



OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE TO CROSSROADS UMC:

Here are a few ways for our congregation to get plugged into Ministry, which will help our church. See where you can help:

- Start a bible study or small group in your home or at church
- Be a tither
- Be a prayer warrior
- Someone to organize & lead the United Methodist Men
- MANY more women to be involved in the United Methodist Women
- Volunteers to help in the church office
- Volunteers to help in the church day care
- Volunteers to help with church maintenance
- Substitute Sound Booth helpers
- Ushers
- Greeters
- Folks willing to do visitation (shut-ins, etc.)
- Someone to develop a church brochure to distribute to motels, etc.
- People to distribute brochures about our church to the nearby motels
- People to distribute flyers/prayer cards in our surrounding neighborhood
- Volunteers for our Adopt-A-Road clean up of Myrtle Street
- Shepherds needed for shepherd groups
- Donate food to the Food Pantry
- Donate bedding and toiletry items to the Bag Ladies
- Be a part of Bag Ladies on Monday afternoons
- Volunteer in the church nursery on Sunday mornings
- A volunteer to help with Public Relations/advertising for our church
- Volunteers to help restock pews with pencils, envelopes, etc.
- Volunteers to clean the pews of debris after church, including communion cups
- Be a kitchen helper
- Someone to organize Family Nights, potlucks, church lunches, etc.
- Become a member of Crossroads UMC if you haven't done so already
- Think outside the box and come up with your own way to help out the church.

The list could go on and on. Pray about where you can plug in and make a difference. If you would like to help out in any way, please call the church office & leave your name & phone number for someone to get back with you.



United Methodist Women

THE JOYS OF MEMBERSHIP

March UMW Opportunities at Crossroads

Tuesday, Mar. 15th–Sarah Circle 1:00pm at Delores Carter's. RSVP to Delores at 360-1379 or *Sharron Schar*, at 383-9830.

Thursday, Mar. 17th–Esther Circle 7:00pm in church Library. RSVP *Ila Detweiler* at 807-1020 or Paula Goodfellow at 365-2366.

Tuesday, Mar. 22rd–11:30am Fellowship Hall--*Carry-in lunch, fellowship, General Meeting and Program*—"**In Mission in Nigeria**" **Delores Carter**

Guests & new members are always welcomed & encouraged.

A Day Apart

Saturday, MARCH 26: SW District Spiritual Retreat

Registration is 9 a.m. Event: 10am to 3:00pm

Sack Lunch

We will carpool to this event in Alva on the Caloosahatchee River east of Ft. Myers.

UMW major year-round fund-raising project:

We consign clothing, household goods and furniture at Bradenton Christian School's "**Panther Porch Consignment & Thrift Shop**" at 6137 26th St. W in Bradenton for a 50/50 split with the store. Clothing, purses, shoes and jewelry are limited to 4 items of each per month. See Becky Doll at church to donate items for the store. Furniture may be limited depending on the amount of space available at the store at the time.



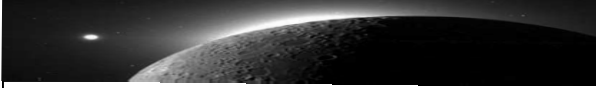
Annual UMW Brunch

UMW major, ongoing, social action project:

"**Bag Ladies**" meet every Monday at 12:30 to work in Room 8 (new location) in the Education Building to make sleeping bags for homeless people. They need additional clean comforters, quilts, blankets, large draperies. New wash cloths, socks, razors, or toothbrushes are welcome. Resurrection House distributes the sleeping bags.



NEW HORIZONS

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New Horizons will meet Thursday, March 3, in Fellowship Hall. Bag lunch is at 11:30am. Dessert and beverages are provided. Peg Sherlock is hostess

The program will be selections from the book, "101 Things You Should Do Before Going To Heaven."

All women of our church community are welcome. For further information, please contact Eleanor Sandbach

FOOD PANTRY

The food pantry's purpose is to provide food for those that come into the church office in need of food. This is to assist with the immediate needs the person (mostly those that are homeless) may have. The handouts include: soup, breakfast bars, canned goods, macaroni & cheese and other sundry items. All food donations are greatly appreciated. Check the bulletin for current food needs. For further information contact **Anne Snyder**.



The **BAG LADIES** - Toiletries are needed to be put in each sleeping bag. These include socks, combs, toothbrushes, toothpaste, razors, washcloths, hand towels, soap and any devotional booklets (i.e.) Guidepost or Upper Room (doesn't have to be current.) If you want good fellowship and like any phase of sewing join us at 12:30 Monday afternoons in the Youth Building. You will find it very rewarding.

PRAYER CHAIN REQUEST

Do you need a special prayer? Do you have a special need? Would you like others to be surrounding you with prayer for strength and comfort? Would you like to pray for others? Contact Carol in the Church Office or Crossroads Prayer Chain 355-7089.

CHOIR & BELL RINGERS

Rehearse on Wednesday evenings under the leadership of Jay Martin. Consider joining this group to share your talents and connect in fellowship!

You can help support **CHRIST'S PANTRY at CROSSROADS"** by saving your aluminum cans & copper.

We are accepting these items at church and will then take them to the recycle facility on Myrtle St.

Drop your things off at church.

Bob Fellows,
Project coordinator



Keep saving CAMPBELL SOUP labels (UPC codes only,) PEPPERIDGE FARM labels and BOX TOPS for Education.

There are zip lock bags to collect these on the bulletin board in the lobby and in the kitchen. Also save used printer cartridges and give these to Becky or Bob Doll, who turn them over to Bradenton Christian School. Thank You.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Kala Crowe	3/4
Terica Britt	3/6
Mar Hain	3/7
Jean Felicita	3/9
Elaine Forsberg	3/10
Janet Leap	3/12
Delores Carter	3/13
Florence Fellows	3/15
Larren Park	3/17
Amanda Suter	3/19
Joshua Donato	3/21
Liz Bright	3/25
Tom Lang	3/27
Vern Lingle	3/27
Judith Newhouse	3/28
Dusan Chae	3/29

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Bob and Becky Doll	3/5	28 years
Tom and Nicole Machenheimer	3/17	10 years
Hal and Bea Hoelzle	3/19	32 years
Ted and Gale Peetros	3/27	12 years

APRIL NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

March 19th

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Abbreviations: S—Sanctuary FH—Fellowship Hall LB—Library YB—Youth Building		1 6:30 Potter's Wheel—FH	2 10:00 Women's Bible Study—FH 6:45 Choir 7:00 AA—YB 7:00 Bible Study-Doll's home	3 6:45 Children's Choir—FH 7:00 Praise Band—S	4	5
6 9:00 Worship Service—S 10:10 Adult Bible Studies—LB, FH 10:10 Youth Bible Study—FH 10:10 Sunday School—FH 11:00 Worship Service—S 11:00 Traditions—YB	7 12:30 Bag Ladies—Rm. 8	8 Election Day	9 Ash Wednesday 10:00 Women's Bible Study—FH 6:45 Choir 7:00 AA—YB	10 7:00 Praise Band—S	11	12 10:00 Energy Forum—FH
13 Daylight Savings Time Starts 9:00 Worship Service—S 10:10 Adult Bible Studies—LB, FH 10:10 Youth Bible Study—FH 10:10 Sunday School—FH 11:00 Worship Service—S 11:00 Traditions—YB 1:30 Youth Group—FH	14 12:30 Bag Ladies—Rm. 8	15 1:00 Sarah Circle - Delores Carter's home.	16 10:00 Women's Bible Study—FH 6:45 Choir 7:00 AA—YB	17 St. Patrick's Day 6:45 Children's Choir—FH 7:00 Praise Band—S 7:00 Esther Circle—LB	18 6:00 Spaghetti Dinner—FH	19
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- Wonderful Fellowship
- Fulfillment

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Worship Times

Sunday

9 am (Choir) 11 am (Praise Band)

Bible studies

Wednesday 10:00 am (Women's Bible Study)

Sunday 10:10 am

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