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- The monthly birthday list is available at the Welcome Desk and on the Crossroads website.

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From Pastor Tom

This past week we lost a pretty flowering plant that sat just outside our garage. Now there is only the empty pot, still filled with soil. Those who know me well know that I am a “softy” and hate to see anything die. My wife simply says, “Get over it. Plants die in the fall.”

I know that fall is a season when things have to die. Leaves have to die and in the process give us the brilliant foliage of fall. Grass has to die and lie in wait for the first sunny day of Spring. And flowers will die in the fall.

This got me thinking about fall and death and some things that maybe I ought to let die in my personality. Paul writes to the church at Rome (Romans 6) that when we become a Christian, we “die” to our former lives and sinfulness and become alive through Jesus Christ.

So here are some things I hope to let die this fall in my personality. Although I am an optimist about many things it is also quite easy for me to be pessimistic. I grumble about the government, taxes, “young people”, “old people”, and “middle aged people”. I suppose that there is

some therapy in grumbling, but I need to remember that God is working in the world making “all things new” (Revelation 21). There are many things to be optimistic about.

I remember a Sunday school teacher who taught me to end the day with a “blessings list” and recount every blessing that God placed in my life that day. I need to let the spirit of pessimism die an unhealthy death.

I need to let die my desire to control all things, especially my time. I have shared before that I do not do well with interruptions. I like to control my time. And yet being a Christian means being open to the opportunities to serve Jesus that are seldom scheduled. Jesus dealt constantly with distraction and interruption. He stopped to heal a woman on the way to an official’s house, he had a preaching tour interrupted by crowds of hungry people and the death of his close friend, Lazarus.

When I use time to close off God’s call and say, “I do not have time for this now, Jesus”, I am seeking to control when and

how I serve as a disciple. I need to let this desire for control die within my spirit.

Finally, I need to let die some of the hurts I have held on to, in some cases for many years. Not long ago I stopped sitting by a clergy colleague at a seminar. He was very chatty and nice, but I found myself wanting to move away. He did not seem to either know or remember that a year ago he had shared not so kind words with me about a ministry situation. We spoke briefly some time later and I had assured him that “everything was alright”. It was not. I should have found the time to share how badly I felt (following Matthew 18), but instead I just occasionally glared at him (was that not mature!). I pray that this can slowly die within my spirit as well.

My sweet, smart wife reminds me that when things die (leaves, grass, flowers, and even the pretty red plant that sat outside our garage) they are reborn in the spring. This fall, may we all experience resurrection in our hearts.

Grace and peace,
~Pastor Tom

Crossroads Charge Conference

Tuesday, November 1, 2011
7:00pm
at Crossroads United Methodist Church

“The Kings of Israel” Bible Study

“The Kings of Israel” Bible Study

Led by Pastor Tom
Tuesdays, beginning
October 4
1:00-2:00pm

Learn “more than you ever wanted to know” about David and Solomon, the good kings Josiah and Hezekiah, and the not-so-good kings Ahab and Uzziah.

Staff in the News

As the church has grown, the decision was made to hire a part-time Director of Human Resources. This role will manage all non-pastoral staff including the full-time & part-time positions. I started working with the staff in August. Currently, I am in the church office working directly with the staff on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings plus many evenings. Some of the projects we are working on

include reviewing personnel policies, reviewing job descriptions, and pulling together the staff to build a strong team to serve the needs of Crossroads.

We will be reviewing many of our processes to be more effective and efficient. As processes are refined or changed, you will receive the information through the Messenger.

If you have specific concerns regarding staff, please send me an email and I will follow up with you. (dcimino@mtco.com)

I'm excited to be here serving and guiding the staff for our mission to impact lives for Jesus Christ.

~Donna Cimino



Grow Through Prayer Study

“Grow Through Prayer” Study

Beginning
Sunday, Oct. 9
9:55-10:45am
Multi-purpose room

In this wonderful study, we will learn how to develop a living personal relationship with Jesus Christ through prayer. We will learn why we should pray, how to develop a habit of setting aside time to be with God, and how prayer is unique

from our relationships with others.

During the past 6 weeks, over 350 people have learned how to read the Bible and apply it to their daily lives in the **Grow Through the Bible** class.

Grow Through Prayer is the next step in *Learn, Grow, Live*.

Learn, Grow Live teaches us how to love Jesus and grow as a disciple. First, we

LEARN who Jesus is and His plan for our life. We then GROW as disciples by learning how to study the Bible, pray, worship, serve, share the Good News, and share our resources with God. Finally, we LIVE as disciples in the crossroads of our communities.

Not sure where you fit into Learn, Grow Live?

Contact our pastors at pastors@mtco.com.

Learn. Grow. Live.



“Discerning the Voice of God”

“Discerning the Voice of God” – A Women’s Bible Study by Priscilla Shirer

Have you ever wondered, “Does God really talk to me? How do I know that God said this and it wasn’t just my mind telling me this?” Having a hard time knowing what God is saying versus what others are saying?

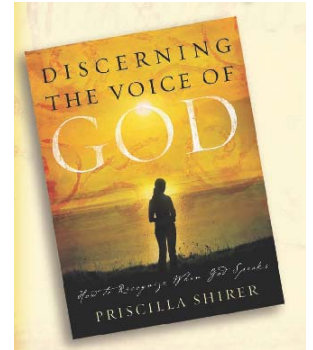
This Bible study is designed to help you know the voice of God: His language, character, and tone

of voice. By growing closer to God through His Word, you will be able to discern God’s voice from the voice of strangers.

This is a 7-week study that meets on Monday nights beginning October 3rd from 7:00-8:30pm. There is a video at the beginning of each session followed by a discussion. Priscilla Shirer is a dynamic speaker and the workbook specifically guides you through your study each week.

The cost is \$11 for the workbook. We will not meet on October 31.

Please plan on joining us and bring a friend. You can sign up at the church office by calling 309-444-2381.



Cancer Awareness Sunday



On Sunday, October 23 at both services, we will be celebrating the *Cross of Many Colors Sunday* to honor those who have had cancer and survived and to

remember those who have lost the fight. We will be handing out inflated balloons to members of our congregation for them to write the name of

someone they want to honor or remember. We will fill the Cross with these balloons. Please join us on October 23 to observe this special Sunday.

Pastoral Care Notes

Baby News! During September we welcomed two additions to our church family.

Elise Laine Moehle born September 10. She is the daughter of Jon and Erin.

Gabrielle Kate Davidson born September 18. She is the daughter of Stanley and Missy.

Congratulations to **Wes Markas and Charise Deatherage** who were wed on Saturday, September 3rd.

Congratulations also to our newest church members:

Norm and Judy Mills, of Washington, joined Crossroads September 25 upon profession of faith.

Jarod and Lee Ann Grebner, of Washburn, joined September 25. Jarod joined on profession of faith, Lee Ann on transfer from another church. They are the parents of a daughter, Emilee Ann.

Linda Clary, of Washington, joined September 25 also on transfer from another church. **Chad and Tara Tiezzi** joined September 25. They live in Washington and are the parents of two sons, Gage and Trace.

We also celebrated two baptisms in September. **Tara Tiezzi** was baptized on September 25; and **Elyse Victoria Johnsen**, the daughter of Seth and Amber, was baptized also on September 25.

We remember in our prayers Jeanette Pritchard on the death of her brother, **Jerry Alltop**, on September 15. Paul Plopper on the passing of his sister, **Christine Stephens**, on September 22. And Jana Long on the death of her brother, **Gary Shelton**, on September 26.

Youth News

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

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

Follow Lighthouse News! Text "follow xroadlighthouse" to 40404

High School Lighthouse:

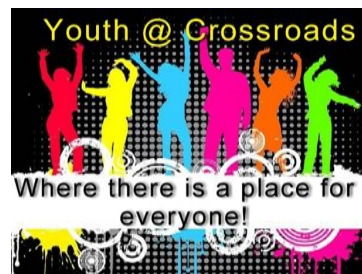
Wednesday nights
6:30-8:30pm
Dinner, small groups, games, lessons, music and more

Middle School Impact:

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

Everett Russell Memorial Sponsorship

The newly formed Everett Russell Memorial Sponsorship fund is designed to assist young people who are active in our church youth program to take part in spiritual development retreats and mission trips. The fund will be administered by a committee headed by the Trevor Bartolomucci, youth director. The fund will be perpetuated by other memorials, personal donations and an annual fundraiser.



Just for Kids

Genesis 1:1 – The Fun’s Just Begun

The children will be singing and sharing what they have been learning during their Sunday School time on Sunday, October 9 at the 8:30 and 11:00 Worship Service. Children will be singing a song called Genesis 1:1 and sharing what they have learned in the Rotational Unit called "Creation: God's Work in Progress." Special thanks to Trish Roemer who has been leading the children's group worship during the current rotation.

All children who have been attending Sunday School (Ages 4 through 5th Grade) are encouraged to attend the 8:30 and/or 11:00 services. Please meet in the hallway outside Room 126 at 8:25 and or 10:55. If you have any questions, please contact Maureen Hotkevich 444-7182 or maureenh@mtco.com.

Watch Out. . . Those Walls of Jericho May Come Tumbling Down!

Starting October 9, the K-5 Sunday School Rotational Unit will be "Character Counts: Joshua"! Joshua's example of obedient leadership will help children learn how faithful leaders can bring about new beginnings. As children follow Joshua from entering the Promised Land to his farewell address, they will learn about the qualities of a good leader who trusts and obeys God.

Bible Knowledge Workshop – After the battle of Jericho, Joshua had

Just for Kids continued...

devoted all the spoils of the battle to God. No one was to take anything from Jericho. Achan sinned and disobeyed God by taking the devoted things. Children will learn of the consequences that one person's disobedience to God has on others.

Computer Workshop – Children often have to make choices under pressure. Rahab, who had just learned about God, chose to risk her life and put her faith in God. She threw a rope to help the Israelites in the conquest of Jericho. Children will learn that choices are best made when they put their trust in God and do the best they know how.

Cooking Workshop – Children will concoct a recipe for turning someone into good leader. They will mix and match ingredients using Joshua as an example of a good leader. They will understand that God cares about their character. The children will also learn that God can take a flawed "recipe" and make it good.

Game Workshop – Children will learn how Joshua was a good leader who listened and obeyed God. They learn how God's presence and justice was with Joshua as he divided the Promised Land among seven of the 12 tribes.

Historical Re-Enactment Workshop – Joshua became the leader of the Israelites after Moses died. Under his leadership, and with God at their side, the Israelites conquered Canaan to live in the beautiful land that God promised to Abraham many years before. In the same way, God has prepared a special land

called Heaven for us when we love, trust, and obey God in Christ.

Movie Workshop – When is a battle not a battle? Children will learn how Joshua listened to, trusted, and obeyed God and won the Battle of Jericho without fighting. Children will re-enact the battle using a simple diorama and kazoos!

The children (Ages 4 through 5th Grade) will continue to meet in Faith Chapel at 9:45 for group worship which includes:

Songs of Praise
Prayer
Scripture
Offering

At the end of group worship, the Shepherds will take the children to their rooms listed on the rotation chart where they may be picked up at 10:45.

Instead of participating in group worship, 3rd Graders will report to Room 104 (Pizzeria) at 9:45, October 2-November 13 for their "Learning about the Bible" classes.

Family and Children's Ministry – Mark Your Calendars!

October 9 – Second Sunday Meal – Delicious Pulled Pork Sandwiches, Chips, Green Beans, and Brownies! Yummmmmmm! (Thank you, Rob and Rebecca Bell for getting us the pulled pork from Indiana.)

October 23 – Trunk or Treat @ Crossroads – Start planning your costume and how you will decorate the trunk of your car or the back of your van or truck! Dress up in a non-scary

costume and bring your family for an evening of fun. The little ones will be trick or treating, so be sure to bring some yummy treats! The party starts at 5:00, so be sure to mark your calendars. More information to be posted on the website.

November 19 – Happy Birthday Jesus Party. Families will gather at Crossroads to start the Christmas Season by attending a birthday party for Jesus. The plans are being made to make this a special celebration that will remind us all that Jesus is God's greatest gift to us. Look for more details in the November Messenger and on the website.



Kids for Christ

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

2010-2011 Dates:

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

Prayer Challenge

Could you Hurry a Little

By Ruth Harms Calkin

Lord,
I know there are countless times

When I must wait patiently for You.

Waiting develops endurance.

It strengthens my faith
And deepens my dependence upon You.

I know You are Sovereign God--

Not an errand boy
Responding to the snap of my finger.

I know your timing is neatly wrapped

In Your incomparable wisdom.

But, Lord
You have appointed prayer
To obtain answers!

Even David the Psalmist cried

With confident boldness:
"It is time, O Lord, for you to act."

God, on this silent sunless morning

When I am hedged in on every side

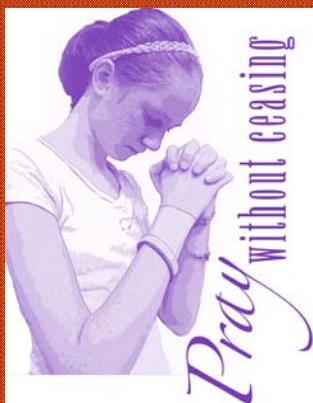
I too cry boldly.

You are my Father, and I am Your child.

So, Lord could You hurry a little?

Lord, I'm confused about something: You somehow seem so extremely reluctant to let me in on your plans for me very far in advance. You assure me of only two things: You are God and You are good.

Little one I leave nothing you need to know unsaid.



Upcoming Prayer Team Events

24 Hour Bible Reading Marathon Faith Chapel October 8 -9 (8:30 am – 8:30 am)

Did you know the Bible was first written to be heard? The Prayer Team invites you to bring honor and glory to God by attending our Bible Reading Marathon. We will begin reading Matthew 1:1 on October 8th at 8:30am and continue through Revelation until the entire New Testament is read aloud, ending on Sunday, October 9th at 8:30am.

What a great opportunity to sign up your family or your small group. You do not

need to be a masterful reader, just come with a willing heart! Children are welcome...what a witness for your kids! Children's Bibles will be available in the chapel. College students will cover the 11:00pm to 6:00am time slots.

Come and listen to other people reading. Drop in any time to sit and listen to others reading – this will be an awesome experience! Our reading of the Scriptures is a celebration of The Word, a claiming of its promise and a releasing of blessing. Let us unite as a church family and boldly read God's Word!

You can call the church office to sign up or before and after church services.

Butter Braids are coming!

Butter Braids are coming! The Prayer Team will be selling Butter Braids October 16 - November 6th. They will be available for pick-up on November 13th. Plan ahead for the holidays. In the Spring many of you said, "**They were delicious, wish I had bought more!**" Proceeds will go toward a Prayer Labyrinth.

Mental Health Awareness Week

MENTAL ILLNESS AWARENESS WEEK

October 2-8, 2011

NAMI-“AMP” is the French word for “friend” upon whose meaning the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) was created. Founded in 1979, NAMI is the nation’s largest grassroots mental health organization dedicated to improving the lives of individuals and families affected by mental illness. NAMI has over 1,100 affiliates across the country in communities who engage in advocacy, research, support and education. NAMI Tri-County is an affiliate of the National Alliance for families and individuals with mental illnesses in Peoria, Tazewell and Woodford counties. For more information contact the local affiliate at (309) 693-0541.

One in four Americans will experience a serious mental disorder in his or her lifetime, including major depression,

bipolar disorder, schizophrenia, severe anxiety disorders, and post-traumatic stress syndrome.

Mental illnesses are no-fault, biologically-based brain disorders which cause disturbances in thinking, feeling and/or relating. Persons living with these disorders deserve the dignity of medical treatment and a wide range of supportive services from mental health care providers and caring congregations.

A Unique Opportunity for Faith Communities

- The church, by educating both youth and adult members of the congregation, can fight against misinformation, indifference and the ridicule of people living with mental illness.
- Educated faith communities can offer emotional, rational and spiritual counseling to persons touched by mental illness.

- Education and awareness are valuable keys to shattering the silence and barriers that surround treatment. By dispelling myths, ignorance and fear, congregations liberate persons touched by mental illness to share their struggles, seek help, regain hope and set out in a new course toward recovery.

Recovery is possible. Faith communities can play a significant role in the healing process by bringing solace and a sense of wholeness. Learn all you can. Take action; speak out; advocate.

*Excerpted from the National Institute of Mental Health, (2009). “Suicide in the U.S.: Statistics and Prevention.” July 14, 2009.

*Information provided by Sue Spears Albers. For more information you may contact her at (309) 367-2574.

Why Stephen Ministry?

Stephen Ministry is based on the idea that all Christians are ministers. The responsibility for caring for others is for all Christians, not just for a chosen few. God has given us all gifts for ministry and called us to put those gifts to use.

Stephen Ministry is a way people with special gifts for caring ministry can use those gifts to bring Christ’s love to people in need. We have many needs for care in our congregation and community: People experiencing grief, divorce, loss

of a job, relocation, empty nest, retirement, hospitalization, or someone who just needs a caring person to listen!

Often people suffer silently or do not request or receive the level of care they really need. The pastors alone cannot meet every single need of every person in our growing congregation. We can expand the care Crossroads gives by equipping and organizing members to provide Christian care and love to those who need it most.

Are you one of those members gifted to care and listen? Contact Lori Samp at saved57@gmail.com or 367-9422.



Flu Shots Available at Crossroads

Flu Shots October 9th 9:00-11:00am

Influenza vaccine will be available at Crossroads United Methodist Church on Sunday, October 9th. Proctor First Care will administer the vaccine from 9 - 11:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The cost will be \$30.00. Seniors 65 years and older will receive the vaccine free. Medicare will be billed.

Be sure to have your Medicare card with you. No appointments will be taken. Vaccine will be administered on a first come-first serve basis.

- Persons allergic to eggs or any of its components should check with their physicians before receiving the vaccine.
- Vaccine will be administered to anyone over the age of 4 years.

- Persons who have been ill with infections must wait until all antibiotics have been taken and body temperature has returned to normal.
- Pregnant women must bring a permission slip from their physician.

Please direct questions to Sally Charlton, 444-2381 or 369-5293.

CPR & AED Training

CPR and AED TRAINING Saturday, November 19 8 a.m. – noon

Training for cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and automated external defibrillation (AED) will be conducted on Saturday, November 19th at Crossroads, 8:00am – noon. It is the American Heart

Association class and there is no charge to participants.

For those of you who were trained in 2009, it is time for retraining. If you were trained last year 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.**

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.

Care Giving Elderly Parents

One Hour program “CARE GIVING ELDERLY PARENTS” *Balancing Work, Family and Caregiving* October 12th 6:30pm

They changed your diapers, taught you how to drive and

welcomed your newborn babies. Now it's your turn to care for them. It is not an easy job taking care of your aging parents, holding down a job and taking care of your own family. It is not easy for them either.

Crossroads is sponsoring a one- hour program on caring for your elderly parents. It

will be conducted by Mitchell Forrest, Director of Caregiver Services at the Central Illinois Agency on Aging.

This program is open to the public. Please call the church, 444-2381, to let us know that you will be attending. There is no charge.

From Nurse Sally...

Domestic Violence

Domestic violence is the willful intimidation, physical assault, and/or other abusive behavior perpetrated by an intimate partner against another. It is an epidemic affecting individuals in every community, regardless of age, economic status, race, religion, nationality or educational background. Domestic violence is often accompanied by emotionally abusive and controlling behavior, and is part of a systemic pattern of dominance and control. It can result in psychological trauma and sometimes death. The consequences of domestic violence can cross generations and truly last a lifetime.

According to the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, one in every four women will experience domestic violence in her lifetime. Men may also be victims.

Four basic types of domestic violence are:

Physical Assault

Includes shoving, pushing, restraining, hitting or kicking. Physical assaults occur with varying degrees of frequency, but they tend to escalate over time.

Sexual Assault

Any time one partner forces sexual acts which are unwanted by the other partner.

Psychological Assault

Includes isolation from family or friends, forced financial dependence, verbal and emotional abuse, threats, intimidation and control over where the partner may go and what she may do.

Attacks Against Property and Pets

Destruction of property which may include household objects or treasured items belonging to the victim, hitting the walls, or abusing or killing beloved pets.

Battered women come from all walks of life. She may be a professional woman, a Sunday school teacher or your next door neighbor. Anyone experiencing any of the patterns listed above is a victim of domestic violence.

If you believe you are a victim of abuse you should:

- Seek help from a domestic violence program. **In Tazewell County, call the Center for Prevention of Abuse, 1-309-477-3066. For immediate help, dial 911 or call the 24 hour hotline, 1-800-559-7233. House of Hope or Carol House, 353-7512.**



- Recognize that the abuse is not your fault.
- Talk with confidence with someone you trust: a counselor, a relative, a friend, or, if you feel comfortable, your pastor or parish nurse.
- If you remain in the situation for now, set up a plan of action (for example, hide a car key and some money in a safe place, and have somewhere to go in case of emergency.)

If you are a batterer, acknowledge that you have a problem and have the courage to seek help.

Senior News

Steak and Shake and Storytelling Saturday, October 29, 2011

Everyone loves a good story and good food! The M and M's will enjoy both on Saturday, October 29th.

We will board the bus at 4:30 for supper at Steak and Shake in East Peoria. Following supper, we will head to the Prairie Center for the Performing Arts in Peoria for Crooks and Characters storytelling from 7:00-9:00pm. If you have not tried a storytelling event, this is your chance to have a really enjoyable experience.

If you are a senior and have not attended an M and M (Mature and Methodist) activity, you are missing out! We laugh a lot, enjoy being together and of course, we never go hungry! This is your special invitation to join us on Saturday, October 29th. M and M's is not a club; there are no dues or membership rosters. In fact, if you are a senior and attend Crossroads, you are already an M and M! All we ask is that you call the church to let us know 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 or Lee Sauder, 694-2630.

M &M activities for the remainder of 2011:

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 Senior Meal will be Tuesday, October 11, at 12:00pm. It has been great to visit with "old" friends and meet new ones. So plan to attend and call the church office (444-2381) to make a reservation. Mark your calendars now and we hope to see you there!



Fellowship Opportunities

Girls Night Out

Friday, October 14th,
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. Lets get together. We meet once a month.

November date:

Friday, November 11th,
6:00-10:00 p.m. Contact
Tammy Miller at 444-2408 for
more information.

Spirited Book Discussion Group

The Spirited Book Discussion group will meet October 18 at 1:00pm in the church library.

We will be discussing **The Daughter's Walk** by Jane Kirkpatrick. This is the story of Norwegian American Helga Estby who in 1896 accepted a wager from the fashion industry to walk from Spokane to New York City within seven months to earn money to save the family farm. Her daughter Clara accompanied her. This historical fiction book picks up where Estby's walk leaves off to explore Clara's continued journey.

Please join us for discussion and fun fellowship! For more information contact Nancy Bullard 444-5140.

Men's Basketball Ministry

Begins Tuesday, October 4
7:00-9:00pm
Multi-Purpose Room

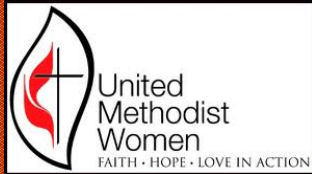
All men high school age and up are welcome. Come and join us for exercise, fellowship and oxygen! Contact: John Miller 444-2408

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.

*“But if we are
living in the
light, as God is in
the light, then
we have
fellowship with
each other, and
the blood of
Jesus, his Son,
cleanses us from
all sin.
1 John 1:7*





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.”

Dear Women of Crossroads,
Please join us in these upcoming events as we support and do missions:

Visiting Day
Thursday, October 6
2:00pm
We will visit our friends in nursing homes and supportive living facilities. Meet at Crossroads at 1:45 to carpool.

Project Day
Thursday, November 3
Noon
We will be making cookie bags for the Cookie Walk. “World Thank Offering” will be collected. Bring a sack lunch. Dessert provided.

Cookie Walk
Saturday, December 3
9:00am
Save the date! Start looking up your favorite Christmas Cookie Recipes.

You do not need to be a member of Crossroads United Methodist Church to be in UMW. Please come and participate in missions, and maybe even make some new friends! See you there!

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

UMW Special Fellowship Time

Have you ever read Titus 2:3-4? This passage states the *older* women are to encourage the *younger* women. The Moms' Book and Bible Study Circle has invited the "older" women to join them for coffee, sweets, discussion, and fellowship on Oct. 27 at

9:30 am at the church. The Moms are studying the book **God's Priorities For Today's Woman** by Lisa Hughes.

Maureen Boyd (Moms leader) and Nancy Bullard (UMW President) encourage all women to

attend even if you do not usually attend UMW. This is a wonderful opportunity to put in to practice God's word.

For more information contact Nancy Bullard at 444-5140 or Maureen Boyd at 444-9045.

Cookie Walk Is Coming!

UMW Cookie Walk
Saturday, December 3
9:00am

The United Methodist Women will be asking you to donate your favorite cookies. Watch for more details in the November Messenger.



Notes from Our Congregation

To the members of Crossroads Church:

My name is Sarah Polich. My daughter was born August 8, 2011 with a birth defect (CDH). She has been at OSF NICU for a little over a month. She is doing great and we are hoping to go home in a week or so! Her grandparents Ron & Luanne Root have spread the word on our precious little girl and the church has really come together and prayed and prayed! Our family is so grateful for such a wonderful group of people! We appreciate all of your thoughts and prayers! I know in my heart our daughter would not be here today without the power of prayer! Thank you so much for all of the prayers and all of the visits! What an amazing church! We can't thank you enough for all of your kindness!
 God Bless,
 The Root/Polich Family
(Update: Kali is now 7 weeks old and is home and doing well! God is Good!)

Crossroads United Methodist Church,

Thank you very much for your generous donation of school supplies. You have helped many students have a positive start to the school year.

Thanks again,
 Metamora Grade School

Dear Church Members,

Just a quick note to thank you and your wonderful church community for the donation of book bags for the students who might need them here at Lincoln. What a wonderful thing--to think of the children whose parents are giving a bit of difficulty in these tough economic times. Your thoughtfulness and consideration will go a long way, and your donations are a wonderful outreach to them. I'm always pleased when we nurture the partnerships with community members. Thanks for thinking of us and being a great partner in the education of Lincoln Grade School students.
 I send best regards,
 Eveline Durham

Dear Tom and Friends,

Children's Home thanks you for your recent gift of 50 back packs with school supplies. Your generosity benefits the children and families right here in our community, providing real hope for a stronger, more stable future. The support of special friends like you helps us continue to give counseling, education and support to more than 1,000 children each month. Children's Home staff understands the complex

problems these kids face and know the best solutions to help them overcome obstacles in their path. Thank you for joining us in our efforts to help children and families in need.

Sincerely,
 Clete Winkelmann, President & CEO
 Lou Tenarvitz, Vice President of Community & Donor Relations

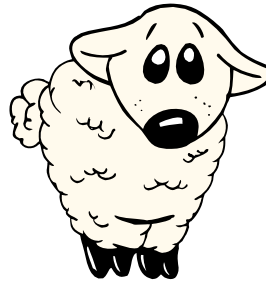
We would like to thank Ron Sons and Dean Quinn for putting up a ceiling fan in our house for us. Also, thank you to Carol Brubaker for donating a new sewing machine and to Kim Lyon to donating a serger sewing machine to the Dorcas Sewing Circle.
 God Bless,
 Chuck and Darlene Dixon

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

Philippians 1:3

Little Lambs News

Little Lambs Preschool is looking to build their substitute teacher list. If you have a 2-year college degree and love children, this is the opportunity for you! You will be richly blessed! Little Lambs classes meet on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays.



To apply, contact Tracie Carey, Preschool Director, at 444-2381, ext. 29 or at mstracie@mtco.com.

“Surviving the Holidays” Seminar

ADVANCE NOTICE: “Surviving the Holidays” Seminar at Crossroads UMC

Are you dreading the holidays because you have lost a loved one? Would you like to go to sleep before Thanksgiving and wake up on January 2nd? If you have answered “yes” to these questions, please join us on **November 13th from 2:00–4:00pm** for a seminar called “Surviving the Holidays.” Parish Nurse Sally Charlton will be offering this special session for those who are struggling this time of the 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.

Please invite your friends and relatives who may be struggling. Even though Crossroads sponsors the program, everyone who loves the Lord is invited. 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

October 20th-23rd

Women's Emmaus Walk

November 3rd-6th



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

Emmaus Liaisons:

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

Church Directory Update

Each year we have contracted with an outside company to produce a name and address directory for those persons that attend Crossroads on a regular basis. This is not the directory with pictures of our families, but a booklet that gives names, addresses and phone numbers.

Two things will be different this year.

1. If you do not want your personal information to be included in the directory, you will need to contact the church office at 444-2381 or email Amber Johnsen at amberj@mtco.com. We do not share these directories with anyone outside our regularly attending congregation.

2. We want to spotlight businesses of those persons attending here. It allows our congregation to support a fellow member of our church family. The church ads are less than 1/2 the cost of what the outside firm was charging. The church is not interested in making a profit from these ads; our goal is to sell enough ads to pay for the printing and set-up costs for the directory.

We are offering "Early Bird Specials" on directory ad costs. We will take ads until October and then ad costs will go up 20%.

We even have an option to just list your business and phone number.

Ad Rates:

	Full Page Ad	½ Page Ad	¼ Page Ad
Inside Front Cover	\$700.00	\$350.00	\$200.00
Inside Back Cover	\$700.00	\$350.00	\$200.00
Back Cover	\$750.00	\$375.00	\$225.00
Inside Ads	N/A	N/A	\$100.00
Listing sheet	Name, address and phone only \$20.00		

Questions? Contact Debbie Royer at droyer@mtco.com or call her at 444-2381.

We have a firm that is willing to work with a company to help design an ad. They are also happy to take print ready ads.

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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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8:30am-4:00pm

Friday

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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

www.crossroads4all.org

