

SEPTEMBER 2022

THE COMPASS

Newsletter of Cross Winds United Methodist Church

RALLY DAY

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

9AM - Education Open House

10AM - Worship

followed by

food, fellowship
& outdoor games!



CROSS WINDS BLOCK PARTY

Saturday, September 24th • 4 - 7PM

Live
Music



Food
Trucks

Bounce
House

Yo-Yo
Master



This issue:

**Rally Sunday
Block Party**

PAGE 01

Pastor's Note

PAGE 03

Fall Worship Series

PAGE 04

**Inclusive Congregation
Conversations**

PAGE 05

Moses Small Group

PAGE 06

Adult Ministries

PAGE 07

Women's Retreat

PAGE 08

Capital Campaign Update

PAGE 09

Children's Ministries

PAGE 10-11

Youth Ministries

PAGE 12-13

Connections Team

PAGE 14

Connections Team

PAGE 14



Cross Winds United Methodist Church

15051 Weaver Lake Road
Maple Grove, MN 55311

Phone: 763-494-9463

Website: crosswindslife.org

Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday

9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Sign Up To Stay Connected

Contact the church office to be added to the email distribution lists for

- "Cross Winds Life", distributed on Fridays - includes pastor's note, important information about the life of the church, and links for upcoming events
- Prayer Chain email updates

Finance Update

Thank you for all your giving this year as we enter September to support all of our CWUMC ministries. Our latest financials are indicating a deficit so we need your help to balance our budget for this year. If you want to increase your pledge or if you have not had a chance to contribute yet and want to, please go to our website crosswindslife.org and review how you can reduce our deficit. (Click "GIVE", Click "GIVE ONLINE" and then select Sub Fund "Regular Giving" under the General Fund). If you have any questions about our Giving, expenses, reserves or the Capital Campaign, email us at finance@crosswindsumc.org.

Thank you again for your blessings and support for our ministries at CWUMC.

Ministry Staff

Christina Koppes
Lead Pastor

stinakoppes@crosswindsumc.org

Michelle Schober

Director of Administration

michelleschober@crosswindsumc.org

Lori Lahtinen

Director of Worship & Music

lorilahtinen@crosswindsumc.org

Amber Lahtinen

Director of Children's Ministry

amber.lahtinen@crosswindsumc.org

Josh Greer

Director of Youth Ministry

josh.greer@crosswindsumc.org

Nancy Betterman

Accompanist

David Hughes

Treasurer

treasurer@crosswindsumc.org

Christy Sturlaugson

Pastoral Intern

Cheryl Purkat

Nursery Supervisor

Pastor's Note by Stina Koppes



God heard their cry of grief, and God remembered his covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. God looked at the Israelites, and God understood. (Exodus 2:24-25)

The book of Exodus is dramatic, filled with miraculous encounters that capture the imagination. These acts were more than mere divine parlor tricks. The wellbeing of a nation was at risk as the Israelites found themselves trapped in Egyptian slavery. In the Book of Exodus, we learn that God leads the Israelites out of slavery and prepares them to become a new nation. The stories have become central texts for both Jewish and Christian traditions alike.

In the Book of Exodus, before the burning bush, the plagues, the Red Sea parting, pillars of fire & smoke, manna from heaven, or water flowing from rocks, we are told that before any action occurred....

God heard
God remembered commitments
God looked
God understood

This is where Exodus begins. Awareness and compassion.

For God, this was more than a sympathetic moment of giving God's best "thoughts and prayers" amidst a tough time. God remembered that a divine commitment (aka covenant) had been made to care for these people. God understood that something must be done. God called Moses. God acted through signs and wonders. God spoke instructions. God led the people directly.

It was not a pretty or easy journey.

In the Book of Exodus, we also see the costs of hearing, remembering, looking, and understanding. Frequently God gets frustrated. Regularly the people grumble. Moses has temper tantrums.

Yet through each leg of the journey, new seeing, new understanding, and a deepening of commitment emerges.

The Book of Exodus shows us all the pattern of genuine liberation. It is messy, confusing, and reveals ugliness within ourselves as well as the fabric of humanity. Yet through it all, we are shown that God will hear, remember, look, and understand. God will lead. God will redeem. God will impart wisdom.

This fall, I invite you to join me in our exploration of The Exodus together, whether through worship or small group study. This central book of the Bible has much to reveal to all of us. Yet, I warn you, in the encounter, if you are open to the stirrings of God, you too will be called to hear, remember, look, and understand. It will change you.

fall worship series

EXODUS

Exodus is a dramatic story about unlikely heroes, supernatural miracles, unlikely escapes, and the creation of a new society. Join us as we explore this pivotal book of the Bible and see how God still speaks through these stories today.

September 11 (Rally Day)

A Hero Is Born

Exodus 2:1-10

Pastor Stina

Join us for a festive Rally Day Sunday, as we welcome the start of a new school year. During the education hour before worship (at 9am), we will have an open house for all the new classes. During worship (at 10am), we will have a high energy service of praise as we give thanks for the gifts of Cross Winds. We also begin a new worship series on Exodus and begin at the beginning with Moses, the unlikely hero who rescues the nation of Israel.

September 18

God Understood

Exodus 2:11-25

Pastor Stina

A hero's journey is rarely straightforward or easy. Moses was no exception. After a dramatic rescue at birth and being raised in the palace, he commits a crime, leading to his own exile. What is a hero to do when lost in the wilderness and afraid?

September 25

Who Are You?

Exodus 3:1-7, 10-14

Steve Weeks

At a burning bush in the desert, Moses encounters God. Moses asks God, "Who are you?" Today Steve Weeks leads us through an exploration of some questions we might have about who God is and ways we might be able to deepen our faith.

Join us following worship for a special congregational forum. More information can be found on Page 7.

Inclusive Congregation

conversations at Cross Winds

Inclusive Congregation Conversations at Cross Winds

The Board invites the Cross Winds community to participate in conversations about our vision and values regarding the calling to become an inclusive church. There are many facets to inclusivity and this September, we'll begin our discussions through a series of gatherings facilitated by Pastor Stina and the Cross Winds Board to look at the Bible, sexuality, and the United Methodist Church.

Session 1

What does the United Methodist church believe?

This session will discuss the history, teachings, and ongoing dialogue in the United Methodist church regarding human sexuality. Facilitated by Pastor Stina.

Identical Session offered at different times

- In Person at Cross Winds:
 - Wednesday, September 14, 7-8pm
 - Sunday, September 18, 9am-9:45am
- Zoom Option
 - Thursday, September 15, 7-8pm
 - RSVP to Pastor Stina for zoom information stinakoppes@crosswindsumc.org

Congregational Forum

Sunday, September 25, 11:00 am

Gather with the Cross Winds community after worship to discuss the vision and values of Cross Winds regarding the calling to become an inclusive church. The board will present information for conversation and reflection, especially with respect towards the work of the MN Annual Conference (MAC) statements regarding LGBTQIA+ inclusion. At this meeting, the congregation will have an opportunity to speak and reflect on how these values reflect the nature of Cross Winds as a member of the MN Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church. Contact Pastor Stina, Mark Biederman, or any Cross Winds Board member for additional information.

Session 2

What are the values of the Minnesota Annual Conference?

This session will explore the dialogue among the Minnesota Annual Conference (MAC) of the UMC regarding human sexuality. We will especially discuss the mission, vision, and values of the MAC, as adopted by the Annual Conference. We will also review the Extended Cabinet's Statement on LGBTQIA+ Inclusion. Information is available online: [MAC vision & Inclusion Statement](#). Facilitated by Pastor Stina

Identical Session offered at different times

- In Person at Cross Winds:
 - Wednesday, September 21, 7-8pm
 - Sunday, September 25, 9am-9:45am
- Zoom Option
 - Thursday, September 22, 7-8pm
 - RSVP to Pastor Stina for zoom information stinakoppes@crosswindsumc.org

For Individual Study UMC Video Series, "Faithful and Inclusive"

"Faithful and Inclusive" allows you to gain an understanding of how United Methodists can be both obedient to God's Word and fully welcoming to LGBTQ persons in the church. This six-session resource for Sunday schools and small groups has been designed for participants to develop their own perspectives. The class is taught by Rev. Rob Fuquay, a United Methodist pastor.

Contact Pastor Stina to set up your free, personal Amplify Media account and gain access to this video series along with hundreds of other classes.

MOSES

In the Footsteps of the
RELUCTANT PROPHET

FALL SMALL GROUPS

6 WEEK STUDY
BY **ADAM HAMILTON**

BEGINS OCT 2

Moses - 6 Week Small Groups

Begins Week of October 2

It doesn't get much more dramatic: rescued baby, life in the courts of Pharaoh, parting the Red Sea, leading his people out of Egypt...Moses' life was one challenge after the next, but although he resisted God's calling, by the end of his life he successfully fulfilled the role he was given. Join award-winning author Adam Hamilton as he travels from Egypt to Mt. Sinai, the Nile, the Red Sea, and the wilderness exploring the sites of Moses' life. As Hamilton shares historical information, archaeological data, and biblical text, you'll gain a better understanding of Moses' significance in your life today, and you'll discover how you, too, can turn your own reluctance into boldness.

Small Group Meeting Times

- **Sundays, 9am-10am**
 - Oct 2-November 6
 - led by Christy Sturlaugson
- **Wednesdays, 1pm-2pm**
 - Oct 5-November 9
 - led by Pastor Shirley
- **Wednesdays, 7-8pm**
 - Oct 5-November 9
 - led by Pastor Stina
- Looking for another option, contact Pastor Stina to start a new small group!

Other Ways to Participate

- Read Exodus, or portions of this fall.
- Purchase the book Moses by Adam Hamilton (paperback/e-books available on Amazon, Cokesbury, etc.). Copies are available at the church for purchase as well.
- Watch the Adam Hamilton teaching videos through Amplify Media. Register for a free personal user account under the Cross Winds subscription for Amplify Media. This online library of videos and spiritual studies (think of it as a "Methodist Netflix") includes the six-week video series for the Adam Hamilton study on Moses and MUCH MORE! Watch one video per week and spend time journaling or praying in response to what you hear.

For more information about small groups, purchasing books, or Amplify media, contact Pastor Stina, stinakoppes@crosswindsumc.org

Adult Ministries and Small Groups

Find a way to connect with others
at Cross Winds!



Grief Share

Beginning September 12, 1:30-3:30 pm

Grieving the loss of someone close to you? Find comfort and support at GriefShare, a 13 week grief support group meeting Monday afternoons (1:30pm-3:30pm) beginning September 12 at Cross Winds. Each session has a video for discussion and optional personal homework for additional reflection. Class size is limited to 12 participants. Personal workbooks will be provided by the church. Register with Pastor Stina to save your spot (stinakoppes@crosswindsumc.org or call: 763-494-9463). This support group will be led by Marlan Tevis, Bill Bryant, and Sherri Sholund



Prayer Shawl Ministry

Monday, September 26, 1:30 pm

Gather with us on September 26 in Fellowship Hall. Cheryl Grenz is hosting. Bring your current project to work on and shawls to dedicate. Contact Cheryl or the church office for questions or if you plan to attend. You are invited to join us if you knit or crochet or would like to learn.

Game Group

Thursday, September 22, 1:30 pm

Do you like to play board games or enjoy fellowship with church friends? You are invited to bring your favorite board game to Fellowship Hall for fun and fellowship. Please bring your own beverage of choice. No need to sign up. Just show up! Contact Marlan Tevis for more information or for questions.

Stitches of Love

Thursday, September 29, 1:00 pm

Gather with other sewers for fellowship and service at the next Stitches of Love meeting on Thursday, September 29 at 1pm. Stitches of Love meets every other month on the 1st Thursday of the month.

Senior Facilities Team

Wednesday Mornings, 9:00-11:00 am

Gather for fellowship and service with other men on Wednesday mornings. This group meets weekly downstairs for coffee and connection. Then the group works away at various indoor and outdoor projects. Men are welcome to attend as their schedule permits. Group facilitator is Roger Roth.



Cozy Mountain Lodge is a relaxing mountain lodge themed retreat the women of our church are doing together. It includes worship, Bible study, mission project for Breaking Free and time for laughter as well as free time for quiet reflection. Free time activities available include hiking trails, swimming in the indoor pool, walking the labyrinth, games, crafts and visiting by the fireplace.

The retreat will begin with dinner at 6 pm on the evening of Friday, October 28 and will finish by 8 pm on the evening of Saturday, October 29. Our retreat will be held at Mount Olivet Conference and Retreat Center. The cost is \$120 dorm space, \$135 double room and \$175 single room. Scholarship money is available. The fee includes 4 delicious meals, 4 snacks, all supplies, fun and refreshing activities, and comfortable lodging that includes all bedding and towels (except pool towels). Retreat facilities will be available at 3 pm if you want to come early.

Contact Pastor Stina (stinakoppes@crosswindsumc.org) or Dianne Roth for more information, or stop by our table at church Sundays September 18, 25 or October 2 to learn more and register. Online registration will also be available.

Take time to relax, to have fun, to make new friends, to worship, and to draw closer to God.

We hope you'll join us at Cozy Mountain Lodge.

Cozy Mountain Lodge Directors,

Pastor Stina and Dianne Roth



SO ALL ARE

Welcome

So welcome each other,
in the same way that
Christ also welcomed
you, for God's glory
Romans 15:7

Capital Campaign Project Updates

Our first capital campaign project is close to completion! The new motorized window shades are scheduled for install in the sanctuary. A big thanks to Dick Post, Brad Johnson, Lori Lahtinen, Michelle Schober, and the entire Project Management Team (PMT) for working diligently on this project.

This month we also hope to see work beginning on our new deck. As this project is completed, you will see both the new deck as well as the movement of our exterior fellowship hall door in preparation for the kitchen redesign. Getting the deck finished now will allow for a staging area and access point for kitchen construction. There will be a few weeks when the fellowship hall will be inaccessible, while the doors are moved. However, the staff will be ready to adjust programming needs accordingly and the overall gain will be worth it. A big thank you to Jeff Ducklow for coordinating this project along with our PMT and trustees who are providing assistance.

Planning work continues on the kitchen redesign. General contractors are being selected, an architect and kitchen designers have created official designs for review, and material selections are being considered. The team is working on submitting plans to the City of Maple Grove this fall and we hope to have more information about the project timeline soon. A big thanks to Paul Crosland, Mike Ronning, Dave Looney, Linda Dickey, Jeanine Ronning, Joanie Lewis, the PMT and trustees for their ongoing work on this project.

A big thank you to the entire PMT for their ongoing work - Paul Crosland (Trustees Chair), Linda Dickey, Jeff Ducklow, Dave Looney, Dick Post, Mike Ronning, Don Bushen, and Pastor Stina.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

PRESCHOOL & ELEMENTARY



Sunday School 2022-2023

Begins September 11

Come at 9am on September 11 for an open house to see the rooms, meet the leaders and hear about all the great things coming this year!

3rd through 5th grade students and their parents can join Tom Bailey for an acolyte lesson at 9am! Our new Grow curriculum will begin September 18 at our new time, 9am!! Also on September 18, we will bless all of our students and celebrate a new school year together. Kindergarten and 4th grade students will receive new Bibles.

Sunday School Registration is so important in keeping our families connected and our children safe. Please complete the [2022-2023 Registration Form](#) for all kids birth-5th grade before September 11. Thank you!!



An exciting, new year needs an exciting, new curriculum! This year we will be using GROW because helping kids grow spiritually both at church and at home is our top priority! GROW is so much more than a curriculum- it's a way of life.

Teaching, discipling, serving, worshiping, praying, learning... growing... just a few of the things we'll be up to this year! We can't wait to GROW along with you!

Mark your calendars!



RALLY SUNDAY!

Open House 9am
3rd-5th grade
acolyte lesson 9am

9am: Sunday School
10am: Student blessing

Cross Winds Block Party!
4:00-7:00pm
Bring a friend!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

PRESCHOOL & ELEMENTARY



Our rooms look good but
they're missing
something... YOU! See
you soon!



Are you feeling called to
serve in Children's
Ministry? We are looking
to add to our team for
the 2022-2023 school
year! Come and be a
blessing all while being
blessed in the Kid Min
program!





Youth Sunday School 2022-2023

Youth programming is just around the corner!

This year, we are offering Sunday morning group experiences for 6th-12th grade students. On Sunday mornings at 9am, middle school and high school students will have the chance to hang out with their peers and grow in their faith.

All 6th-12th grade students need to register for the 2022-2023 calendar year. Please follow the [Youth Registration link](#) to register your student today.

Higher Ground Youth Choir Kick-off



Sunday, September 25

Higher Ground is our youth choir for grades 5-12, the group is designed for developing singers of all abilities who enjoy learning about music and is led by members of our Wind of the Spirit worship band. We sing in worship 4-5 times per year. Rehearsals continue throughout the school year on select Sundays at 11am.

Wednesday Nights – Middle School Program

Wednesday evening classes are offered during the school year for students in grades 6th-8th.

Pre-Confirmation (6th grade) Introduction to the Bible

6th grade students will be introduced to the Bible and will engage with the history, authorship, content, & nature of the Bible. Pre-Confirmation is open to all 6th grade students (intent to be confirmed is not required).

Confirmation (7th-8th grade) The New Testament

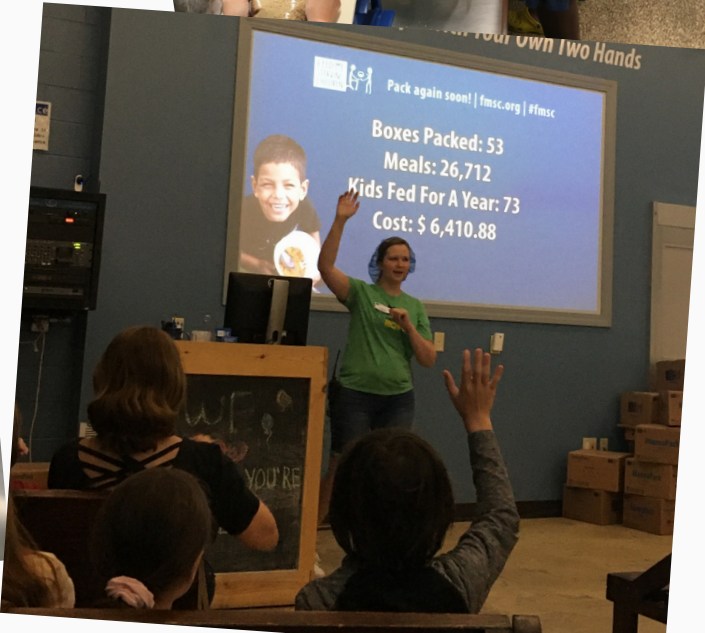
Confirmation is the time in a student's life when they claim faith for themselves by confirming the promises made at their baptisms by their family. Confirmation students will study and engage in the New Testament.

Join us for Back to School/Parent Information Night on Wednesday, September 14.



What a BLAST!!

In early August, 20 students and adult volunteers served at Feed My Starving Children. Afterward, we enjoyed the sun and water at Bunker Beach Water Park. At FMSC, we helped pack 53 boxes which will provide 26,712 meals and will feed 73 kids for a year. It was an incredible sight to see our students working hard for others while enjoying the food packaging process.





Memorial Stone

A huge Cross Winds thank you to the Wednesday Morning Facilities team for the beautiful Memorial Garden in front of the church. Here is the newest installation, a memorial stone in memory of Clark Evans, the founder of the Senior Facilities Group.

If you haven't enjoyed the garden, give yourself a few minutes to take in the beauty of this spiritual and colorful space. Thank-you master gardeners for your dedication to this project.



NEW Connections Team

Revisioning Ministry Leadership Team (MLT Structure)

This September, Cross Winds is launching a one-year pilot program leadership team called the Ministry Connections Team. The team will consist of program staff and lay volunteers partnering together to discern and prioritize ministry programs/events that align with the values/mission of Cross Winds. This team will be a hub for ministry programming; aware of activities across the church but not responsible for execution of all programs. The Connections Team will take on the work previously cared for by the Ministry Leadership Team (MLT) and assorted program ministry teams such as mission team, adult education team, etc.

We are grateful for the following leaders who have committed to this ministry work: Jamie Boettcher (Chair), Kris Koslowski (hospitality chair), John Mbali, Cindy Hall, Kathryn Wahl, Pastor Stina, Lori Lahtinen (Director of Worship), Amber Lahtinen (Director of Children's Ministry), and Josh Greer (Director of Youth Ministries).

On Sunday, October 9, we will bless these leaders in their work during worship and share more about the work of the team.

Feed My Starving Children

Saturday, October 1, 9:00-10:45 am

Many people around the world don't know where their next meal is coming from but YOU can make a difference! Have fun with family and friends by packing meals together at Feed My Starving Children. Restore hope and provide nutritious meals for families while discovering how God is at work through His people. Spaces are limited. Contact Amber for more information and to sign up to serve. Amber@crosswindsumc.org.
*No participants under age 5.





Music Notes

Cross Winds Choir

Wednesdays 7:00-8:30 pm

Cross Winds Choir is open to all singers from ninth grader on. It is not only a group that produces beautiful worship music, but also provides fellowship, friendship, spiritual growth, and care for its members. Rehearsals will continue Wednesdays from 7:00-8:30 pm from September-May.



Music Instrumentalist Needed

We incorporate instruments of all kinds including strings, brass and woodwinds, and keyboards in much of our worship music; please let me know if you play an instrument, and would like to play in worship. You can contact me for opportunities throughout the year to share your musical gifts and talents in worship.

For more information contact Lori Lahtinen, Director of Worship and Music Ministries at lorilahtinen@crosswindsumc.org

Brooklyn Big Band - Worship Highlights

On July 24 we had the pleasure of welcoming the Brooklyn Big Band for worship.



SEPTEMBER 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>4</p> <p>10 am Worship 10 am Children's Worship online worship at crosswindslife.org</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Labor Day - Office Closed</p>	<p>6</p> <p>9:30 am Staff Meeting 11 am Worship Staff Meeting 7pm Boy Scouts</p>	<p>7</p> <p>9 am Senior Facilities 9:30 am Care Team 6 pm Worship Run-thru 7 pm Choir</p>	<p>1</p> <p>7 pm Facilities Team</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>10 am Al-Anon Group</p>
<p>11</p> <p>9 am Open House for classes 10 am Worship 10 am Children's Worship online worship at crosswindslife.org</p>	<p>12</p> <p>1:30 pm Grief Share Group 6:30 pm Trustees 7:00 pm Tech Team</p>	<p>13</p> <p>7 am BNI 11 am Worship Staff Meeting 6:30 pm Connections Team 7pm Boy Scouts</p>	<p>14</p> <p>9 am Senior Facilities 6 pm Worship Run-thru 6:30 pm Hospitality Team 7 pm Choir 7 pm Inclusive Church Session 1</p>	<p>15</p> <p>9:30 am MGPR Strength & Balance Class 6 pm WOS Vocals 7 pm Zoom - Inclusive Church Workshop</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>9 am Worship Leader Training 10 am Al-Anon Group</p>
<p>18</p> <p>9 am Education Hour 10 am Worship 10 am Children's Worship online worship at crosswindslife.org</p>	<p>19</p> <p>1:30 pm Grief Share Group 6:30 pm Nominations Team 6:30 pm Worship Team 6:30 pm Finance Team Virtual</p>	<p>20</p> <p>7 am BNI 9:30 am Paint Group 9:30 am Staff Meeting 11 am Worship Staff Meeting 11:30 am Internship Meeting 7pm Boy Scouts</p>	<p>21</p> <p>9 am Senior Facilities 9:30 am Care Team 6 pm Worship Run-thru 7 pm Choir 7 pm Inclusive Church Session 2</p>	<p>22</p> <p>9:30 am MGPR Strength & Balance Class 10:45 am MGPR Chair Yoga 7 pm Zoom - Inclusive Church Workshop</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>9 am Wind of the Spirit 10 am Al-Anon Group 4 pm Cross Winds Block Party</p>
<p>25</p> <p>9 am Education Hour 10 am Worship 10 am Children's Worship 11 am Congregation Forum 11 am Higher Ground online worship at crosswindslife.org</p>	<p>26</p> <p>1:30 pm Grief Share Group 6:30 pm Nominations Team 6:30 pm Worship Team 6:30 pm Finance Team Virtual</p>	<p>27</p> <p>7 am BNI 11 am Worship Staff Meeting 6:30 pm Cross Winds Board 7pm Boy Scouts</p>	<p>28</p> <p>9 am Senior Facilities 6 pm Worship Run-thru 7 pm Choir</p>	<p>29</p> <p>7 am Clergy Leadership Academy 1 pm Stitches of Love</p>	<p>30</p> <p>7 am Clergy Leadership Academy</p>	

Cross Winds

United Methodist Church

15051 Weaver Lake Rd

Maple Grove, MN 55311

Return Service Requested

The Compass

is the monthly newsletter of
Cross Winds United Methodist Church

www.crosswindslife.org

Phone: 763-494-4963

