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The CrossRoads Connection



A Youth and Young Adult Ministry of
St. Andrew United Methodist Church

Outside My Comfort Zone

I was watching a young boy with his father in the pool recently. He was jumping into his father's awaiting arms with all the faith in the world that his father would catch him. In fact, the little boy jumped numerous times before his father was in place to catch him. The dad scrambled but always ended up catching the boy just in the nick of time. Later, I



Dana Kirkwood is the Program Director for the CrossRoads community.

That isn't that far different from my relationship with God. I jump right into the area where I have experience. I trust God will be there to carry me. I have even been guilty of forgetting to check to see that God even wants me to jump into those areas. And like the little boy, I've gotten into the deep areas where God is pushing me outside my comfort zone,

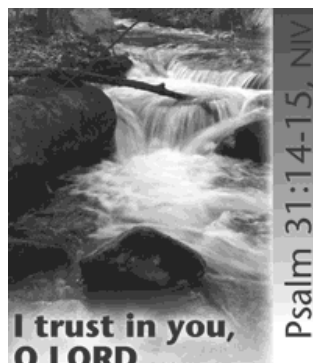
coming up and spent more time in trying to figure out what the needs are and letting God do the prodding and pushing.

There is a great quote by John Maxwell that reads "If we're growing, we're always going to be out of our comfort zone." This is true about our faith! Philippians 2:4(NIV) reads "Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also the interests of others." Sometimes,

and I scream "FOUL ON THE PLAY" and "NO WAY!" It made me realize, there are lots of positions that are coming available in CrossRoads. As the dynamics change within our classes, fellowship groups, new programming, we will need willing and able volunteers to come join alongside us; will those people hear God's call? I've been trying not to worry about needs

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**I trust in you,
O LORD ...
"You are my God."
My times are
in your hands.**

Psalm 31:14-15, NIV

that means climbing into the deep water and getting outside our comfort zone! God equips those people that He calls into positions. He certainly always has with me! No matter how hard I try to kick, screaming and yelling away from the deep end of the pool, He's always there quietly reminding me that I can swim! Is

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noticed the same boy gleeful playing with his father in the deeper water.

Our VISION: The CrossRoads Youth Ministry of St. Andrew United Methodist Church embraces and supports the youth and young adults of our community and their families, seeks to inspire and guide their spiritual growth as Disciples of Jesus Christ, and then, empowers/challenges them to serve each other, the church and the whole world.

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God pushing you outside your comfort zone? If He is, are you listening?

IMMEDIATE HELP NEEDED and WANTED:

Senior High Leaders, Roland and Becky Winger, have lovingly provided the Senior High youth in St. Andrew a wealth of knowledge and understanding and love over the past year. They've decided to take a well deserved and needed break! In the process, this has left open a window of opportunity for people within St. Andrew to get to step up and enjoy our senior high youth by volunteering to help teach. We have four Sundays that still need volunteers:

July 25, August 1, August 8, and August 15

Currently, the senior high are doing a Videos That Teach series. The instructor can pick from several books that have lesson plans based on a variety of different movies. If you are interested, please ask me for details!

AREAS NEEDING PRAYER:

St. Andrew is getting ready to start some new programming. Specifically, we have a need in the area of Young College age. If you could join me in lifting this area up in prayer, I would appreciate it. Over the next few months, we will be working hard to develop a Sunday school program and fellowship areas specific for this age. It would help to know that the whole

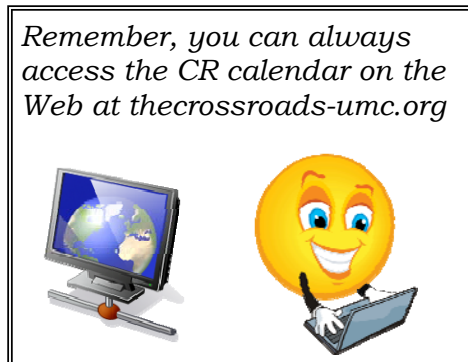


process is being covered in prayer.

As CrossRoads continues through this transition, I think you will see lots of wonderful and exciting changes happening. I am so excited to see where God leads CrossRoads and the amazing leaders next!!

I can hardly wait!

Thanks,
Dana



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This year's Mission team is:

Boys:

- Alex Deason
- Cole Weston
- Taylor Honsowetz
- Ian Leaird
- Matt Klenosky
- Nathan Honsowetz
- Zach Grundy
- Jacob Deason
- Nick Cutter
- Ethan Greiner
- Evan Parker
- Ben Tally
- Garrett Kirkwood
- Kyle St John
- Steven Borders
- Andrew Brainard
- Adam Bess

Girls:

- Leah Winger
- Rosalie Townsley
- Marina Brushnighan
- Brittany Norris
- Laney Arrowsmith
- Karissa Weston
- Emily Townsley
- Katie Townsley
- Markie Soposky
- MacLaine Leaird
- Katela Norris
- Gabby Mitchell
- Lauren Weston

Adults:

- Monica Arrowsmith
- Debbie Honsowetz
- Dana Kirkwood
- Kim Weston
- Jeff Norris
- Tom Arrowsmith

SEE YOU AT THE CROSSROADS

I'm Baaaaaaack!

Just a short note to let everyone know that I am back in the office, having finished my Sabbatical – which was a wonderful experience! You'll definitely hear more about that in the weeks to come. As much fun and relaxation as I've had in the past three months, man, it's good to be home!



I also wanted to say thank you to Pastor Tim and the amazing staff here at St. Andrew for picking up the slack in my absence. It's not like they don't have enough work to do getting their own work done; with me being gone, they also had to make sure that nothing at the CrossRoads began flaming out of control in my absence. They did a wonderful job keeping everything on track. Without their doing this extra work there is no way I could have gone on sabbatical or, if I had gone, I would have been miserable knowing everything would be waiting on my desk when I got back!

Also, I want to thank the Staff Parish team for hiring Dana Kirkwood to help take care of the CR Programming. She barely had a two week prep period, and then I took off. She has done a wonderful job – just like we knew she would. I had to chuckle just a bit at her reaction to an email I sent her the week before I got back. Sometimes, well, a “negative” spirit comes over me, and I get a bad case of the “orneries” as my grandma would say. I sent her an email the week before I returned telling her that the fishing had been so lousy since I got back to Indiana, what with all the flooded streams and all, that I had decided to extend my sabbatical for an extra week! Well, it didn't take long to get a reply to THAT email! She said if I did, she would find me!

And, a big THANK YOU to Monica Arrowsmith and the CAB for their hard work while I was traveling around the country and, of course, it all would have been for naught without the steady and amazing ministry of our CR Leaders and our great young people. It feels like they haven't missed a step.

Finally, thank YOU for your prayers and your support for this wonderful experience. I couldn't have done it without YOU! I frequently felt your prayers and well-wishes while on my travels, and I can't even begin to tell you how much your “Love Gift” meant to me. I hope this experience turns out to be a blessing to you and your families; I know it has been to me and mine.

Now, it's time to get back to work!

Pastor Pat



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JULY
Senior High
Events

A calendar of future events to clip and place on your refrigerator

July 11
10a Sunday School
6p Youth Group

July 17—Saturday
Fellowship Evening

July 18
10a Sunday School
NO YOUTH GROUP!

July 25-July 30
Mission Trip

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Senior High Update

Senior High News & Upcoming Events:

We are set to grow in our numbers on July 11 at our annual Faith, Fun & Fellowship evening. The current Senior Highers are looking forward to the upcoming 9th graders joining our flock. Games of faith will be played; it will be fun, and please remember to bring a squirt gun or your favorite water type gun. There will be pizza involved. On July 17 (notice this is a Saturday !!), we are having a Senior High Fellowship evening of ice cream sundaes, a movie and general fun throughout the church. Any high school student is welcome, and you are invited to bring a friend, a significant other or yourself.

On June 13 we honored our seniors at a pool party at the Weston's. Unfortunately, mother nature played tricks on us and we had lots of lightning. Luckily, we were able to move out to the game room and played pool, air hockey, and ping pong. Fun was had by all.



Mission Trip 2010

What God Requires isn't mere Religious devotion, but a Real Relationship in Response to His Redemptive work in our lives that Results in our Remaining with him. This is the phrase that will define this years mission trip. We will seek to discover that this is what Re is all about.

As most of you know, we, the Senior High Mission team of St. Andrew, are sending 36 people to TN/GA for 6 days from July 25 to July 30. The mission team is comprised of 30 youth and six adults. This year's team has been assigned two mission projects because of the numbers we are taking. One is at a historic Methodist Church named St. Andrews that has been closed down and turned into a faith center. The St. Andrews Center is a faith-based, urban, multi-cultural center founded in 2004 that serves as a catalyst for arts and education, faith and food initiatives, and civic engagement. The St. Andrews Center is a cooperative ecumenical outreach of the United Methodist Church.



Our Mission team will be helping to paint, landscape, do general cleaning and anything else that they need.

Our other mission assignment is working with low-income, high-risk children at a rec center. We will be helping them with academics and life skills, sharing our Christian faith and opening our hearts to them. More information is coming to us, and this assignment is still evolving.

When we get back I will be sure to update all of you on our successes and all that we learn both about ourselves and about Him. Hopefully our Results will be what God Requires of us. Thanks to all members of St. Andrew, and we will do you proud.

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