

ANNOUNCEMENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

During our Stewardship Dedication Sunday, we raised almost \$80,000 in pledges and donations for 2016/2017. We are about halfway there. If you have not returned your pledge card with your commitment of time, talents, and treasure, please turn it in by the end of September. We will be using our pledges to plan the church's ministry and mission and budget. Your gifts truly matter as we grow in faith and in numbers and reach out to the local and global community with Christ's love. Pledge cards are available on the table in the narthex.

Avery County Habitat for Humanity Work Days on the 2016 Presbyterian Build (Jones Family House) with Little Chapel on the Boardwalk Mission Team (mornings, afternoons, all day), September 7, 8, and 9. Contact Linda Berkley to sign up (828-898-3855) or email her at: carrollberkley@yahoo.com We will be providing lunch for 15 volunteers on Wednesday. Please let Pastor Kathy know if you would like to help. **Join us for dinner with the Little Chapel on the Boardwalk Mission Team, Wednesday, September 7, 6:30 p.m.**

This Saturday, September 10, 7:00- 10:00 a.m. is our final Country Breakfast for the season. \$8.00 donation per person. Please contact Pepe Abrusci to let her know when you can volunteer - 828-387-7676 or pepmiester@yahoo.com All donations go toward our mortgage payment.

The Avery County Habitat for Humanity Fundraiser, Musical Musings: A Concert of Music and Readings, will be held on Saturday, September 17, 7-8 p.m. Please see insert for details. All the contributions collected for the evening's concert will go toward our \$5,000 pledge for the 2016 Presbyterian Build (the Jones Family Home). Please plan to attend and bring friends!

The Special Speakers Series, Tuesday, September 20, 7-8:30 p.m., will host Rev. Charles Alonso, pastor to the Hispanic community in Mitchell, Avery, and Yancey area for over 30 years. Please see insert for details.

An Excerpt from the Thanks sent by David Burleson, Superintendent of Avery County Schools:

*Dear Crossnore Presbyterian Church,
Thank you so much for your support of the Avery County Schools and the students we serve. We want to take this time to personally thank you for the donation of \$500 for our third annual Back to School Bash for the students of Avery County. Because of your efforts and support, we were able to provide book bags, school supplies, and other back to school necessities to over 700 students and are continuing to support more students each day. Your contribution goes a long way in helping our families who struggle to give their children what they need to attend school. It is a real joy to see our community rally around our children...your tremendous gift shows how much you care about Avery County.
Sincerely yours, David C. Burleson, Superintendent*

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: 75

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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.

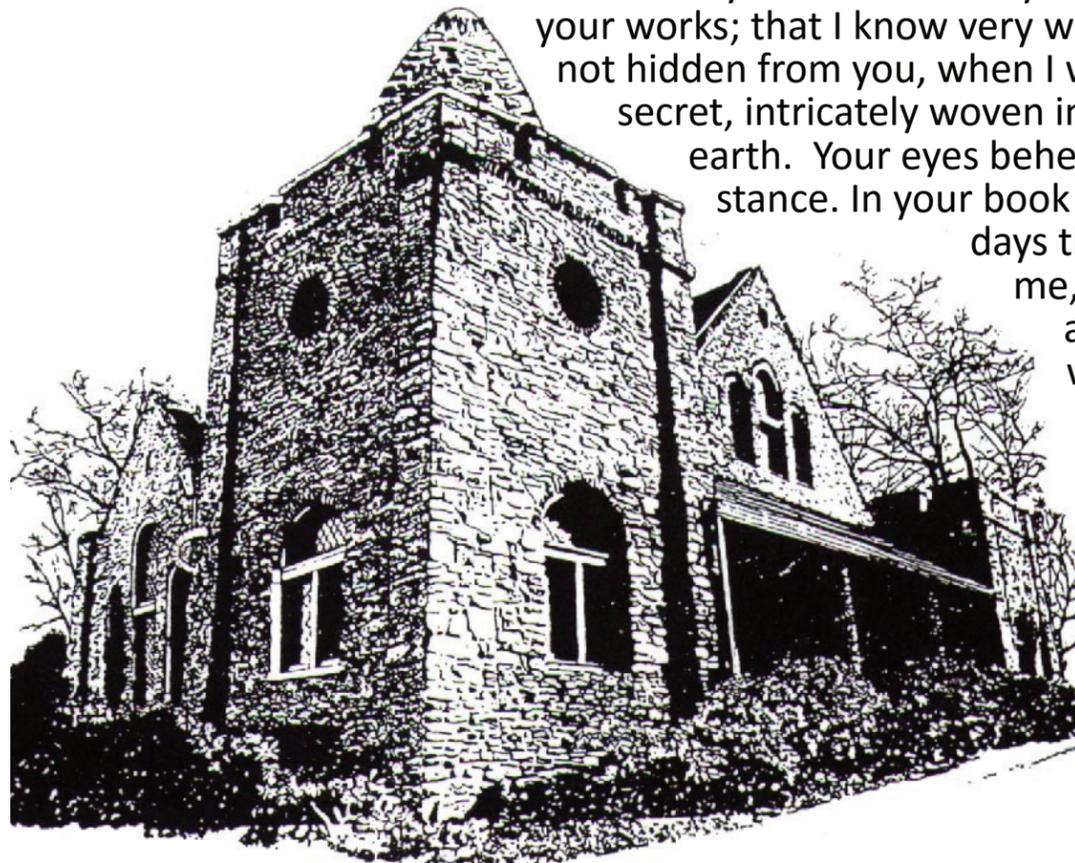
Rev. Kathy Campbell may be reached at the church office: 828-733-1939; at home: 828-963-5190; cell phone: 828-260-2512. Her office hours are Tuesday - Thursday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., weather permitting. Please call to ensure Pastor Kathy will be there. Her e-mail is rev.kathy.campbell@gmail.com

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THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well. My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. Your eyes beheld my unformed substance. In your book were written all the days that were formed for me, when none of them as yet existed. How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them! I try to count them—they are more than the sand; I come to the end—I am still with you.

Psalms 139:13-18



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CROSSNORE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CROSSNORE, NORTH CAROLINA

REV. KATHY CAMPBELL, PASTOR

16TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, SEPTEMBER 4, 2016

THE GATHERING

Prelude: *I Am His And He is Mine*

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

based on EVERLASTING LOVE
by James Mountain
arr. by Cindy Berry

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

Choral Call to Worship: # 743 *O God, You Are My God*

STEP BY STEP

***Call to Worship:**

God has set before us life and death.

We long to choose life.

God has set before us blessings and curses.

We long to choose blessings.

So we gather this morning around the table—Christ’s table.

We gather to drink the cup of blessing; to eat the bread of life.

Let us share the meal together. Let us feast on the Word.

Let us worship God with joy!

Hymn of Praise: # 394 *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

REGENT SQUARE

Call to Confession:

On our journey with God, we often make mistakes, and hurt each other. By acknowledging these mistakes, and asking for forgiveness, we work to heal that pain, and reconcile with each other and with God. Let us join together in prayer.

Unison Prayer of Confession:

Holy Love, first and last, you offer yourself to us completely and call us to your life. Yet we are afraid, for your Way demands much of us. We confess that we are often quick to judge and slow to forgive. We confess that we choose that which does not satisfy, even as you offer us abundant life. When our fear overrides your call, forgive us. When we act from our own limited love rather than your expansive grace, forgive us. Reach down to us again, lift us up as a mother lifts a child to her cheek. Cast out our fear and fill us with the breath of your Spirit, that we may live the love we see in your Son, Jesus the Christ (moment of silent confession). Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

Sisters and brothers in Christ, the mercies of God are from everlasting to everlasting. Let us proclaim the Good News: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!**

Response to God’s Grace and Mercy: # 468 *In My Life*

LORD BE GLORIFIED

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

First Lesson: Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

O LORD, you have searched me and known me. You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away. You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways. Even before a word is on my tongue, O LORD, you know it completely. You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.

For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother’s womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well. My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. Your eyes beheld my unformed substance. In your book were written all the days that were formed for me, when none of them as yet existed. How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them! I try to count them—they are more than the sand; I come to the end—I am still with you.

*Congregation stand as are able

Choir Anthem: *Surely the Presence of the Lord is in This Place*

words & music by Lanny Wolfe
choral setting by Jack Schrader

Second Lesson: Luke 14:25-33

Now large crowds were traveling with him; and he turned and said to them, “Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, ‘This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.’ Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

Sermon: "The Cost of Discipleship"

Kathy Campbell

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Hymn of Meditation: # 697 *Take My Life

HENDON

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: *Jesus Paid It All*

based on ALL TO CHRIST by John T. Grape
arr. by Eloise Hynes

Doxology: # 608 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

PRAISE GOD

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

Some bear crosses hollowed out by hunger, some carry crosses called injustice. Sometimes our abundance is a cross which we struggle to bear. But as we learn to follow you, as we seek to be as generous as you, we discover that we can gift others with hope, with grace, and with peace. Receive our offerings this day, so they might bless your children in every way imaginable. This we pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Hymn of Meditation: # 521 *In Remembrance of Me

RED

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: *Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross*

based on tune by William H. Doane
arr. by Hugh S. Livingston, Jr.
based on an early American melody
arr. by Lani Smith

Cleansing Fountain

THE SENDING

Closing Hymn: # 546 *Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

SICILIAN MARINERS

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude: *Come Christians, Join to Sing

based on MADRID, a Spanish folk melody
arr. by Eugene Englert

THOSE SERVING US TODAY

Minister: Rev. Kathy Campbell; Director of Music: Kathy Hutcheson; Greeters: Doug and Mary Noble