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## From the Senior Pastor

November is upon us. This month has been designated as: American Diabetes Month, National Epilepsy Awareness Month, National AIDS Awareness Month, National American Indian Heritage Month, National Long Term Care Awareness Month, National Novel Writing Month, and National Pomegranate Month. This is in addition to Thanksgiving Day, Veterans Day, All Saints Day, Armistice Day, The Great American Smokeout Day, Buy Nothing Day (alternatively celebrated by some as Black Friday) and the birthdays of former Presidents Polk, Taylor, Pierce, Garfield and Harding (and not-to-blow-my-own-horn, your directing pastor). Whew! That is a lot to remember.

I have decided to celebrate something a bit more obscure that happened in November of 1783. Two intrepid Frenchmen, Jean Rozier and Francis d'Arlandes, set off in hot air balloon over a field near Paris. They had tested the balloon earlier by sending a sheep, a hen and a duck up in a balloon...no word on how these passengers got along. Rozier and

d'Arlandes floated for 25 minutes, (about 5 miles) reaching an altitude of 3,000 feet before landing safely in a field. They commented on how different the French countryside and villages looked from above. They noted what a different perspective it was to see their home from 3,000 feet.

I am going to try and float 3,000 feet above Crossroads. (without a duck, sheep and hen, thank you!) I want to see a new perspective on our church and how we are doing in growing disciples, connecting people in fellowship, welcoming strangers and especially in teaching children how much God loves them. Sometimes I am so caught up in leading or helping with the ministries of this church that I lose this perspective.

I hope you will join me in floating on the clouds for just a bit. On November 7<sup>th</sup>, we will look down on our mission to children and youth and begin to imagine ways we can turn our ministries out into our communities. On November 14<sup>th</sup>, we will look at how a process of growing disciples

might look at Crossroads. On November 21<sup>st</sup>, our young adults will lead worship. Adam Penn will be preaching, and the youth of Crossroads will give us a bird's eye view of what our future holds as a congregation.

At some point, we will have to come down from our flight. Hopefully our view of the mission of Crossroads will have expanded a bit, our perspective challenged, and our enthusiasm fired! Who knows, maybe we will gain a glimpse of our church the way God, perhaps just a bit higher in the clouds, sees us.

Messieurs Rozier and d'Arlandes reported that they would never be able to see things the way they once had thanks to their flight, and they were thankful for that. I pray the same will come from our adventure in November. So happy "First Flight Month", Crossroads!

~ Pastor Tom

## Adult Sunday School Opportunities

### “The Nativity of Jesus”

Why was Jesus born in Bethlehem? What is the significance of the star? What does “Immanuel” mean? Join Pastor Tom and Malcolm Kinsinger as they explore answers to these and other questions about the Nativity of Jesus on Sunday mornings beginning November 7<sup>th</sup> in room 204. This short-term class will

end December 19<sup>th</sup>. Each week we will discuss a different theme of the true Christmas story.

### “The Bible and Handel’s *Messiah*”

Beginning Sunday, November 28<sup>th</sup>, and for the next 3 Sundays, Pastor Robert Lawry will offer a class titled “The Bible and Handel’s *Messiah*”. We will look at the Christmas

selections in the *Messiah* from two perspectives, musically and scripturally. We will meet in room 126 (The “Cry Room”) during the Sunday Discipleship Hour, beginning at 9:50 a.m. It will be a lecture/listening format. No textbook is required other than the Bible. This is a wonderful introduction to the Advent season.

## Operation Christmas Child

### Merry Christmas ... It’s Operation Christmas Child Time !!!



While it’s a little early for Christmas greetings, the season is coming, and with it, the opportunity to reach out to the world’s children with Operation Christmas Child. As a reminder, Operation Christmas Child is our “shoebox gift” program, where we pack shoeboxes with toys for boys and girls throughout the world. It’s a simple idea, but one that’s been effective at bringing joy to children

suffering from poverty, war, and disease. Last year alone, Samaritan’s Purse distributed over 8 million shoebox gifts to children in 95 countries.

This year, we’re hoping to continue our past success by collecting over 400 shoebox gifts, so we’re looking for YOU to participate!!! How does it work? Get started by picking up a brochure and shoebox in the Fellowship area; the brochure contains complete instructions on how to pack the box. Fill the shoebox with gifts for a boy or girl, and include a

check for \$7 to cover international shipping costs. Return the shoebox to the display area in the Fellowship hall by **November 14**. The boxes will then be taken to a regional collection center (East Peoria) for distribution throughout the world. It’s simple, fun, and a mission the whole family will enjoy.

This year, be a part of something special ... Pick up your shoebox and brochure, and participate in Operation Christmas Child!!!

## Charge Conference

The Charge Conference for Crossroads has been called for Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm at East Peoria First United Methodist Church.

The Charge Conference is the annual business meeting of the church.

# Garrett-Evangelical Theological Scholarship Fund

## Offering to be Received for Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary Crossroads Scholarship Fund November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2010

As many of you know, Crossroads has established an endowment fund at Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary for the purpose of assisting students who are entering the ministry in the United Methodist Church.

On Sunday, November 21<sup>st</sup>, which will be recognized as “Youth Sunday”, we will be receiving an offering for our scholarship fund.

As of June 30, 2010, the balance in our fund is \$9,276.00. Because of investment interest, the seminary disbursed \$565.00 to help a deserving student during last school year. The principal stays in the fund and continues to generate interest, which is disbursed annually.

Keep in mind the context of this scholarship. The seminary provides more than \$2 million in financial aid each year, making awards to 85% of its students. The yearly cost of a seminary education at Garrett-Evangelical is \$17,040 for tuition and fees and \$19,829 for living expenses, for a total of \$36,869 for one year or \$110,607 for 3 years of seminary. The average student debt upon graduation is \$35,000.

We will also be receiving an offering for the Dulac, Louisiana Mission Trip. Please clearly mark your offering envelope or the memo line of your check with the words “Dulac” or “GETS Scholarship” or, hopefully, both.

Our scholarship fund, along with many others, does make a difference. Thank you for helping the students at GETS answer God’s call.

~Pastor Bob Lawry  
(Class of 1968)

## Prayer Challenge

Mary had an idea that she was sure the women of her church would love and appreciate. She wanted to lead a twice-a-month Bible study class that would include the serving of a light meal.

After several discussions and planning sessions with her pastor and the church’s Christian Education Committee about her idea, she was given the “green light” with promises the church would support the new class. But her pastor also gave her a piece of advice. “Be persistent,” he said. “Interest may not blossom

as quickly as you hope it will.” Perhaps you’ve tried something like that. You offered to play the piano, or lead a Bible study, or get an activity going, or maybe you have even stepped out of the boat to do something completely out of character. Then you don’t hear anything, no response or very little response. When that happens, it is hard to keep an enthusiastic attitude.

In Luke 11:1-13, Jesus teaches us to be bold and persistent in prayer and not to lose heart. Sometimes our efforts will hit a “snag” But we are to be steadfast

in doing the best we can, knowing that through consistent prayer, God will guide us. “Be persistent,” Jesus says. “Don’t give up.”

**Prayer: Lord, sometimes I’m discouraged and tired and just want to give up. I pray that you will continue to walk with me and give me the strength I need in order to face each new day.**

Excerpt from Daily Bread



# Missionary Update

## THE MACHINGA FAMILY



Some of you may remember when the Machinga family was with us in 2005 when Pastor Tom invited Gift to preach at Crossroads before they went back to Zimbabwe. Gift worked his soccer skills into his sermon. He was very quiet about the choice he made to NOT play soccer with a professional team. (and all the perks that would have come with it!) *Instead, his choice was to serve God.*

**Rev. Gift Machinga** is the pastor of a large church in Muture, Zimbabwe. He also has many Conference responsibilities that require difficult travel to the capital city of Harare. He just finished writing a book entitled Baptism and Confirmation in the United

Methodist Church. His Bishop requested he give guidance through these writings to the Lay Pastors. Rev. Machinga encourages them in their ministry in the difficult times that Zimbabwe is experiencing with the harsh conditions under the present ruling government.

**Margaret** is on the last stretch of her goal of completing her Doctorate in Clinical Psychology. She is currently doing a Pastoral Counseling Internship at a Counseling Center in Claremont, CA. She will then take her Professional Exams. She will return to Zimbabwe to write her Thesis and use her skills to help her people cope with the conditions they must live under. She will be a resource person for African University in Muture. Our IL Great Rivers Conference

has a history of supporting the African University. She believes her role as a Pastoral Counselor is critical to helping her people survive the chaos that the ruling government has created.

Their oldest daughter **Jackie** is 18 and in her second year of Jr. College. Pastor Tom has assisted her in looking at a 4 year college to obtain her Bachelor's degree. Her goal is to become a Medical Doctor and return to Zimbabwe where those skills are desperately needed.

**Sussannah** is 12 and in 8<sup>th</sup> grade. She is a very good student and enjoys all sports, especially volleyball and soccer.

# Celebrate Recovery News

Celebrate Recovery WILL MEET on Thursday, November 25<sup>th</sup> (Thanksgiving) at 6:00pm for dessert, games and fellowship. There will be no meal, Large Group meeting or support groups.

Your Celebrate Recovery leaders will be attending a

One Day Seminar in Tinley Park, IL on Saturday, November 6<sup>th</sup>. This is expected to be the LARGEST One Day Seminar EVER. New groups are constantly forming and One Day Seminars provide leaders with encouragement, ideas, support, connection and

fellowship, whether the group is being newly formed or has been up and running for 6 months or longer. We appreciate your prayers as we find ways to make the ministry safer, and to help it expand and grow. More information will follow.

# Just for Kids

## 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  
*Fridays, 6:00 – 8:00pm*

### Remaining 2010-2011 dates

November 12  
December 3  
January 14  
January 28  
February 11  
February 25  
March 25  
April 8  
April 29

## Cherub Choir

*We need your little voices!*  
Come join the fun as part of the  
Cherub Choir! It's a great  
opportunity for our littlest  
angels (3 years olds to 2<sup>nd</sup>

grade) to meet new friends,  
learn some fun songs and find  
the confidence to sing in front  
of our entire congregation. All  
you have to do is show  
up...Wednesdays,  
6:15-7:15pm. For more  
information, contact Jolie Alois  
at [joliealois@hotmail.com](mailto:joliealois@hotmail.com).

## Family Fun Night

### Family Advent

Take-home project  
Saturday, November 20<sup>th</sup>  
6:00pm

Join us for a meaningful family  
experience! Families will work  
together to make an advent  
project they can take home and  
use during the Advent season to  
prepare for Jesus' birth. This  
event is open to 35 families, so  
please call the office and  
reserve your spot.

## Children's Sunday School program needs your help:

One of the centers the  
children will be attending is  
a Carpentry Center. They  
will experience working  
with wood as they learn that  
Jesus was a carpenter by trade  
and grew up with his father  
teaching him how to work  
wood. Great learning  
experience for the kids! But we  
need 80-100 scrap pieces of  
wood: wood pieces around 5"  
long. If you have scrap wood  
that you would like to donate to  
our Sunday School program we  
would sure appreciate it. Our  
only request is that the wood be  
cut to about the size we need it.  
You can turn these wood pieces  
into the office. Thank you for  
your help.



*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.*

# Youth News

## High School Lighthouse:

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

## 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!

## College Student Care Packages

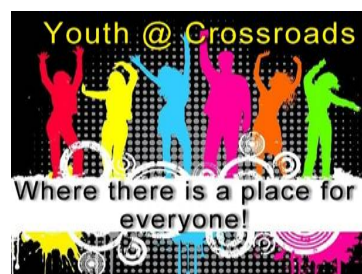
As part of our outreach to our  
college students, we need the  
mailing addresses of college  
students at Crossroads. We  
want to send them care  
packages this winter during  
finals week. If you know a

student away at school or still at  
home please go to  
[www.crossroads4all.org/college](http://www.crossroads4all.org/college)  
and give us their address or  
e-mail Trevor at  
[trevorb@mtco.com](mailto:trevorb@mtco.com).

Also, you can help put together  
these care packages on  
Wednesday, December 1<sup>st</sup> at  
1:00pm. If you would like to  
donate supplies for the packs,  
we are looking for homemade  
baked goods (cookies, brownies,  
etc.), candy, gum or other snack  
type food to help get them  
through their exams. Please  
bring supplies to office before  
December 1<sup>st</sup>. If you have any  
questions about care packs,  
please feel free to contact  
Trevor.

## Help Needed with Lighthouse Dinners

Lighthouse, our High School  
youth group, is looking for  
some families to help make  
dinner for the high school youth  
on Wednesday nights. This  
could be a couple of families  
working together, or a small  
group. If you are interested in  
"stepping out of the boat" in this  
way, please contact Missy  
Zimmerman at  
444-7301 or [mrsmiss@aol.com](mailto:mrsmiss@aol.com).



## Senior News

### Join the M & M's for the Grace Presbyterian Christmas Concert



On Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, the M & M's will be going to Grace Presbyterian Church, at their new location, for the annual Grace Family Christmas Concert at 4:00 p.m., then to dinner at Bob Evans Restaurant. **The buses will leave the church at 3:00 p.m.** Twenty-five tickets are available for \$10

each, on a first come, first serve basis. If enough interest is shown, we may take a ride through the Festival of Lights in East Peoria after dinner.

Concert tickets may be purchased at the church office beginning November 1<sup>st</sup>. You may reserve a ticket by phone then send a check payable to Crossroads UMC. All reservations and ticket money must be received by November 29<sup>th</sup>.

Remember, if you really want to go, don't delay in getting your ticket. There are only 25 and they go fast.

### Senior Meal

Our Senior Dinner will be Tuesday, November 9<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a friend and plan to attend our delicious meal and good fellowship. A basket will be passed to help with the expenses, so the price is right! Please call the church office at 444-2381 for a reservation.

## Surviving the Holidays Seminar

**On November 21<sup>st</sup> from 2:00 – 4:00 pm,** Pastor Bob DeBolt and Parish Nurse Sally Charlton will offer a special session for people facing the holidays after the death of a loved one. Holidays can be very difficult, whether you are preparing for the first or tenth holiday without your loved one. *GriefShare has created this program to help those who struggle this time of year.*

At the 'Surviving the Holidays' session, participants will discover practical answers to these and other questions:

- Is it normal to feel so depressed during the holidays?
- How do I deal with the pain of the holidays?
- How do I decide what activities in which to participate?
- Should I accept or decline invitations to parties?
- What if I get emotional at a party or event?
- How can God and others help me?
- Will I ever enjoy the holidays again?

Those who attend will receive a free book with over 30 daily readings providing additional insights and ideas on holiday survival. Even though Crossroads is sponsoring this seminar, it is open to everyone in the community.

Email (Charlton@mtco.com) or call the church (444-2381) with questions or to register.

There is no fee to attend.

## Walk to Emmaus News

Men's Emmaus Walk #67  
November 11-14

Chrysalis Flight #26  
November 12-14

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



# Nurse Sally's Tip of the Month

## Generic Drugs

Prescription drugs can be a costly medical expense, especially for older people and those who are chronically ill. Often, the use of generic drugs is a way to cut the expense.

\$4 generic drugs are available in Washington at Walmart and Kroger. The \$4 cost is for a 30-day supply. I spoke with pharmacists from both companies and was assured that all the generic drugs they offer are Federal Drug Administration (FDA) approved. That is important because often times drugs offered over the internet or bought during foreign travel are not safe and effective.

Depending on your prescription needs, your savings could be significant but there are things you need to know about generic drugs and the law.

### Do all drugs have generic equivalents?

No. Some drugs are protected by patents and are supplied by only one company. However, when the patent expires, other manufacturers can produce its generic version. Currently, about half of the drugs on the market are available in generic form.

### How can I get generic drugs?

- Talk with your doctor or pharmacist. Explain that you want the most effective drug at the best price.
- Ask your doctor to write prescriptions for generics when possible.
- If your doctor indicates on the prescription that a specific brand name drug is required, the pharmacist must fill the prescription as written. A generic cannot be substituted.

- Some physicians will automatically prescribe generic drugs and some may not. Talk it over with your doctor, you can ask that a generic be substituted when appropriate.

### Are generic drugs always made in the same kind of facilities as brand name drugs?

Yes. All generic drug manufacturing facilities must meet FDA's standards. FDA conducts about 3500 inspections a year to ensure that standards are met. FDA is tough on generic drugs so you can feel confident about the drugs you are taking.

**Lists of the \$4 drugs may be obtained from the stores or from their websites, Walmart.com and Kroger.com.**



*If you have never been trained in CPR, consider taking this class...you never know when a loved one may need your assistance.*

# CPR and AED Training

Training for cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and automated external defibrillation (AED) will be conducted on **November 13<sup>th</sup> at Crossroads, 8:00 am – noon.** This is the American Heart Association class and there is no charge to participants.

For those of you who were trained in 2008, it is time for

retraining. If you were trained last October and would like to be refreshed, please join us. Child and baby CPR will be covered.

**If you have never been trained, please consider it now, you never know when one of your loved ones may need your assistance.**

Please call the church office to

register, 444-2381. Sign-ups begin immediately. Please be sure you can attend before registering. The number of instructors for the class depends on the number of participants.

Please call the Parish Nurse, Sally Charlton, 444-2381 (church) or 369-5293 (cell), with questions.

# Wedding Coordinator Position Available

Crossroads will be hiring a part-time wedding coordinator to work with couples getting married at our church. We host 20 plus weddings a year and the

position will include meeting with couples prior to their ceremony and assisting at the rehearsal and the day of the ceremony. This is a paid

position. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Tom Goodell (pstrtom@mtco.com).

# 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 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month in the chapel. 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.

## Spirited Book Discussion Group

The Spirited Book Discussion Group enjoyed reading and discussing the book Sitting At The Feet Of The Rabbi Jesus by Ann Spangler and Lois Tvyberg. The group highly recommends this book. November 16<sup>th</sup> we will be discussing Home To Harmony by Philip Gulley.

This is a humorous and inspiring book about a pastor in a small town. Contact Nancy Bullard for more information.

## Second Sunday Meal

Date: November 14<sup>th</sup>

Time: Noon

Menu: Baked potatoes with all the trimmings

Hosted by: Outreach/Mission Team



## Singles Event

*Calling all Singles who are 20ish – 100!*

Cache Connections Live! is coming to Crossroads on Friday, 11/19 @ 7:30pm (doors open at 7pm)! This event will provide a venue for Singles across Central IL to praise/worship with our own Acts 29, grow through a licensed Christian counselor/speaker and fellowship! Pre-event tickets will be sold between services and after the 11:00 service on 10/31, 11/7 and 11/14 for a cost of \$10 or at the door for \$15. Buy your tickets now and don't miss this opportunity!



a night of inspirational **music video stories**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> annual St. Jude Children's Research Hospital benefit concert, "Uplifted" is scheduled for **Saturday, November 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.**

As part of this year's program we will welcome guest speaker Dr. Stephen Smith, Medical Director of the St. Jude Midwest Affiliate in Peoria, to speak about the exciting things happening right here in central Illinois. Please join us at Crossroads for another evening of inspirational music, video, and stories!

# Help Needed for Teen Workshop

Crossroads will be hosting the Woodford County Teen Workshop on Friday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00am to 3:00pm. Every freshman from the Woodford County schools will be in attendance. We have been asked to serve food to 35 people who will

be leading various sessions on dating, sex, peer relationships, parent relationships, drugs/abuse, etc.

For the morning coffee, we'll need donuts. For lunch we will provide turkey breast sandwiches, fruit

salad, vegetable salad, potato salad, deviled eggs, veggie tray/dip, cake, beverage. Let Mary Schultz (444-4472) know if you can provide any of the above food, or help that day for any length of time, or provide monetarily to cover expenses.

# CONVERSATION

## CORNER

Welcome to the Messenger's new segment, "Conversation Corner", where staff members take turns introducing you to individuals who have devoted themselves to Crossroads. Some of them have been a blessing in disguise; we appreciate them so very much and would like to introduce them to everyone.

Aside from receiving loving fellowship and amazing sermons, have you graced yourself with the pleasure of seeing our extraordinary walls in the Sunday school hallways? They were once blank canvases, but now you can take a walk down "Crossroad's Main Street" and see wonderful masterpieces of store fronts, and you will soon see Biblical signs to match these businesses.

I had the lovely pleasure of asking Todd Willoughby, a "Crossroad's Main Street" artist that blessed us with his creative talents, this question: "What has inspired you to dedicate your time to Crossroads?" Although his first inclination was to shy away from this project when he was called upon, he shared that things progressed and as more thoughts and ideas were shared from "outside of the box", the vision grew!

Todd felt this was an amazing experience. He loved sharing evenings and some mornings with a range of volunteers that could contribute their talent and time. Some spent multiple days and others a few hours...all of it collectively important...creating this phenomenal "here to stay" walkway.

Todd thanks each and every volunteer and participant because their encouragement, input, time, help and prayers broke down a giant task and made it manageable. He adds that help was not measured by minutes, hours nor days at all; everyone that did anything did A LOT!

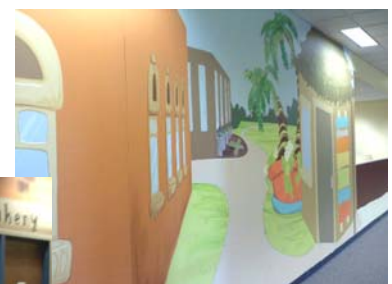
This experience has been an inspirational avalanche throughout the Willoughby Family. A smile came across Todd's face when he told me "When this project was just beginning, I love remembering listening to a child say... 'Oh, he's gonna be in so much trouble for painting on the wall! ' ". The children's responses and the looks on their faces as they stop and gaze at the paintings are the best "payback" — the children make all the difference.

Even adults have taken joy and delight in the art work. A specific Sunday evening small group that treasures adding yummy sweet treats to their Bible study was assigned room 108; what an amusing and treasured surprise it was as they walked down the hallway and observed that it was ... the bakery! Laughter filled the hall!

Todd gives full credit to God for this talent and beauty; he thanks Him for the Spirit and bringing congregation members together. I say, "Thank you, Todd!"

As we forever continue our "Step out of the Boat" campaign, please step forward and share your talent or love of service to Crossroads, where everyone is a blessing in our many missions to serve God.

~Tracie Carey



# United Methodist Women



Find the United Methodist Women on Facebook and see how the UMW is helping children, women and youth all over the globe.

## UMW Connections

Acts 9:36 tells about a disciple named Dorcas who was always doing good and helping the poor. The Dorcas Sewing Circle makes items to bring comfort and help to others, whether it is a quilt for a child at Cunningham Home or items to be sold to fund projects. Whether you measure, cut, or sew, come and join the circle on Wednesday mornings. Contact Darlene Dixon or Peggy King for more information.

For those of you who enjoy social networking, the UMW can be found on

Facebook as well as discussion groups online. Go to [unitedmethodistwomen.org](http://unitedmethodistwomen.org) and click on CONNECT, which will lead you to various groups. It is interesting to find out what is going on all over the globe and how UMW is helping children, women, and youth.

## Upcoming Events:

Women of Crossroads, invite a friend and join us for a program about a mission trip to Mongolia by Jill Müller of Washington. We will meet on **Thursday, November 4<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm in room 107**. If you need

child care, please call the church office by Monday, November 1<sup>st</sup>. Also, come prepared for our "World Thank Offering", which is an annual offering for missions around the world. Plan to stay for a short business meeting, followed by dessert and fellowship. Questions? Call Rebecca Bell at 444-2570.

## Looking Ahead:

### Christmas Cookie Walk

Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am

*NOTE: There will not be a UMW meeting in January 2011.*

# Library News

## *New fiction*

has arrived in the church library just in time for fall reading. Judith Miller has written a new series about early life in the Iowa Amana Colonies. [Somewhere to Belong](#) and [More Than Words](#) are the first two books in the series.

[Alaskan Quest](#) by Tracie Peterson is three books in one volume. Other new fiction includes [A Lineage of Grace](#) by Francine Rivers, [A Time To Love](#) by Barbara Cameron and [Unlocked](#) by Karen Kingsbury.

## *Coming soon!*

A new book by Jan Karon! [In The Company Of Others](#) continues the story of Father Tim's early life. There is a box on the library check-out cart for suggestions of books or authors that you would like included in the church library.

# Christmas Greetings for Our Military



If you have a loved one in the military who would like a greeting from our church family, please give the full name and address to the church office as soon as possible. Cards will be available to sign on Sunday, November 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>

between services. We will mail the cards on December 6<sup>th</sup>. We would like to send small tokens of appreciation along with the cards, such as candy (no chocolate please), gum, flavored water mixes, beef jerky, or personal hygiene items.

You may wish to write a letter to them as well. Donations are gratefully accepted to help with expenses and postage. Military personnel need not be a member of Crossroads to receive cards and gifts.

# Notes from Our Congregation

The Outreach team would like to thank you for your support! As a congregation, you have been a part of Christmas in July for Loaves and Fish, provided shoes for Shoes for Orphaned Souls, and have filled backpacks with basic school supplies for students in need. Soon you will be able to respond to the Shoebox ministry for Operation Christmas Child. Ongoing ministries are Adopt-a-Block, Threads of Love, and Kroger Gift Cards (five percent comes back to the church from the total amount that gift card users spend and a portion of these funds help the Machinga family with school fees that are not covered by scholarships). The Team feels privileged that they can be the channel to offer these

opportunities and others in the future so that we can all be the HANDS OF CHRIST.

Thank you to Gerry Young and Jim Bullard, who participated in the GETS Motorcycle Fundraiser in September. They were able to make stops at Wesley United Methodist Church in Bloomington, the United Methodist Church in Atlanta, and Grace United Methodist Church in Decatur to visit former pastors Vaughn Hoffman, Robert Roy, and Danny Cox. We raised \$140, which will be added to the Crossroads Scholarship Fund at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary. If you would like to donate to this fund, please indicate "GETS" in the memo of your check and send it to the

church office, or place it in the Sunday morning offering plate. Thank you for your support.

I would like to thank our pastors, church family, and friends for the phone calls while I recuperate from cancer. Thank you!  
~Shirley Briggs

A huge "Thank You" to our pastors and Sally, as well as our church family, for all the heartfelt prayers, cares and concerns along with the many acts of kindness shown to us during Harold's hospital stay and while in rehab at Washington Christian Village. We are truly blessed by each of you.  
~Harold and Virginia Sperry

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

## Pastoral Notes

*Welcome to the littlest members of our Crossroads family:*

**Avery June Sullivan** was born on September 25<sup>th</sup>. She is the daughter of Kevin and Melissa, & proud grandparents are Bill and Debbie Royer.

**Dash Robert Moehle** was born on September 28<sup>th</sup>. He is the son of Matt and Amy, and little brother to Alexa and Jack. Proud grandparents are Rev. Bob and Luanne DeBolt and Pat Moehle.

Congratulations to Craig and Jennifer Sakata, parents of **Seth Shuji**, born on October 15<sup>th</sup>. He is welcomed home by big brother Ethan.

*Welcome to the newest members to join Crossroads UMC:*

**Nanci (Lee) Malcolm** and her daughter **Wendy Malcolm** joined Crossroads on October 10<sup>th</sup>. Wendy is also mom to Julian Frank. Nanci lives in East Peoria and Wendy in Washington.

**John and Laura Beam** also joined Crossroads on October 10<sup>th</sup>. They live in Washington.

**Ryan Riggins** joined Crossroads on October 17<sup>th</sup>. He and his fiancée Holly Kefauver are planning a December wedding.

*We extend our prayers and sympathy to:*

Duane Blumenshine on the death of his mother Eileen Blumenshine on September 26<sup>th</sup>.

David Houseworth on the death of his mother Beryl Houseworth on October 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Brian Jenkins on the death of his father, and Greg Jenkins on the death of his grandfather, Ralph Jenkins, on October 14<sup>th</sup>.

Reba Jones on the death of her son, Kevin, on October 18<sup>th</sup>.

Tom Warren on the death of his mother, Hazel Warren, on October 21<sup>st</sup>.

Sherry Thurston on the death of her mother Loretta Bessler.

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**11:00 am**

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