

ANNOUNCEMENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

Session will meet this Sunday following worship and coffee fellowship. Lunch will be provided.

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. This Wednesday, we will be studying the basic beliefs of Buddhism.

Thanks to all who contributed groceries and financial donations for the Souper Bowl Sunday food collection. All proceeds will go to Volunteer Avery to help feed hungry individuals and families in our county.

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.

As you look toward tax planning and donations to the church, we wanted to remind you that Crossnore Presbyterian has a brokerage account and can accept stock donations. Check with your financial planner.

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

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Prayers and Concerns

Please keep the following people in your prayers this week for healing and peace: ****Bob Taylor continues to recover from surgery to repair rips in his meniscus.** He is at home recovering. His address is: P.O. Box 186, Crossnore, NC 28616. **** Amanda Frazier has stopped chemotherapy and is in home hospice care.** She and Ben are enjoying every day God gives them. Their address is: 3337 Land Harbor, Newland, NC 28657. ****Bobby Taylor** is preparing for hip replacement surgery in late February. His address is: P.O. Box 102, Jonas Ridge, NC 28641. ****Barbara Ross** suffered a small stroke is recovering. She expects an excellent recovery. Her address is: P.O. Box 30, Crossnore, NC 28616. ****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. ****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. ****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 Barnsanlaw Dr., Raleigh, NC 27613. ****Charles Berkley**, Carroll Berkley's uncle, is fighting pancreatic cancer. His address is: 270 Battlefield Dr., Dandridge, TN 37725. ****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. 111th 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. ****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.

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

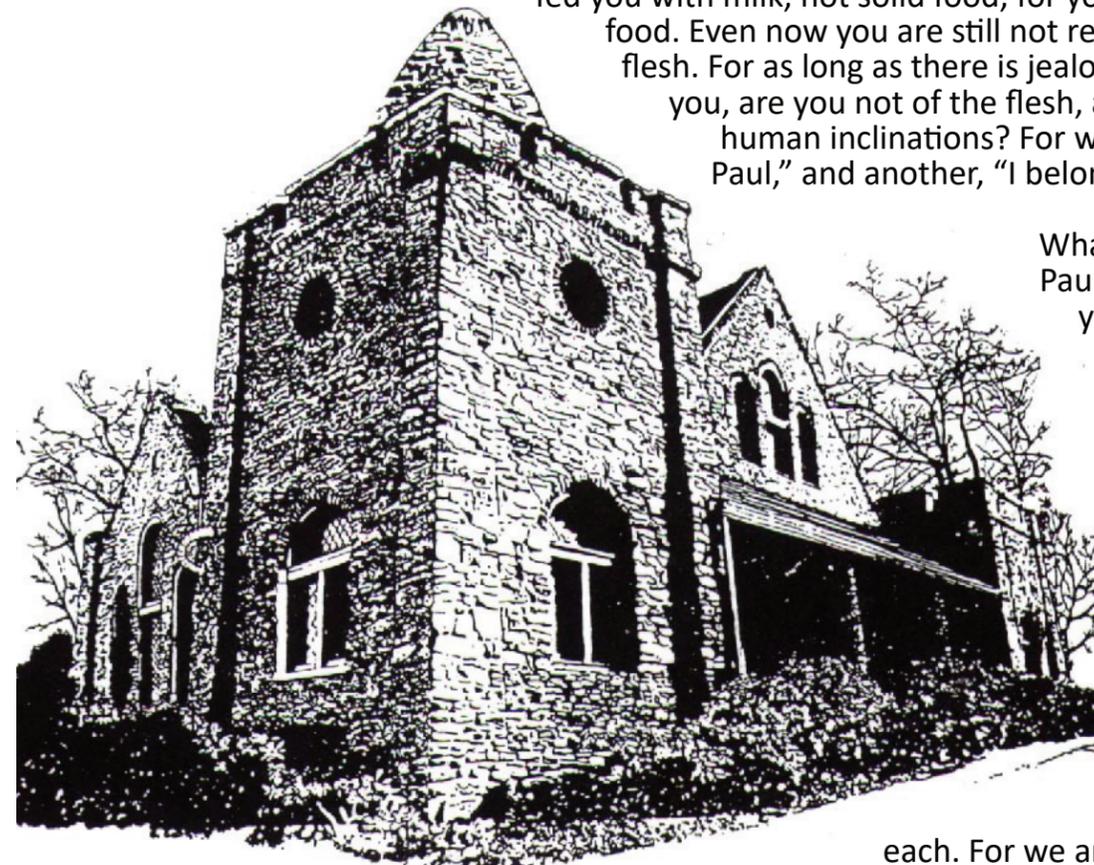
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THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

And so, brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? For when one says, "I belong to Paul," and another, "I belong to Apollos," are you not merely human?

What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

~1 Corinthians 3:1-9



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CROSSNORE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CROSSNORE, NORTH CAROLINA

REV. KATHY CAMPBELL, PASTOR

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY, FEBRUARY 12, 2017

ELEVEN O'CLOCK A.M.

THE GATHERING

Prelude: *Seek Ye First*

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

based on tunes by
Karen Lafferty & Johann Pachelbel
arr. by Douglas E. Wagner

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

Choral Call to Worship: # 4 *Spirit Song* (in *Songs of Worship*)

SPIRIT SONG

***Call to Worship:**
May our hearts be receptive to the Word.
The Love of God rains down on us.
May our souls soak in the wonder of God's love.
The Breathe of God blows softly within us.
May our minds be stirred by the power of God's spirit.

Hymn of Praise: # 401 *Here in This Place

GATHER US IN

Call to Confession:
With every choice we make, we show how faithful we are to God's hopes for us. Yet, despite the mistakes we make, the missteps we take, God remains forgiving and gracious. Let us come to our God, speaking honestly about our lives, as we pray together.

Litany of Confession:
Loving God, we take this time today to come before you, but as we do, we are aware that all is not right within us.
We neglect your word, we fail to meditate on your law, we forget to speak with you, we make plans without turning to you, we do things that we know are wrong. Forgive us for how we have failed to love you with all our heart, our soul, our mind, and our strength.

Loving God, our relationships with each other are not all that they can be or should be. There is hurt and injury between ourselves and others. There are walls of anger and apathy between us and our neighbors.

Forgive us when we deny our part in this and when we blame others for the brokenness around us. Forgive us when we do not love our neighbors as ourselves.

Gracious God, we believe that you offer to us and our world a whole and good life.
For all that we have done to deny this life to each other and to ourselves, we ask your forgiveness and your mercy (moment of silent confession). **Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon:
Brothers and sisters in Christ, as we choose again this day to love God and to love one another. Hear the good news concerning the love and forgiveness of God: *"As far as the east is from the west, so far does God remove our transgressions from us. As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him; for he knows how we are formed, he remembers that we are dust."*

Response to God's Grace and Mercy: # 441 *Hear the Good News of Salvation*

NETTLETON

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Our First Lesson: 1 Corinthians 3:1-9
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Choir Anthem: *Lord, Lead Us Day By Day*

words by Hal H. Hopson
music by George F. Handel
choral setting by Hal H. Hopson

Second Lesson: Deuteronomy 30:15-20
See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

Sermon: "What Does It Mean to Choose Life?"

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RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Affirmation of Faith: Portion of the Brief Statement of Faith: Hymnal, page 37, Part 1 and 2

Hymn of Meditation: # 318 *In Christ There Is No East or West*

ST. PETER

Prayers of the People

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings
Offertory: *I Must Tell Jesus*

based on ORDWIGSBURG
by Elisha A. Hoffman
arr. by Ron Loree
OLD HUNDRETH

Doxology: # 606 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow
***Unison Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving:**
Great God of the harvest, you give growth to the gifts we offer to you in gratitude and praise. You invite us to be co-workers with you in building a Kingdom on earth that will bring justice, compassion, mercy and hope to all your creation. Help us, in all we say, in all we do, in all we give, to keep our eyes focused on you. Bless our tithes and offerings for the work of your church. Help us to be a part of what you grow in our midst. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

THE SENDING

Closing Hymn: # 18 *In Christ Alone (in *Songs of Worship*)

IN CHRIST ALONE

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude: *The Church's One Foundation

based on AURELIA
by Samuel Sebastian Wesley
arr. by Donald F. Marsh

THOSE SERVING US TODAY
Minister: Rev. Kathy Campbell; Director of Music: Kathy Hutcheson