

ANNOUNCEMENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

The month of August is "Stewardship Month" for Crossnore Presbyterian Church. Each Sunday we will be exploring different ways that God calls us to be stewards of the gifts God has given us so abundantly. Our themes for this month include: Sharing our talents in ministry and service locally and globally; caring for each other in our church family; the Biblical understanding of tithing and offering our first fruits; and celebrating our stewardship commitment for the coming year. Each of us will receive a pledge card on Sunday, August 21, and we will offer our pledges of time, talents, and treasures to God during our worship on Sunday, August 28. Thank you for the many ways you contribute to the ministry and mission of Crossnore Presbyterian Church and prayerfully consider your pledge for the coming year!

Wednesday Bible Study, 3-4:30 p.m., continues with Adam Hamilton's Book, Half Truths: God Helps Those Who Help Themselves and Other Things the Bible Doesn't Say. The theme this week is: "God Won't Give You More Than You Can Handle." Come and join in this lively discussion. Barbara Ross will be leading the study this week.

Choir Practice is on Wednesdays, 5-6:15 p.m.

Our next Country Breakfast is this Saturday, August 13, 7-10 a.m. Set up takes place on Friday, August 13, 10 a.m.- 12 noon. Please contact Pepe Abrusci to find out how you can help. Her phone number is: 828-387-7676.

Our next speaker for our Summer Speaker Series, Tuesday, August 16, 7 p.m., is Dr. Stewart Skeate. He will be speaking on "The Nature of Our Mountains." Dr. Skeate is a Professor of Biology at Lees-McRae College in Banner Elk. He has explored Northwestern North Carolina, studying and teaching about the rich natural history of the Southern Appalachian Mountains for many years and is considered an authority on this region. Please come and invite some friends to join you.

Our Annual Church Picnic will be held Sunday, August 21, at The Point in Linville Land Harbor from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m.. Hot Dogs and Hamburgers will be provided so bring a side dish. This is another great opportunity for fellowship and fun.

Our Mission Committee will meet on Wednesday, August 24, 1:30 p.m., to plan the fall mission projects for our congregation. If you would like to participate and/or have questions, please contact Linda Berkley, 828-898-3855.

Pastor Kathy will be on vacation this week. If you have any concerns, please contact Fred France, our Clerk of Session, 828-387-0073, ffrance@ceoexpress.com

OUR ELDERS: Class of 2016: Barbara Ross, Pepe` Abrusci, Fred France (Clerk of Session) ; Class of 2017: Tommie Tennant, Jason DeWitt, Linda Berkley ; Class of 2018: Mimi Sloop, Charlotte Davila.

Ashlyn DeWitt, Administrative Assistant

Kathy Hutcheson, Director of Music

Barbara Ross, Volunteer Church Administrator

Attendance last Sunday: 77

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Our Prayers and Concerns This Week

Please keep the following people in your prayers this week for healing and peace. ****Pepé Abrusci and Elizabeth Womack are mourning the loss of Jacques Downing.** Jacques was Elizabeth's brother and Pepé's godson. ****Dottie and Don Huston's daughter, Julie Ann Roche,** continues her battle with cancer. ****Bond Bayse's wife, Myrtle, is gravely ill.** Bond is one of our summer residents. His email is BMBayse@aol.com. ****Janet Schanzle's brother, Joseph Walker,** is suffering from lymphoma and is waiting for a stem cell transplant. Janet's address is 1524 Land Harbor, Newland, NC. 28657. ****Bud and Beth Howell** continue to address health concerns. Their address is 119 Carriage Walk Lane, Hendersonville, NC 28791. ****Ben and Amanda Frazier** would appreciate your thoughts and prayers. Their mailing address is 3337 Land Harbor, Newland, NC 28657.

Homebound folks who would enjoy a card, a call, a visit: ****Lorraine Alls,** Apt. 208, 507 Linville Street, Newland, NC 28657, 1-828-367-0918; Lou Martin, PO Box 57, Plumtree, NC 28664, 1-828-765-6983. ****Peggy Hardy,** 10334 Nu Vista Ave, Apt. 4-209, Wellington, FL 33414.

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THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to

another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit,

to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of

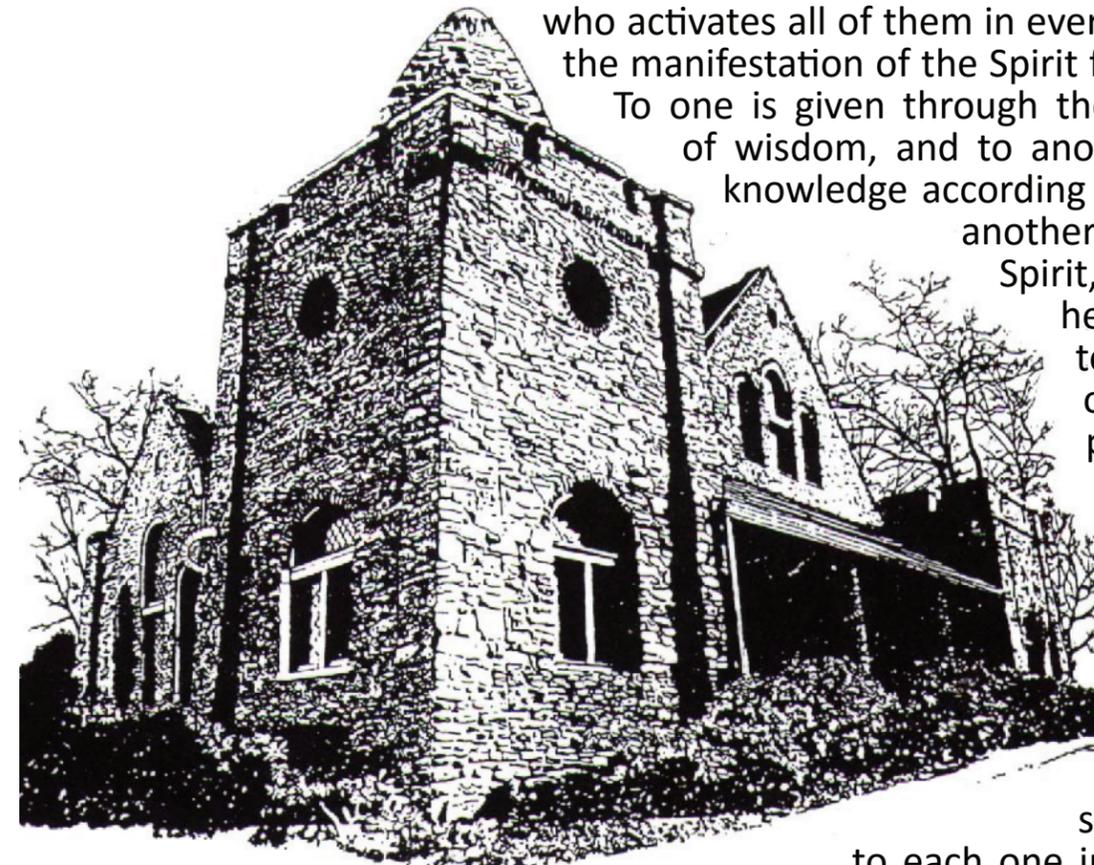
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1 Corinthians 12:4-11



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CROSSNORE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
CROSSNORE, NORTH CAROLINA

REV. KATHY CAMPBELL, PASTOR

12TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, AUGUST 7, 2016

THE GATHERING

Prelude: *Two Spirituals, Lord I Want to Be a Christian* and *My Lord, What a Morning*

African American Spirituals
arr. by Eugene Butler

Chiming of the Hour
Welcome, Church Family News
The Passing of the Peace of Jesus Christ

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

Choral Call to Worship: # 626 *As The Deer*

AS THE DEER

***Call to Worship:**

This is the Lord's Day, the day of wonder and grace.

This is the day to worship the One who calls us here.

This is the Lord's Day, the day we are given joy and peace.

This is the day promised to us, the day of healing and renewal.

This is the Lord's Day, and it has come just in time!

This is the day we gather with hope, with faith, with love!

Lynda Clark

Hymn of Praise: # 14 *For the Beauty of the Earth

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Call to Confession

When we remember all the mistakes we have made, all the careless words we have spoken, all the contempt we have given to those around us, we have trouble looking God in the eye. But God gazes at us with mercy and love, waiting to forgive us, even as we hesitate to speak of the brokenness of our hearts. Please join with me in the prayer of confession:

Unison Prayer of Confession:

Again we must confess, Master of the Universe, our struggles to be faithful disciples. Entrusted with all your gifts, we become fearful once again of misusing them, missing the chance to be a blessing to others. Invited to dance in the light of your love, we stand against the wall once again, keeping company with our old friend, sin. Called to be emptied for those who struggle in life, we fill ourselves once again, with scorn for the poor choices they make. Have mercy, Journeying God, have mercy on us. Once again, open our eyes to your kingdom in our midst, so we might discover that your day of hope and grace has already come in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior (moment of silent confession).

Assurance of Pardon:

This is the good news: God intends for us to find life, to embrace hope, to receive forgiveness through Jesus Christ, our Servant.

The end of our journey is not rejection and emptiness, but the fullness of grace and hope in our God. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven. Amen.

Response to God's Grace and Mercy: # 443 *There is a Redeemer*

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THE WORD PROCLAIMED

First Lesson: 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

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Choral Anthem: *Come, Share the Lord*

words and music by Brian Jeffery Leech

*Congregation stand as are able

Second Lesson: Matthew 25:14-29

“For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away.’”

Sermon: "Investing in God's Future"

Kathy Campbell

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: *Just As I Am*

based on WOODWORTH
by William B. Bradley
arr. by Gerald Peterson

Doxology: # 609 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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***Unison Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving:**

Now, in these moments of gratitude, we would offer you a portion of all which you have given to us, Gracious God. We do so, trusting that you will take them, multiplying them in your kingdom, so all might be blessed by your love, your peace, and your hope. Amen.

Hymn of Meditation: # 515 *I Come With Joy

DOVE OF PEACE

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

Prayer after Communion

Communion Music: *Let Us Break Bread Together*

Take Up Thy Cross

Traditional Spiritual arr. by H. Thomas Manning
based on GERMANY from "William Gardner's "Sacred Melodies"
arr. by Mark Weston

THE SENDING

Closing Hymn: # 547 *Go, My Children, with My Blessing

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***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude: *I Love to Tell the Story

based on HANKEY
by William G. Fischer
arr. by Hugh S. Livingston, Jr.

THOSE SERVING US TODAY

Minister: Rev. Kathy Campbell; Director of Music: Kathy Hutcheson; Liturgist: Lynda Clark ; Greeters: Jane & Eric Sowder