

The Crossroads Express

The Intersection of Where We have Been and Where We are Going

Church Life

- ◆ Great Getaway had 120 people attend.
- ◆ GriefShare is seeking new leaders for Fall 2024.
- ◆ Recreation opportunities: yoga and pickleball (crossroadspres.org/adults/recreation/).
- ◆ Food and Fellowship: Advent Brunch and Dinner Group.

Worship

- ◆ Christmas Eve Attendance: 197 at 9:00 a.m.; 450 at 4:00 p.m.; 300 at 7:00 p.m.
- ◆ Children's Christmas Musical featured 50 Cherubim, Seraphim and the Heavenly Host.
- ◆ Many hands worked together to hang the greens in our beautiful sanctuary for our Sermon Series: *How Does a Weary World Rejoice?*

Adult Education

- ◆ Sunday & Wednesday classes continue to draw 30 to 50 participants in each class.
- ◆ March 2025 Holy Land Tour has 21 registrations; minimum is 20 for the trip and maximum is 30.
- ◆ Small Groups: started new couples group and connected five more people to existing groups.

Children and Family

- ◆ Kids and parents alike enjoyed Trunk or Treat last October with games, treats, and fellowship.
- ◆ The Advent Trail was great fun with carols, cookies, and chickens; we hope to see you next year.
- ◆ *Angel Alert!* The Children's Christmas Musical was a huge success. A big thanks to all participants!

Mission

- ◆ Christmas missions: 150 children received gifts from Angel Tree, 6 boxes of mittens given to partners and Venezuelan refugees, and \$20,000 given through Gracious Gifts.
- ◆ 170 serving opportunities supported 12 projects on Faith in Action Sunday.
- ◆ Crossroads volunteers supported about 25 initiatives a month.

Operations

- ◆ October staff appreciation month with an HR-sponsored pizza party.
- ◆ December 2023 fiscal YTD giving up 0.3% over last year (vs budgeted increase of 3%); YTD surplus 3.6% over YTD budget, 5.3% under last year.
- ◆ New boiler for education wing/music room installed in December.
- ◆ Capital Planning Team meets February to identify funding strategies for 12-year capital needs plan.

Preschool

- ◆ 12 students in 2K and 16 students in 3K— two full classes!
- ◆ Erika Campbell, 2K Teacher Assistant, joined our team!
- ◆ 16 Children's Bibles were handed out to new preschool families.

Youth

- ◆ Selected Nashville as the site for the High School Mission Trip this summer.
- ◆ Confirmation Class for current freshmen led by Pastor Scott and Kelly Carter.
- ◆ Monthly "At the Table" events have been well received and well attended.

Calendar of Special Events

Church Life

February

- ◆ Sun, Feb 4, 11, 25: 10:15 a.m.–11:00 a.m. Exploring Membership

March

- ◆ Fri, Mar 15: 6:00 p.m.–8:30 p.m. All Church Dinner and Variety Show

Worship

February

- ◆ Ash Wednesday, Feb 14: 5:00 p.m. dinner, 6:00 p.m. Worship

March

- ◆ Palm Sunday, Mar 24: 9:00 a.m. Worship, 10:15 a.m. brunch
- ◆ Maundy Thursday, Mar 28: 7:00 p.m. Communion Worship
- ◆ Good Friday, Mar 29: 7:00 p.m. Tenebrae Cantata
- ◆ Easter Sunday, Mar 31: 6:30 a.m. Sunrise Worship and 9:00 a.m. Sanctuary Festival Choir

Adult Education

February

- ◆ Sun, Jan 14–Sun, Feb 11: 10:15 a.m. *From Loneliness to Belonging*

March

- ◆ Sun, Feb 25–Sun, Mar 17: 10:15 a.m. *Discerning the Will of God*

April

- ◆ Sun, April 7: 3:00 p.m. *Discovering Aging: It's a Family Affair*—Guest Speaker Marty Schrieber, followed by three Wednesday panel discussions 6:15 p.m.–7:00 p.m.

Children and Family

February

- ◆ Sun, Feb 4: Kindergarten Lord's Prayer Milestone in Worship
- ◆ Sun, Feb 4: 10:15 a.m. *A Wish is Not Enough* Parent Pep Talk discussion of wills and end-of-life planning for parents. Next Parent Pep Talk is Sun, March 3.
- ◆ Wed, Feb 21: 5:40 p.m.–7:00 p.m. Invite a friend to Wednesday Night Kids Club on and see some awesome animals with "Miss Kim's Amazing Animals"

Mission

February

- ◆ Sat, Feb 10–Sun, Feb 18: Ministerio De Vida Cancun Mission Trip

March

- ◆ Weekly service opportunities can be found via link in weekly news, narthex bulletin board, or [online](#)

Operations

February

- ◆ Wed, Feb 28: Celebrating Pastor Scott's ordination anniversary
- ◆ Tuesdays: AARP Tax Prep Tuesdays 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m. in the Great Room. Call Port Washington State Bank (262) 377-0750.

May

- ◆ Sat, May 4: Buildings and Grounds Spring Clean up

Preschool

March

- ◆ Mon, March 25: Spring Break begins; class resumes Wed, April 3.

Youth

February

- ◆ Fri, Feb 9: 6:00 p.m.–7:30 p.m. Christians & Romans

March

- ◆ Fri, Mar 1–Sun, Mar 3: High School Winter Retreat (Expeditions Unlimited)
- ◆ Fri, Mar 15: Variety Show and Envelope Fundraiser

Dates, times and locations may change. Please check crossroadspres.org/calendar/