

CrossWay Covenant Church

COMMUNITY CONNECTION

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Dear Friends,

When my great-great aunt, Esther McCollough (a staunch Methodist and an important influence on me), passed away in 1996, I received several of her books as an inheritance. One of these was a green-colored hardback, missing the slipcover, titled *A Man Called Peter*. I learned that it was the biography of a former Chaplain of the U.S. Senate, and, having just worked in the Senate a year earlier, I was intrigued. Little did I know, however, the story that awaited me.

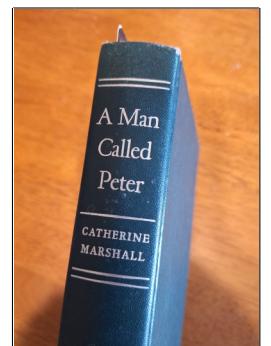
Born in 1902 in Scotland, Peter Marshall began life impoverished and mistreated by his step-father. He eventually worked in coal mines while studying for the ministry. In 1927, a cousin paid his way to America, and he eventually completed seminary training and was ordained.

A highly gifted preacher, Marshall's skills were quickly recognized and in 1937 he was recruited to pastor New York Avenue Presbyterian Church in Washington, D.C. Often, the church could not hold all of the people who came to hear him preach. On January 4, 1947, Marshall's pastoral career peaked when he took up the role of Chaplain of the U.S. Senate.

It may be hard for us to imagine a time when the Chaplain of the Senate was a celebrity figure, but Peter Marshall was just that. His prayers to open the Senate each day, normally a largely ignored, *pro forma* routine, were instead so meaningful and unusual that Senators gathered early just to hear them, and they were regularly published in newspapers. As the first immigrant to hold the role of Senate Chaplain, Marshall was also deeply aware of the blessings God had bestowed on America, and the responsibility that came with citizenship in such a nation.

Peter Marshall's life was cut tragically short by a fatal heart attack, 77 years ago this month, on January 26, 1949. He was only 46 years old. His wife, Catherine, published *A Man Called Peter* in 1951. In 1955 it was adapted into an Academy Award-nominated film. Catherine Marshall would go on to be a famed novelist in her own right, best-remembered for her 1967 book, *Christy*.

As we begin a new year, we can hope and pray that men and women of godly passion can once more stir our nation's leaders with the Word of God.



Blessings,
Pastor Bill

Pastor's Office Hours:

Thursday, January 15th and 29th from 6:30-8:30PM or by appointment

VOLUNTEERS

Greeter
Sylvia Green
Usher
Jack Howell
Rachel Welliever
Liturgist
4th Mary Ann Lowe
11th Kelly Clifton
18th Dixie Ruggles
25th Sheila Chadd
Nursery
JoElla Haffner
Volunteer needed

MEETINGS & EVENTS

Prayer Meeting
Fellowship Hall
Every Monday, 4:30PM

Holy Communion
Sunday, Jan 4, 10:45AM

The Women's Group
Wednesday, Jan 7, 7:00PM

Men's Fellowship Group
Sunday, Jan 14, 7:00PM

Administrative Council
Wednesday, Jan 21, 7:00PM

PRAYER REQUEST

- Janet Bennett
- Tom Boots
- Mike Bowman
- Brian Bradley
- Mary Butz
- Tom Common
- Sue Foy
- Gary Fruits
- Barb Lidester
- Patricia Pruitt
- Barb Runyon
- Jay Strickland
- Church Growth
- Our Country's Leader
- Our Military Personnel
- Israel
- Global Christians
- Travel Mercies

BY THE NUMBERS - ATTENDANCE & GIVING

November 30
Sunday School Attendance: 17
Sunday School Offering: \$ 10.00
Worship Attendance: 30
Sunday Offering: \$ 445.00

December 7
Sunday School Attendance: 17
Sunday School Offering: \$ 13.97
Worship Attendance: 32
Sunday Offering: \$ 1,748.00

December 14
Church cancelled
due to weather

December 21
Sunday School Attendance: 25
Sunday School Offering: \$ 29.00
Worship Attendance: 42
Sunday Offering: \$ 2,599.61

The Women's Group

Seven women met at the Cracker Barrel Restaurant in Crawfordsville December 3, 2025, at 6:00 P.M. for the annual Christmas meeting/meal. The women of the church were invited to attend the meal.

President Marci Welliever gave the table blessing. The women enjoyed the fellowship, the food, and laughs.

2026 New Year Blessings

The Outreach Committee

Reminder for 2026: The Outreach Committee collects the fronts of all greeting cards and sends them to St Jude's Ranch for Children. A container is in the first classroom on the left at the top of the stairs leading to the Sunday School classrooms. Thank you to everyone who participated in 2025.

Reminder: Save your pill containers

for the New Market Christian Church. They are sending them to a mission in Africa. Be sure to remove labels. Give them to Dixie or leave them in the first classroom on the left at the top of the stairs in the Sunday school rooms.

Lowe & Behold



Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all you lands. Serve the LORD with gladness: come before His presence with singing.
Psalm 100:1-2 (KJV)

2025 OUTREACH SUMMARY

"Whenever we have the opportunity, we should do good to everyone, especially to our Christian brothers and sisters."
Galatians 6:10

The Outreach/Missions committee provides the congregation with the opportunities to actively participate in mission activities on a local, state, national and international level. It educates the laity on missions.

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS:

Sponsored four blood drives collecting a total of 54 units of blood.

Collected monetary offerings for Habitat, FISH, Blanket Sunday

Collected food, clothing, and linens for the FISH pantries throughout the year.

Collected Christmas gifts for Montgomery County Mental Health Christmas Program.

Coordinated the congregation's schedule to ring the Salvation Army bell. The ringers collected \$436.00 in one day.

Volunteered in different areas in the community (free clinic, schools, Wesley Thrift Shop, etc.)

Coordinated donating money to Midwest Conference of the Global Methodist Church for disaster relief.

Sent a box of used greeting cards to St. Jude's Ranch for Children for their mission project.

There are other mission projects that are not coordinated by the Outreach Committee.



Congratulations times two!

Collin and Lauren Bartlett have added a baby boy, Connor, and baby girl, Evelyn, to their family. Big brother, Henry, is so sweet to his little brother and sister.



On Saturday, December 6th, Versiti Blood Center of Indiana came to New Market. It was a very successful morning with 17 units collected. Thank you all for supporting this important mission. Photo above of Joe and Cece Kraynak donating.

WINTER JAM 2026

FRIDAY • FEBRUARY 6
Indianapolis
Gainbridge Fieldhouse

Chris Tomlin, Matthew West,
Katy Nichole, Hulvey,
Disciple, Emerson Day,
Newsong, Zane Black

NEW YEAR WORD SEARCH

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Ball Drop
Celebrate
Confetti
Countdown
Eve

Family
Festive
Fireworks
Happy New Year
Hat
January

Kiss
Midnight
Parade
Party
Resolution



JANUARY 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<i>1 New Year's Day</i>	2	3
<i>4 Holy Communion 10:45am</i>	<i>5 Prayer Meeting 4:30pm Sue Howell Birthday</i>	6	<i>7 Women's Group 7pm</i>	8	9	<i>10 Linda Johnson Birthday</i>
<i>11 Children's Church</i>	<i>12 Prayer Meeting 4:30pm</i>	13	<i>14 Men's Fellowship 7pm</i>	15	16	<i>17 Jack Howell Birthday</i>
18	<i>19 Prayer Meeting 4:30pm</i>	<i>20 Darren Haffner Birthday</i>	<i>21 Ad Council Meeting 7pm</i>	22	23	24
<i>25 Children's Church</i>	<i>26 Prayer Meeting 4:30pm</i>	27	28	29	30	31

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Come Worship With Us

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



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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