossroads4all.org](http://www.crossroads4all.org), or at the Learn Grow Live table before and after church services.

I truly believe that Crossroads will grow closer to God and His mission for us, and be blessed by our fellowship together in this process. I am ready to Learn, Grow and Live.

Grace and peace,  
Pastor Tom

## Precept Bible Study

**8 week study on Daniel**  
**Thursday mornings**  
**from 9:00-11:30**  
**Beginning August 25<sup>th</sup>**

Threatened with death, Daniel stuck to his guns and

refused to adopt a pagan lifestyle. His worldview had God at the center and he lived it out even under extreme pressure to change. Learn to adopt a biblical worldview and adhere to it even when it's not the norm.

**Contact Sue Husted with any questions and call the church office at 444-2381 to sign up.**



# From Nurse Sally...

## Fitness: Fact or Fiction?

- **Go for the burn.**

Remember way back in the 1980's when Jane Fonda and other fitness "experts" told us, "No pain, no gain"? Not true! Exercise shouldn't hurt. A little muscle soreness when you try something new isn't a problem, but soreness isn't pain. You don't need to make your muscles burn to know they are working. As the old joke goes, "if it hurts when you do that, don't do that".

- **The more aerobic exercise, the better.** Some people believe that you have to push yourself to the extreme to get the benefits of exercise. Not True! In fact, a good exercise program should include not only aerobic exercise, but also flexibility (stretching) and strength work.

- **Exercise has to be strenuous to work.** Not true! Don't think exercise, think physical activity. Any movement is good. Do things you enjoy. Dance, garden, take a brisk walk or water exercise; it all counts. If you are short on time, break it down. Walk for 10 minutes 3 times a day and you will get the benefits of a 30 minute walk each day.

- **Abdominal exercises will flatten your stomach.** Sorry, not true! Abdominal exercises, such as crunches, are important for strengthening those muscles and improving posture. But muscle is muscle and fat is fat. If you have excess fat in your abdomen, you won't be able to see the muscles, no matter how many crunches you do. There is no such thing as spot exercise. To lose fat you need to eat fewer calories than you burn.

- **Exercise makes you hungrier.** Fortunately, the opposite is true. Exercise can help control your appetite by making you more aware of how

your body feels, so you are more intent on giving it what it needs. Intense exercise actually can suppress your appetite, at least for a while.

Thanks to ongoing research in the field of fitness, information



about what's healthy isn't static. As with nutrition advice, it's hard to keep up with all the information. But some things don't change.....physical activity is necessary for good health and staying fit should not hurt.

**Seniors and those who haven't exercised for a while....consider signing up for senior aerobics here at the church on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. If you have questions, feel free to call me. The cost is \$35 every 8 weeks. Feel free to try out a class at no charge.**

## New Session of GriefShare to Begin in September

Beginning Monday, September 12<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:30pm, a new GriefShare session will begin. There are 13 sessions in the series and it will conclude on December 5<sup>th</sup>.

GriefShare is designed for those suffering a deep hurt that comes with the loss of someone close. GriefShare sessions include three elements to help in the healing process:

## Video

At each session a DVD will be viewed on issues related to grief and loss. They feature top experts on a variety of subjects important to the grief process. At each meeting we will hear personal stories from people who have experienced grief.

## Support Group

After the DVD, the group discusses what was seen and how it pertains to their lives. The group leader will have a set of discussion questions to help guide the group.

## Between Sessions

Group members are encouraged to reflect on what has happened at the meeting and how the discussion might apply to personal circumstances. Everyone will receive a workbook and will be encouraged to work in it during the week.

Valerie Kruzan and Peggy King will facilitate the group. Anyone who has experienced the loss of someone close is invited to attend. The loss need not be recent.

Call the church, 444-2381, to register or to ask questions. If you have a friend or family member who would benefit from this program, please encourage him/her to attend. *GriefShare is ecumenical and open to the public.* There is a \$15 fee for the workbook, but scholarships are available if the fee is a problem.



# Another Great VBS!!

## God is Good!

What a wonderful week we had at The Message on Main Street!

Approximately 380 kids and 110 helpers were blessed each day by learning about Jesus and His love for them through music, crafts, story, snack, book, and game time. The children learned about five parables in the Bible that demonstrated Grace, Gratitude, Faithfulness, Compassion, and Forgiveness.

The kids collected over \$1400 in offerings which will benefit The Children's Home in Peoria, IL. The children also served others by packing 370 Snackpacs to benefit qualifying children in our local primary schools, making 60 fleece scarves for Threads, Hope and Love, constructing "gratitude cards" for the City of Washington Community Workers, and making 700

"Faith Makes Things Grow" cards that will support our sister church in Zimbabwe.

The success of this year's VBS week would not have happened without the incredible list of volunteers who gave their time to assist with this program. I was blessed to have Jenn Blackorby, Sue Husted, and Maureen Hotkevich by my side directing the VBS program. This year, the number of helpers was just as impressive as the number of children who attended VBS. This number included committee members, Pastor Bob Lawry, a prayer team, a music/sound team, a nursery team, nursing staff, a kitchen/snack team, office staff, a craft team, a parking team, and the clean-up staff/maintenance. Finally, we were blessed with an amazing team of teachers, shepherds, and youth helpers who spent each day

with these kids teaching and showing God's love to them.

The end of the week was the reward for all the hard work when we saw the kids perform their songs at our VBS program. The sanctuary was filled with joyful noises as they sang! The VBS carnival saw its biggest crowd to date and was a great success once again.

Many thanks to everyone who made our Message on Main Street possible. These kids are the future of our church and our community, and they have all been blessed by the work you have done! Our hope is that they take what they learned this week and use it to be gracious, grateful, faithful, compassionate, and forgiving. We are already looking forward to next year's VBS week! See you then!

*Trish Wierenga, Director*

## Youth News

### 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:

6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade

Sunday evenings  
6:30-8:00pm

Fun, games, lesson, snacks  
and much, much more!

**Lighthouse starts  
Wednesday, Sept. 7  
Impact starts  
Sunday, Sept. 11**

### Youth Ministry Interns

Our youth ministry is growing and changing. One way we are moving forward is by using the gifts and talents of young adults who have been a part of our church. This fall we will be hiring two youth interns to be leaders in our middle school ministries. Brandon Robertson is a sophomore at ICC, and Kelsey Mayginnis is a sophomore

at Bradley. Brandon and Kelsey, will be teaming up to lead our Impact youth group and middle school Bible studies. Both Brandon and Kelsey had been a part of our Lighthouse youth group and are currently part of our church family. It is exciting to see former youth now stepping up to use the gifts God has given them to mentor and guide young teens. Kelsey and Brandon are awesome young adults, and I look forward to working with them and planning great things for the Impact program. ~Trevor

# Just for Kids



## ATTENTION..... THIRD GRADERS

Our mission at Crossroads is to grow disciples. One way we do this is by presenting our incoming 3<sup>rd</sup> graders with Bibles. We invite all kids who will be entering 3<sup>rd</sup> grade this fall **and their parents or grandparents** to join us on Sunday, September 11 from 9:45-12:00. At 9:45 parents/grandparents and 3<sup>rd</sup> graders will meet for a special class about their Bible. Parents/grandparents will play a very important role in presenting the Bible to their child, so we highly encourage parents or grandparents to attend. Then at the 11:00 service the parents/grandparents will present their 3<sup>rd</sup> graders with a personalized Bible.

### Kick-Off Sunday

When: August 21, 2011  
at 9:45 am

Where: TBA

Who: Children ages K-5 for the 2011-2012 School Year

Please drop off Pre-K Children in classroom first. Parents of Pre-K through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Children, please join us for an informational meeting about the Pre-K through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Sunday School program.

#### Schedule:

9:45 – Music

10:00 – Dedication of the K-5 Sunday School Hallway (K-5 children will stay in their classrooms with their shepherds.)

10:15 – Meeting for K-5 parents. We look forward to meeting with you to talk about our Rotational Sunday School Program. You will have the opportunity to ask questions and get to know other parents.

### Children Helping to Build a Church

The King David United Methodist Church in Zimbabwe is our sister church, and they have many little brothers and sisters at Crossroads who want to help them build their church. The “problem” was finding ways in which the children of our church could help. The “solution” was for the children to make and sell *Crafts for Zimbabwe* with all proceeds going toward building the fellowship hall in Zimbabwe, Africa.

Last spring, Jackie Machinga (daughter of Gift and Margaret Machinga) visited from Zimbabwe. She met with the youth of our church to talk about church and Sunday school in Zimbabwe. The K-5 children then made crafts that Sunday and on another Sunday this summer. During VBS, the children made notecards with seed packets on the front. The cards and crafts were sold at the VBS Carnival and on the Sunday after VBS. So far the children have more than \$300 to send to Zimbabwe. Many cards and crafts are still available and will be on sale again August 14. Suggested donations for the items: \$4 for a package of 4 notecards; \$1 for all craft items.

Many thanks for supporting the children of Crossroads and King David Church in Zimbabwe.

View pictures of King David Church at [www.kswestumc.org/galleries/detail/42](http://www.kswestumc.org/galleries/detail/42)

Information about the King David Church Hall Project: [new.gb-gm-umc.org/advance/projects/conference-partnerchurch/details/index.cfm?action=details&id=3020768&code=3020768](http://new.gb-gm-umc.org/advance/projects/conference-partnerchurch/details/index.cfm?action=details&id=3020768&code=3020768)

### What’s on the Schedule for K-5 Rotational Sunday School?

*This Train Is Bound for Glory* will finally pull into the station on August 14 when this rotational unit ends. The children should have their tickets punched and a completed train of Bible verses for their refrigerator at home. It’s been a great journey. The K-5 children have explored “Values for Christian Living” as they have visited all the cars of the train from the engine to the caboose.

Starting August 28, the K-5 Sunday school children will learn about Creation: God’s Work in Progress. The workshops include Bible Knowledge, Computer, Dance, Science and Storytelling, Nature, and Games.

### Something NEW!! K-5 Meet-Greet-and Sing!

Starting August 28, all K-5 Sunday School children will gather weekly at 9:45 for opening activities which will include music, prayer, offering, and a Bible verse. Children will go to their classrooms with their shepherds at 10:00 for their rotational workshop lesson.

### Teacher Appreciation

On Sunday, August 21<sup>st</sup> at both services, we will recognize our Sunday school teachers, shepherds, subs and any adults & youth who have helped with Children’s Church during this past school year at both services. We highly encourage each of you to attend one of the services, so we can thank you for your devotion during the past year.

## Kids for Christ

A Kids Club for 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, & 5<sup>th</sup>, graders  
Bible time,  
Games, Music,  
and Snacks  
Beginning Sept. 9  
6:00 – 8:00pm

#### 2010-2011 Dates:

September 9  
September 23  
October 7  
October 21  
November 18  
December 2  
January 13  
January 27  
February 10  
February 24  
March 10 (Kids Conference)  
March 23  
April 13  
April 27

#### Want to know

what’s

happening in

the K-5

Children’s

Ministry?

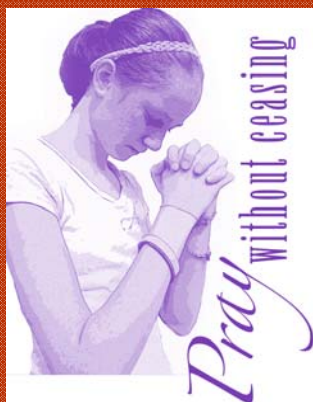
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crossroads4all.

org/k5



## Prayer Challenge

Prayer really is an awesome privilege, but at the same time, it is so simple. Prayer does not need to be long or drawn out, and one word or a quick phrase can bring miraculous results. Prayer is not difficult or complex, and when we pray we don't need to follow all sorts of rules and regulations or to make sure we get the words "right." We only need to approach God in the righteousness that is ours through the blood of Jesus

and believe that He hears us when we pray from a sincere heart. Prayer is a tremendous privilege, not an obligation.

Prayer is not only the greatest power available to us, it is also the simplest and best way to handle everything that comes our way. Prayer should always be our first response to every situation. No matter what happens, we need to run to God before we do

anything else. James gave us terrific advice - advice we should follow - when he wrote, "Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray." And whatever situations we find ourselves in, let us pray.

Taken from *The Power of Simple Prayer* by Joyce Meyer

## Advanced Care Planning

**Advanced Care Planning Informational Meeting**  
**Sunday School Hour**  
**(9:45 – 10:30)**  
**August 7<sup>th</sup>**

Have you planned how you would like to be treated medically at the time of your death? Have you discussed feelings and wishes with your loved ones? Have you completed Power of

Attorney (POA) for Healthcare? If the answers are "no", plan to attend an informational meeting sponsored by the Health and Wellness Team. Advanced care planning is not strictly an aging issue, it is an issue for young and old folks alike.

Tanya Hofmann, R.N., B.S.N, is a Clinical Nurse Coordinator OSF Memory Clinic, is certified in Advanced Care Planning,

and has had parish nurse training. She will be conducting this informational meeting. Appointments can be made at that time to meet with Tanya individually to complete the legal and binding Healthcare POA **FREE OF CHARGE.**

**If you are interested in learning more, please join Tanya at 9:45 a.m. on August 7<sup>th</sup> in room 126.**

## If you are hospitalized or sick....

When you are admitted to a hospital, please let the admitting clerk know that you attend Crossroads United Methodist Church. If you don't tell them, we have no way of knowing you are in the hospital. If you are admitted through the emergency room, sometimes this information is overlooked. In either case, we would appreciate a call

from a friend or relative. We would rather receive multiple calls than to be unaware of your hospitalization.

**We need to know of your illness, not only because we want to visit you, but more importantly so we may begin to pray for your healing. Prayer and healthcare go hand in hand.**

When people are supported by prayer, they heal faster and more completely. Jesus commanded us to "Love One Another". By praying for each other we can demonstrate that love.

You may communicate this information to Pastor Tom at [pstrtom@mtco.com](mailto:pstrtom@mtco.com) or 444-2381.

# All God’s People are Called to Ministry

As Pastor Tom shared his message on Gideon, he said, “God is everywhere and in every mission. Is He asking you to go on this mission? Pray and seek confirmation from Him” (paraphrased).

*Is the Lord calling you to Stephen Ministry?*

**Are you interested in serving in a meaningful ministry?** *Stephen Ministry* is recruiting for the training class beginning the end of September, 2011.

**What rewards will you receive as a Stephen Minister?**

In the words of one, “I signed up as a Stephen Minister to serve others, but what I have found is that I have received much more from my care receiver, fellow Stephen Ministers, Stephen Leaders, and my growing relationship with God than I ever put into this ministry.”

**What commitments are required of a Stephen Minister?**

- Participating for a minimum or two years. This includes

training (50 hours total) and then service as a Stephen Minister.

- Attending all weekly classes, except when sickness, emergency, or having to be out of town makes it impossible to attend. Training begins the end of September, 2011 until approximately mid-February, 2012. After completing training you will be a commissioned Stephen Minister.
- Attending all twice-monthly supervision and continuing education sessions.
- Serving as a Stephen Minister, under the direction of Stephen Leaders, in giving care to a Care Receiver in a 1-hour, weekly, one-to-one visit.

Although Stephen Ministry is a high-commitment ministry, it is a very high-reward ministry! Lyle Schaller wrote: “One product of these high expectations is a high level of religious and personal commitment by the members...

The members are convinced that their investment of time, money, commitment, skills, and energy produces personal benefits to themselves that more than justify that investment. The members view their high commitment as a positive cost-benefit relationship. This is one reason...that members of high-commitment churches tend to be happier than the members of low-commitment churches.”

**What do Stephen Ministers do? Importantly, everything is done CONFIDENTIALLY.**

- Provide quality one-to-one ministry as trained, caring church members reaching out to others in time of need.
- Engage in a caregiving relationship that focuses on the unique needs of one person and that lasts as long as the need exists.



## Help and Hope for Single Parents

If you are a single parent, you’re probably tired, overwhelmed and feeling a bit underappreciated. That’s why we are offering Single & Parenting groups – to share tips and parenting wisdom that will help you find rest, hope and encouragement.

At a Single & Parenting group you will learn lots of practical information, including how to:

- Wisely encourage your kids to obey

- Help your hurting child
- Eliminate debt
- Deal with verbal onslaughts
- Figure out what your emotions are telling you.

Plus, you’ll develop meaningful friendships with men and women who, like you, are tired of hectic mornings and chaotic evenings, kids fighting and a never-ending-to-do list.

**A Single & Parenting group will begin at Crossroads on September 15<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 – 8:30pm.**

Call the church, 444-2381, to register. There is a \$15 fee to cover the cost of the workbook. However, scholarships are available if the fee is a problem. Have a question? Please call Martha Schwend, 645-0481.

# Senior News

## M &M activities for the remainder of 2011:

### Sunday, August 14

Brunch and theater at Conklins Barn in Goodfield. Leave the church at 11:30am for brunch served between noon and 1:00pm. Reservations for 25 available at \$34. Pay when making reservation. Don't wait too long.

**Thursday, September 15**  
Pontiac Mural Tour then lunch at the "Old Log Cabin." Leave the church at 9:30am.

### Saturday, October 29

Leave church at 4:30pm for supper, then enjoy Storytellers at 7:00pm.

### Tuesday, November 15

Dinner at the Fish House. Leave church at 4:30 pm.

### Saturday, December 10

Eastside Christian Church Christmas Program in Normal.

*More details of each activity will be available in the Messenger and bulletins.*

## Senior Meal

Our next Senior Meal will be Tuesday, August 9, at 12:00 in the fellowship area. Call the church office to make a reservation (444-2381) and mark your calendars now. It will be good to see each other and join together for a delicious meal.



# 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.

## Help Wanted!

The Dorcas Sewing Circle needs people to help iron, sort material, and arrange quilt squares into patterns. They invite you to join them every Wednesday from 9:00-noon. Best of all, you will enjoy coffee, delicious cookies, and some great fellowship! The quilts they make bring joy to children at the Cunningham Children's Home.

## Men's Fellowship

Guys, join us at the Men's Fellowship Group, which will meet again on September 19 and continue every 6 weeks at 6:00pm in the chapel. Join us for supper, a speaker, a Bible study, and prayer. We encourage all men to come, and invite your friends.

## Girls Night Out

Friday, August 26<sup>th</sup>,  
6 p.m. - 10 p.m.

Come out for a girls night of friends and fellowship. Learn to do Faithbooking. Learn a few photo tips on how to take better photos. Learn quick photo solutions on how to get all of your photos into albums, storybooks, quickbooks or everyday displays for your family to enjoy. Free mini lessons available. Or if you simply want to come and work on something you have been meaning to get done....let's get together. We meet once a month. September date: Friday, September 16th 6-10 p.m. Contact Tammy Miller at 444-2408 for more information.

## Cheer on the St. Jude Runners!

On Saturday, August 6<sup>th</sup> come out and cheer for the St. Jude Bloomington to Peoria runners as they proceed through Washington. The runners will be coming from Eureka on Business 24 and should

arrive at the square at approximately 3:00pm. From there, the runners will continue west through Washington on Business 24. Keep an eye out for the Crossroads bus and cheer on the runners as they pass through town! If you would like to make a donation to support St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, checks can be made out to St. Jude and dropped off at the church office for Brian Wierenga.

## Adopt-A-Block

Adopt-A-Block needs a few more volunteers to walk with us. We walk the second and fourth Saturday morning of every month (weather permitting). You may pick either one to walk. We leave Crossroads about 9:30 a.m. and are generally back around noon. This is a wonderful ministry of our church, and the people we call on are greatly appreciative. If you are interested and can spare one Saturday morning a month, please call the church office.

# High School Mission Trip 2011

As Christians we are often called to step out of our comfort zone. To make a difference we sometimes need to do things that we would not normally do. For our high school mission trip we visited Atlanta, Georgia. We knew we would face challenges and be placed in new situation, but we were unprepared for the work that was laid out before us. Our group helped with an organization called 7 Bridge, which has ministered to the last and the least in Atlanta for eleven years. Our goal was to bring God to the streets of Atlanta. Our job was to pray out loud with the people.

Each day we made 350 lunches, praying as we went. We placed them all in bags and then headed out to the streets. Half of the sandwiches went to the homeless, those living under the bridges in Atlanta. In the city there are 40,000 homeless and the shelter only houses 20,000. The people living on the streets are seriously misjudged and mistreated. We met one man who had a cast on one of his arms and one of his legs as well. A couple of men had beaten him; somehow they found it funny. But this man was praising God for what he was

given. Most of the homeless did. Another man told us how he dropped out of school for a career as a profession boxer. He got in a fight one night and was shot through the knuckle. His career was ruined in a matter of seconds. He was not bitter though, but made a point to tell us to appreciate what we have and to stay in school. Despite how little these people had, they had faith to move mountains.

The other half of the lunches we made headed to the Bluffs, or the ghetto of Atlanta. It was pretty intimidating stepping off the bus on the first day. We had no idea what to expect. We were circled up to pray and begin our day, when we notice a man approaching swinging a baseball bat. I think we were all a little scared at that point, but when the man got to our circle, he dropped his bat and his hat, and offered to pray. His prayer was inspiring. This crime ridden neighborhood was full of God's love and we all felt it. We also met a woman named Miss Mary who again showed us the love of God. She would come out of her house each morning and greet us all with a big hug, every single one of us whether there were ten of us or a hundred. The people we met

made our experience worthwhile. Our second visit to the Bluffs took us to a park; there we were able to minister to the children of the neighborhood. We sang songs, told Bible stories, and, played games with the kids. They were ready to learn and we were ready to teach. Many of the children accepted God as their Savior that day, and we spent time praying with each of them. This neighborhood was inspiring and we were affected.

The people in the ghetto and under the bridge taught us so much, more than we could ever hope to teach them. Many of these people do not know where their next meal will come from, and yet their lives are filled with joy. We sit at home, watch our TV, and so often we do not fully appreciate what is right in front of us. This experience taught us to thank God for the little things as well as the big ones, and to always look to Him when times are tough, because they will be sometimes.

*By: Sarah Uftring*



## Walk to Emmaus News

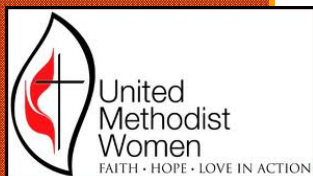
**Men's Emmaus Walk**  
October 20<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>

**Women's Emmaus Walk**  
August 4<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>  
November 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>

For more information on any of these events, visit [www.ilheartlandemmaus.com](http://www.ilheartlandemmaus.com).

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For more information about the Crossroads Unit of United Methodist Women, contact Nancy Bullard at 444-5140

## United Methodist Women

*“The organized unit of United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.”*

*“Any woman may become a member of the unit who supports the unit through giving, prayer, study, action, or service.”*

### “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 during office hours

**August 18:** “Attic Treasures Sale”

9:00am-4:00pm

**August 19:** “Attic Treasures Sale”

9:00am-noon

### \*\*SALES BY DONATION ONLY\*\*

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, BUT NOT LIMITED TO:

- household items (dishes, glassware, etc.)
- Linens
- Books
- Toys
- Craft items
- Costume jewelry
- Garden produce
- Plants
- Garden & shop tools (non electric)

**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.

### UMW District “Day Apart”

August 23, 8:30am  
Living Springs Camp in  
Lewistown

### Looking Ahead: Annual Potluck

September 1 at Noon  
Bring a dish and recipe to share. Beverage and table service will be provided.

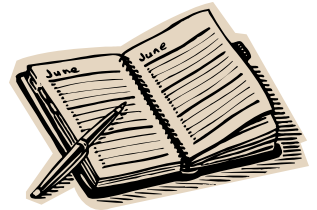
## Backpacking to School

For the past three years, Crossroads has sent needy kids to school with backpacks filled with school supplies. This year we will provide backpacks for schools in Eureka, Metamora and Washington, as well as for the Children’s

Home of Peoria. 120 backpacks and supply lists will be available on August 14 for you to take home and fill with your donations. We will collect and bless the backpacks on August 21.



# A Note from the Facility Scheduling Desk



Per our Crossroads Building Use policy, all room reservations and key card requests must be renewed annually. If it has been over a year since you have reserved a

room or applied for a key card, they may be nearing expiration. If you do not renew, your room will be released and your key card will be deactivated. Please contact the church office if you

have questions about when your room reservation or key card expires. You can renew room reservations online at [www.crossroads4all.org](http://www.crossroads4all.org), or by filling out a request in the office.

## Notes from Our Congregation

### **Open House 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration for Dorothy Cox**

**Saturday, September 3, 2011  
2:00-5:00pm**

Maple Lawn Nursing Home in Eureka (parking lot shared by Memorial Hall)

Dorothy is the mother of Rev. Danny Cox, who is a former pastor of Crossroads. She would like to thank her congregation friends for their past cards, calls and notes while she's been a member of Crossroads.

A big "thank you" to my wonderful Crossroads family for all the prayers, cards, and encouragement during my recovery from bi-lateral knee replacements. And a special thanks to Larry, Jeff, and Nick for mowing our lawn while I have been down.  
~Chuck Dixon

The Dorcas Sewing Circle would like to thank Craig, Linda, and David for setting up our sewing room each week faithfully. We really appreciate all they do for us!  
~The Dorcas Sewing Circle

To Our Crossroads Family: Thank you for making our big "8-0" birthdays so special last Sunday. All the calls, cards, gifts and hugs are treasures in our hearts. Blessing to you all,  
~Georgia Koch & Peggy King

Thank you to everyone who volunteered to help with the VBS Carnival. Because of the giving of your time you helped make the carnival fun and a success. Also thank you to everyone who brought their children to enjoy a fun night. See you all next year.  
~The VBS Carnival Committee

## Church Family News

We celebrate the Christian baptism of **Stephen "Colby" Aggerdt** and **Hillary Ann Aggerdt**, who were baptized in Faith Chapel on July 20<sup>th</sup>.

Congratulations to David & Sarah Roberts on the birth of their daughter, **Ella Elizabeth**, born on June 21, 2011.

Our sympathy and prayers go out to Deb and Jim Johanningsmeier on the death of her mother, **Margie Noe**, on July 2.

### **Welcome to our newest members!**

Joining on June 26:  
Abby Stoutenborough  
Hayley Stoutenborough  
Jennifer & Rick Walker  
Don & Sharon Peterson

Joining on July 24:  
Debbie Brown  
Kevin & Cassandra Duncan  
Lyberti & Brian Hostetter  
Missy & Andrew Frost

*Please remember to share information about our church family with our pastors so that we can be in prayer and support for you.*

**"Every time I think of you, I give thanks to my God."**

**Philippians 1:3**

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*Our mission is to grow disciples  
and send them out into the  
crossroads of our communities to  
impact lives for Jesus Christ.*

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Friday

8:30am-1:00 pm

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## **Sunday Worship Schedule**

**8:30 am**

Spirited Traditional

**9:45 am**

Christian Education  
for All Ages

**11:00 am**

Casual Contemporary

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