



# Cranford United Methodist Church

201 Lincoln Ave. E.  
Cranford, NJ 07016  
Telephone (908) 276-0936  
Fax (908) 497-0101

Email: [office@cranfordumc.com](mailto:office@cranfordumc.com)  
Website: [www.cranfordumc.com](http://www.cranfordumc.com)



**Continued Prayers:** Rich Noble, Hank and Gloria M, Louise D., Christopher Kaltreider, Patrick Lyman, Ken VanGorden, Fran Bresenhan, Joyce Fidlow, Erl Dordal, Firefighters, EMT's, Police, Nurses, Military Personnel, Sandra Koenig, Gordon Kirkbride, Kathy Reynolds, Emily Fidlo, Dorothy Powers, Pat Dougherty, & Frank Tremmel, Corey & Ashlee, Joe Jones & Will.



+++++



*"In full expression of God's grace and love, the Cranford United Methodist Church embraces our human family's diversity of sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, race, ethnicity, age, and physical and mental abilities. In our faith journey together, we welcome and affirm all people as beloved children of God and as unique members of the body of Christ."*



Follow us on Instagram: @cranfordumc



<> <> <> <> <> <> <> <> <> <> <> <> <> <>  
For updates throughout the week, like us on Facebook at  
Cranford United Methodist Church, NJ.  
<> <> <> <> <> <> <> <> <> <> <> <> <> <>



Facebook posts and website for the weekly installment of Pastor Cam's blog.



## Staff of Cranford United Methodist Church

Pastor:	Rev. Cameron Overbey
Kids Ministry:	Michael Andersen
Office Manager:	Angela Adams
Music Director:	Anthony Lim
Organist/Pianist:	Mengjia Lu

\*\*\*\*\*

## Church Officers

Lay Leader:	Jo Ann Boyle
Church Council Chairperson:	Laurie Chichester
Trustees Chairperson:	Ed Robinson
Finance Co-Chairpersons:	Cheryl Venezia, Laurie Chichester
Finance Secretaries:	Barbara Bitz, Laurie Chichester
Treasurer:	Cheryl Venezia
SPRC Chairperson:	Helen Sorrentino
Outreach Chairperson:	Sue VanGorden



**Reminder:** First Sunday of the month, please bring non-perishable food for Cranford Family Care. Cranford Family Care needs all kinds of food etc.



\*\*\*\*\*



### March Missions

#### March Mission –UMCOR

This month the mission donations will go to support UMCOR> UMCOR is the Methodist answer to help for areas that have experienced disasters. Your money will send much needed supplies and volunteers to these areas. Please give generously.

### Operation Warm Heart

Operation Warm Heart is asking for donations to help cover the costs of cots, pillows and blankets for the homeless. This is a life changing winter shelter program of the Elizabeth Coalition to House the Homeless that is open from December 1st to March 31st throughout houses of worship in Elizabeth, Rahway, Linden, Cranford, and Scotch Plains. Guests are provided hot food, a warm place to sleep and loving care. They also accept donations of gently used winter items including winter gloves, heavy winter jackets, underwear from men and women, men's undershirts, men's work boots, hats, scarves, pants, long-sleeve shirts, and white socks. Please send donations to Operation Warm Heart, 118 Division Street, Elizabeth, NJ 07201. For more information: Please contact Erica at 908-355-2060 X 302 or e-mail [erodriguez@theelizabethcoalition.org](mailto:erodriguez@theelizabethcoalition.org).



"The Lenten Season is upon us and there are a number of ways that you can participate in the season of preparation and devotion!

- **Weekly Devotional Booklets:** Each Sunday, a devotional booklet will be available for you to take home and read throughout the week. It tracks along with John Wesley's "means of grace" and encourages a multifaceted approach to growing closer with God.

- **Instagram Lent Photo-a-day:** Follow the church's Instagram account (@cranfordumc) to take a visual journey through the season of Lent as we participate in Rethink Church's "Photo-a-Day" Challenge!

- **Website/Facebook Special Videos:** Each week, Pastor Cam will release a special video as we reflect on our theme for Lent: the future. If you haven't seen the Ash Wednesday video, be sure to check it out on the church website or Facebook page!

+++++



### Virtual Church Schedule:

In an effort to establish a cadence for our virtual church opportunities, here is our new weekly schedule of both live and edited content:

- Worship: LIVE Sundays at 9:55AM
- Story Time with Pastor Cam: Tues, Thurs @ 7:30PM
- Beanbag Chats: LIVE Weds & Fri @ 11:00AM
- Prayersong (Evening prayer and song) Weds @ 7:30PM

Opportunities to worship and pray on Sunday and Wednesday. I will be reading children's stories on Tuesdays and Thursdays. And Tucker, Sammie, and I will check in live from the Beanbag on Wednesdays and Fridays before lunch. Come hang out with us! Other live broadcasts may pop up from time to time as well. [www.facebook.com/cranfordumc](https://www.facebook.com/cranfordumc)

**Physical Church:** The church building is effectively closed during this season of social distancing. Pastor and Counselors from CCHD will occasionally be in the office for work, checking mail, etc. The main office will be operated remotely and voicemails will be checked regularly. Email is the best method of communication.

**Shoppers and Shopping Lists:** We have a group of volunteers who are ready to shop for those who have a heightened risk for experiencing COVID-19 in a serious way. Please let Pastor Cam know if you are a willing shopper or if you have supply needs that we can help with. Supplies will be delivered to your door!

**Giving:** It is imperative to the vitality of the church that donations continue. We continue to work on a new, easier online giving interface. You may consider signing up for a regular, direct bill pay through your bank, or mailing in checks to the office (mail will be checked daily). Thank you for remembering the church in your generosity during this season of distance.

### Service Opportunity for St. Joe's

Our friends at St. Joseph's Social Service Center in Elizabeth are trying to continue serving the hungry during this time of pandemic and isolation. They are asking for donors to provide Emergency Bags with groceries (from the attached list) that they can distribute to the community. If you are able to shop and make a complete bag, you may drop it off at the church in the arcade on Thursday and/or Sunday morning. We have a box outside the arcade for drop off at any time. You can also donate specific items on the list if you cannot make a whole bag. This could be a great community effort and a way to serve from home!

### Emergency Food Bag Shopping List - please check off what you purchased and attach list to the bag. Please double bag!

- ☐ Soups - Ready to eat (2)
- ☐ Fruit: cups, pouches, or cans (2)
- ☐ Peanut butter (1)
- ☐ Jelly (1)
- ☐ Beans (2)
- ☐ Pasta or Rice (2)
- ☐ Pasta Sauce (1)
- ☐ Canned fish & poultry (2)
- ☐ Canned vegetables (2)
- ☐ Granola Bars, Nuts, or Trail Mix (2)
- ☐ Shelf Stable Milk (1)
- ☐ Crackers (1)
- ☐ Cereal/Oatmeal (1)
- ☐ Macaroni & Cheese (2)

Thank you for sharing your blessings!

"Share your bread with the hungry and shelter the homeless poor" - (Isaiah 58)

## Songs

### Desert Song

#### *Verse 1:*

This is my prayer in the desert  
When all that's within me feels dry  
This is my prayer in my hunger and need  
My God is the God who provides

#### *Verse 2*

This is my prayer in the fire  
In weakness or trial or pain  
There is a faith proved of more worth than gold  
So refine me Lord through the flame

#### *Chorus*

I will bring praise, I will bring praise  
No weapon formed against me shall remain  
I will rejoice I will declare  
God is my victory and He is here

#### *Verse 3*

This is my prayer in the battle  
When triumph is still on its way  
I am a conqueror and co-heir with Christ  
So firm on His promise I'll stand

#### Bridge

All of my life in ev'ry sea  
You are still God I have a reason to sing  
I have a reason to worship  
(REPEAT)

#### *Verse 4*

This is my prayer in the harvest  
When favour and providence flow  
I know I'm filled to be emptied again  
The seed I've received I will sow

### Lead Me To The Cross

#### *Verse 1*

Saviour I come quiet my soul Remember redemption's hill Where Your blood was spilled For my ransom

#### *Pre-Chorus*

Ev'rything I once held dear I count it all as loss

#### *Chorus*

Lead me to the cross  
Where Your love poured out  
Bring me to my knees  
Lord I lay me down  
Rid me of myself  
I belong to You  
Oh lead me lead me to the cross

#### *Verse 2*

You were as I tempted and tried human  
The word became flesh  
Bore my sin in death  
Now You're risen

#### Bridge

To Your heart  
To Your heart  
Lead me to Your heart  
Lead me to Your heart

## 415 Take Up Thy Cross

1. "Take up thy cross," the Sav-ior said, "if thou wouldst  
my dis - ci ple be· de - ny thy - self, the '  
world for - sake, and hum - bly fol - low af - ter me."

2. Take up thy cross, let. not its weight fill thy weak  
spir - it with a - lann; his strength shall bear thy  
spir - it up, and brace thy heart and nerve thine arm.

3. Take up thy cross, nor heed the shame, nor let thy  
fool - ish pride re . bel; thy Lord for thee the  
cross en - dured, to save thy soul from death and hell.

4. Take thy cross and fol - low Christ, nor think till  
death to lay it down; for on - ly those who  
bear the cross may hope to wear the glo - rious crown.

