

ANNOUNCEMENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

Please give a warm welcome to today's guest pastor Roger Wise, CLP. Roger is the pastor at Fletcher Presbyterian Church in Newland. He also serves our Presbytery in many additional capacities.

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 said it, I believe it, that settles it."

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

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Country Breakfast Saturday. A special thank you to Pepé Abrusci and all the volunteers for all their efforts in organizing, planning, setting up, cooking, serving and cleaning up.

The speaker for our Summer Speaker Series, this 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, Hamburgers and Buns 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.

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: 87

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Our Prayers and Concerns This Week

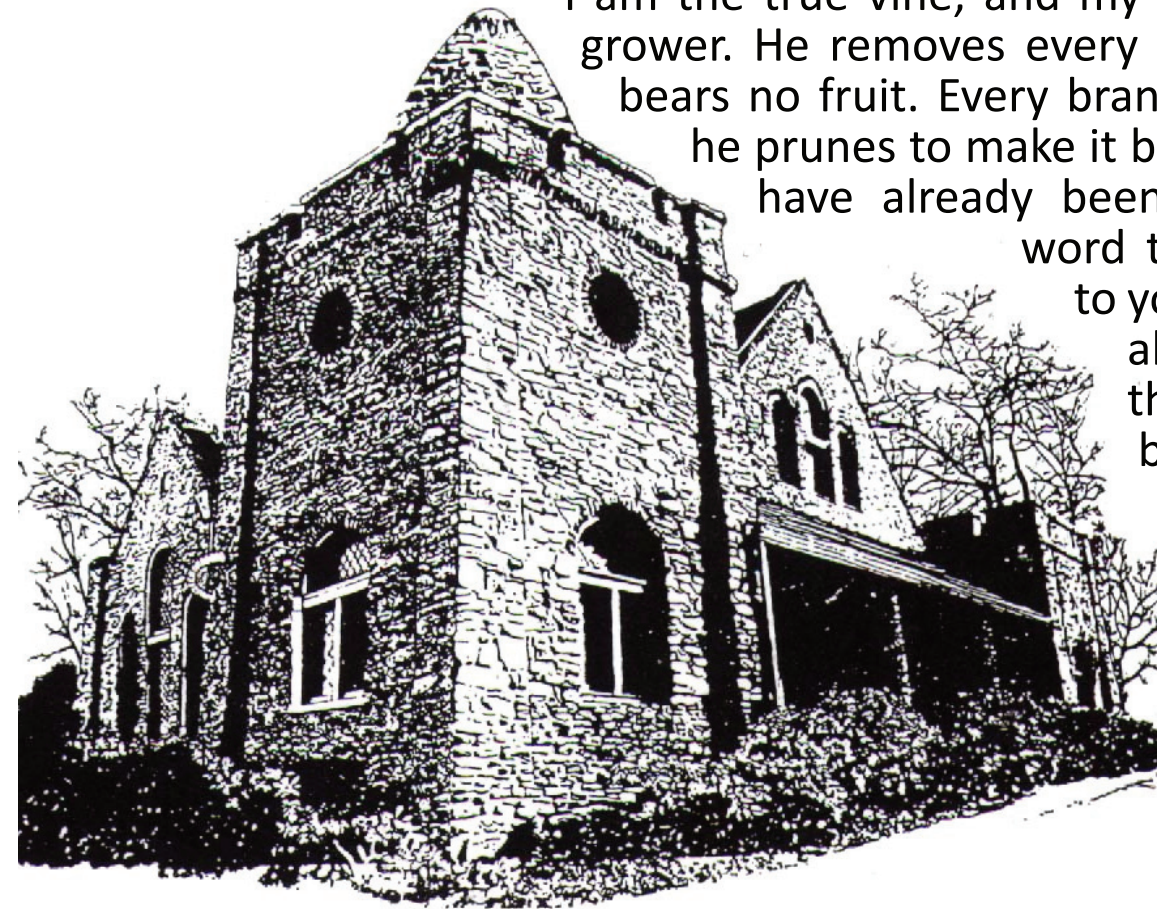
Please keep the following people in your prayers this week for healing and peace. ****Pepé Abrusci and Elizabeth Womack are mourning the loss of Jacques Downing.** Jacques was Elizabeth's brother and Pepé's godson. ****Dottie and Don Huston's daughter, Julie Ann Roche,** continues her battle with cancer. ****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.

Rev. Kathy Campbell may be reached at the church office: 828-733-1939; at home: 828-963-5190; cell phone: 828-260-2512. Her office hours are Tuesday - Thursday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., weather permitting. Please call to ensure Pastor Kathy will be there. Her e-mail is rev.kathy.campbell@gmail.com

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THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY



Historic Crossnore Presbyterian Church. Built 1924-26

'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me.

John 15:1-4



CROSSNORE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
CROSSNORE, NORTH CAROLINA

REV. KATHY CAMPBELL, PASTOR

13TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, AUGUST 14, 2016

THE GATHERING

Prelude: *I Stand Amazed in the Presence*

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

based on MY SAVIOR'S LOVE
by Charles H. Gabriel
arr. by Benjamin Harlan

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

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

AS THE DEER

***Call to Worship:**

We have come to worship God, the living God,
Who calls prophets and teachers to bear witness.

We have come to praise God, the almighty God,
Who answers the forces of hatred and hurt with the power of grace.

We have come to worship God, all-gracious God,
**Who chooses even you and me to receive and carry the Word of life and hope.
All glory to God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit!**

Barbara Ross

Hymn of Praise: # 32 *I Sing the Mighty Power of God

ELLACOMBE

Call to Confession

God knows us so well and loves us so completely. Let us come before his presence and confess our brokenness that prevents us from living the abundant life God gives us to share with others.

Unison Prayer of Confession:

Ever present One, you call us to be your presence, your body in this world, but too often we get caught up in being a hand or a foot, and lose sight of the overarching mission you set before us. We fracture into pieces. We go our separate ways, forgetting we need each other to be whole. You have given us your law to be our guide, but we turn our backs on what we see as rules and restrictions, fearful that we will not live up to your expectations. Help us see with new eyes, and hear with the ears of our heart, the liberating spirit of the law that strengthens and revives and enables us to be and do all you call us to be and do. O God of liberation and justice, help us be faithful witnesses to your law of love and unity. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

In spite of our individual inadequacies, God has called us together to be Christ's Body, and each one of us is indispensable. God re-members us, giving each of us distinct gifts, equipping each of us to provide guidance and accountability for one another, that we all may become more faithful followers of Christ. We are all greater as one Body than any single member of us could be on our own. Friends, believe in the good news of the gospel. We are forgiven. Amen.

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

GREEN

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

First Lesson: Psalm 22: 25-31

From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will pay before those who fear him. The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the LORD. May your hearts live forever! All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD; and all the families of the nations shall worship before him. For dominion belongs to the LORD, and he rules over the nations. To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, and I shall live for him. Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord, and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying that he has done it.

Choral Anthem: *I Will Arise and Go to Jesus*

words by Joseph Hart and Robert Robinson
music based on RESTORATION
arr. by Austin C. Lovelace

*Congregation stand as are able

Second Lesson: John 15: 1-8

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

Sermon: "Connected"

Roger Wise, CLP

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Hymn of Meditation: # 727 *Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

THE SERVANT SONG

Prayers of the People

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: *Seek Ye First in the setting of Pachelbel's Canon in D*

music by Karen Lafferty and Johann Pachelbel
setting by Douglas E. Wagner

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

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

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

O Lord, our God, your steadfast love surrounds those who trust in you. We are grateful for your faithfulness, even when we struggle to commit ourselves and our loved ones to your care. In times of trouble, your Spirit lifts us and carries us through. We rejoice that you call us to be part of this congregation where your love in Christ is made manifest. We dedicate our gifts and offerings to bless our neighbors through the caring ministries of this church, in the name of our risen Savior. Amen.

THE SENDING

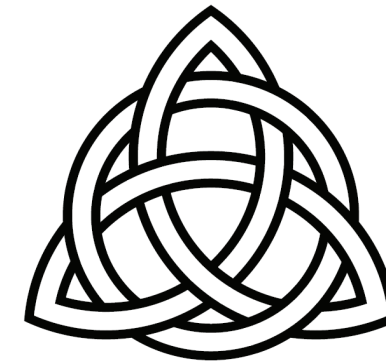
Closing Hymn: # 306 *Blest Be the Tie That Binds

DENNIS

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude: *Holy God, We Praise Thy Name with Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

arr. by Carol Tornquist



THOSE SERVING US TODAY

Minister: Rev. Kathy Campbell; Director of Music: Kathy Hutcheson; Liturgist: Barbara Ross ; Greeters: Bill and Millie Silvia