



# October

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Greetings,

It is that time of the month again and when I first sat down to write this my mind seemed to be going in many different directions. I really did not know where to start. However once again this past Sunday I was reminded on how much our new service is loved by so many. This has been a struggle for us here at Crossroads and I agree I think we have found what works for us at this time and for our community. Truth is we have grown because of this change in many different ways and I find this both hopeful and exciting.

I remember in the scriptures the story of a young pastor who was going through some tough times and he and his congregation were struggling to survive. Of course those times and their struggles aren't the same struggles that we face today still they were struggles that had to do with survival. Some people felt the need to leave while others stayed, yet, as the story goes this young pastor sought the help of his mentor as he himself was losing heart. His mentor reminded him that if he were to leave, to give up and to walk away, that he would never see the glory of God at work. Thus he convinced the young pastor to stay, to stand his ground and to preach the word.

Where is this leading...

Transformation here at Crossroads has allowed many of us to feel this way about our ministries and membership here at Crossroads. It has been hard and some have walked away. I understand how they feel and my heart as a pastor doesn't blame them for doing so. There have been many disappointments, hard on-going struggles, and we have all agreed that the battle has been a difficult one. But like Timothy we need to reach out and embrace the words of encouragement that Paul offers, to stand fast, to hold our ground, and to trust and believe that we will see the glory of God. There is no such thing my friend as failure until we decide to give up. Please do not give up. For your sake, for our sake, for the sake of those within our community here at Crossroads who need to see God in us. Be encouraged and be strengthened. We have witnessed the glory of God and God will continue to be glorified in this place.

Pastor Bob



## United Methodist Women

Staying in touch with our Golden Circle members (p.5 Yearbook) :

These members can no longer attend meetings, but we uphold them in our prayers and personal contacts. Call or drop them a note sometime. *Jean H.*

- We lost our beloved **Sue Whitaker** last May and many of us attended her Memorial service conducted by the Freedom Village chaplain.
- I spoke with **Mary Hain**, who is living with her daughter in Pennsylvania. **Mary, 97**, had suffered a fall, endured a hospital stay, but was able to talk with me.



L to R - Dorothy, Janet, Jean, Marlene

- **Dorothy Johnson** celebrated her **95<sup>th</sup>** birthday Sept. 12. Janet Leap and I visited Dorothy and daughter, **Marlene** (now **75**) at Ashton Place, with a balloon and cards to add to the ones you sent by regular mail. **Dorothy** seemed to appreciate the love, but lacks recognition skills and only smiles.

**Marlene** appreciated the visit. **Dorothy's** son, Gary, visits often.

- **Virginia Steinmentz, 92**, still lives in her own home, but can't get out and about. Her daughter and husband grocery shop and take her to doctors.

**Ruth Wertz** is now at Emeritus at Colonial Park, 4730 Bee Ridge Rd., 34233.

### Crossroads & District UMW October Meetings

**Tues., Oct. 11<sup>th</sup>**: UMW Executive Board, 10:00 am Library.

**Tues., Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>**: Sarah Circle 1:00 pm Ida Smith's home, 4806 Village Gardens Drive. RSVP to Ida at 351-2152.

**Thurs., Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>**: Esther Circle 7:00 pm Church Library; RSVP to Paula Goodfellow at 365-2366 or Ila Detweiler at 807-1020

### Sat., Oct. 22 – DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING

**9:00-3:00 at Christ UMC in Venice Lunch: \$8.00 (see Becky Doll)**

**Keynote Speaker: Florida Conference UMW President,**

**Nelida Morales. "God Makes All Things New"**

**Tuesday, October 25:** General Meeting at 11:30 in FH; Come with a covered dish to share. Fellowship; Election of officers for 2012; Program:

**HUMAN TRAFFICKING IS ILLEGAL: "Abolish Modern Day Slavery"**

**SAVE THE DATES:** NOTE—These are changes from the dates given on page 8 in your UMW Yearbook! Please make note in your yearbook. **November 1-Ex. Bd; Nov. 8<sup>th</sup>** Sarah Circle; **Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> or 17<sup>th</sup>** Esther Circle; **Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> General Meeting Carry-in Lunch.**

**NEW:** Add **December 6**, 11:30 Lunch—Christmas Party & Installation of 2012 Officers at Barnacle Bill's Restaurant.

**WANTED:**

Musicians to play on the worship team. Do you have a special musical talent? Or do you like to vocalize?  
See Pastor Bob.



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.

**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.

**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**.

**Upcoming Events**

**Children's Choir:** Thursday, October 6 and 20 at 7:00pm in Fellowship Hall! For all kids ages 5 and up. Their first performance will be Sunday, October 23. See Aimee Donato for more information.

**Pot-luck Sunday:** Third Sunday of every month. October's Potluck is October 16. See Eli Reynolds for more information.

**Baby Shower!** For Noelle and Traves. Sunday, October 9 after the service. They are having a boy! See Aimee Donato for more information.

**Couponing Class!** Need help to get the best deals? Well come to our class and we will help you! Sunday, October 23 after the service. Bring a bagged lunch.

**"True Couponing" Workshop!** Friday, October 28 at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary. Please register @<http://www.eventbrite.com/org/453431960>. Registration opens on October 1. This is a FREE event so please tell ALL your



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 Room 8. You will find it very rewarding.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

Brantly McKean	10/1
Courtney Morningstar	10/1
Wayne Denny, Sr.	10/3
Bob Holsinger	10/8
Nellie Ralston	10/8
John Raum	10/10
Hailey Pifer	10/12
Kimberly Greenwood-Jones	10/13
Lillian Carey	10/16
Daniel Suter	10/16
Henry Ferranti	10/17
Adrian Colon	10/18
Kathe Goodfellow	10/21
Liam Serrie	10/21
Katie Bullerdick	10/22
Becky Doll	10/23
Aimee Donato	10-25
Sharron Schar	10/25
Jim Henry	10/28
Bonnie Pentecost	10/30
Alexis Butler	10/31
Samantha Suter	10/31

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

Dick and Judy Konen	10/8	34 years
Hampton and Nicole Crimi	10/22	18 years

**NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

**October 19th**

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Crossroads</b> A United Methodist Church of the 21st Century 4726 N. Tamiami Trail Sarasota, FL 34234						
<b>2</b> 9:30 Adult Bible Study—LB,FH 10:30 Worship Service—S 11:00 Traditions—YB	<b>3</b> 12:30 Bag Ladies—Rm. 8	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 10:00 Women's Bible Study—LB 7:00 AA—YB	<b>6</b> 7:00 Children's Choir 7:00 Praise Band—S	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
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<b>16</b> 9:30 Adult Bible Study—LB,FH 10:30 Worship Service—S 11:00 Traditions—YB 12:00 Pot-luck Dinner—FH	<b>17</b> 12:30 Bag Ladies—Rm. 8 7:00 WSLR—YB	<b>18</b> 1:00 Sarah Circle— Ida Smith's home	<b>19</b> 10:00 Women's Bible Study—LB 7:00 AA—YB	<b>20</b> 7:00 Children's Choir 7:00 Praise Band—S 7:00 Esther Circle—LB	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
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- A Warm Greeting
- A Friendly Casual Atmosphere
- Applicable Bible Teaching
- Wonderful Fellowship
- Fulfillment

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Worship Times

**Sunday**

10:30 am

**Bible studies**

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

Sunday 9:30 am

**We're on the Web**  
**[www.ourcrossroad.com](http://www.ourcrossroad.com)**

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