

ANNOUNCEMENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

This Sunday is the culmination of our Stewardship Month and during the offering we will offer our pledges to God of our time, our talents, and our treasures. God has a great future planned for our congregation as we share and spread Christ's love and each of us is a part of that vision.

Barbara Ross is our pianist this morning while Kathy Hutcheson is on vacation and we welcome back Sarah McGuire, our 2015 Summer Intern, who is providing Special Music today.

Thanks to all who helped cook, provided food, and shared in our annual church picnic—great food and fellowship was enjoyed by all!

We are beginning a new Bible Study on Wednesday, 3-4:30 p.m. Please join us for a study on Paul's Letter to the Philippians. This Wednesday, Pastor Kathy will discuss the historical background of this interesting book of the Bible and why it was important then and still relevant to our life of faith.

Our Mission Committee will meet this Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. to plan the fall mission projects for our congregation. Interested in mission...please attend this meeting! Want to help but can't be there this Wednesday...contact Linda Berkeley, 828-898-3855.

Please keep all those suffering and recovering from the floods in the Gulf 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 it for "DR000191 - Louisiana and Mississippi". Your donation will be sent to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Program.

The Special Events Calendar for September is included as an insert. Please mark these special dates and plan to attend.

2016 Presbyterian Habitat Build Work Days with Little Chapel on the Boardwalk Mission Team, September 7-8. We need volunteers to join the 11 mission team volunteers on the building of the Jones Family House. Please call Linda Berkeley to let her know which day and how long you can work—828-898-3855. **We will be joining the mission team for dinner on Wednesday, September 7, 6:30 p.m., at Puerto Nuevo.** Please come even if you are not able to volunteer. They are looking forward to seeing us!

The Final Country Breakfast of the season is Saturday, September 10, from 7:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Please contact Pepé Abrusci to volunteer. Phone: 828-387-7676, email: pepmiester@yahoo.com.

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

Ashlyn DeWitt, Administrative Assistant

Kathy Hutcheson, Director of Music

Barbara Ross, Volunteer Church Administrator

Attendance last Sunday: 63

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Our Prayers and Concerns This Week

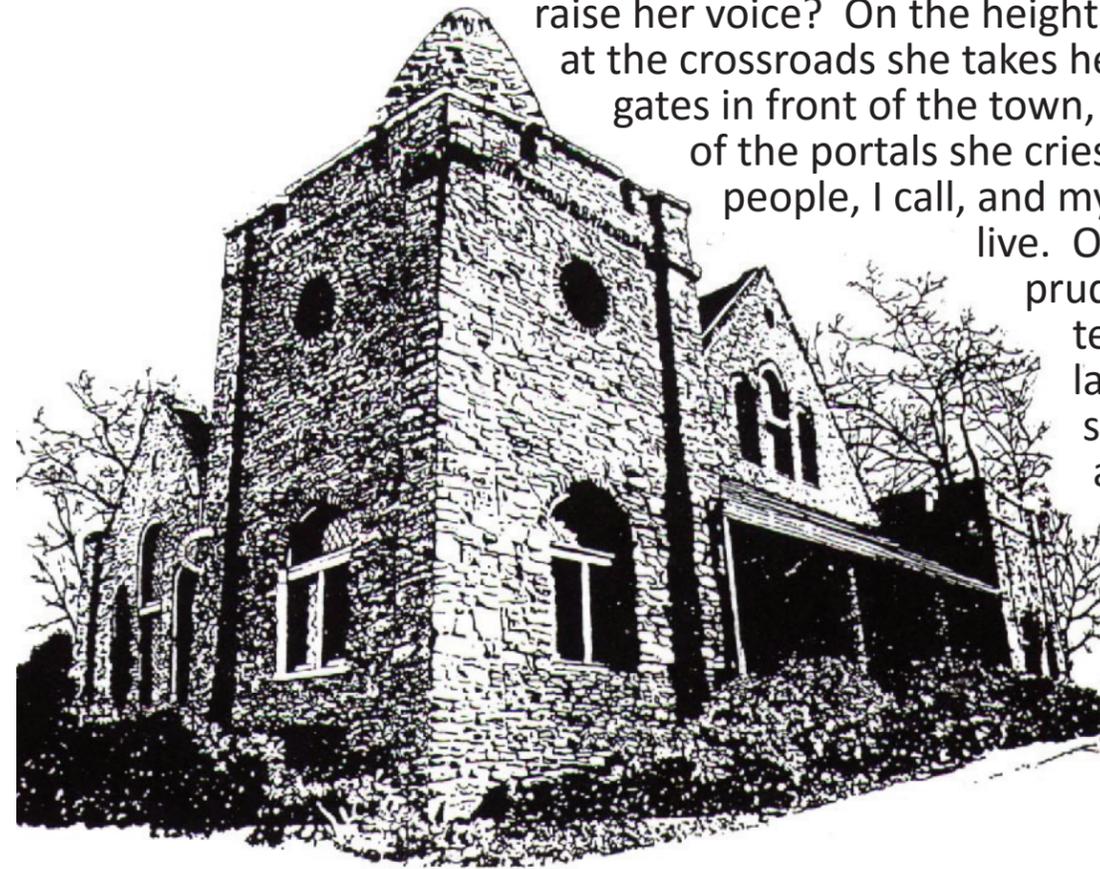
Please keep the following people in your prayers this week for healing and peace. **** El Wilson**, a friend and former member, is having hip replacement surgery on September 30. Her address is: 118 Hickory Circle, Banner elk, NC 28604. ****Mark Hickman, Patricia McGarr's son has some health concerns 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



Does not wisdom call, and does not understanding raise her voice? On the heights, beside the way, at the crossroads she takes her stand; beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance of the portals she cries out: "To you, O people, I call, and my cry is to all that live. O simple ones, learn prudence; acquire intelligence, you who lack it. Hear, for I will speak noble things, and from my lips will come what is right; for my mouth will utter truth; wickedness is an abomination to my lips.

Proverbs 8:1-7

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CROSSNORE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CROSSNORE, NORTH CAROLINA

REV. KATHY CAMPBELL, PASTOR

15TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, AUGUST 28, 2016

THE GATHERING

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

Sarah McGuire

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

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

AS THE DEER

***Call to Worship:**

In the midst of fear and frustration;
in the midst of mayhem and destruction, God calls us.

With everything else going on, who has time for a feast?

We're busy, we'll get around to eating eventually.

In the midst of our anxiety, our worry;
in the midst of bill-paying and appointments, God invites us.

**We are tempted to just grab a bite, a sandwich between errands,
a snack we can eat while driving, or checking email,
or working on today's big project.**

The feast is spread! All are invited, all are welcome!

We are invited. We are welcome. We are worthy. How will we respond?

Hymn of Praise: # 611 *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

HYMN TO JOY

Call to Confession:

If we are honest with ourselves, we must admit that we all make mistakes. There are things we do – and there are things we neglect to do – that separate us from God, from one another, from ourselves. So trusting in the infinite grace of God, let us confess our mistakes and our longing for God.

Unison Prayer of Confession:

Dear Lord, we come to You this morning to give You our thanks and praise. You are God Almighty, the giver of life, hope, and forgiveness. We confess that we often forget that You are God and the King of our lives, and we live as though we are in charge of the world. So many other things about this life beg for our attention. We stray from You and begin to believe the message of this world instead of the message of grace from You. We also confess that we have sinned in so many other ways and have fallen short of Your glory. Forgive us for being harsh and judgmental toward others, for being too quick to speak, for not bringing all of our thoughts and words before You in prayer. Help us to keep our eyes on You and our hearts centered in Your love (moment of silent confession). In Jesus' Name we pray, Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

Hear the good news! In Jesus Christ, we are made new and offered the chance to begin again. Believe the good news! We are forgiven. Amen.

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

GREEN

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

First Lesson: Proverbs 8:1-13

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instruction instead of silver, and knowledge rather than choice gold; for wisdom is better than jewels, and all that you may desire cannot compare with her. I, wisdom, live with prudence, and I attain knowledge and discretion. The fear of the Lord is hatred of evil. Pride and arrogance and the way of evil and perverted speech I hate.

Special Music

Sarah McGuire

Second Lesson: **Luke 14:15-24**

One of the dinner guests, on hearing this, said to him, "Blessed is anyone who will eat bread in the kingdom of God!" Then Jesus said to him, "Someone gave a great dinner and invited many. At the time for the dinner he sent his slave to say to those who had been invited, 'Come; for everything is ready now.' But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a piece of land, and I must go out and see it; please accept my regrets.' Another said, 'I have just been married, and therefore I cannot come.' So the slave returned and reported this to his master. Then the owner of the house became angry and said to his slave, 'Go out at once into the streets and lanes of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind, and the lame.' And the slave said, 'Sir, what you ordered has been done, and there is still room.'" Then the master said to the slave, 'Go out into the roads and lanes, and compel people to come in, so that my house may be filled. For I tell you, none of those who were invited will taste my dinner.'"

Sermon: "The Kingdom of God is a Party"

Kathy Campbell

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Hymn of Meditation: # 697 *Take My Life

HENDON

Prayers of the People

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: *Pie Jesus*

Andrew Llyod Webber

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

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

God of love, you abide with us; you provide for all our needs and guide us in your ways. Out of gratitude for your care, we bring our gifts and our pledges before you. Use them for your work of caring, that all may feast at the table of abundance, walk without fear, and drink deeply from the cup of compassion. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

THE SENDING

Closing Hymn: # 450 *Be Thou My Vasion

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***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude: *He

Richard Mullan and Jack Richards

*Congregation stand as are able

THOSE SERVING US TODAY

Minister: Rev. Kathy Campbell; Pianist: Barbara Ross; Special Music: Sarah McGuire; Greeters: Linda & Carroll Berkley