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connecting the people & ministries of crossroads

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY TEAM CHANGES

Please keep your eyes open for our new children's ministry staff. The following details their new responsibilities.



Audrey Fricke, Director of Children's Ministries Audrey will continue to oversee and ensure the effectiveness of the Children's Ministries of Crossroads by providing leadership and overseeing the weekly ministry programs for nursery through 5th grade, including the sensory classroom and children-oriented outreach events (i.e. VBS, Trunk or Treat, etc.).

Jessica Dunlap, Sensory Room Coordinator Jessica has been hired to develop, implement and coordinate the sensory room at Crossroads. Her responsibilities include: recruiting and coordinating volunteers, researching and selecting curriculum, and creating lesson plans.





Katie Bronson, Nursery Coordinator

Katie has been hired (in addition to her current office hours) to oversee, systematize, and ensure quality childcare for ages 2 and under for the ministry of Crossroads. Her responsibilities include: recruiting, scheduling, and overseeing childcare volunteers and providing missional focus toward Crossroads' families and visitors.

Linde Knierim, Wednesday Night Children's Ministry Facilitator

Linde has been hired to oversee, systematize, and ensure quality childcare and effective ministry for ages 3 - grade 5 on Wednesday nights. Her responsibilities include: recruiting, scheduling, and overseeing childcare volunteers and providing a missional focus among Wednesday evening volunteers.



SUNDAYS IN AUGUST

August 2 Worship Morning

August 9 When You Feel...Unrighteous (Syam Babu)

August 16 When You Feel...Wronged (Kevin Clark)

August 23 When You Feel...Perplexed (Pastor Matt Strader)

August 30 Productivity & Generosity (Pastor Matt Boyers)

VBS THANK YOU!

A HUGE thank you to the many people who donated supplies or volunteered their time to make this year's VBS in the Park a success!! We were blessed to share the message of Jesus with 130 children in our community, about a third of them who weren't affiliated with any local church. We are so thankful for the opportunity to meet so many new faces and are praying that the Spirit will use the connections that were made throughout the week to draw our community to Himself.

WAY OF LIFE CLASS - Beginning the journey of discovering and growing to maturity and mission in Christ

Our desire is that every person who calls Crossroads home would be committed to growing personally in Jesus, connecting relationally with other believers in this local body, and living the mission of Jesus here, there, and everywhere. If you are ready to commit to live out this covenant or would like to learn more about this way of life we would invite you to participate in the Way of Life class. Classes will be held weekly, beginning on September 13 through October 4 during the Connecting Community hour (9:30 — This class replaces the former membership class at Crossroads. Pastor Matt will give an overview of the gospel way of life on week one. Week two will equip you with tools to grow personally. Week three is all about connecting relationally with others in Crossroads and week number four will help you discern your "shape" for ministry and mission. **Pre-register as soon as possible to receive class materials by calling the office or going to crossroadswauseon.org. Click on the "about" tab, the "Way of Life" tab, and follow the instructions there.

PARENT / CHILD RETREATS

Miracle Camp's parent/child retreats are designed to help you connect with your child and have a great time while giving you opportunities to talk about life and challenge them spiritually. This year's Father/Son retreat will be October 23-25 and the Mother/Daughter retreat will be September 18-20. Costs vary depending on how many children are attending. Visit www.miraclecamp.com for more information or to register.

COUNSELING TRAININGS

There will be trainings on Wednesdays, August 12 and 26th at 6:30 p.m. in the Dining Room for anyone who attended the previous gospel-centered volunteer counseling trainings. August 12th will be a review of previous lessons as well as a time of sharing. On August 26th, the training will be over lessons 1 and 2. If you are planning to attend, please RSVP to Sid Siebert at ssiebert@crossroadswauseon.org.

ADULT SMALL GROUPS

Small groups at Crossroads are intended to connect people in Christ-centered relationships focused on applying the Bible to daily life. There are lots of different types of groups, but at their core, all of them are groups of 6-12 people who meet together regularly to pray for each other, love one another (by living out the Biblical "one another's") and to apply the Bible to daily life together. If you are interested in joining a small group, please contact Darla Rupp or visit www.crossroadswauseon.org/connect/adults.

CELEBRATE RECOVERY

Celebrate Recovery is a nation wide ministry that helps people find healing from all of their "Hurts, Habits and Hang Ups" in a safe place with Christ and the change only He can bring as the focus. This is accomplished in small group settings through a study of the 12 steps and their biblical comparisons. CR seeks to help people heal from a wide variety of abuse and addictions including: chemical dependency, codependency, eating disorders and food addictions, past physical or emotional abuse, anger issues, addiction to being in a relationship, and more. Informational brochures are available on the bench display in the lobby. Celebrate Recovery meets every Friday night at 6:00p.m. in the Chapel. For more information contact Kent and Stephanie Deatrick at crwauseon@jesusanswers.com.

CHECK OUT OUR NEW WEBSITE

If you haven't visited our website lately, be sure to check out the updated design at www.crossroadswauseon.org. We hope that the new layout will help you stay more connected with the ministries and events at Crossroads.

CRAFTING RETREAT

Like to craft? Like to scrapbook? All types of crafting are welcome at the crafting retreat. Come for fun, fellowship and food! The group meets in the Dining Room from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. the second Friday and Saturday of the month. August's retreat is scheduled on August 14 and 15. Contact Mary Ann Beaton to RSVP or for more information at (419) 335-6178.

CHILDREN & YOUTH

CHILDREN'S VOLUNTEER NEEDS

Crossroads is blessed with the opportunity to serve over 200 kids of all ages each week. But this requires a large number of committed volunteers. Please prayerfully consider how you can assist with any of the children's ministry needs listed below:

- <u>Grade 2-3 Sunday School teacher</u> beginning July (2 month intervals in rotation with another couple).
- 10:45 Nursery Volunteers Needed hold babies, read books to toddlers, play puzzles and catch them on small play gym slide, etc. Will be on rotating schedule once a month or bi-monthly as able to serve the children of Crossroads.

JUNIOR HIGH UPCOMING EVENTS

August 12th- Game Night-7:00-9:00 pm

On Wednesday, August 12th, all 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students are invited to a Game Night from 7:00-9:00 p.m. Meet in the gym for an evening filled with games and fun! We will spend time in God's Word, play corn hole, kickball and basketball, see old friends, make new friends, and so much more! Bring your friends!

HIGH SCHOOL UPCOMING EVENTS

Senior High Lake Day (August 8th)

Senior High students, meet in the parking lot at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 8th to join us for a day at the Rupp's lake cottage in Reading Michigan! We'll plan to return by 11:00 p.m.

Backvard Bonfires

Join us for an awesome night of food, fire games, and intimate worship.

Friday, August 14th (6:00-11:00 p.m.)
Meet at the Boyers (22130 Co Rd A, Archbold)

Friday, August 28th (6:00-11:00 p.m.)
Meet at the Straders (435 E. Park St., Wauseon)

THANK YOU'S

Thanks to all who helped with the Strawberry Short-cake stand at the Black Swamp Benefit. The last report showed over \$140,000 was raised to be shared by Sunshine Foundation and MCC.

Vernon & Mary Oyer

COMMUNITY EVENTS & NEEDS

MATT REDMAN IN CONCERT

Come for an evening of worship with Matt Redman on August 10th, 7:30 p.m. (doors open 6:45 p.m.) at Archbold Evangelical Church in Archbold. Early entry/postshow meet and greet tickets may also be purchased for \$40. Tickets prices start at \$20 for general admission and may be purchased at the Archbold Evangelical Church office or iTickets.com.

"GOLF FOR HOPE" SCRAMBLE

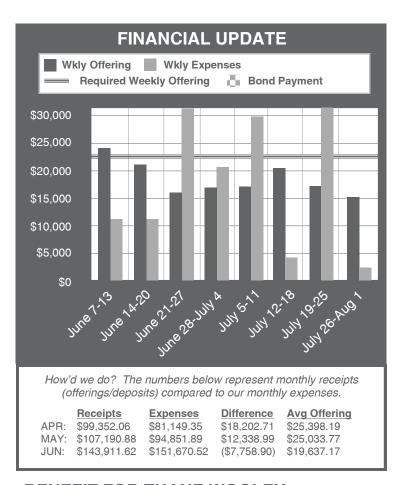
PIONEER is sponsoring their 8th annual four-person golf scramble on Saturday, September 19th at Bedford Hills Golf Club in Temperance, MI (6400 Jackman Road) to benefit programs offered by The Toledo Gospel Rescue Mission. Three divisions will be offered: all women's teams, all 65 and up teams, and combined teams. Cost is \$260.00/team if prepaid by September 11th and includes a continental breakfast, team pictures, 18 holes of golf with cart, a goodie bag, and a mouth-watering hog roast luncheon! The scramble will begin at 8:00 a.m. For more information contact Mary at 419-241-6579.

LIVE A LIFE OF NO REGRETS

Robert Rogers, an accomplished worship leader, pianist, songwriter and author will be speaking at Emmaus Lutheran Church, Wauseon on Thursday, August 6th at 7:00 p.m. Robert experienced a tragedy of biblical proportions when he lost his wife and all four children in a flash flood. Come be inspired to rise above adversity, trust in God and live a life of no regrets.

SARA'S GARDEN FUNDRAISER

Construction of the new handicap accessible playground at Sara's Garden is almost complete! You can help support the project by purchasing a personalized paver in the patio surrounding the playground. This is a great way to honor family, friends, organizations or businesses! For further information visit www.SarasGarden.org or call Jackie Rice at 419-335-7272 ext. 202.



BENEFIT FOR THANE WOOLEY

A special benefit for Thane will be held on Sunday, September 27th at 4:00 p.m. at the K of C Hall in Defiance (111 Elliot Road). The benefit will include a meal, an auction and musical performances by local artists. Tickets are \$15 and must be purchased before September 21st at The Corner Gallery, Archbold. Contact Marlene Huber at 419-445-8161 or a Wooley family member for more information. **If you cannot attend but would like to offer support, checks can be made to "Trees of Life" and sent to Deb Weisgerber at 1051 Wayne Ave, Defiance OH 43512.

FULTON COUNTY FAIR CART DRIVERS

Each year the Fulton County Fair provides golf cart transportation around the grounds for the elderly and those who are unable to walk long distances. The Fair Board is in need of individuals or couples to staff their golf carts. Carts run 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. and volunteers would be needed to take any length of shift to transport those in need while offering a friendly face. It could be a great service to do with your child or just a relaxing day showing the love of Christ to others in a practical way. If this opportunity sounds like something you'd be willing to help with, please contact Terry Stone at 419-267-5287.

*Any submissions for the Sept. *Link* should be turned into the office by <u>Wed</u>, <u>Sept. 26th</u>, <u>2015</u>.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS:

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	Wayne & Dolores Short^
	Aaron & Brittany Stewart
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Aug 3	Kevin & Joanie Bell
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	Michael & Barb Hounshell^
	Brandon & Colleen Stewart

Aug 24 Mike & Jeannie Sluys^

Aug 26 Jason & Andrea Robinson

Aug 27 Ed & Linda Meier Cec & Pat Murry*

Jerry & Linda Borton^ Aug 29

Aug 31 John & Nichole Foster

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[~]If your anniversary is not listed or is incorrect, please contact the church office for corrections.