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Welcome to the Crossroads family!

Our vision is to transform the world one person, one family, and one community at a time with the compassion, forgiveness, service, and wisdom as seen in Jesus. Our mission is to help people discover an unwavering hope for the future. Both this vision and mission is why we exist.

We are more than a Sunday morning church. We exist to serve the community and beyond seven days a week with God's unconditional love. We do this through acts of serving those on the margins in our everyday lives. We gather in a variety of ways with people no matter where they are on their spiritual journey. We consider all gatherings as important as our Sunday morning gatherings.

In these ways people experience an unlimited welcome and are given hope. We welcome and affirm all persons and celebrate diversity within race, physical abilities, sexual orientation, gender identity, or religious beliefs. Everyone is a sacred member of God's family.

May this guide help you get to know the Crossroads community a little bit better. If you want more information about anything you find here, you can find it at: crossroadsnova.org.

You are most welcome all the time.

Pastor Larry Thompson

Crossroads Ministries

children/
family

Contact crossroadskids@crossroadsnova.org

- Crossroads Kids @Home Sunday morning
- Passages for Children & Families (3rd Grade Bibles & Baptism)
- Family Workshops
- Moms Group
- Family Newsletter & Resources

student/
family

Contact students@crossroadsnova.org

- Students @Home
- Passages for Students and Families (5th to 6th Grade Crossover, Confirmation, & Graduation)
- Outdoor Connection Events
- Family Newsletter & Resources

adult/
small gps

Contact adults@crossroadsnova.org, smallgroups@crossroadsnova.org

- Men's & Women's Retreats, Couples Workshops
- Men's Rite of Passage & Women's Rite of Passage
- Ongoing & Seasonal Small Groups
- Online Workshops & Retreats

SERVE/
justice

Contact serve@crossroadsnova.org

- Local, Regional, & Global Opportunities
- Social Justice (Homelessness, Environment, Racial Issues, Immigration Issues)
- SERVE/Justice Newsletter & Resources

care/
nurture

Contact nurture@crossroadsnova.org

- Prayer Support
- Card Ministry

unlimited
welcome

Contact unlimitedwelcome@crossroadsnova.org

- Imagine Well Being
 - Contemplative Meditation Groups (Yoga, Mindfulness)
 - Nature & Soul Events (Contemplative Hikes, Forest Soaking Healing Walks, Nature & Art Retreat, Seasonal Retreats)
- Inter-spiritual Community Gatherings
- Support Groups (PFLAG Loudoun - LGBTQIA+, AA, Al-Anon)

HOPE
preschool

Contact hopepreschool.org

- Christian-Based Preschool (Since 1992)
- Classes for Children Ages 3-5 Years Old (703-729-HOPE)

Sunday Gatherings

Church @Home

crossroadsnova.org/sunday-mornings

Contact Susan Yantis: syantist@crossroadsnova.org

Every Sunday online at 10:00am Crossroads offers an unlimited welcome to everyone who wants to pray, sing, experience a biblical teaching, and share in an open table of communion.

This one hour of the week inspires people to live the other hours of their week with greater hope and purpose as they follow the ways of Jesus in their everyday lives.

Crossroads Kids @Home

crossroadsnova.org/children

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Every Sunday online at 9:30am we are offering Crossroads Kids @Home for preschool and elementary grade kids to learn about God's unconditional love for themselves and for everyone. This one truth has the ability to transform each child, who in turn can change the world. Each child is welcomed just as they are and loved for who they are.

Student Ministries

crossroadsnova.org/students

Contact students@crossroadsnova.org

We are offering online resources and outdoor connection events for students grades 6th – 12th to come together and learn how teaching from the bible can be relevant to modern teens. Each student is welcomed just as they are, and loved for who they are.

Unlimited Welcome

crossroadsnova.org/well-being

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Jesus taught over and over again that loving our neighbors, including those on the margins, is the pathway to loving God as we love ourselves. The Unlimited Welcome of Jesus calls us to be spiritually transformed personally and as a church community, as we experience the frontiers of grace and love with all people and in care for the earth and for those who are suffering.

An Unlimited Welcome is offered by:

- Being nationally listed as a UMC LGBTQIA Reconciling Congregation.
- Offering the Open Table of communion to all at every Sunday gathering.
- Advocating for social justice related to race, immigration, the environment and affirming the importance of science as described in the United Methodist Social Principles.
- Hosting monthly Loudoun County PFLAG gatherings (crossroads.org/pflag). PFLAG is a national organization that offers support and nurture for families and friends of LGBTQIA persons. Loudoun PFLAG offers three separate groups for LGBTQIA teens, adults, families, and allies.
- Hosting Imagine Well Being gatherings (crossroads.org/imagine) with a focus on compassion, forgiveness, service, and wisdom with people who come from secular or differing faith traditions, or a secular worldview.
- In continuing to welcome AA (aa.org), Al-Anon (al-anon.org), Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and hosting various non-profits who use the building to serve others, Crossroads will continue to offer an unlimited welcome.

These offerings will continue to grow as other opportunities are presented and developed.

In a world much divided on almost every front, offering an unlimited welcome to everyone is needed more than ever as a witness to the Light of God's inclusive love. The Apostle Paul made it clear that because of the ways of Jesus, there is no division between religions, nationalities, or gender. In God's eyes, we are all one. The unwavering hope of transformation that Crossroads is called to offer has a powerful and tangible expression in the unlimited welcome it offers to all.

SERVE/Justice Opportunities

crossroadsnova.org/serve

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SERVE/Justice is a pathway for transformation as individuals and families work alongside our neighbors to make a difference in the world and grow compassion, forgiveness, wisdom and justice. Ultimately service transforms the world one person, family and community at a time.

The gift of service gives us new vision and purpose including how we serve our family and friends, both in our neighborhood and our vocation. Service invites us to find the deepest place of making meaning for ourselves and others that will leave a legacy in the world.

- Local Opportunities
ESL, Crossroads Jobs, Friendship Bridge
- Regional Opportunities
DC Food & Fellowship, Salt and Light
- Global Opportunities
Uganda and Guatemala Missions
- Justice (Proving acts of Justice for the poor and marginalized)
Homelessness, Environment, Racial Issues, Immigration Issues

Family/Passages

crossroadsnova.org/family

Contact: crossroadskids@crossroadsnova.org, students@crossroadsnova.org

Passages is a unique offering to families and individuals marking developmental and circumstantial transitions as a promise of God's transforming presence and the rebirth (Heroic Journey) that is invited over and over again through the ages and stages from birth to death.

We use the stages of human development as a guideline to design our Family Passages in the first half of life until the young person moves through Graduation into Young Adulthood.

Our adult offerings include a Men's and Women's Passage for second half of life. We are working to develop individual Passages for career transition, retirement, divorce, and health passages. We are also working to design a legacy Passage for celebrating the gift of eternal life and what we share as legacy at the end of life.

Current Passages Offerings:

- Baptism for Children, Students and Adults
- Bibles to 3rd Graders
- Crossover to Middle School (5th Grade to 6th Grade)
- Confirmation
- Graduation
- Women's Rite of Passage
- Men's Rite of Passage

resources

To provide access to practical, spiritual resources 24/7,
wherever you go, to help you to be anchored to
God's inner presence of unconditional love.



Newsletters

Crossroads - crossroadsnova.org/newsletters_crossroads

Family - crossroadsnova.org/newsletters_heartandhome

SERVE - crossroadsnova.org/newsletters_hopeinaction

Daily Inspirational Texts: Text crossroads to 41411

Prayer Requests: crossroadsnova.org/prayerrequests

GOTGo App- To download go to your App store and search
Crossroads GOTGo.

Daily Reflections: crossroadsnova.org/daily-reflections

Spiritual Practices: crossroadsnova.org/spiritual_practices

Sunday Messages: crossroadsnova.org/sunday-messages

Facebook: facebook.com/crossroadsnova

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