

Cross Roads Communiqué

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November 2011

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November Worship Opportunities Sundays at 10 AM

November 6
"Defined by Generosity"
Daylight savings ends!
Stewardship Commitment Sunday

November 13
"How Much is Enough?"

November 20
"Pitching In"
Communion Celebration
Nashville Mission Trip Highlights



November 27
Advent 1: He Will Come
"Beware the Trap"



Cross Roads Annual
Turkey Feast
Sunday, November 20
11:30 AM

Great food & fellowship! Complete & return the enclosed reservation form or sign up in church. **Don't everyone choose bread & rolls!!**

Volunteers Needed: to help prepare, set up, serve, and/or clean up on Turkey Feast day. **Let's meet following worship, Sunday, November 6.**

Leechburg Ministerial
Thanksgiving Eve Service
Hebron Lutheran Church, Wednesday, November 23, 7:30 PM. Pastor Jim Arter of First Evangelical Lutheran Church will bring the message. The offering goes to the Leechburg Food Bank.

There will be a congregational meeting on Sunday, December 11 immediately following worship, for the purpose of approving 2011 Terms of Call for Pastors Gary & Lisa Lyon.



"Fall Back" Social Sunday, November 6

The Party Planners invite everyone to the social hall following worship on Sunday, November 6 for an autumn gathering with delicious apple and pumpkin desserts and beverages. Come enjoy the food and fellowship.

2011 Peacemaking Offering

Total: \$140.00. 25% stays at Cross Roads for our own projects. Thanks for your donations.

Advent begins November 27

Advent Calendars will be available at the entrances beginning November 27. We ordered 35, so please take one per household.

Advent reminds us that the clock is running: we're waiting for redemption as God's people have waited through the centuries. Advent stirs up our yearnings for harmonious relationships and for an environment of wholeness in which everything works right. We seek justice & prosperity, peace & power, in family, career, community, government, even church. We are building with the expectation that He will come. But our act of building doesn't make Him come: Jesus doesn't depend on us, he saves us! Let's celebrate in anticipation!



Do you want to light the Advent wreath on Sunday morning with your family or friends? Gary and Lisa are looking for readers and lighters Sunday, November 27 through December 24. Please talk with them today.



Mighty Mite Offering

Buried Treasure Ministry Team is excited by how many of you have found your loose change a home in our glass water jug. It's adding up to big money for Cross Roads to help meet budget expenses. Let's see if we can fill it to the top by November 13. The container is located on the floor near the pulpit in the sanctuary.

Opportunities for mission, ministry & fun!

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November at a Glance

CRCPC Choir Practice: Wednesdays, 7 PM; Prophetic Frenzy Practice: Wednesdays, 8 PM

- 1 – Food Bank Distribution, 10-11 AM & 6-6:30 PM
- 1 – Session & Deacons Meetings, 7 PM
- 4 - Leechburg Area Faculty Recital, 7 PM
- 6 – Turkey Feast Planning Mtg., after worship
- 5 – “Fall Back” Social, Social Hall after worship
- 11 – Veterans Day
- 12 – Kiskiminetas Presbytery Mtg., 10 AM, Clarion
- 12-19 – Kiski Presby Nashville Mission Trip
- 16 – Newsletter Deadline
- 19 – Pot Love Dinner, Noon

- 20 – Youth set tables, 9 AM
- 20– Communion Celebrated at 10 AM Worship
- 20 – Thanksgiving Feast, 11:30 AM
- 21 – Monday Evening Club Prayer B-Fast, 9 AM
- 23 – Thanksgiving Eve Svc., 7 PM at Methodist Ch.
- 24 – Happy Thanksgiving! Community Thanksgiving Dinner at CRCPC, 12 PM
- 27 – First Sunday of Advent
- 29 – Liturgical Arts Team Mtg., 7 PM



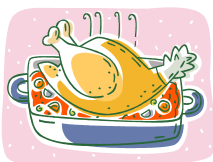
The Mission Team's "helping hands" are willing to come and lend them to you. We'll help with your projects (painting, repairs, simple carpentry, etc). Call or e-mail the church. We'll set a time to help!



Salt of the Earth - Our ministry to chemotherapy patients is ongoing and meaningful to everyone involved. As always your donations for the bags are very much appreciated by those who receive them. Items can be placed in the cabinet at the bottom of the 1st Street stairs.

Monday Evening Club Prayer Breakfast **Monday, Nov. 21, 9 AM, Cross Roads' Social Hall**

Enjoy a continental breakfast. There will be a guest speaker. A free-will offering will be collected. Everyone is welcome!



Thanksgiving Day Dinner

Do you know someone who will be alone on Thanksgiving or is unable to prepare a meal? Jamie Rimmel leads the crew of volunteers who will provide the meal in our social

hall. Reservations need to be received in the church office by November 21.

NEEDED: Monetary donations to purchase meal items, food donations, and willing workers. Please talk with Jamie, 724-845-3038.

Pray for the safety of deer hunters and be extra careful driving!



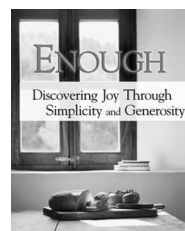
Holiday Gift Wrapping Fundraiser

Benefits CRCPC Church School

Sunday, December 4, 11 AM – 2 PM

Come to the social hall where Church Elves will wrap your Christmas gifts.

Bring gifts and appropriate To/From info and let the elves go to work. Donation for bagged & small boxed gifts - \$3.00 each; large boxed gifts - \$4.00 each. Beverages will be served while you wait.



Stewardship

Cross Roads Community Presby. Church was founded in 2005. Our witness has been on **making a difference in people's lives** in the name of Jesus Christ. We are doing this through worship, education, fellowship, and hands-on mission

outreach. To **make a difference**, we choose to declare our financial commitments to Jesus each year at CRCPC. *“But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord”*, comes from Joshua's making a similar declaration in Joshua 24:15. All 2012 Commitment Cards should be returned by Dedication Sunday, November 6.



Candle Fundraiser – Buried

Treasure Team has organized a fall candle fundraiser through Colonial Candlecrafters in Lewisburg, PA to assist CRCPC's general fund. **Info with candle scents, sizes and costs can be found in this newsletter.** A special candle labeled

“Cross Roads Community Presbyterian Church” is available and is the Whispers of Christmas (vanilla mixed with pine & peppermint) scent. **Order deadline: November 20 & payment is due at time of order with cash or check made payable to CRCPC.**

Delivery will be week of December 11. If you would like to sell to family, friends & co-workers, please contact Linda Hill at lgh0225@hotmail.com or 724-845-6129 for color brochures and order forms or if you have questions.

Getting Down to Business

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Session Munchies:

- Approved baptism of Brooke Lynne Cuffia, daughter of Dennis & Sarah (Brady) Cuffia on Sun., Oct. 30.
- Received report of Personnel Ministry Team regarding potential 2012 salaries for all employees. Their report will be discussed & acted upon at Nov. 1 Session Meeting.
- Buried Treasure, Liturgical Arts, Outreach/Mission, Church School, Party Planners, and Property also reported
- Acted to call a congregational meeting for Sun., Dec. 11 immediately following worship for purpose of acting on 2012 Terms of Call for Gary & Lisa Lyon.
- Approved a Holiday Gift Wrapping Fundraiser by the Church School Team which will benefit Children's Church School & VBS funds.
- Reviewed and adopted a Sexual Misconduct Policy for CRCPC to conform with changes in the Book of Order of PCUSA.
- Appointed Donna Cline & Sandi Lechner to work with Gary & Lisa on putting together a Manual of Administrative Operations for CRCPC as per changes in the Book of Order of PCUSA. Projected completion date: December 6, 2011
- MSC to approve recommended changes to By-Laws to conform to changes in the Book of Order of PCUSA.
Article VI - The Pastor shall be the moderator of all meetings of the congregation. If it is impractical for the Pastor to preside, he or she shall invite, ~~with the concurrence of the Session,~~ another minister **teaching elder who is a member of the Presbytery or a person authorized by the presbytery to serve as a moderator** to preside.
Article XVI - The financial records of the church shall be reviewed annually by a committee elected by the congregation for that purpose. There shall be 3 (three) Financial Reviewers, divided into three (3) classes, one class of which shall be elected each year from the active membership roll, at a special congregational meeting held in October, unless otherwise designated by Session. Financial Reviewers having served a total of six years (two consecutive terms) shall be ineligible for reelection as a Financial Reviewer for a period of at least one year.
Reviewers should not be related to the treasurer.
- In lieu of our elder commissioner not being able to attend Sept. 13, 2011 Presbytery meeting, Lisa Lyon gave an update on the meeting.
- Adjourned to attend candlelight vigil for three Kiski Valley residents whose plane crashed in West Virginia.

Financial Corner

October 1 - 25, 2011

Income: \$9,720.25
Expenses: \$8,446.76
**\$1,273.49

**This amount includes funds restricted for specific uses, i.e. food bank, maintenance, memorials, per capita, etc. Actual general fund balance: (-\$2,498.87).

{November Bills Estimate \$8,500.00}



NOVEMBER

- 3 Pete Wasyluk
- 4 Tom Shoemaker; Daniel Troiano
- 5 Olga McNichols
- 6 *Scott & Sally Baker
- 6 *Dave & Vicki Stephenson
- 6 *Donna & Andrew Zabinski
- 7 George Spiering, IV
- 11 Kristin Swartzlander
- 12 *Merle & Rose Marie Sober
- 12 Debbie Wanichko
- 13 *PJ & Dawn Frejkowski
- 17 Marcia Carroll
- 18 Sheran Kupas; Andrea Sendry
- 21 Noah Shearer; Tressa Zelczak
- 22 *Art & Nancy Dupstadt
- 23 Sally Trefelner
- 24 Donna Cline; Jacque Davis
- 25 Marjorie Santillo; Samantha Simon
- 27 Jessica McLaughlin
- 29 Michele Covey

*Anniversary

Turkey Feast Reservation Card

I'll/We'll be at worship & dinner Sun., Nov. 20

_____ Yes _____ No _____ # Attending

Name _____

Phone # _____

Please CIRCLE what you will bring (one item):

Sweet potatoes corn carrots butter
bread/rolls apple pie pumpkin pie.

Return this card in the offering plate or to the church office by Sunday, November 13.

More Opportunities, News, & Information...

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Pictorial Directory Pictures

Throughout the Advent season, Brienne Ralph and Angela Vigna will be taking pictures/portraits of church members and their families on Sundays before and after worship. We are hoping to get as many church members as possible to have their pictures taken for a church directory we will be putting together in the church office. More information will be available in the coming weeks on the webpage, church bulletin, and December newsletter. **Smile!!!**



E-Mail Addresses Needed:

88 of our members/friends/families have given us their e-mail addresses. We know more of you have them and use them regularly. Please send an e-mail to the church office at

crpc@windstream.net. We are looking at ways to be in touch with you quickly and efficiently and to help reduce our rising postal costs.

WEBPAGE UPDATED

Go to www.crcpc.org and check it out!

October, 2011 Memorials

In MEMORY Of:

Ernest Sendry

Andrew T. Sendry

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Given By:

Betty Sendry, Barb Turiak, Carol & Pete King, Mary Beth & Aaron Wolfe

Mrs. Andrew Sendry
Andrea E. Sendry



Need Offering Envelopes?

Call 724-845-1901, sign up on the sheet at the First Street door or e-mail crpc@windstream.net. We'll get them ready for you.

Newly Elected Officers

New Elders and Deacons should have been elected on Sunday morning, October 30th at our congregational meeting. During the month of November Gary will be meeting with new elders and deacons for a time of training. On Sunday morning Dec. 11th brand new and newly elected elders and deacons will be installed and ordained. Congratulations to all of our new officers and to those that have stepped up to serve on the 2012 Nominating Team and the Financial Review Team.



2011 CROP Walk

Total collected: \$2,320.00

Walkers: 55

1st Lutheran Church had the most dollars and the most walkers! Len Kalmar raised the most individual dollars. Gary personally thanks everyone from CRCPC who supported him and Brienne Ralph in the walk.

Our **Fall Health Seminar on Breast Cancer** was a very interesting and enjoyable evening with our guests, Dr. Ali Tumo, Radiologist at Indiana Regional Medical Center, and Sue Majoris, Nurse Navigator. Thanks to Sharon Nelmes and Carrie Riggle for making the arrangements for this evening.



Beginner's Bible Blog

Gary & Lisa put the first posting up for our Beginner's Bible Study Blog on the church website at www.crcpc.org in mid-October. November's session will be up in the coming weeks. Please let us know what you think and leave a comment. On the first Sunday of the month following worship you'll have a chance to meet with other BBSTBs (Beginner Bible Study Bloggers) following worship for a few minutes to discuss what you have observed or learned. Paper versions are available at the entrances for those who are not connected to the Internet.



Happy Thanksgiving from the Pastors & staff of Cross Roads Community! The church office will be closed Friday, November. 25.

COUNTRY JAR CANDLES - Colonial Candlecrafters is proud to present our line of Country Jar Candles. These candles are TRIPLE SCENTED for highest fragrance impact. They can be kitchen accents, used in the home, and make delightful gifts.

ODOR ELIMINATORS - Contains a specially formulated neutralizing scent along with its individual base scent. This combination helps neutralize odors while allowing each candle's base scent to permeate the air. When ordering, specify the base fragrance.

COUNTRY JARS-COLORS & SCENTS

- Balsam Fir- (Pine Green) A clean, crisp, pungent pine forest fragrance.
- Bayberry- (Avocado Green) Classic Christmas fragrance.
- Cinnamon Bun- (Chestnut Brown) A wonderful combination of cinnamon and maple. Our #1 fragrance!
- Country Home- (Col. Blue) A mixture of cinnamon and cloves. Wonderful! Our #2 fragrance.
- Cran-Orange- (Burgundy) Fresh oranges surrounded by swirls of sweet-tart cranberries.
- Eucalyptus & Sage- (Col. Green) Soft sage sweetened with citrus & mingled with a touch of eucalyptus.
- French Vanilla- (Ivory) Creamy, classic, vanilla fragrance.
- Gingerbread w/ Lemon Sauce- (Brown) Tart lemon soothes the sweetness of gingerbread. A treat!
- Honeysuckle- (Golden Yellow) Sweet and flowery. Great for those who love floral fragrances!
- Lilac- (Lavender) Put your nose into a bunch of fresh cut lilacs and inhale!
- Maple Walnut Crunch- (Tan) A hint of walnut combined with maple sugar and butter.
- Midnight Dreams- (Black) A clove and sandalwood base surrounded with a patchouli fragrance.
- Ocean Mist- (Teal Blue) A "salty" clean fragrance-unlike anything else we make.
- Peppermint Stick- (White) Clean, light, minty-fresh! Invigorating!
- Sangria- (Rose) A pungent combination of orange, peach, cherry strawberry and blueberry. NEW!
- Snickerdoodle- (Tan) A maple treat with touches of ginger and cinnamon.
- Spiced Apples- (Red) Fresh apple cider swirled with cinnamon and cloves.
- Strawberry Melon- (Red) Honeydew and strawberries combine for an outstanding fruity fragrance.
- Sweet Tangelos- (Bright Orange) Tangy tangerines mixed with sweet navel oranges.
- Warm Apple Crisp- (Gold) Apple Crisp right out of the oven! Scrumptious!
- CRPC candle: Whispers of Christmas- (Red) Vanilla mixed with pine and peppermint. Yummy!

PRICES: Large Country Jar – 26 oz. – 165 hrs. approx. burn time \$21.95 each
 Small Country Jar – 16 oz – 100 hrs. approx. burn time \$19.95 each
 Odor Eliminators – 8 oz. – 30 hrs. approx. burn time \$ 9.95 each
 (Cinnamon, Sugar & Spice, Potpourri, Balsam, Lemongrass)

USE THIS SECTION FOR ODOR ELIMINATORS ONLY!!

Hi, my name is: _____

I am fund raising for: Crossroads Comm. Presby. Church

My goal is to sell _____ items.

CINNAMON-RED
 SUGAR & SPICE-IVORY
 POTPOURRI-BROWN
 BALSAM-GREEN
 LEMONGRASS-YELLOW

Sample	ODOR ELIMINATORS \$9.95					TOTAL ITEMS SOLD	TOTAL AMT. PAID
	A	B	C	D	E		
<u>Susan Bean</u> <u>131 Cocoa Avenue</u> <u>534-0902</u>							EACH ITEM \$ <u>9.95</u>
1							1
2							2
3							3
4							4
5							5
6							6
COLUMN TOTALS							

TOTAL - Odor Eliminators ordered _____

TOTAL 26 OZ. (LARGE) CANDLES ORDERED _____
 TOTAL 16 OZ (SMALL) CANDLES ORDERED _____
 TOTAL ODOR ELIMINATORS ORDERED _____
TOTAL CANDLES ORDERED _____

...And Still More!

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**Need a good meal on weekends?
Tired of eating alone?
Food budget stretched thin?
Pot Love Dinners
are for you!**



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19, NOON

A warm welcome and a hot, nutritious **FREE** meal.
Reservations appreciated but not necessary.



Thank you Property Team for stripping, waxing and buffing the downstairs floors, for painting outside doors, and for repairing masonry on outside walls. It looks great!

A Special Thanks to the Deacons, Mission/Outreach Team, and the many individual donors who helped secure funds to pay the \$1,600.00 bill associated with replacement of our gas line this summer.

Congratulations to:

Karen & Bill Disciscio on the birth of their granddaughter, Gracyn Odessa, to their son and daughter-in-law, Michael & Danielle Disciscio, on October 16, 2011.

Sandra Israel on the birth of her grandson, Tyler, on October 24, 2011 to Amber Israel & Bob Groff.

Name _____

Circle your choice:

Poinsettia OR Gift for Shut-in

_____ Poinsettias X \$7.00 = \$ _____

_____ Shut-in Gift X \$7.00 = \$ _____

Order Total \$ _____

In memory of _____

In Honor of _____

Will you pick up your poinsettia after worship on Christmas Eve? **yes** **no** (Circle one)

Please give orders & money to Dennis Bringer or Sue Ellen Rupert or the church office.

Order deadline is November 20.

Leechburg Faculty/Student Recital

Leechburg High School Auditorium

November 4, 7:00-9:00 PM

Cost: Adults, \$5/Students, \$2

Performances on Flute, Piano, Voice, Bassoon, Marimba, Japanese Taiko Drumming

Proceeds benefit Leechburg Music Department

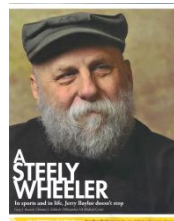


CRCPC 2011 Mission Trippers

First Call: Mission Trip 2012

Thanks to your incredible mission support CRCPC is sponsoring a mission work trip in the winter of 2012, possibly to central or eastern Pennsylvania. Our work week will consist of making repairs to homes, spending time listening to the stories of families, spreading the love of Jesus Christ, and building the community of faith with others from around the USA.

No work skills are required to be a member of the Cross Roads Community mission work team. We train on the job! If you're interested in signing or want more information, please see Jim Potter, Gary or Lisa. We need to make reservations by mid-December. Cross Roads is *working to make a difference* in people's lives through hands-on faith experiences.



Congratulations Jerry Baylor!

This past summer CRCPC member Jerry "Bull" Baylor was the recipient of the 2011 Spirit of the Games at the 31st National Veterans Wheelchair Games held in Pittsburgh. In addition he carried the torch during the opening ceremonies

and earned five gold medals in track competition.

You're invited to read more about Jerry on the First St. bulletin board! Congratulations Jerry!

TURKEY DINNER

At Gilpin Township Fire Hall

Saturday, November 5

Buffet-Style Serving: 5 PM to ??

Take-Outs Available: 3:30 – 4:30 PM

Cost: \$7.50

Children 5 – 12: \$3.50

Children Under 5: Free

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Dated Material

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From the Lyon's Den

"Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but held in common."
Acts 4:32

I wonder what it would be like to go back in time to visit the first church in Jerusalem in those beginning days. There was deep trust and love of each other and Jesus Christ. They seemed to move like dancers waltzing across the floor as one. If you read farther on, distrust slowly filtered into the church, self-concern consumed, & power struggles within the leadership caused fractures. Somehow despite these distractions, the church continued the Jesus dance! Praise God.

Centuries later the dance continues here at Cross Roads and the distractions are just as real. What I know to be true is that if we are faithful to Jesus Christ, we'll thrive together. We need each other to be dancing in harmony as one.

In the coming two months, Lisa and I call upon all friends and members, active and inactive, to come home on a regular basis and dance the 'oneness' dance here at Cross Roads.

Worship together, eat together, if you're new to the Bible or need refreshed in the Bible, become part of our Beginner's Bible Study Blog at our website or receive a printed copy on Sunday morning. Celebrate Thanksgiving, Advent, and Christmas with the CRCPC family. Give as if you were literally kneeling at the feet of Jesus. If you are in need, let us know, we'll come runnin' and we'll bring the CRCPC army with us if you need them.

Arise and shine, for our Light is indeed coming.
Let's dance!

Blessings...Gary & Lisa

Missing 2011 Per Capita \$\$

Our 2011 Per Capita bill is **\$6,612.50**

As of 10/25/11 **only 89 of our 250** members have remitted the \$26.45 we are asked to cover per member.

Church membership is *not* contingent upon you paying \$26.45 per family member.

We do encourage you to help cover the shortfall of \$4,258.45 we owe by 12/15/11.