

CrossWay Covenant Church

COMMUNITY CONNECTION

**August
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Dear Friends,

Iran has been a major topic in our news throughout most of 2026. While everything from its theocratic leadership to its nuclear arms program to its influence over oil prices has caught our attention – and brought about a war in the region – another aspect of Iran should not be forgotten: its Christian population.

Iran is a country of over 92 million people, 98% or more of whom are officially listed as being Muslim. However, a small core of indigenous Christians exists in Iran, and the number of converts to Christianity are growing quickly. The organization Open Doors estimates that Iran has 800,000 Christians. Over 300,000 of these, at least, are of Armenian and Assyrian ethnic groups. Many others have left Islam for Christianity.



Ever since the 1979 revolution, Iran has been an Islamic theocracy, meaning the nation is ruled by Islamic clerics and Islamic laws. This has created a dire situation for generations of Iranian Christians. The Voice of the Martyrs keeps Iran on its list of "restricted" nations, those most hostile to the Christian faith. Open Doors ranks Iran as the 10th worst nation in the world for the persecution of Christians (that's one place higher than even Afghanistan). Life in Iran for a Christian is very difficult. For converts from Islam, it can be deadly.

One recent example, as reported by The Jerusalem Post: "Earlier this month, human rights groups reported that Ghazal Marzban Joorashari, a Gilak Christian convert imprisoned in Tehran's Evin Prison, was sentenced to six months in prison and the inhumane punishment of 74 lashes for 'failing to observe compulsory hijab.'" The Post also reports, "The experts noted that some Christians, including convert Mohammad Nikbakht, were forced to confess to crimes under torture. Nikbakht was beaten at his home in Golpaygan in March 2026 and held incommunicado in Dastgerd Prison, while his family has been deprived of any access to information or legal counsel."

This year's hostilities have only heightened the danger Christians are under in Iran, as state police falsely accuse them of spying or of collaboration with Israel and the United States.

Let's remember our many brothers and sisters in Christ who live and worship in fear throughout Iran. May God preserve them and protect them.

Blessings,

Pastor Bill

Pastor's Office Hours:

Thursday, August 6th and 20th from 6:30-8:30PM or by appointment

MEETINGS & EVENTS

Prayer Meeting

Fellowship Hall
Every Monday, 4:00PM

The Women's Group

No Meeting in August

Holy Communion

Sunday, Aug 2, 10:45AM

Men's Fellowship Group

Sunday, Aug 12 at 7:00PM

Administrative Council

No Meeting in August

PRAYER REQUEST

- Mike Bowman
- Lyle & Jean Bratton
- Don Carson
- Ted Commons
- Jim Conrad
- Gary Fruits
- Tom Groves
- Sue Howell
- Marcia Hobbs
- Bill Kinman
- Miranda Leahy
- Sue Lough
- Mary Ann Lowe
- Susan Moreland & family
- Nuper Motycka
- Janet Parks
- Georgia Phelps
- Lori Redd
- Brandy Richmond's family
- Barb Runyon
- Jay Strickland
- Melvin Sturgeon
- Ron Watson
- Judy Welliever
- Unspoken
- Our Military
- Our Country's Leaders
- Christians around the world

*Our sympathy goes to the family and friends of
Susan Moreland, Kyle Blaydes & Curt Stevens*

VOLUNTEERS

Greeter

Lori Hedrick & Luke Hurt

Usher

JoElla Haffner & Lana Welliever

Liturgist

2nd Dan Welliever
9th Marci Welliever
16th Sylvia Green
23rd Kelly Clifton
30th Lori Parks

Nursery

Marcia Shaw & Marci Welliever

The Women's Group

Six women met in fellowship hall July 1, 2026. Marci Welliever opened the meeting at 7:00 PM.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Sheila Chadd reported a balance of \$1333.17

Correspondence: Requests for donations were tabled until the November meeting when mission donations will be made.

Unfinished Business: Rachel Welliever presented her banner idea and the women worked on the church banner during the meeting.

New Business: Sheila and Ann France volunteered to distribute books at the free book table at the New Market Summer celebration on July 18. The plans for the 50+ luncheon on July 3 were finalized.

Marci reminded everyone of the yard sale in August and of the after-church luncheon for the women of the church sometime in September. The women will not be serving drinks at the summer celebration since some will be at the Cove for a spiritual retreat.

Closing: Marci closed the meeting with prayer at 8:05 PM. The next meeting is September 2 with the new study book. There is no meeting in August.

BY THE NUMBERS - ATTENDANCE & GIVING

June 28

Sunday School Attendance: 22
Sunday School Offering: \$ 9.00
Worship Attendance: 33
Sunday Offering: \$ 734.00

July 5

Sunday School Attendance: 15
Sunday School Offering: \$ 5.00
Worship Attendance: 30
Sunday Offering: \$ 2023.00

July 12

Sunday School Attendance 15
Sunday School Offering: \$ 8.00
Worship Attendance: 29
Sunday Offering: \$ 1610.00

July 19

Sunday School Attendance: 15
Sunday School Offering: \$ 17.00
Worship Attendance: 33
Sunday Offering: \$ 1,295.00

Men's Fellowship

The Men's Fellowship Group met on July 8th with five in attendance. Dan Welliever gave a devotion, followed by an overview of the recent father/son banquet. We also discussed plans for the August food court, and decided not to have a regular meeting in August. We postponed the treasurer's report, noting however that it would be only slightly changed from earlier this year. The group then walked/drove to A Scoop Above for desserts, and talked until 9:00 p.m.



The New Market Summer Celebration

was held on July 18th There was a good turn out in spite of the heat. There was a Jeep show and a car show. (Roger Parks and Kathy Lidester showed their cars.) Food, drink, and ice cream trucks were a big hit. Kids had fun playing games, drawing on the streets, participating in the bicycle parade, and playing in the foam. (Lana learned what a foam party was.) The book giveaway was a huge success. There were two bands and a solo piano player, One of the bands was Josh Pruitt and the Backyard Revival. (Josh is a great grandson of the late Martin and Joan Pruitt.) Josh and his family purchased the green couch in the basement and had their picture taken with it. The New Market Proud committee would like to thank the church for the use of the tables and grounds. Thanks to Sheila, Lana, Joe, and CeCie for the help at the book table, to Lori who helped Dixie at the sale table, to Roger who helped with carrying chairs and tables, to Jamie for bringing his corn hole boards, and to everyone who brought items to sell at our table. Thanks again. Next year's Summer Celebration is going to be July 24, 2027. Mark your calendars now.

Submitted by Bion Ruggles
President, New Market Proud

Saturday, August 15th CrossWay Events

BLOOD DRIVE will be from 8:30AM-12:30PM. The Mobile Unit will be east of the church front lawn.

[You can schedule your appointment by going to Versiti website.](#)

Click Donate Blood, put in your zip code and search. Cross-Way Covenant Church should be at the top of the list. Click Schedule and click your time preference. Fill out your information. If you have any questions call the church office.

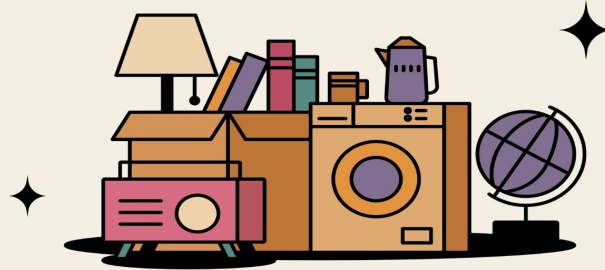
BAKE SALE is starting at 8:00AM. If you are donating items please have them bagged and labeled so that we know what each item is. We sell cookies by the dozen or by bags of two, three, etc.

Breads go over really well, but anything you bake is fine. No cream pies or items that need refrigeration please. If you don't have anything to donate for the rummage sale, this is your chance to join in the big money maker for the maintenance fund.

Ask Dixie if you have any questions about the bake sale. Remember to have your items "sell" ready.

Food Court will start at 8:00AM. If you would like to help at the food court at the rummage sale or have any questions, please contact the office. Breakfast and lunch will be served during the rummage sale while supplies last.

COMMUNITY RUMMAGE SALE



NEW MARKET

Blood Drive, Bake Sale, Breakfast & Lunch

Aug 15
8am-2pm

Thank you for helping
make this a wonderful
event for our community!

If you are participation in the community rummage sale, please help offset the expense of the newspaper ad by donating a couple of dollars at the town office



ADVENTURE
AMUSEMENT PARK
AUGUST
BACK TO SCHOOL
BACKYARD
BICYCLE
CAMPFIRE
CAMPING
CORN ON THE COB
FARMERS MARKET
FIREFLY
FLOWERS
FRUIT
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GRILLING
HOT
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POPSICLE
RELAXATION
ROAD TRIP
SAILBOAT
STATE FAIR
SUMMER
SUNFLOWER
SUNNY



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Holy Communion	3 Prayer Meeting 4:00PM	4 Tyberius Anglin Birthday	5 No Women's Group	6 Pastor's Office Hours 6:30-8:30PM	7 50 Plus Luncheon 12:00PM	8
9 Children's Church 10:45AM	10 Prayer Meeting 4:00PM	11 David & Marcia Shaw Anniversary	12 Men's Fellowship 7:00PM	13	14	15 Rummage Sale & Food Court 8AM-2PM Blood Drive 8:30AM-12:30PM
16 Lana Welliever Birthday	17 Prayer Meeting 4:00PM	18	19 No Ad Council Meeting	20 Pastor's Office Hours 6:30-8:30PM	21	22 DJ Ruggles & Brian Bartlett Birthday
23 Children's Church 10:45AM	24 Prayer Meeting 4:00PM Jamie Welliever Birthday	25	26	27	28 Tom DeBusk Birthday	29
30 Chandler Burkhart Birthday	31 Prayer Meeting 4:00PM Henry Bartlett Birthday					

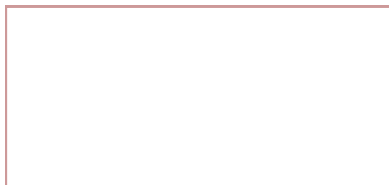
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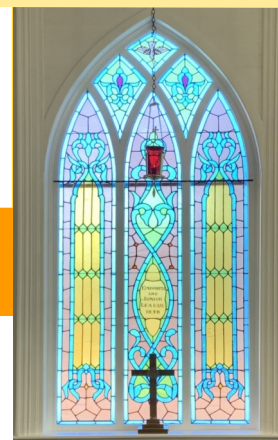


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Come Worship With Us

Sunday School: 9:30 AM
Worship Gathering: 10:45 AM

**Find Us On Facebook!**

Just search CrossWay Covenant, New Market, Indiana and select Facebook.

If you have any pictures or events you want posted, please contact Lori Hedrick.

Find Us On Our Website!

Just go to www.crosswaycovenantchurch.com or google CrossWay Covenant, New Market, Indiana

If you have any thing you would like to put on the church website, please contact Rachel Welliever