



To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world...

Members and Friends of Cross Lanes United Methodist Church,

October 15, 2021

Cross Lanes is an active faith community. Rooted in a passion for service and mission, this congregation has practiced the responded to Christ's call continuously for 150 years. With the faithful and enthusiastic support of people like you, we are working hard to ensure life-giving ministry continues to make disciples in Cross Lanes, WV.

In partnership with the Finance Team and Cross Lanes United Methodist Church Council, I am hosting Stewardship Sunday on November 14, 2021.

Every year we set aside a Sunday to recommit to our common belief that all of who we are and all of what we have is a gift from God. We pray that our gifts might be used to transform lives through worship and study, service and sharing; to build the kingdom of God, and to care for our neighbors as Jesus commanded.

In 2021 your financial pledges allowed us to embrace this season's challenges as opportunities for ministry. We adapted and expanded gap assistance programs; modified worship, Sunday school, and Bible study so that congregants could participate online and in-person. Vital ministries like the Baby Love Program and The Church Mouse's snack bags reached hundreds of families in a time when it was harder than ever for families to make ends meet. The connection between members has been strengthened and our reach outside the church has only become more visible. In October alone, we participated in Cross Lanes' Fire Department parade, partnered with AJ Middle School to host their choir during our Halloween celebration; launched a new form of God's Kidz with a joint choir for children and adults; hosted community drive-in movies, and a Blessing of the Animals.

Soon, you'll be able to keep up with all our celebrations through a monthly newsletter mailed directly to your door—debuting mid-November 2021—in addition to our daily updates on the website, Facebook, and Daily Digest.

I believe 2022 will be a remarkable year of ministry. To respond to God's presence among us, and to put your gifts to work in our community you can:

- Return your pledge card by:
 - Mail to: CLUMC; 5320 Frontier Dr.; Cross Lanes, WV 25313
 - Place your card in the offering plate on Pledge Sunday
 - Drive by on Pledge Sunday between 12:00 and 12:30 to give the card to a volunteer
- Turn in a digital pledge card by:
 - Visiting the homepage at <https://crosslanesumc.org/>
- Learn about ways to give to the church by coming to the church office on Sunday, November 14 between 12:00-12:30, where staff will be available to teach you how to use online giving, or you can sign up that day for direct deposit giving through ACH transfers.
- Contact church leadership at crosslanesumc@gmail.com or call the church office, 304-776-3081, to join a service project or ministry team.
- Donate essential materials to our outreach ministries like The Baby Love Pantry in need of diapers, wipes, and formula of all sizes and kinds.
- Plan for the future. To learn more about planned giving and memorial gifts, contact the church office.

Our mission is to make discipleship of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. I give thanks for the variety of ministries that transformed our corner of the world in 2021, and I look forward to dreaming with you in 2022.

In grace,

Rev. Krysta Rexrode Wolfe, Minister of Cross Lanes United Methodist Church