

Today we are receiving donations for 5 Cents a Meal and Food for People and Pets.

**The Family Night, held last Sunday evening in our Fellowship Hall, was a wonderful success!** Several families participated. Valentine cookies were made and the children enjoyed decorating (and eating) them. There are some beautiful cookies that are being shared with our homebound. Thank you to all who participated, as well as a big thank you to Heather Jordan for organizing the event.

**Wednesday Bible Study, 3- 4:30 p.m.** We continue to examine the basic beliefs of other world religions and ways to share as Christians in Interfaith dialogue. We will look at Judaism, Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism, and the Bahá'í faith.

**End of year Contribution Statements were mailed by January 27, 2017.** If you do not receive yours or have questions, please call (828-733-1939) or email (cpcpcusa@gmail.com) the church office.

**There will be a Congregational Meeting after worship on Sunday, February 5.** The purpose of the meeting is to receive nominations and to elect elders for the Class of 2019.

**Avery County Habitat for Humanity has sent us a thank you letter for our \$5,000 donation to 2016 Presbyterian Build for the Jones house.** "Seeking to put God's love in action, Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, communities and hope."... We are grateful for the support of generous donors such as yourselves: together we are changing lives in Avery County. Thank you, thank you, thank you to all at Crossnore Pres!" Christon Clark, Executive Director.

**Jennifer, Kylee, Akira, Bill and Ben also sent us a note.** "Thank you so much for helping my Family in our time of need. We are blessed to be part of this community. Thank you," We helped Jennifer obtain a functioning car to be able to get to work and maintain her employment.

**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: 33

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### Prayers and Concerns

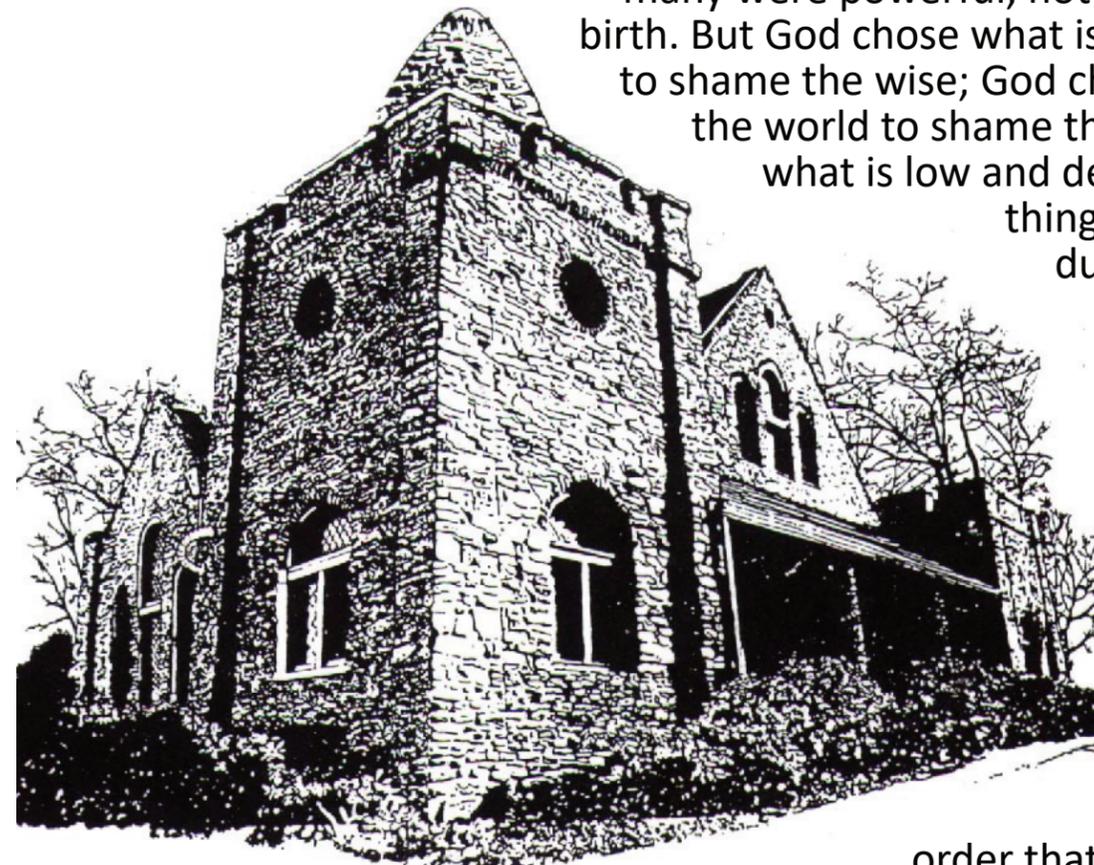
**Please keep the following people in your prayers this week for healing and peace:** **\*\* Barbara Ross** suffered a small stroke this past weekend and is at home recovering. Her speech is slightly affected and she is a little weak on her left side. She expects an excellent recovery. Her address is: PO Box 30, Crossnore, NC 28616. **\*\*Bill Paul** is in the final leg of his journey on this earth. His wife, Juanita, his daughter, Pamela, and his granddaughter, Beta, are with him. Cards only no phone calls. Their address is: 551 Cypress Way East, Naples, FL 34110. **\*\*Mary Ann Johnson**, Bonnie Vuolo's sister, has been diagnosed with uterine cancer—fortunately it is in the early stages. Mary Ann's address is: 4326 Antietam Creek Trail, Leesburg, FL 34748. **\*\* David France**, Fred France's son, fell down the steps and hurt his knee. He is still recovering from a 3 disc fusion surgery on his neck. Fred and Betty's address is: 108 Lower Grouse Ridge Road, Beech Mountain, NC 28604. **\*\*Shirley Price** fell and broke her back on December 16. She is at home and recovering very slowly. Her address is: P.O. Box 275, Linville, NC 28646. **\*\*Carroll Berkley** had three stints put in blocked arteries. He feels like a new man. His address is: 241 A Silver Springs Dr., Banner Elk, NC 28604. **\*\*Carroll's brother, John Berkley**, is preparing for surgery on his esophagus and John's wife, **Kay Berkley**, was diagnosed with three brain tumors—two of which are inoperable. Their address is: 12905 Barnsantlaw Dr., Raleigh, NC 27613. **\*\*Charles Berkley**, Carroll Berkley's uncle, is fighting pancreatic cancer. His address is: 270 Battlefield Dr., Dandridge, TN 37725. **\*\*Susy Martin** continues to recover from surgery on her arm and wrist and is back at work. Her address is: P.O. Box 57, Plumtree, NC 28664. **\*\*David Ehmig** is recovering at home from major back surgery. His address is: 618 Erwin Road, Sanford, NC 27330. **\*\*Karen Phillips**, Kathy's twin sister, is still struggling with pressure on the brain. There is no diagnosis as of yet. Her address is: 1816 N. 111<sup>th</sup> Street, Omaha, NE 68154. **\*\*Deborah Garrison's father, Don Jendrey**, is struggling with liver disease. Her address is: P.O. Box 261, Crossnore, NC 28616. **\*\* Peggy Hardy** is in rehab after breaking her hip. Her address is: Apt. 4-209, 10334 Nu Vista Ave., Nu Vista Assisted Living at Wellington Green. Wellington, FL 33414. **\*\*Dedie Andrews** is suffering from cancer and is in need of our prayers. **\*\*Lorraine Alls** is having health concerns. Her address is: Apt. 208, 507 Linville St., Newland, NC 28657. **\*\*Steve Padgett and Sherry Snodgrass**, neighbors and friends of Beth and Greg Gacek, are both undergoing chemotherapy for cancer. Beth and Greg's address is 3223 Land Harbor, Newland, NC 28657. **\*\*Dottie and Don Huston's daughter, Julie Ann Roche**, continues her battle with cancer. **\*\*Ben and Amanda Frazier** would appreciate your thoughts and prayers. Their mailing address is: 3337 Land Harbor, Newland, NC 28657

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

Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, 'Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.'



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## CROSSNORE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CROSSNORE, NORTH CAROLINA

REV. KATHY CAMPBELL, PASTOR

4TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY, JANUARY 29, 2017

ELEVEN O'CLOCK A.M.

# THE GATHERING

**Prelude: *Great Is Thy Faithfulness***

based on tune by William Runyon  
arr. by Douglas E. Wagner

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

## PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

**Choral Call to Worship: # 1 *As The Deer*** (in Songs of Worship)

AS THE DEER

**\*Call to Worship:** **Greg Gacek**  
O God, you are the gathering one who calls us into community with each other to love and work, to support and heal. **You are the gathering one who calls us into community with all people; to bring justice and hope, freedom and truth.** You are the gathering one who calls us into community with the whole creation; to live in harmony, to cherish and renew.  
**Let us worship the God who makes us one.**

**\*Hymn of Praise: # 1 *Holy, Holy, Holy*** NICAEA

**Call to Confession:**  
If we want to truly live in God's presence, we must live as God's faithful people. Let us begin by confessing all the mistakes we have made, the wrongs we have done, the people we have hurt. Join me as we pray together.

**Unison Prayer of Confession:**  
**What have we done to you, dear God? We dishonor you every time we treat another with disrespect. We shatter your heart when we find it easier to break our word, then to take the risk to keep it. We fill your ears with the gossip, lies, and slander we speak about those around us. You are wise enough to forgive our foolishness; you are strong enough to overcome our weakness; you are loving enough to heal the hurt we cause to you and to others. And so you give us new hope and new life in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior (moment of silent confession). Amen.**

**Assurance of Pardon:**  
What has God done to us - shown mercy! What has God done for us - forgiven us! This is the good news for us. **We will not boast, for it is not our doing. We will give thanks to God for such grace and hope. Amen.**

**Response to God's Grace and Mercy: # 621 *I Will Call Upon the Lord*** I WILL CALL

## THE WORD PROCLAIMED

**First Lesson and Meditation: Micah 6:6-8**  
'With what shall I come before the LORD,  
and bow myself before God on high?  
Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings,  
with calves a year old?  
Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,  
with tens of thousands of rivers of oil?  
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,  
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?'  
He has told you, O mortal, what is good;  
and what does the LORD require of you  
but to do justice, and to love kindness,  
and to walk humbly with your God?

**Choir Anthem: *Lord, We Come to Ask Your Blessing*** words by Fred Pratt Green  
arr, by donald F. Marsh

\*Congregation stand as are able

## Second Lesson and Meditation: Matthew 5:1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:  
'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.  
'Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.  
'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.  
'Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.  
'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.  
'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.  
'Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
'Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

**\*Hymn: # 840 *When Peace Like A River*** VILLE DU HAVRE

## Third Lesson and Meditation: 1 Corinthians 1:26-31

Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, 'Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.'

**\*Hymn: # 450 *Be Thou My Vision*** SLANE

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

**Prayers of the People**

**Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings**  
**Offertory: *Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine*** based on ASSURANCE  
by Phoebe Knapp  
arr, by Ron Loree

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

**\*Unison Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving:**  
Eternal God, we praise you for your priceless gift of Scripture! You shine light on the path of life, so that we may align ourselves with your saving purposes. Strengthen us by the power of your Holy Spirit and bless our partnerships locally and globally. Help us to reach out to show your kindness to our neighbors. Give us courage to become more generous in every realm of our lives. We pray this in your holy name. Amen.

## THE SENDING

**\*Closing Hymn: # 838 *Standing on the Promises*** PROMISES

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**\*Postlude: *Amazing Grace*** based on a 19th Century American melody  
arr. by Donald F. Marsh

THOSE SERVING US TODAY

Minister: Rev. Kathy Campbell; Director of Music: Kathy Hutcheson; Liturgist: Greg Gacek