

CrossRoads

Dexter, Missouri



Can you feel the excitement at the church? New life is happening! So many things are going on! A new name, a new logo, a new denomination that lines up with our past heritage of Methodism along with staying true to Scripture, a new sense of belonging, a new future! God is good!

New ministries like the Women's group called Agape Circle, a new Men's group is looking to form, small groups starting this week, Spruce up Saturdays event through the month of September made changes on the inside and outside of the church to make our church more inviting (thanks to so many who helped)! We have upcoming community outreach events occurring such as a table at the Homecoming Tailgate at the school to hand out over 500 cookies and a table at the Fall Festival to interact with our community. New T-shirts with the church emblem to advertise for the church. We also continue with other ministries like Bethany, ShareFest (Oct. 6-7), the Community Christmas Cantata and the Live Nativity. There's something for everyone to get involved in!

Our new membership looks like it will be between 90 to 100,



from 18 years old to 101! New members are joining and former members returning!

A couple of people recently said they felt the Holy Spirit moving in the church. We are coming alive! Don't get left behind, get involved in some area of ministry.

See you on Sunday,

Pastor Larry



RETIREMENT RECEPTION

Come celebrate Kristi Williams' retirement!

Sunday, October 22
Wesley Hall at CrossRoads
501 South Walnut Street
Dexter, MO 63841

A table for gifts and cards will be available.



6 Week Small Group
Video Based

Sunday, September 24, at 9 am with Karen Peters
Thursday, September 28, at 6:30 pm with Pastor Larry

Discover how to break free from the chains of negative thinking and experience true freedom from unhealthy thoughts and emotions such as fear, worry, insecurity, anxiety, temptation, envy. Pastor Louie Giglio shares practical ways to overcome the Enemy's lies and instead find peace and security in any challenging circumstance or situation. By drawing from Psalm 23 as a framework, he offers biblical insight on how to . . .

- Cancel the lies that will wreck your life.
- Take empowering steps to live fully alive in Christ.
- Stop the spiral of shame, temptation, and insecurity.
- Restore peace and rest in your life.
- Embrace the true purpose behind your journey through challenging circumstances.
- Break free from the endless cycle of destructive thinking.

You can find freedom from the war inside your mind—if you allow Jesus, the Good Shepherd, to lead the battle and find encouragement, hope, and strength no matter what valleys you face. Call church office for a spot (573) 624-3344.



Sign Language

Classes



Looking for a beginner class on sign language? Here you go! We will learn conversational signs, many basic signs, and the Lord's Prayer. Class will meet for 8 weeks on Thursday evenings starting on September 28, from 6:30-7:30 pm. Teacher: Doreen Lawman. Call the church office (573) 624-3344 for a spot.

A Family Of CROSSES

Over the next few months you are invited to bring in a cross from your family and donate it to the church. You should place your family name on the back. We will be using the crosses to make one large cross on the wall of Wesley Hall.



Bell Choir Practice will begin Sunday, October 8, at 4 pm in the Main Building. No experience needed! Contact Kate Parsons at 573-614-2197 for more information.





The *Loveable Lagniappe*

Greetings! Fall. Is there any other season that showcases God's beauty any better? Now, if we could just get the temperatures to catch up! CrossRoads has been busy. We finally have a name for the Ladies' group... **Agape Circle at CrossRoads** is the official name. These Ladies did not disappoint with their suggestions, but by a tally vote Agape Circle won. There were 14 wonderful women at the meeting in September and the ideas for outreach and service to our neighbors was outstanding! Finishing out September we still have the **Bearcat Homecoming Tailgate event**, Sept. 29. It will start at 4:30 PM and go until the people stop coming through. We have the booth covered for volunteers, BUT do not hesitate to come on out if you are so inclined. Shout out to Danielle Shepard, Rick Kelley and Morris Gibbs for set up things! And an even more MIGHTY shout out to all those cookie bakers!!!! October is going to be a busy month! Our **auction basket** for the Stoddard County Children's Home is due out Oct. 6. Please drop off your items and/or donations to the church office or message me and I'll swing by and pick it up. Oct. 14 is the **Fall Fest** downtown, we have a table and will be making and handing out candied nuts--another giant shout out to Danielle and her Mom!!! I may need a few volunteers to just hang out for small bits of time for this event, but more details will be forthcoming. Next up, and this is with all the emotions, our beloved Kristi is retiring at the end of October. The Agape Circle is having a **Retirement Reception** on Sunday Oct. 22, 2-4 pm in Wesley Hall. Drop by and visit with Kristi and enjoy some goodies. We wish her all the best



and an amazing retirement!! Lastly, a quick mention of an idea that blossomed out of our meeting. **Discovering Christmas!** A children's interactive experience about Advent and the Christmas Story. December 2. This will be a community event open to all the kiddos around. More details to come. September Spruce it up Saturdays have been so successful. I'd like to keep at least one Saturday a month for a Sprucing. So the next one will be October 21! It is so exciting to see all the fellowship and service going on right now! Continue to pray for our community outreach and growing our church and ministries!

Kate Parsons



**October 10, 2023
4:00 to 5:00 p.m.**

ShareFest 2023

Come out and help!

On Friday, October 6, we will be receiving the donations from area churches in Wesley Hall. Help is needed with unloading and with counting and sorting the items for distribution to local agencies. You can also help on Saturday, October 7, when we will be loading the supplies for the agencies.





October

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Morning Grace, 8:15 Study, 9 CrossOver, 9:15 Traditions, 10:30 Bell Choir, 4:30	2 Study, 6	3	4 Praise Band, 6 Choir, 7	5 Study, 6:30 Class, 6:30	7	7
8 Morning Grace, 8:15 Study, 9 CrossOver, 9:15 Traditions, 10:30 Bell Choir, 4:30	9 Study, 6	10	11 Praise Band, 6 Choir, 7	12 WW Society, 1 Study, 6:30 Class, 6:30 Agape Circle, 6:30	13	14
15 Morning Grace, 8:15 Study, 9 CrossOver, 9:15 Traditions, 10:30 Bell Choir, 4:30	16 Study, 6	17	18 Praise Band, 6 Choir, 7	19 Study, 6:30 Class, 6:30	20	21 Spruce It Up Saturday,
22 Morning Grace, 8:15 Study, 9 CrossOver, 9:15 Traditions, 10:30 Retirement Reception, 2-4	23	24	25 Praise Band, 6 Choir, 7	26 WW Society, 1 Study, 6:30 Class, 6:30	27 Wesley Hall Reserved	28 Wesley Hall Reserved
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OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

10/1	Ann Zoll
10/9	Alan Hedrick
10/12	Charlie Flannigan
10/13	Mark McMillion
10/20	Fil Blackiston
10/21	Wayne Freeman
10/25	Pam Rowland
10/28	Dan Heil
10/29	Tracy Hedrick

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

10/6	Bryant & Misty Gibbs
10/7	Dennis & Kathy Viers
10/8	Dan & Connie Heil
10/22	Alan & Tracy Hedrick
10/25	Charlie & Jana Flannigan



If your family's birthdays and anniversaries are not on our list, please contact the church office at 624-3344 or email us at dexterfirstumc@gmail.com



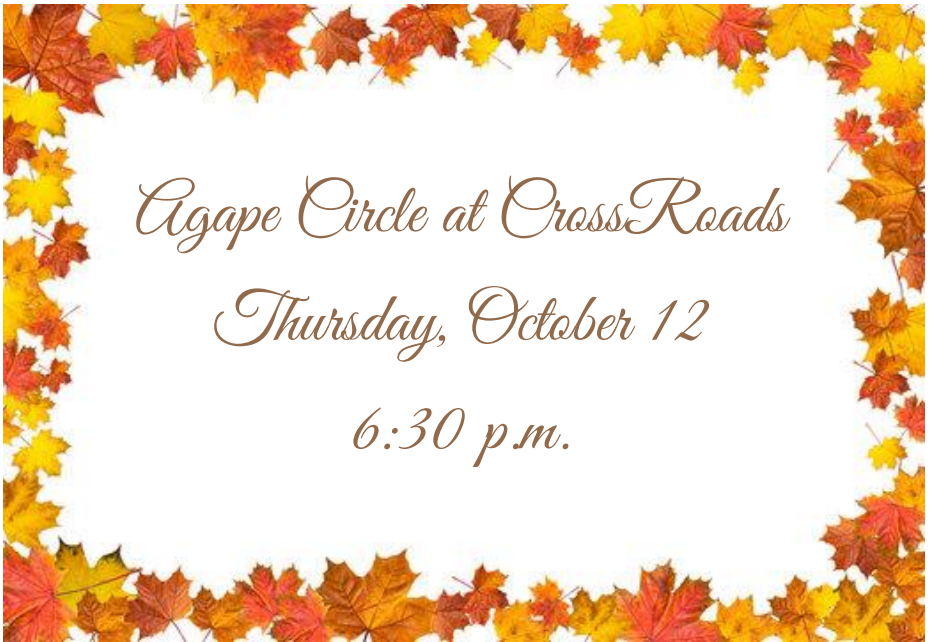
OUR PRAYER MINISTRY

Current Prayer Requests

Barb Rice, Emily Hale, LeAnn Kelley, Carrol Robinson,
Ed Patterson, Danielle Steagel, family of Sandra
McWaters

Our Sympathy

We extend our Christian love and sympathy to Donna
Keller upon the death of her mother, Joy Morgan.
Visitation will be held at the Morgan Funeral Home in
Advance on Saturday, October 30 at 10:00 a.m. The
funeral will follow at 11:00 a.m.



Agape Circle at Cross Roads

Thursday, October 12

6:30 p.m.

Spice It Up Saturday

October 21

