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FINDING PHOTOS AMY BRETALL FAITH

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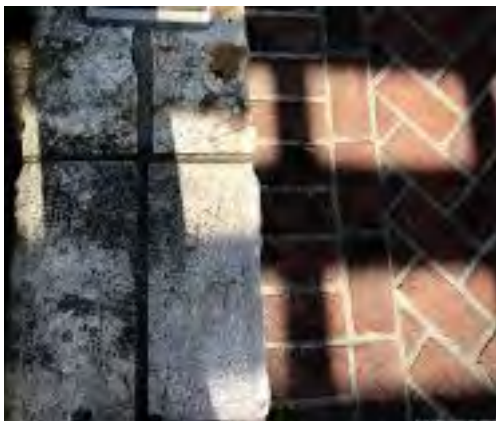
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Far left, clouds and vapor trails converge to form a cross in the sky. “Minutes later, it dissipated,” Amy says. “But this time, this was mine.” This page, tender grasses and seedlings emerge through joints between stones to form a colorful signal of spring’s approach.



Above, Amy visited her grandparents' old barn on the day their farm passed to a new owner. She didn't notice until later that her photos of the old barn revealed dozens of crosses. Left, when Amy made the choice to go at a slower pace and observe the sights around her, she found crosses hiding in stone walls and even etched like a jagged scar into concrete.



Above, the random collision of two twigs, the remnants of wintertime salt on a sidewalk, and a cross suspended in shadow are among the mundane-made-holy scenes that capture Amy's attention. She writes, "I've walked by countless times, stepping near, stepping on, or stepping over. But this morning, glancing at the rightly placed and timed step, I see You."



Clockwise from left, Amy has learned to look for everyday crosses in the most unexpected places, including on the boarded-up door of an abandoned gas station, atop a sewer access cover, and amid the clutter of demolition debris.

Follow Amy Bretall's faith and photo journey, and explore In Plain Sight and the newly published Sights of Faith at LiveBreatheAlive.com.



FINDING FAITH

PHOTOS AMY BRETALL

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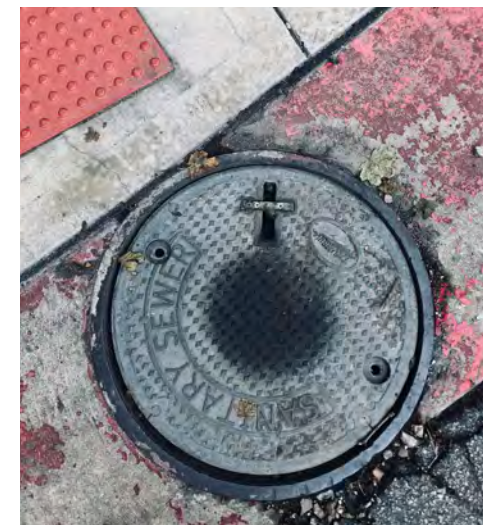
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Above, the service animals at the Canine Search and Rescue Association include search dogs that detect human scent in the air, trailing dogs, and human remains detection dogs. Left, Glenda Eichmeyer has three dogs. From left, Athena, two, is training to be a disaster dog and area-search dog. Juno, five, is a live-find dog, meaning she detects survivors. Below, Xena, twelve, is also one of Glenda's dogs but is certified with another handler in human remains detection. Brad Dede and his dog Clipper are a team and are certified together.

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