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From the Senior Pastor

I am reading a wonderful book a pastor friend gave to me called *This Odd and Wondrous Calling*. It is about the call to ministry and is written by two pastors who look back over their lives in the ministry. One of the pastors, Lillian Daniel, tells the story of her first appointment as an associate pastor in a large, suburban, East coast church. During her first week there, a parishioner made an appointment to see her. The parishioner slunk into a chair opposite Pastor Daniel's desk and began to relay the sorry tale of her life. She was a working mom of three, had a sick husband (he had a life-threatening illness) and was struggling to make ends meet. She was also struggling to find God in the midst of things and needed a word of hope for her life.

Pastor Daniel writes, "she turned to me and said, 'Reverend, I just thought that you might give me some coping skills.' And the only thing that came into my head was this: 'your life stinks'!"

Now after a few moments more, and after stifling herself from ever saying this, Pastor Daniel had the sense to simply invite this parishioner to speak more

about her life, her difficulties and her struggles to find God. Pastor Daniel realized that though she could share some wonderful, optimistic thoughts about life and how things would surely get better, that is not what this parishioner needed. Her life would still stink!

Pastor Daniel realized something more. The woman knew this. She was not there for simple advice or hopeful sentiments that really would not help. She was there to be heard. She was there to know that her life mattered to at least one other person (even if it was someone she barely knew) and that her life mattered to God.

As I read this chapter, I thought about the need all of us have to know that our lives matter. Even if things are not going to get better, even if the bad news seems to pile on top of more bad news, and even if all the world seems to let us down, knowing that we matter to God, to His church, and to the people of His church matters greatly to us.

Jesus was once on his way to heal the daughter of a synagogue official (you can find this story in Mark 5:21-43)

when a woman (who was also sick) reached out and touched the hem of his robe. Apparently she believed, as did the crowd, that she was less important to the Savior than the person He was on His way to heal. Jesus, however, noticing the healing power leaving His body, stopped an inquired who had touched His robe. The reaction of the disciples and the crowds speaks volumes. "What does it matter? Whoever it was matters less than who it is that you are on your way to heal."

But to Jesus every life mattered. And what we can do to make sure that every life matters is such a little thing that it may seem inconsequential at first. We can simply stop and listen and be with one another. As this happens, and as we stop and listen and care without using bland advice or useless optimistic words, an amazing thing happens. The Savior is present as well.

So "little children, let us love. Not just with empty words or wagging tongues, but by our presence and our patience and our actions." Amen.

-Pastor Tom

Wedding Bells at Crossroads



One of the most important pastoral ministries offered at Crossroads is the celebration of marriage. Typically our pastors perform 20-25 weddings a year. In recent months we, your pastors, have had the opportunity to reflect on the rite of marriage and would like to share the following guidelines:

First, we believe marriage to be a religious service. We do not perform civil marriage services and direct couples seeking such to a county judge. We also do not “rent” our church out for marriage ceremonies to be officiated by others.

Second, we believe that marriage is part of the pastoral care offered to our church family. We generally marry couples who have some affiliation with Crossroads. We typically do not marry couples who have no connection here, or will not in the future have a connection here.

Third, we affirm that marriage is not “to be entered into lightly”. We now require all couples seeking to get married by our pastors, or at our church, to complete a course of pre-marital counseling. Typically this involves 6-8 sessions. As

pastors, we have not received extensive training in pre-marital counseling, so we refer couples to professionals in our community who offer this service. We make this referral after we agree to conduct the wedding.

We consider it a privilege to share in the special celebration of marriage. If you have questions or concerns about our wedding policies, please contact us. We would love to talk further with you about this.

Grace and peace,
Your pastors, Bob DeBolt,
Tom Goodell and Bob Lawry

Pictorial Directory Appointments



Did you ever see people in church and wonder what their names are? Have you ever heard an announcement regarding a member and wished that you could put a name with a face? Are you new to our church and wish that you had something to help you put names with faces? Well, help is on the way! We are producing a NEW pictorial directory for our church. There is no cost to you or the church to have your photographs taken, and you will receive a complimentary 8x10 color portrait and directory for participating. You will be able to view your images

electronically immediately after you are photographed. At that time, you will have the opportunity to purchase additional portraits to share with family and friends. We look forward to “seeing you in pictures”.

Our Photography **Dates & Times:**

Monday 3/15/10
2:30-9:00
Tuesday 3/16/10
2:30-9:00
Wednesday 3/17/10
2:30-9:00
Friday 3/19/10
2:30-9:00
Saturday 3/20/10
9:30-4:00

Sunday 3/21/10
12:00-6:00
Monday 3/22/10
2:30-9:00
Tuesday 3/23/10
2:30-9:00
Friday 3/26/10
2:30-9:00
Saturday 3/27/10
9:30-4:00
Monday 4/5/10
2:30-9:00
Tuesday 4/6/10
2:30-9:00

Scheduling your appointment is easy:

Visit the Crossroads Website at www.crossroads4all.org and follow the link.

Talley Trio in Concert



Crossroads is excited to welcome

The Talley Trio
In Concert

Saturday, April 10 at
7:00pm

\$15 - Artist Circle
\$10 - General Admission

Tickets available at
www.itickets.com or from
the church office.

Crossroads to Study the Lord's Prayer

*“Our Father, who art in Heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
Thy kingdom come, thy will be
done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass
against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and glory,
forever. Amen.”*

In April and May, our congregation will study “The Lord’s Prayer” together. For five weeks, we will focus our Sunday morning sermons and services on this great prayer. We will also offer small groups on Sunday nights for additional study. You will have the opportunity to sign up for a short-term small group in April.

Pew Bibles

We still need a few more people who are willing to purchase Bibles for each pew in the Sanctuary. If you are interested in purchasing one or more pew Bibles, please fill out this form and mail or bring it to the church office (PO Box 299, Washington, IL 61571). They cost \$12 each.

If you are writing a check, please write “Pew Bibles” on the memo line.

Thank you to those of you who have already purchased Pew Bibles!

I would like to purchase _____ Pew Bible(s).

Donated by _____

In memory of _____

In honor of _____

Total amount enclosed \$_____.



Life Enrichment Series

Darlene Cali will once again facilitate three "Life Enrichment Series" Seminars. Each session will be 2 hours long and will consist of a light breakfast, a DVD presentation, and lively group discussion. We will meet upstairs in Room 204. The cost for each session is \$10, payable that morning. It is important that you let us know as soon as possible (no later than one week

prior) if you will need child care.

Registration is required.

Please call the church office at 444-2381 or e-mail Darlene at wmmwmm@gmail.com to sign up.

Saturday, March 6

9:00-11:00am
"A Woman's Guide to Handling Conflict"
Registration deadline:
March 3

Saturday, April 24

9:00-11:00am
"Managing Stress and Overcoming Anxiety"
Registration deadline:
April 21

Saturday, May 29

9:00-11:00am
"Female Sexuality and Satisfaction"
Registration deadline:
May 26

"What we have seen and heard we proclaim to you also, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ. But if we walk in the light as He Himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin."

1 John 1:3,7

Dorcas Sewing Circle

The Dorcas Sewing Circle will meet on March 24th from 9:00am to noon.

Even if you are an inexperienced sewer, you are welcome to join us for some great fellowship and to share ideas.

New Men's Fellowship Group

We are starting a new Men's Fellowship Group, which will meet on the 4th Tuesday of each month in the fellowship hall.

The first meeting is Tuesday, March 23 from 5:30 to 8:00pm.

Guys, join us for supper, a testimony, a Bible study, and prayer. We encourage

all men to come, and invite your friends. This is a great opportunity to see what God is doing among us.

Experiencing God Sunday School Class

We will be starting a new adult Sunday School class on March 14th in Room 204B. This is a class for people to learn how to "Get *into* the Boat." We will be using the book Experiencing God by Henry R. Blackaby & Claude V. King.

We will:

- Learn to hear when God is speaking
- Find out where God is working in our lives and join Him
- Discover that God pursues a love relationship with you that is real and personal
- Face crises of belief as you join God where He's working

- Experience God doing through you what only God can do

There will be weekly scripture memory and preparation. If you have questions about the Gospel concerning redemption, repentance, conversion and sanctification, then join us on March 14th. If you have questions about this class, please call JoAnn Petri at 444-8989.

Just for Kids

Kids for Christ

A Kids Club for 3rd, 4th, & 5th graders
Bible time, games, music,
and snacks

Friday Nights
6:30-8:30pm

March 26
April 16
April 30

The Light Kids Conference

Saturday, March 13th
8:30am-2:00pm

The Light is a conference designed to reach children in grades 1-5. Through inflatable games, worship, videos, drama, lunch, snacks, Bible Study, recreation, and music, students will be inspired to explore their faith in Jesus.

Early registration is \$20 by March 4. Registration after March 4 is \$25. In addition to the worship and teaching times, the registration fee covers

lunch, special guests, and recreation (including inflatables). Registration forms will be available on the Kid's & Family ministries table or in the church office.

This a great way for you to serve God in an important way. We are looking for adult volunteers to chaperone and to help tear down and clean up after the conference.

Questions or to volunteer: Call Angie Sonnemaker at 444-9402 or visit www.kidsconference.org.

Family Easter Celebration

Saturday, March 27th
9:30-10:45am
Ages 3 through 3rd grade

The **Annual Puppet Show** begins at 9:30am with craft and story time from 10:00-10:45am.

Our **Outdoor Easter Egg Hunt** begins at 11:00am. *Children must be accompanied by an adult at the egg hunt.*

Pre-registration is required.

Please call the church office to register or sign up at the children's ministry table after church. Parents are encouraged to stay for the opening and enjoy donuts & fellowship during craft time (younger siblings can enjoy a Veggie Tales movie)



We need people to fill Easter eggs for the egg hunt!

Our goal is to have around 2500 eggs for the many children that will be attending. Please buy plastic eggs and fill them with WRAPPED candy. Place your filled eggs in the bin outside the office by March 21st. This year, we plan to save the eggs after the hunt to use again in future years. Thanks for lending a hand! If you have questions, please contact Sarah Tellefson at 231-7707 or Amy Moehle at 444-4004.

Crossroads Youth News

High School Lighthouse:

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

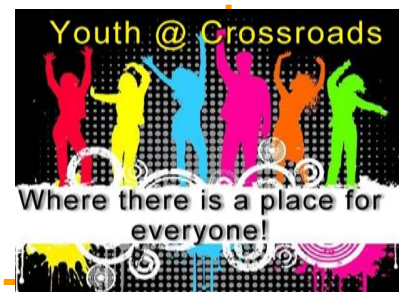
Middle School Impact:

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

Tithe your Tax Return

Are you expecting a tax return? Will you tithe on that income? We are on the final stages of completing the new youth area, but we need your help. We are still in need of funds to help us complete this task. If you would like to tithe your tax return (or make a donation of any kind) to the youth room, please write

"Youth Room" in the memo line of your check and place it in the offering plate on Sunday morning, or drop it off in the church office. Thank you for your donations.



Walk to Emmaus



Women's Walks

March 4-7
 July 29-August 1
 September 9-12

Men's Walks

July 15-18
 August 26-29

For more information, contact Val Kruzan at 745-3321 or visit the Emmaus website at ilheartlandemmaus.com.

Chrysalis Flight #24:

March 26-28

For 10th - 12th Graders

For more information, contact Rich & Pat Brown at 444-9709 or visit the Chrysalis website at upperroom.org/chrysalis.



"Seek and Find"

Freedom from all of life's hurts, habits and hang-ups at Celebrate Recovery!

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Thursday nights
 at 6:00pm

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| APPROVAL ADDICTION | ABUSIVE RELATIONSHIPS | ANGER | ANXIETY |
| CHEMICAL ABUSE | CODEPENDENCY | COMPULSIVE BEHAVIOR | CONTROL ISSUES |
| DEPRESSION | DISHONESTY | DIVORCE HURTS | DYSFUNCTION |
| EXCESS WORRY | FEAR | FINANCIAL ISSUES | FOOD ADDICTION |
| GAMBLING | GRIEF | GUILT | INSECURITY |
| OVEREATING | OVERSPENDING | OVERWORKING | PAST HURTS |
| RAGE | SEXUAL ADDICTION | SHAME | SHOPPING ADDICTION |
| JESUS CHRIST | HIGHER POWER | TWELVE STEPS | RECOVERY |

"Each time the Lord said to me, 'My gracious favor is all you need. My power works best in your weakness.' So now I am glad to boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may work through me. Since I know it is all for Christ's good, I am quite content with my weaknesses and with insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong." 2 Corinthians 12: 9-10 (NLT)

Nurse Sally's Tip of the Month

Daily Aspirin Use

Will an aspirin a day keep a heart attack away? According to the American Heart Association, it could help. But before you start taking a daily aspirin, talk to your doctor.

Aspirin is a drug that has side effects. A few of the most common are bleeding in the stomach, heartburn and stomach upset. Not everyone can tolerate aspirin safely. Your personal physician, who knows your health and medication history, is the best person to determine if

the benefits of taking a daily aspirin outweigh the risks.

Research has shown that aspirin helps prevent blood clots. Blood clots can cause a heart attack. Studies also indicate that taking an aspirin when having a heart attack increases your chances of survival and taking an aspirin a day after having a heart attack helps prevent a second attack.

If your doctor does recommend taking a daily dose of aspirin, make sure that you are taking the correct drug and in the correct dosage. Aspirin comes

in a variety of dosages, baby aspirin, 81 mg or 5 grain. Acetaminophen (Tylenol) or ibuprofen (Advil) does not have the clotting effect of aspirin.

People who do take a daily dose of aspirin need to inform all of their health care providers, including their dentists.

Remember, if you are considering an aspirin a day, please talk to your doctor first. Discuss with your doctor the benefits and risks of taking aspirin to protect your heart.



Opportunities to “Step Out of the Boat”

Living Last Supper

Crossroads hosts an annual Living Last Supper play on Maundy Thursday. This year the service will be held on April 1st at 7:00pm. We will rehearse several times beforehand. There are speaking and non-speaking parts for men and women. Are you ready to step out of the boat? Contact Pastor Tom at pstrtom@mtco.com or 444-2381.

GETS Scholarship Fund

Have you considered your financial transactions as investments? On a daily basis, we invest in our health and well-being, the ministry of Crossroads UMC, and our close

relationships. With one check to Garrett-Evangelical, you are investing in the cutting edge thinking and dialogue within the church. You are investing in education, the gift that keeps giving and giving. You really are investing in the future of the Church. With one gift to the Scholarship fund at Garrett-Evangelical, you can change lives for years to come. You are helping one person answer God's call to ministry. How about thinking of your gift as not one of giving back but giving forward? Let us give forward to a place that continues to shape the future: Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary.

Adult Handbell Choir

Have you ever thought you would like to play in the Adult Handbell Choir? What has stopped you? Did you think that there are not enough bells to add another ringer, or that you don't think you can play that many bells at once? We invite you to attend any of our rehearsals, which are every Wednesday evening from 6:15-7:30. We would be glad to see you and you might even find that it's not as hard as it looks and a lot of fun!

Senior News

M and M's Lunch and Storytelling March 16th at noon

Since people began communicating with each other, "tell me a story" has been a request of both children and adults. "Storytelling" is one person telling others of a real or made-up event.

Kay Price, a farm girl from Nebraska, will be our storyteller. She is a professional storyteller with the Peoria Prairie Storytellers from Peoria. Kay tells many humorous tales in her visits to civic groups, church groups, schools and libraries. She enjoys telling stories with lots of audience

participation and brings her stories alive with props and costumes.

At noon, before the storytelling begins, we will enjoy a soup and sandwich lunch at the church.

If you are a senior and have not attended an M & M activity, you are missing out! We laugh a lot, enjoy being together and of course, we never go hungry. Find out for yourself by joining us on Tuesday, March 16th at noon. Remember, if you are a senior, you are already an M & M. All we ask is that you please call the church to let us know if you will be attending.

If you would like to know more about M and M's or this program, please call Sally at the church at 444-2381 or Lee Sauder at 694-2630.

Senior Meal

Our Senior Meal will be Tuesday, March 9, at noon in the fellowship area. Sally Smith will be preparing a delicious meal for us and we will have lots of time to visit with new and old friends. If you can join us, please mark your calendars now and call the church (444-2381) for a reservation.



Settle in
with a great
book from
our church
library!

Library News

Spirited Book Discussion Group

The Spirited Book Discussion Group will meet March 16 at 1:00 pm in the church library. We will be discussing Dewey The Small Town Library Cat by Vicki Myron. In April we will discuss Runaway Quilt by Jennifer Chiaverini and in May we will discuss Same Kind Of Different As Me by Ron Hall & Denver Moore.

Join us for our interesting and spirited discussions. Nancy Bullard can help you get the book you need or come even if you haven't read the book!

Church Library

Among the new books in the church library are One Simple Act: Discovering the Power of Generosity by Debbie Macomber, Women and Stress by Jean Lush, and Stones Into Schools by Greg Mortenson, the author of Three Cups of Tea. Look for New Books on display on top of the bookshelves. Books that have been read by the Spirited Book Discussion Group are also on display on top of the bookshelves. These are recommended by members of the Discussion Group. Library Questions? Ask Nancy Bullard.

Scripture Memory Challenge

A few weeks ago Pastor Tom talked about Spiritual gifts, in particular, discernment. This sermon really hit home; it is an area I find personally challenging. Discernment is a wonderful gift, but it seems so difficult to cultivate. The practice of Scripture memory has made discernment less complicated. Something happens when scriptures are memorized and inscribed in the heart. God's voice, presence, and power are amplified.

Just as God breathed life into Adam, He "breathed" out the words of Scripture (2 Timothy 3:16). We were created for fellowship with God. He wants us to know Him, really know Him. Scripture is the standard

God gives us on which we build and mature our faith. It enables us to defeat temptation, be encouraged and encourage others, witness, and to be held accountable.

Scripture memory is not that challenging, but it does take time. It may come easier for you than it does for me. I am finding that the more I memorize, the more I am able to soak up. If it seems difficult, don't give up. If you think you can't memorize it, guess again. I bet you already know Matthew 6: 9-13. It's the Lord's Prayer. You may find tips in the reference section of your Bible. Crossroads offers a great class called 2:7, which is based on Colossians 2:7. The 2:7 class teaches Scripture memory using a topical memory

system. This technique can be investigated on Navigators.org. Some other places that can provide great resources to get you started include www.fallenandflawed.com/tricks-memorize-scripture and www.desiringgod.org. Biblegateway.com is a great place to read scripture in different Bible versions or to look up passages by topic or keyword.

The way this challenge is accomplished is up to you. Just start! Lent is a time of renewal. It's a great time to dig into God's Word and go deeper with Christ.

Heidi Blevins

March

As frozen ground thaws, gentle God, also soften my hard attitudes and melt my cold heart. Ready me for new life. Tender my soul for the arrival of spring. Let Easter happen in me and all around me. Warm my expectations and make me ready for what you have prepared as I deepen my prayer and my walk with you. Amen. From "Openings" by Larry Peacock

Prayer Challenge

Prayer Posture

"Pray Continually."
1 Thessalonians 5:17

On the way from the hotel to the convention center for a Women of Faith Conference, I asked Braylin to pray with me. She immediately said that we did not have time for her to stop driving so we could pray. I assured her that we could pray while she was driving. She didn't know that people could pray while doing anything else! Braylin thought that you had to stop, get on your knees, fold your hands, and close your eyes.

Many people may be on the

impression that there is a certain posture required for prayer. Well, there is. But it's not a physical posture; it's a condition of the heart. True prayer can only be accomplished when your heart is pure – that is, seeking God's will, and doing so in the name of Jesus. The only reason God hears our prayers is because Jesus is the mediator between God and sinful humankind. If you have placed your trust in Jesus, you can boldly walk into the presence of God and converse with him as your Father and friend! And the "conversation" of prayer is simply your heart's sincere desire, whether expressed or unspoken. So even if you don't say a word, God

will hear your prayer. And he will answer you.

What assurance there is in knowing that a living God will come to your rescue, speak peace to your soul, provide for you, heal damaged relationships, comfort you, protect you, heal your spirit, guide you in decisions, and so much more. When you pray, you have got the keys to the kingdom, and your faith unlocks the door.

God, thank you for listening continually so I can pray anytime, anywhere. Amen
Thelma Wells

Pastoral Notes



Congratulations to Tom and Jennifer McClure on the birth of their son, **Ian Edward**, on January 25th. Ian is welcomed home by big brothers Gavin, Dylan and Owen.

Welcome to the newest members of our church family:

Rich and Lori Demanes joined Crossroads on February 14 via profession of faith. They live in East Peoria.

Jeff, Kathy and Jacob Palmer also joined Crossroads on February 14 upon transfer from another United Methodist Church. Kathy directs our youth bell choir. Jeff and Kathy are also the parents of a daughter, Alexandra. They live in Washington.

Karen Turner joined Crossroads on February 21 upon transfer from another denomination. Karen and her husband Robin are the parents of three grown children. They live in Mapleton.

Sedric and Kim Waguespack joined Crossroads on February 21 upon transfer from another denomination. They are the parents of Hannah and Daniel and live in Washington.

Finally, we offer our **sympathy** to Donna Cunningham on the passing of her husband, Delmar, on February 8th.

United Methodist Women

UMW Connections

Since 1869, Methodist Women have been committed to helping women and children around the world. In that year, a group of dedicated women formed the Women's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Other Missionary Societies were soon formed. These societies were the beginning of today's United Methodist Women, emphasizing work with women, children and youth in the United States and globally. We have a rich heritage to continue. The same issues of poverty, health care, education, racial discrimination, literacy, immigration, and worker rights remain the work of United Methodist



Women today. In the next few Messengers, I will explain our work today and how our church connects to UMW. So, if you think we are just "little old ladies" who wear hats, you will need to watch for the next few installments of the UMW story.

--Written by Nancy Bullard

UMW Meeting

Thursday, March 4, 1:00pm in the chapel. All women are invited to come learn what children's storybooks and prisons have to do with each other. Also, we will have our "prayer & self-denial" program and offering. Then we will adjourn for a tour of our building. Be sure to stay for dessert and fellowship. If you will need child care,

please call the church office by March 1. Hope you can join us!

Looking ahead:

March 29: District mini-mission at Peoria Bethel UMC

April 1: Visiting Day

April 16: Outing to the "Festival of Quilts" at the Cunningham Children's Home in Urbana, IL, then out to lunch.

April 24: Illinois River District Spring Gathering at Tremont UMC.

April 29-May 2: UMW Assembly in St. Louis

Questions? Call Nancy Bullard at 444-5140 or Rebecca Bell at 444-2570

Notes from our Congregation



Thank you to all of you who volunteer to be Valet Parkers. What a wonderful service it is! Your smiles and special greetings—no matter what the weather—are a true blessing! Keep up the good work and please know how much you are appreciated!
With much gratitude and thanks,
Bettejo Fisher

I wish to express my appreciation to Pastor Tom, Pastor Bob and Sally for their visits and prayers for me while I was at Proctor Hospital and at Washington Christian Village. I would also like to thank my church friends for visiting me, calling on the phone and sending cards and gifts. Everything was greatly appreciated.
Sincerely,
Bob Eppelheimer

I would like to thank all of those families who came to Family Fun Night. We had a great turnout and a very enjoyable evening. I would also like to give a big thank you to those

that made this night possible: Bart & Mary Penn & family, Heather Ford, Shelli Willoughby, Rebecca Fabish, Rob & Rebecca Bell, & Sheila House. I could not have done this night without you.
Blessings to you,
Tammy Miller

Thanks to all my church friends for the get well cards, visits, prayers and support during my surgery and rehab. A special thanks to Pastor Tom, Pastor Bob and Sally! Your prayers are still needed as I continue my rehab.
Doris DeBolt and family

Dear Church Family,
Once again you were there for us when we needed you. How blessed I am to belong to a loving church who truly cares for one another. I am most grateful for your prayers. Believe me, our family felt them. Thank you so much for all the calls of concern, messages, cookies, cards and visits.
Thanks also to "Knit One, Pray Too" (the Prayer Shawl Team)

for the beautiful shawl. Pastors Tom or Bob visited me every day and even prayed with my family and me before surgery. We are all so blessed to have such devoted and compassionate pastors.
Jim Charlton

Ann & Larry Roberts will have their 50th Anniversary Reception in the Multi-purpose room on Saturday, April 17th from 2-4pm. All church friends are invited! No gifts please.

It is time to reserve space for summer **Corn Stock Theater**. As a group, we will receive 10% off the tickets. The discounted price will be \$59.40 for the five shows. We will meet at the church and ride the church bus to the theater. Call **Alice Nobles Arn** 219-4719 to reserve your seats. Please call before March 31. You can reserve a seat on the first Saturday of each performance and go with the group or reserve flex seats for a different performance. The cost is the same.

Crossroads Columbarium

What is a Columbarium?
A columbarium is a granite structure designed to house the remains of loved ones. Our columbarium is a permanent structure in the memorial garden, a quiet location that allows for ease of visitation, meditation and prayer.

Why a columbarium at Crossroads?
For many centuries cemeteries were commonly found in

churchyards, allowing churches to minister to the spiritual needs of their members, from baptism through life to death. Clearly, churches cannot build cemeteries today. A columbarium is a modern alternative which Crossroads United Methodist Church is offering to their members and families.

The columbarium is self-funded, using income derived

from the sale of niches. It is completely separate from church funds. If you would like to learn more about purchasing a niche in the columbarium, please contact Sally Charlton, your parish nurse, or make an appointment to discuss it. Her cell phone is 369-5293 or call the church at 444-2381.

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Sunday Worship Schedule

8:30 am

Spirited Traditional
Sanctuary

11:00 am

Casual Contemporary
Sanctuary

11:15 am

Casual Traditional
Faith Chapel

9:45 am

Christian Education
for All Ages