

ANNOUNCEMENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

The month of August is "Stewardship Month" for Crossnore Presbyterian Church. Each of us will receive a pledge card this Sunday, 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: "Love the sinner, hate the sin."

There will be no Choir Practice this Wednesday, August 24. Choir will not meet next Sunday morning, August 28 to warm-up. Choir will resume its regular practice schedule, Wednesday, August 31, 5-6:15 p.m.

Thanks to all those who came out to hear Dr. Stewart Skeate this past Tuesday evening. It was a great program Mark your calendar for September 20 at 7:00 p.m. Our next speaker is Reverend Charles Alonso. He has served as a public school teacher and as a pastor to the Hispanic Community in the mountains and will be sharing his experiences with us.

Our Annual Church Picnic is today 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.

Little Chapel On the Boardwalk Presbyterian Church Mission Team, under the leadership of Sharon Minor, will be in Avery County, September 6-9. They would like us to partner with them on the Presbyterian Habitat Build of the Jones Family House on September 7 & 8 and the morning of September 9. You can work mornings, afternoons or the entire day. Please contact Linda Berkley for information and to sign up, 828-898-3855, carrollberkley@yahoo.com.

Please keep all those suffering from the flooding in the Gulf this past week in your prayers. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is sending volunteers and donations to help flood victims in Louisiana and Mississippi. If you would like to contribute, write a check to Crossnore Presbyterian Church and designate for "DR000191- Louisiana and Mississippi". Your donation will be sent to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Program

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. ****Mark Hickman, Patricia McGarr's son has some health concerns and is undergoing tests.** His address is 11522 Quiet Pine Court, Charlotte, NC 28273. ****Sally Lopez, Marilyn Gascho's sister fell and broke her hip, this past week.** Marilyn's address is 433 Old Chestnut Mountain Road, Newland, NC 28657. ****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.

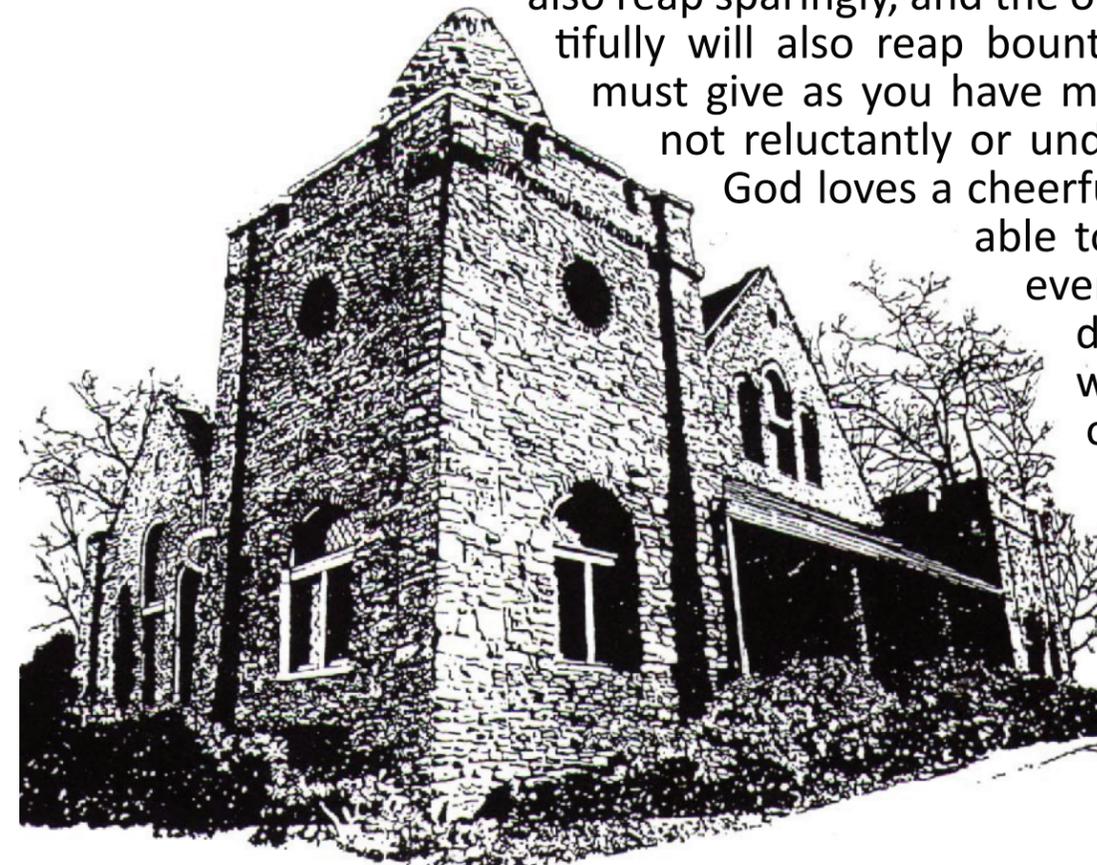
Rev. Kathy Campbell may be reached at the church office: 828-733-1939; at home: 828-963-5190; cell phone: 828-260-2512. Her office hours are Tuesday - Thursday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., weather permitting. Please call to ensure Pastor Kathy will be there. Her e-mail is rev.kathy.campbell@gmail.com

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THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. As it is written, "He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever."

2 Corinthians 9:6-9



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CROSSNORE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
CROSSNORE, NORTH CAROLINA

REV. KATHY CAMPBELL, PASTOR

14TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, AUGUST 21, 2016

THE GATHERING

Prelude: *You Are My Hiding Place*

music by Michael Ledner
arr. by Teresa Patterson Wilhelmi

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:**

Creator God, you call us to hospitality; to give as generously to others as you have given to us.

Loving God, you call us to give you glory in the compassion we show to one another.

We gather as one Body, seeking to walk in the way you have set for us.

We gather as one Body, to worship the One who is Love.

Hymn of Praise: # 643 *Now Thank We All Our God

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Call to Confession

Psalm 24 reminds us that the earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it. God wants us to repent of those things we say and do that separate us from our Creator, from God's creation, and even from our selves.

Unison Prayer of Confession:

God of amazing grace, you have asked us to give of ourselves, wholly and completely. We have heard your call and have responded with great affirmation and joy. Yet there are times when we fall short. Times when we forget. Times when we focus on the wrong things. Times when we put our money and our resources into accumulating more possessions and not into a church that you have created and blessed. Help us to have faith, O God. Help us to give through that faith. Help us to be blessed by that faith (moment of silent confession). **Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon:

Friends, believe in the good news of the Gospel—in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Let us embrace this new life with joy and generosity. Amen.

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

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THE WORD PROCLAIMED

First Lesson: Psalm 8

O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens. Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark because of your foes, to silence the enemy and the avenger. When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established; what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them? Yet you have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honor. You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet, all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas. O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Choral Anthem: *How Great Thou Art with Majesty*

music by Stuart K. Hine & Jack Hayford
choral setting by Joel Raney

Second Lesson: 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

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loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. As it is written, "He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever." He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

Sermon: "The Joy of Generosity"

Kathy Campbell

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Hymn of Meditation: # 716 *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

BEACH SPRING

Prayers of the People

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: *I Want Jesus to Walk With Me*

based on an African-American Spiritual
arr. by Ben Logan

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

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

Gracious and Generous God, we thank you for the many blessings you have given to us. Help each one of us and each of our families to become good stewards of all your many gifts. In gratitude to you, we will prayerfully consider the pledge of our time, talent and treasure, indeed our very selves for the accomplishment of your Divine Will. Multiply our gifts that we may live into our calling as your Body in this time and this place. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

THE SENDING

Closing Hymn: # 761 *Called as Partners in Christ's Service

BEECHER

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude: *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

based on CORONATION by Oliver Holden
arr. by Donald F. Marsh

THOSE SERVING US TODAY

Minister: Rev. Kathy Campbell; Director of Music: Kathy Hutcheson; Greeters: Jim and JoAnn Harllee