



April 2016

# Crossroads Connections



A church in the crossroads of life

## A Moment with Pastor Mike

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Spring can be a bit crazy sometimes.

We had big sloppy flakes of snow fall on Palm Sunday.

Easter was in March, not April. Holy Week has come and gone, with the celebration of Palm Sunday, the quiet reflection of Maundy Thursday, the intimate moments with God on Good Friday and Holy Saturday, then the hope and joy of the Good News—Jesus is risen from the dead.

There's been a church duck making her home and nest in the Triangle in front of our front doors.

Some flowers and trees are beautifully blooming, and others come more slowly.

The redbud by the church sign is beginning to bloom.

Now it's April. Hopefully no more snowy surprises.



And Easter season is with us still. The Good News, that Jesus has risen and that we have new life, too, is too good, too spectacular, too important for Easter to last just a single day. Just as the women and the disciples were confused and unsure when they saw the empty tomb, just as the travelers to Emmaus confused and unsure as they walked with the stranger in their midst, so it takes time for us to realize fully just what God has done.

The Rev. Mindi Welton-Mitchell puts it well on her website at [rev-o-lution.org](http://rev-o-lution.org):  
*“The Resurrection reminds us that God is the one with the final word. There is nothing done that cannot be undone by God; not even death is final. Death is the last enemy that will be defeated, along with sin, violence, hatred—everything that can separate us from God is defeated at the resurrection. The tomb is empty, the door from death to life opened forever, through Christ Jesus.”*

I invite you to come, if you are able, to Sunday school, worship, and DVD night during this Easter season, and get a taste of the joyous new life that we receive in Jesus Christ.

Grace and peace,  
Pastor Mike

### Worship times:

Sunday School at 9:30 am.

Worship at 10:45 am.

## Business Attire Wanted!

While you're home cleaning out your closet for spring, please consider donating your gently used business appropriate attire to benefit Southwest Illinois College (SWIC) students.

The Career Gear Up Fashion Show will be held Monday, April 18, 2016 in the BC MC Theatre from 5:30-6:15pm. This event is being held to help students learn about proper attire for the interview process. The donated clothing will be available immediately following the show and distributed free of charge to SWIC students with a student ID.

Please bring your clothing donations to the Veterans and Career Center on April 11-14 from 8am to 6pm or April 15 from 8am to 4pm. Contact Yvonne Fricker at (618) 235-2700 ext. 5553.



## Graduation Invite



The Board of Trustees, Administration, Faculty and Degree Candidates of Goldfarb School of Nursing at Barnes-Jewish College announce that

### **Meredith Leigh Moder**

is a candidate for the degree of Bachelor of Science in Nursing

### **Magna Cum Laude**

Saturday morning, April 23, 2016 at 9:30am

Powell Symphony Hall

718 North Grand

St. Louis, Missouri

Please come and celebrate Meredith's graduation from 2pm to ? on April 23, 2016 at the Brookshier residence,

135 Fairington Drive, Troy, Illinois

*(No gifts please)*

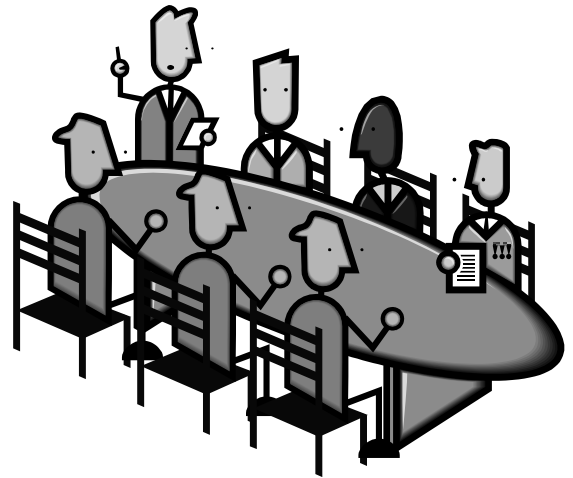
## BEACON Trivia Night—April 9, 2016

BEACON is hosting a fund raising trivia night at St Augustine's Church in Belleville on April 9, 2016 at 7pm. We would like Crossroads to have a table of 8 or 10, if there are enough folks interested and available. Cost is \$12 apiece, with a \$2 discount on tables of 8 to 10. If you would like to be on the Crossroads trivia team, please email the church office.



## Chips from the Board

- The Board was reminded of all the Holy Week Activities with Maundy Thursday, Chain of Prayer, Easter Breakfast and the Easter Worship Service.
- The last Sunday in May which is the 5th Sunday will again feature a worship service centering around hymns and music.
- A special appreciation was given to Mike Thompson for cleaning out the 'Triangle.'
- Mike Dixon explained the process and asked Crossroads Christian Church to be the second congregation supporting Jeff Wrigley, on staff at the Edwardsville Christian Church, as he begins his journey toward ordination. The board voted yes on this request.
- Crossroads has a special wild-life addition to our grounds as a duck is nesting in the 'Triangle.' Everyone—please be careful and respect her nesting (and hopefully ducklings!)



## April Sunday Sermons

April 3, 2016      2nd Sunday of Easter  
 The Message: Peace Be With You  
 Scripture: John 20:19-31 and Acts 5:27-32  
 Theme: Meeting the Risen Christ  
 Loose Change Offering: Violence Prevention Center

April 10, 2016      3rd Sunday of Easter  
 The Message: Fish Frys and Faithfulness  
 Scripture: John 21:1-14 and John 21:15-19  
 Theme: Called and recalled

April 17, 2016      4th Sunday of Easter  
 The Message: The Good Shepherd  
 Scripture: John 10:22-30 and Acts 9:36-43  
 Theme: Following the Leader

April 24, 2016      5th Sunday of Easter  
 The Message: Get the Message?  
 Scripture: John 13:31-35 and Acts 11:1-18  
 Theme: Love is the key



## Prayers

- Death of Viola (sister of Helen R.)
- Carole Thompson recent knee replacement surgery
- Lenny (son of Faye Pritz) in a Texas hospital with double pneumonia and possible cancer
- Sonny (brother of Ron Goff) consulting with doctors regarding multiple bypass surgery
- Prayers requested for Pat Hayes and her family
- Prayers for Betty Allen and her family
- Lance (step-dad of Nick LeVoy) needs surgery for a mass on his brain
- Margaret Sutton in hospice care
- Jon Thompson moving out on his own. Prayers for "empty nesters" Mike & Carole
- Dennis (nephew of Tom & Mary) suffering from chronic MS & stroke
- Bardel (brother of Mary P.) received good news from recent biopsy report
- Marvin (brother of Mary P.) good results of medical tests and mass reduced by 50%
- Recent terror attacks in Belgium
- Healing prayers for Jan Evans

***"Prayer is not asking. Prayer is putting oneself in the hands of God, at His disposition, and listening to His voice in the depth of our hearts."—Mother Teresa***



Our  
Homebound  
Ray Doctorman  
Vera Hudson

## Metro-East Interfaith Partnership Book Study

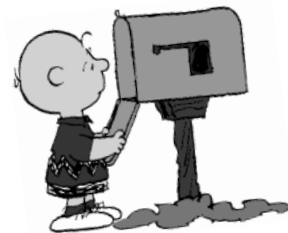
Dear Fellow Conversationalist,

We are having a spring Book Study group. Our Wednesday dates are April 13, 20, 27, and May 4th from 2:30pm to 4:00pm at Forbes Insurance Office on the corner of Hwy 157 and Foley Drive, Belleville. The Thursday group will meet on April 14, 21, 28 and May 5 from 7:00pm to 8:30 pm Thursday evenings.

The book is "Getting at the Heart of Interfaith: The Eye-Opening", Hope-filled Friendship of a Pastor, a Rabbi and an Imam". If ordered from Amazon, the book costs about \$12.00 with shipping.

Call Lana Gilbert for information 618-660-7937.

Hope you will join us.



### ***New Address***

**Debi Lorenz**  
900 Alice, Apt. 18  
Parsons, KS 67357



## Lay Worship Leaders—April 2016

	April 3	April 10	April 17	April 24
<b>Worship Leader</b>	Lori Burgess	Bob Green	Jan Evans	Pat McAllister
<b>Elder</b>	Mona McAllister	Mike Thompson	Dan Upton	Carole Thompson
<b>Deacons Prepare</b>	Patty Buckhannon Mary Weygandt	Pat Hayes Shirley Holmes	Patty Buckhannon Mary Weygandt	Pat Hayes Shirley Holmes
<b>Deacons Serve</b>	Patty Buckhannon Jim Buckhannon	Pat Hayes Meredith Moder	Patty Buckhannon Jim Buckhannon	Pat Hayes Shirley Holmes
<b>Deacons Candles</b>	Pat Hayes		Pat Hayes	
<b>Deacons Sanctuary</b>	Pat Hayes	Shirley Holmes	Mary Weygandt	Patty Buckhannon
<b>Greeter</b>	Jim Buckhannon	Pat Killian	Jim Buckhannon	Pat Killian
<b>Audio-Visual</b>	Pat McAllister	Pat McAllister	Pat Hayes	Kay Marshall



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## SEGA Prayers for the Month

4/3-4/9 Hawk Point Community Church, Hawk Point, MO  
 4/10-4/16 Memorial Boulevard Christian Church, St. Louis, MO  
 4/17-4/23 The Southeast Gateway office—Penny Ross-Corona, support staff, the  
 other Regional Minister team members & staff in CCMA  
 4/24-4/30 Affton Christian Church, Affton, MO

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Worship	4	5	6 5:30 Dinner/Video 7:00 Choir Practice	7	8	9
10 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Worship	11	12	13 5:30 Dinner/Video 7:00 Choir Practice	14	15	16
17 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Worship 12:00 Board Meeting	18	19 11:30 Lunch Bunch	20 5:30 Dinner/Video 7:00 Choir Practice	21 7:00 Elders Meeting	22	23
24 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Worship	25	26	27 5:30 Dinner/Video 7:00 Choir Practice	28	29	30

### Happy Anniversary!

3 Cathy & Gary Mielke  
 20 Patty & Bill Peterman  
 25 Wayne & Marie Reichling

### Happy Birthday!

5 Megan Weygandt  
 7 Kathy Upton  
 11 Jedediah Goble  
 Vera Hudson

16 Megan Reichling  
 21 Amy Dixon  
 Gay Lang  
 23 Jill Green  
 Amy Yeager

25 Grace Barbee  
 27 Teri Reichling  
 30 Margaret Sutton

## From Church Women United Belleville Unit

Dear compassionate neighbors,

We need your help! We hope you share our concern for those who are struggling with hunger and homelessness, and we hope that you will agree to co-sponsor an event to call attention to their plight.



On Monday, April 18, 2016, we plan to have an outdoor gathering at the courthouse called **“Miss a Meal - Support Homeless People.”** It will involve people of faith and other concerned citizens, a short speech, and perhaps some music between noon and 1pm. We will encourage everyone to miss a meal and donate the cost of the meal to our food pantry.

Belleville has no emergency shelter. It is the county seat, the largest municipality in St. Clair County and the site of numerous services including public health, mental health, hospitals and the Metrolink. We can't solve our national problems, but we can do our part to help our most vulnerable. To be successful, Belleville must bring together all components—corporations, foundations, small businesses, the faith community, civic groups, government, individuals and families.

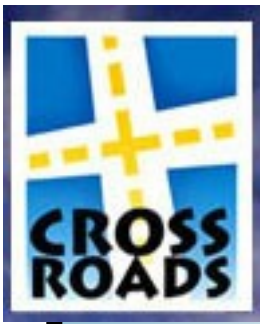
Shelter, food and water are essential to life, but we also need to consider how to provide the opportunity for those who are able and willing to move beyond shelter to housing and jobs. A successful shelter must be welcoming and accessible to all clients, staff and volunteers. It must empower those served, have sufficient space and coordination to store and distribute donated items, provide care for pets that accompany clients, and fully embrace the philosophy and practice of dignity and respect for all.

We will gather on the steps of the **St. Clair County Court House on West Washington** (parking available in the garage on 1st St. between W. Washington and W. Lincoln) and noon on **Monday, April 18, 2016**. Skip lunch and join us! Bring your own sign to support hungry and homeless people in Belleville and St. Clair County. Donate the cost of your lunch to the Community Interfaith Food Pantry by writing a check to CIFP, 1218 W. Main, Belleville, IL 62220.

Please indicate your willingness to co-sponsor this event by calling **Jesse Arms at (618) 719-1154**, or by emailing [arms4justice@yahoo.com](mailto:arms4justice@yahoo.com). The women of Church Women United feel this issue needs to be resolved, and can be resolved, if we all think, work, and pray together.

The Belleville Unit of Church Women United





Christian Church

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medixon2@earthlink.net

Office Manager - Patrick McAllister  
crossroadsdisciple@sbcglobal.net

Hours: M,T,W,Th 8-12

Music Director - Carol Brookshier  
clbrookshier@charter.net

Nursery - Connie McAllister

Custodian - Richard Reichling

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wholeness in a fragmented world**

## Upcoming Events

### Lunch Bunch

On Tuesday, April 19, 2016, the Lunch Bunch will meet at 11:30am, at The Egg and I Restaurant, 455 Regency Park Dr., O'Fallon, IL 62269. A sign-up sheet is in fellowship hall.



## Metro East Community Chorale Spring Concert

**2016 Spring Concert**

**Sunday, April 17, 2016**

**at 3pm**

**St. Teresa Roman Catholic Church**

**1201 Lebanon Avenue**

**Belleville, IL 62221**

**(A free will donation will be collected following the concert)**

