

Cross Roads Connections

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A Christmas Prayer Poem

Heaven was a lonely place that Christmas,
When out of love for us God sent His Son.
The angels did their best to make Him happy,
As silently they prayed, "Thy Will be done."

The joy that beams throughout celestial mansions,
The peace that passes understanding, too,
Had descended from the realms of glory,
To be born at Bethlehem for me and you.

Ironically enough, we almost missed Him;
Thank God for the stable warm that night.
The best we could give Him was a manger,
While in return He brought us heaven's light.

And so the years have brought us to this moment,
When once again around His crib we bow,
Searching for that love and joy we've longed for,
And dreamed of, and awaited, until now.

O Little Child, sleeping here so soundly,
"Do not leave us," fervently we pray!
Help us open up our hearts to find You;
Be born in us again this Christmas Day.

~By Chris Vallely

*Merry Christmas and wishes for a blessed New Year from
the staff of Cross Roads Presbyterian Church!*



Worship Opportunities for January



January 1 – New Year’s Day - Pastor Ben’s sermon will be “Child-ish,” based on Galatians 4:4-7, and Luke 2:22-40. In Luke we hear about Jesus being presented in the temple, and the praise that Simeon offers at the sight of the Savior. The Galatians passage assures us that we are heirs of Salvation through Christ. We will worship at 10:30 a.m. There will be no Church School, God’s Kid or Children’s Church on this day.

January 8 - Communion – Pastor Rob’s morning message will be “Now What?” based on Genesis 1:1-5 and Mark 1:4-11. In Genesis, the great drama of creation opens with God pushing back the dark waters so that the dry land appears out of the chaos. Our passage in Mark tells of when Jesus is baptized by John in the Jordan. The Holy Spirit descends, and a voice speaks declaring Jesus as “my Son, the Beloved.” The world begins with the Spirit of God hovering over dark waters and bringing forth life. Jesus’ ministry begins as Jesus appears at the Jordan. Jesus’ baptism is a foretaste of his ministry, a sign of his significance. In each of our baptisms we enact the deep significance of the Christian faith as grace, as obedience, as discipleship. Our faith rests upon the actions of a loving God toward us, rather than on something done or believed by us.

January 15 – Today’s texts are 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 and John 1:43-51, and Pastor Rob’s sermon will be “Come and See.” “Anyone united with the Lord becomes one spirit with him,” Paul proclaims to the church at Corinth. This union with Christ includes, rather than excludes, even our mortal bodies. “Glorify Christ in your bodies,” urges the apostle. In John, Jesus begins his ministry by reaching out and calling people to be his disciples. In the Sundays after the Epiphany we celebrate the light of Christ shining into our darkened world. Christ is not only the light of the world but he commands and commissions, calls and equips us to be lights into the world in his name.

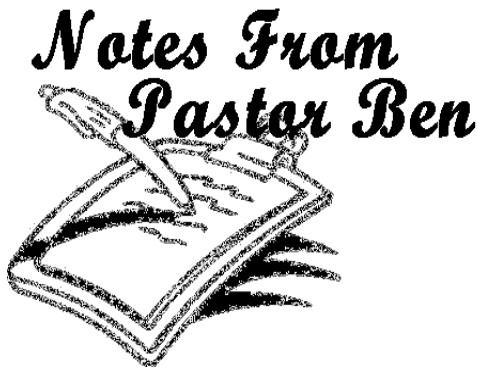
January 22 – New Member Recognition - Today Pastor Rob will preach a sermon titled “What About Them?” based on Jonah 3:1-5, 10 and 1 Corinthians 7:29-31. God calls Jonah to go to Nineveh and proclaim the message of judgment. To the reluctant preacher’s chagrin, the people of Nineveh hear and repent. We hear in Paul’s letter that because of the new world that is ours in Christ, we ought to live in accordance with the signs of the times. Jesus Christ is not just the light of the church; he is the light of the world. Christ’s loving light shines out beyond our boundaries of insiders and outsiders, shining into our darkness. Does Christ’s light shine for all? What about those of other faiths who are not Christians? Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

January 29 - This morning’s sermon will be “A Wild Place to Be on Sunday,” based on 1 Corinthians 8:1-13 and Mark 1:21-28. Paul writes to the Corinthians about the nature of Christian freedom - that freedom which is limited only by concerns for the good of the Christian community. In Mark, Jesus appears at the synagogue where he orders an unclean spirit to come out of a disturbed man, evoking amazement from those gathered. Things between us and God can seem rather calm and settled. That is, until Jesus shows up. True worship of a true and living God only begins when Jesus appears. And when he appears among us, his presence can be disruptive. We come to worship on Sunday not simply for peace, consolation, strength to go on, or any other human good. We come first and foremost to be with the living God, no matter what.



From the Associate Pastor

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! December sure was a busy month and a great way to send out 2011 with a bang. Now it's time to start looking at 2012!



Mission Opportunity and Lock-In

The Junior and Senior High youth have a wonderful mission opportunity on December 27 with World Vision. We will meet at Cross Roads at 11:45am and leave the church at noon. We will be working in the World Vision distribution center, repackaging clothing items to be sent to countries in need. Please dress appropriately (close toed shoes, warm clothing for working inside). We will return to Cross Roads at approximately 5pm. Please let me know if you plan to attend so we have enough drivers. Parents are invited to come along and work as well!

Also, on December 27 the Junior and Senior High youth are having a lock-in at Cross Roads. The lock in begins at 7pm and ends at noon on Wednesday, December 28. At the lock-in we will play games, watch a movie, and begin talking about the 30 Hour Famine (which is on March 2-3). On Wednesday morning the youth will prepare a brunch for our college friends who are home for the holidays. Bring a friend!

Annual College Brunch

Calling all college folk! On Wednesday, December 28, the youth of Cross Roads are going to prepare a brunch for you! The brunch begins at 10:30am and we will have lots of delicious food just for you! Come to the church and reconnect with your friends over a tasty meal.

Youth Group Meetings Resume

The Junior High Youth Group will resume normal meetings on Wednesday, January 4 at Cross Roads from 6:00pm – 7:30pm. Bring a friend!

The Senior High Youth Group will resume normal meetings on Sunday, January 8 at the Metz house – 2087 Haymaker Road – from 6:30 until 8:00pm. There is NO Sr. High Youth Group on Sunday January 29. This year is going to be a blast so don't miss out!

Senior High Retreat

All Senior High youth are invited to a retreat at Camp Crestfield on January 27 – 29. The cost for the trip is \$75/person and includes 2 nights stay in the cabins and 4 meals as well as a whole bunch of fun! The theme for this retreat is “Waking up in Vegas” and takes a closer look at Luke 15:11-32. We will also go to the Slippery Rock Activity Center for games in the gym as well as swimming! Please RSVP to the church office by January 15 to reserve your spot!



Summer Planning

There will be a Senior High Mission Trip meeting for parents, youth, and anyone interested in chaperoning on Sunday January 22 after worship at Cross Roads. The Mission Trip is planned for June 10 – 16. Please plan on attending this important meeting to learn more about this year's mission trip.

There will be a Junior High Mission Trip meeting for parents, youth, and anyone interested in chaperoning on Sunday February 19 after worship at Cross Roads. The Jr. High Mission Trip is planned for July 29 – August 3 through the Mission Possible program at Camp Crestfield. Please plan on attending this meeting to learn more about the mission trip.

From the Director of Children's Ministries

Church School

On January 8, we will begin the winter semester of Church School. There are many exciting things being done in Church School this year. Thanks to all who give of their time and talents to teach the children of Cross Roads.

God's Kids and Children's Church

Immediately following the Time with the Children during worship, children ages 3 through kindergarten are taken to Room 127 for God's Kids. Adults will provide a light snack, a Bible Story, games, crafts and other activities. Children in first through sixth grade will be taken to room 208 where either Miss Rennie, Ginny Cochenour, Laura Erb, Maureen Hill, Ellen Hughes, Lynn Phillips and Judy Shipley along with Kelsey Broker and Kay Hughes will provide a Bible Story, singing, games and crafts.

Heifer Project

The children of the church participated in the Heifer Project by bringing in the coins they saved weekly to be counted and tallied on the Heifer Project Thermometer outside Miss Rennie's office. The last day for this project is January 8.



Advent-ure Time

Our 4th annual Advent-ure Time craft morning had 14 children attending and 10 adults. It was a wonderful experience and many lovely gifts were made by the children.

J.A.M. (Jesus and Me) Event for all 5th and 6th graders

J.A.M. (Jesus and Me) is a youth group for those in 4th, 5th and 6th grade. We usually meet on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. The JAM gang will meet at the church January 11 from 6:00 – 7:30. All children in 4th, 5th and 6th grades are invited to attend.

Learning about Baptism

On Sunday, January 8, Baptism of the Lord Sunday, during the Church School hour the children in first through sixth grade will meet in Room 208 to learn about Baptism. The children witness the Sacrament of Baptism when it is celebrated, but many have questions about what and why. Miss Rennie and the classroom teachers will offer this class to help answer some of their questions.

Summer Camp 2012

We are pleased to announce that the God's Great Earth Summer Camp will return for Summer, 2012. With just 24 openings each week, church members are given the first opportunity to register their children, in January, before registration is open to the public on February 1. Our Summer Schedule is as follows:

June 25-29 – Mad Scientist 1 – Chemistry and Physics

July 9-13 – Fire and Ice - Dinosaurs through the ice age

July 16-20 – Around the World in a Week – World cultures, climates, and wildlife

July 23-27 – Vacation Bible School, Group Publishing's Holy Land Adventure, the story of Daniel

July 30-August 3 – Mad Scientist 2, for those who completed Mad Scientist 1 - chemistry, physics and electricity

August 6-10 – The Vast Ocean – oceanography and wildlife

August 13-17 – A Space Odyssey – the solar system and beyond, as you've never seen it before!

Registration will begin January 15!

Miss Rennie

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Cross Roads News



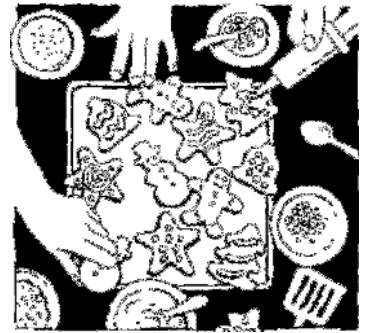
Journey to Bethlehem Brings Crowds

On December 9 and 10, Cross Roads once again offered The Journey to Bethlehem as our special Christmas gift to the community. The live reenactment of the Nativity story brought the good news of Jesus' birth to approximately 620 people over two nights. Free-will donations were accepted at the end of the Journey, and more than \$850 was collected for missions. It took the hard work of more than 100 dedicated volunteers to bring the Journey to life, from actors to greeters, parking lot attendants to set construction to Fellowship Hall

entertainers. Thank you to everyone who made this special event a reality. Special thanks to Faye Junker for bringing life to the project and coordinating everyone's efforts. We will Journey again in 2013!

Cookie Walk Raises Funds for Mission

On Saturday, December 10, our Board of Deacons sponsored a Cookie Walk in Fellowship Hall. Many bakers helped to provide thousands of cookies for sale to the community, and with your help we raised \$1,610 for mission. This was our most successful cookie walk to date, and we look forward to offering it again next year. Thank you to everyone who helped bake cookies, sell cookies, and to those who bought cookies!



Gift of the Fourth Wiseman Brings Joy to Many

On Sunday, December 4, the generous members of Cross Roads helped to provide 80 gifts for the clients of the East End Cooperative Ministries. Since 1970, East End Cooperative Ministry has served vulnerable adults and at-risk children and youth throughout the East End neighborhoods with a tutoring/after school program for children, a summer day camp, a Food Pantry, and a housing program. An interfaith ministry, EECM seeks to make a difference in the lives of the individuals and families it serves by tending to their needs for today as well as their hopes for tomorrow. Through your generous gifts of clothing, toys, and books, the children they serve have heard that they are valued children of God. Thank you for sharing God's love this Christmas!



Girl Scouts Carol for Cans for Food Pantry

On Sunday, December 4, seven local Girl Scout troops went caroling in the Ramsey neighborhood and collected food and money for our Cross Roads Food Pantry. Their efforts helped to spread holiday cheer and bring the Good News of Jesus' birth to others through the songs they sang, and helped to supply our Food Pantry with extra good at this most busy time of the year. Thank you to the girl scouts for this creative way to help feed our neighbors this holiday season!

Food Pantry Serves Hundreds for Christmas



On December 12 and 13, the Cross Roads Food Pantry hosted their annual the Christmas Meal and Toy Distribution. One hundred twenty families received a special Christmas meal distribution over those two days! This distribution is over and above their normally scheduled food distribution. In addition to the food, parents and grand-parents were able to select toys for their children from the assortment of new and gently used toys available in Fellowship Hall.

As was stated, 120 families received the special food distribution over the two days. This includes 178 adults (21 senior citizens), and 178 children. Parents and grand-parents were able to provide 185 children with toys this year because of this effort! Thank you for your support!

A special "thank you" is in order for Boy Scout Troop 184 who provided many of the new toys through the Toys for Tots drive. Many generous members of North American Martyrs

Roman Catholic Church provided gift cards and gift certificates for the families as well. Following the distribution, the few remaining "used" toys were donated to the McKeesport Presbyterian Church to be distributed to children supported by their ministries.

Thank you for your generous continued support of this important ministry at Cross Roads Presbyterian Church. Unfortunately, the number of families supported by Cross Roads Food Pantry increases each year. With your help, we will continue to meet the need that exists in this community by providing food to those who are hungry. We could not do this without your ongoing support! THANK YOU!!!!

A special thank you is also in order for those who volunteer their time to serve the Cross Roads Food Pantry. Your efforts are sincerely appreciated!

Chess Club Meeting at Cross Roads

This fall the Monroeville Chess Club began to have regular meetings at Cross Roads on Wednesday nights. There is no fee to join the chess club, and membership is open to all ages, children through adult. A recreational organization, the club meets to allow individuals the opportunity to play chess and learn more about the game. The club had been meeting at the Borders Book Store in Monroeville, but have been seeking a new home since Borders closed. Tom Meagan, the President of the Chess club, wrote in a note to the church, "Thank you for allowing us to use your facility. This will allow us to continue to provide chess to the community." The chess club meets every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. in room 202.

New Member Classes Scheduled

If you are interested in becoming a member of Cross Roads Church, plan to attend New Member Orientation meetings on Sundays, January 8 and 15. This time is designed to help you get to know the structure and inner workings of the church, and to help us get to know you a little better! New Members will be received into the congregation on Sunday, January 22. Please contact the Church Office or Pastor Rob for more information and let us know if you plan to attend.



Boy Scout Eagle Project Updates



On October 16, a collection was taken during worship to help fund several Boy Scout Eagle Projects. We are pleased to announce that several of the projects have been completed, while others are well underway.

Scott Yusko has lead the Boy Scout troop in building a set of steps on the hill going from the side walk outside of Fellowship Hall down to the garage. The steps are attached to an eight foot platform that connects them to

the side walk. People from the church as well as the scouts go up and down the hill carrying supplies from the garage to the upper level all the time, and the new steps offer a safer way to do this.

Church member George Kehlert's project took place at the Coast Guard Station in Sewickley, along the Ohio River, at an old lock. George did needed repairs and cleaning on the lock wall, as well as painted a sign on it. This entire area was weeded, brushed off, and washed down with soap and water. The area was then caulked and brushed off with a wire brush to remove all dirt, and a sign containing the words "US Coast Guard," the USCG's racing stripe and emblem, as well as the logo for the boat stationed at this base was painted on. George sent the following "thank you" to the congregation for their support.



I would like to thank all of the members of Cross Roads for your kindness and generosity in donating to the Eagle Projects. The money you provided helped a great deal with my project at the Coast Guard Station. It was enough to cover over a quarter of the total costs of my project and much more for some of the other scouts. Once again I would like to thank you for your help and support of my project.
Sincerely, George Kehlert



Church member Eric Arbogast is boy scout in troop 85 in East McKeesport, PA. He is presently a life scout, on his way to becoming an Eagle Scout. He decided to make blankets for Project Linus as his Eagle project. His goal was to make a minimum of 25, and he exceeded that goal with a total of 35 blankets. Project Linus is a volunteer non-profit organization. Their mission is to provide love, a sense of security, warmth and comfort to children who are seriously ill, traumatized, or otherwise in need through the gifts of new, handmade washable blankets lovingly created by volunteer blanket makers or

"blanketeers." Eric wrote the following note to the church: *A great big thanks goes out to the congregation of Cross Roads Presbyterian Church. Thanks to you and your support, my troop, family, and friends were able to help me make 35 beautiful blankets for Project Linus. We exceed our initial goal of 25 blankets. I was very happy to be a part of such a worthwhile endeavor and I can't thank you enough for your generous donation.* ~Eric Arbogast

Two Scout Projects Continue into Spring

Max Erb's Eagle Project entails landscaping around the new parking lot. There are areas along the edges that need to be filled with dirt or stones, and grass needs to be planted in the wake of our construction. This work will take place in the spring.

Nathan Phillips has begun removing and replacing several sections of broken and uneven sidewalk around Cross Roads Church. These sections are a safety concern because they can be a tripping hazard. You may have noticed his work in the front of the church before Christmas. In the spring, Nathan plans to installing a bocce court next to the garage area.



Flowers Needed

A new flower chart is posted on the Current Happenings Board for 2012. Please consider providing flowers for the sanctuary in honor or memory of a loved one or special occasion. Arrangements cost \$25.00 each, and may be taken home with you after the service or be given to an ill or shut-in member of our congregation. To provide flowers, please sign up on the chart in the office hallway, fill out a flower form found in the envelope beneath the chart, and turn it in to the church office. Flower orders are due before the first of the month in which the flowers are wanted. Thank you!

Adult Education

There will be no church school on Sunday, January 1. Our Faith Works and Bible Study classes will resume at 9:15 a.m. on Sunday, January 8. All adults are encouraged to engage in life long learning through our interesting and informative classes. The Faith Works class is designed to examine the ways faith plays a part in our day-to-day lives, through politics, current events, and shared experiences. The Parlor Bible Study offers an in-depth look at the Bible, verse by verse. The study is currently looking at Matthew, chapter 6. Join in one of these wonderful opportunities in the new year!

A New Year's blessing

*May God make your year a happy one!
 Not by shielding you from all sorrow and pain,
 But by strengthening you to bear it as it comes;
 Not by making your path easy,
 But by making you sturdy to travel any path;
 Not by taking hardships from you,
 But by taking fear from your heart;
 Not by granting you unbroken sunshine,
 But by keeping your face bright, even in the shadows;
 Not by making your life always pleasant,
 But by showing you when people and their causes need you most,
 and by making you anxious to be there to help.
 God's love, peace, hope and joy to you for the year ahead.*

Upcoming Events For January

Sewing Resumes

January 3

The Women's Sewing Circle will resume meetings on Tuesday, January 3 in room 209. Come in from the cold and help us sew warm quilts for babies! All women are welcome each Tuesday morning at 9:30 a.m.



Men's Dinner

January 10

Is it possible to climb every land-based lighthouse in the state of New Jersey in just two days? The Wintersgill family did it this past October during the New Jersey Lighthouse Challenge weekend.

Come and hear all about their race around the state, and learn about history of the lights through a multi-media presentation. A wonderful meal will be offered. Watch for sign up information in the Sunday bulletin.

Ladies' Tea

January 14

Fellowship is planning to bring spring to Cross Roads on January 17. It's a cold month and a bit of a "let down" after the holiday festivities, be we'll brighten things up with a tea! All ladies are welcome, the young and the young-at-heart, to join us in Fellowship Hall at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 14. Sign up on the Current Happenings Board in the office hallway so we know how many to expect. If you'd like to help decorate a table or help prepare the tea, please contact Maureen Hill at 412-672-3430 or Audrey Lees at 412-372-1112.

Theology and People

January 16



Theology and People, our monthly discussion group for adults, will continue to meet the third Monday of each month through 2012. We meet at 7:00 p.m. at the Rivertowne Pour House on Center Road for refreshments and lively

discussion, moderated by our Associate Pastor, Ben Libert. Don't miss our next meeting, on Monday, January 16. We do ask that you call the church office to reserve a place, so we can be sure to have enough seats for everyone.

Men's Breakfast

January 17

All men are invited to join us for breakfast and fellowship at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, January 17 at the Denny's Restaurant on Route 22 in Monroeville.

Women's Circle

January 17



The Women's Circle will resume meetings on Tuesday, January 17 in the church parlor. Following our business meeting, Pastor Rob will lead us in Lesson 8 of our study, based on

Revelation chapters 17 and 18. All women are welcome to join us, even if you have not attended before.

Senior Adult Ministry Note:

At the December meeting, SAM decided to not hold meetings in January or February due to the uncertain weather. The next SAM meeting will be on March 22, 2012.

Looking Ahead to February....

Italian Buffet Dinner



Friday, February 3, 2012
4:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Cross Roads Fellowship Hall
Eat in or take out

Sponsored by the Board of Deacons and the Preschool Board, to benefit the Mission Fund and the Preschool Higgs Scholarship Fund



Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation

The Session of Cross Roads has called a meeting of the Congregation and Corporation of Cross Roads Church for Sunday, February 12 at 12:15 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. At this meeting we will receive the 2011 Annual Reports, elect member to our Nominating Committee, change our Pastor's Terms of Call, and approve the 2012 budget. A luncheon will be available prior to the meeting for a nominal fee. Please make every effort to attend.



Annual Meeting

From the Finance Committee

During November the General Fund took a big step backwards and is now about \$17,000 in the red. This is an increase from the \$7,000 at the end of October. It continues to be important that we try to keep our pledges current. For those families who don't pledge we ask that you try to help. Also, for those who plan to pledge for 2012 and have not turned in their pledges we ask that they do so. We will starting the process of putting together the 2012 budget and need to know where we stand on income. One piece of good news is that we have a snow removal bid that is close to what we paid last year. This will help a lot as we put together a budget.

Per Capita

The per capita apportionment assigned to each church in the denomination each year is used only for ecclesiastical expenses at each of the three levels of church government above the Session. Pittsburgh Presbytery will remit a total of \$327,593 in 2012 to the Synod of the Trinity and the General Assembly. The amount of per capita we are asked to provide for 2012 is based upon the active membership of our church. With 411 active members, our per capita fee is \$9,753.00. The fee per member is \$23.73, and we ask our members to please pay the per capita above and beyond their pledged giving, to help our operating budget.

Offering Envelopes for 2012

Offering envelopes for 2012 are currently available at the side entrance. The boxes are arranged in alphabetical order, so please be sure to look for your box of envelopes for the coming year.



Love Notes:

Dear Friends at Cross Roads,

On behalf of everyone served at Angel's place, thank you for the very generous donation of \$500 that you shared in support of our services to student parents and their children. Your gift is a blessing and we deeply appreciate your kindness. We are wishing each of you a lovely thanksgiving!

Very gratefully,

Michelle Smith Pipton

Dear Cross Roads Friends,

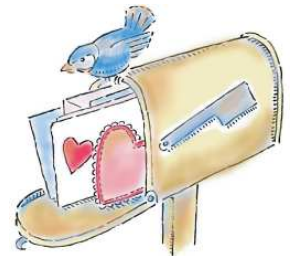
I want to thank everyone for their concern form e during the recent months. The calls, cards, meals and especially the prayers have all been quite touching. They have made this very difficult time easier.

With great appreciations,

Gordon Hill

I would like to express my sincere appreciation for the cards, kind words, thoughts, and gifts that were given to the Marrow Family during the Christmas holiday season. Thank you very much for your thoughtfulness and generosity.

Pastor Rob



The Church Staff

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ATTENDANCE

Thanksgiving	108
November 27	234
December 4	255
December 11	229
December 18	235

Directory Changes:

Births:

Cadence Bradley Kuehn, daughter of Shane and Caitlin Kuehn, was born November 11.

In Our Father's House:

Ann Amantea passed to eternal life on November 18.



- The Church Office will be closed at noon on December 23, and will be closed on December 26, December 29, and December 30. For pastoral emergencies, please call Pastor Rob at home, 412-646-2341.
- Articles for the February issue of the Cross Roads Connections are due in the church office by Wednesday, **January 18**. Articles may be emailed to the church at office@CrossRoadsPresbyterian.com.

▪ Ministry Team Chairs and Board Presidents are reminded that all annual report information is due in the church office by **Sunday, January 22**. Treasurer reports are due by **January 25**. Thank you!



CROSS ROADS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Planned Giving Program Financial Support Form

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CONTRIBUTOR INFORMATION

Your Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

HONORS & MEMORIALS

Contribution in Honor/Memory of: _____

Amount: \$ _____ (Note: Acknowledgements will not indicate an amount)

Acknowledgment Sent to: _____

Address: _____

GIFT DESIGNATION

I would like my gift credited toward the following **Special Needs Fund** to support the ministries of Cross Roads:

- General Fund Food Pantry Landscaping Scholarship
- Special Music Children's Ministries Undesignated Planned Giving

I would like my gift credited towards the Church's **Endowment**:

- General Endowment Pastor's Housing Music Maintenance Fund

PLANNED GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

We invite you to have lasting impact on our Church by including Cross Roads in your gift and/or estate plans. Your enduring statement of faith will be used to further Christ's work and will have an impact on future generations of our church family. Individuals who have included the Church in their gift or estate plans are eligible for the **Pillars of Cross Roads Program**, which recognizes individuals who have made or who are making bequests, estate plans or irrevocable gifts.

I/we would like to know more about how I/we might make a planned gift to Cross Roads.

I/we have already included Cross Roads in my/our estate plans.

Name: _____ Telephone Number: _____

The legal name of our Congregation is "Cross Roads Presbyterian Church, Monroeville, Pennsylvania



January....

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| 2 - Randy Broker | 11 - Les Kuzenski | 22 - Regina Schmiedel |
| 2 - Jae Bond | 12 - Faye Junker | 23 - Curtis Taylor |
| 3- Eddy Mercurio | 13 - Stephanie Hinkes | 27 - Evan DeStefano |
| 3 - Brad Swenson | 13 - Nancy Janiszewski | 28 - Warren Junker |
| 6- Andrew Langan | 14 - Peg Sinback | 28 - E. J. Sitler |
| 7 - Grayce Knabe | 14 - Jim Sutherland | |
| 8 - Art Fennel | 14 - Joanne Wiesenbach | |
| 9 - Betty Kuzenski | 15 - Chris Stiles | |
| 11 - Lori Stiffler | 19 - Carolyn Hutchinson | |
| 11 - Jon Junker | 19 - Brooke Teaman | |
| | 22- Nicole Marrow | |



Celebrating
an Anniversary

Ken and Barb Metz

1/26/58



January

January at Cross Roads

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Happy New Year! 10:30 a.m. Worship No Church School	2 6:30 p.m. Zumba	3 9:30 a.m. Women's Sewing 6:30 p.m. Bears 7:00 p.m. Web 1 7:00 p.m. Deacons	4 12:00 p.m. AA 4:00 p.m. WOW 6:00 p.m. Jr. Highs	5 6:30 p.m. Bell Choir 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts 7:00 p.m. ACOA 7:00 p.m. Web 2 7:30 p.m. Choir	6 9:30 a.m. International Women's Club 7:30 p.m. PAS	7 8:00 a.m. Pine Wood Derby Pit Stop
8 9:15 a.m. New Member Class 12:00 p.m. Children's Choir 5:00 p.m. Girl Scouts 6:30 p.m. Senior Highs 7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Committee	9 10:00 a.m. Worship and Music 6:30 p.m. Zumba 7:00 p.m. Trustees 7:00 p.m. Pack 184 Committee	10 9:30 a.m. Women's Sewing 6:30 p.m. Men's Dinner 7:00 p.m. Web 1 7:00 p.m. Bears 7:00 p.m. Soccer Board	11 12:00 p.m. AA 4:00 p.m. WOW 6:00 p.m. Jr. Highs 6:30 p.m. Tigers	12 6:30 p.m. Bell Choir 6:30 p.m. Troop 284 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts 7:00 p.m. ACOA 7:30 p.m. Choir	13 11:30 a.m. Lunch Bunch 7:30 p.m. PAS	14 Dustbusters Team C 2:00 p.m. Ladies' Tea
15 9:15 a.m. New Member Class 12:00 p.m. Children's Choir 3:30 p.m. Brownies 6:30 p.m. Senior Highs	16 Martin Luther King Jr. Day Preschool Closed 6:30 p.m. Zumba 	17 8:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast 10:00 a.m. Women's Circle	18 <u>Connections Due</u> 12:00 p.m. AA 4:00 p.m. WOW 6:00 p.m. Jr. Highs 7:00 p.m. Session	19 6:30 p.m. Bell Choir 7:00 p.m. Web 2 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts 7:00 p.m. ACOA 7:30 p.m. Choir	20 7:30 p.m. PAS	21
22 Annual Reports Due 12:00 p.m. Children's Choir 5:00 p.m. Girl Scouts 6:30 p.m. Senior Highs	23 6:30 p.m. Zumba 7:00 p.m. Evangelism and Church Growth	24 9:30 a.m. Women's Sewing 7:00 p.m. Christian Ed Team Meeting	25 Financial Reports Due 12:00 p.m. AA 4:00 p.m. WOW 6:00 p.m. Jr. Highs	26 12:00 p.m. SAM 6:30 p.m. Bell Choir 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts 7:00 p.m. ACOA 7:30 p.m. Choir	27 Pinewood Derby Weigh-In Senior Highs to Camp Crestfield	28 Cub Scout Pinewood Derby 
29 12:00 p.m. Children's Choir No Senior Highs	30 6:30 p.m. Zumba	31 9:30 a.m. Women's Sewing 7:00 p.m. Pack 184	Every Sunday at Cross Roads: 9:15 a.m. Church School for All Ages 10:30 a.m. Worship Service 11:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour			

Snow Policy:

In the event of severe winter weather, the church office will follow the schedule of the Gateway Public Schools for cancellations or delays.

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