

ANNOUNCEMENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

This Sunday we collect Food for People and Pets and 5 Cents a Meal. Please put your food donations at the front of the church. If you prefer, you can designate a monetary donation.

Wednesday Bible Study, 3- 4:30 p.m. During our next Bible Study on March 1, we will look at the practice of Lectio Divina (Latin for "Divine Reading"). Traditionally, Lectio Divina is a method of prayer and scripture reading in order to promote communion with God and provide deeper spiritual understanding.

Our mission project for February is to provide active duty military with Military BibleSticks. To date, we have collected \$525. These digital players are pre-loaded with the Audio Drama New Testament and selected Psalms, specifically designed for deployment with our Troops. Please make your checks out to the church and designate for Military BibleSticks, \$25 each. If you would like to donate in memory of or in honor of a member of the armed services, we will publish the names in early March.

March 5, at 2:00 p.m., there will be a Habitat Dedication of 3 houses, including the Jones Family House, which we helped to sponsor. We will share more information later.

As part of our continued restoration and preservation of the church, sealant has been applied to the exterior rock walls and to most of the roof. This is funded by our Stafford Family Trust Grant. Any stains from the sealant on the sidewalks will be taken care of when the sidewalks are sealed.

Alma Benfield passed away peacefully on Friday, February 17. Her Celebration of Life Service was held this past Wednesday. She was 102 years old. She is survived by her daughters, Jane Greenwood (a member of our church family) and Mary Norbury. Jane's address is P.O. Box 164, Crossnore, NC 28616.

Rev. Joseph "Bud" Howell, 84, a dear friend and member of our extended church family, passed away peacefully and was reunited with his loving wife, Beth, Saturday, February 18, 2017 at the Elizabeth House in Flat Rock, NC. A service to celebrate his life will be held at 11:00 am on Saturday, March 4, 2017 at the Banner Elk United Methodist Church. Cards may be sent to: The Howell Family, 119 Carriage Walk Lane, Hendersonville, NC 28791.

OUR ELDERS: ; Class of 2017: Tommie Tennant, Jason DeWitt, Linda Berkley ; Class of 2018: Mimi Sloop, Charlotte Davila., Class of 2019: Barbara Ross (Clerk of Session), Charlie Sims
Ashlyn DeWitt, Administrative Assistant
Kathy Hutcheson, Director of Music
Barbara Ross, Volunteer Church Administrator
Attendance last Sunday: 35

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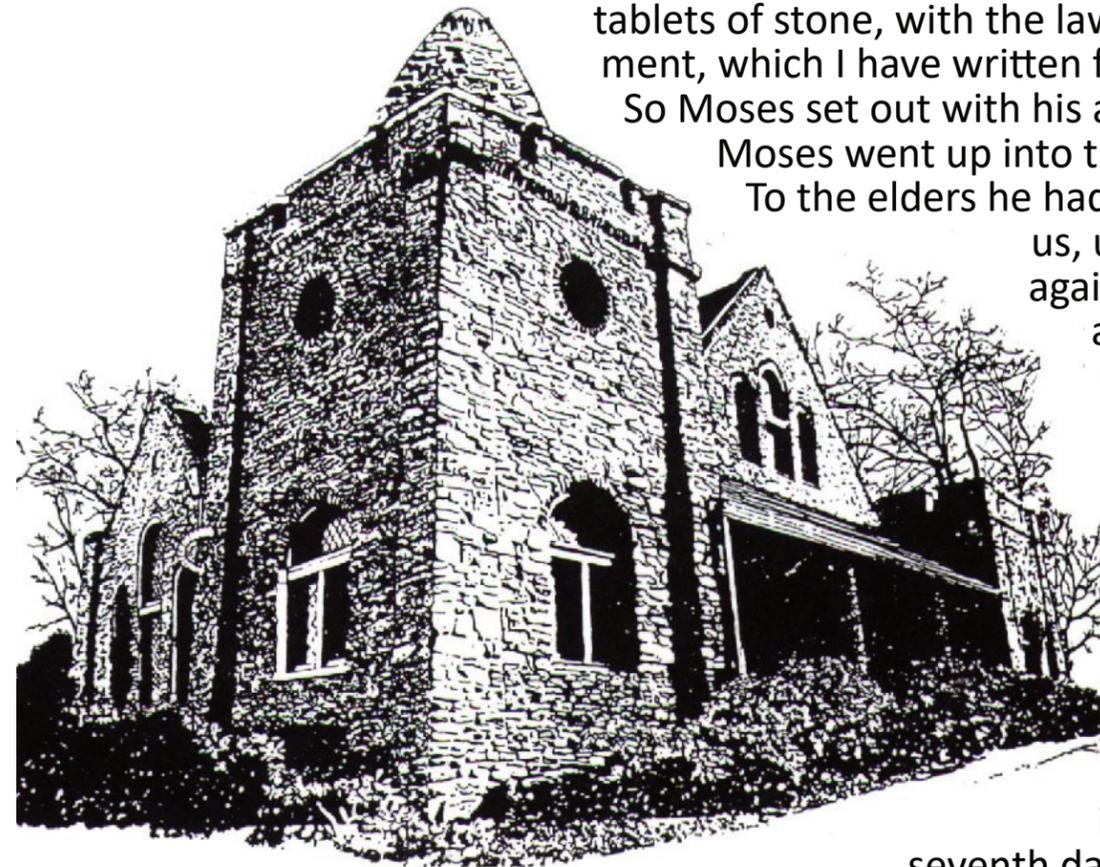
Prayers and Concerns

Please keep the following people in your prayers this week for healing and peace: **** Tasha Reid has had a relapse of her multiple sclerosis and would appreciate your prayers.** Her address is: 5608 Farley Drive, Raleigh, NC 27609. **** 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's hip replacement surgery** is this coming Tuesday in Lenoir. His address is: P.O. Box 102, Jonas Ridge, NC 28641. **** Gary Sovel,** a friend of Pastor Kathy's, would appreciate prayers as he continues cancer treatments. ****Mary Ann Johnson,** Bonnie Vuolo's sister, has had a successful surgery and they do not believe she will need further treatment. Mary Ann's address is: 4326 Antietam Creek Trail, Leesburg, FL 34748. ****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. ****Carroll Berkley'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** will be having surgery on her legs. No date has been set. Her address is: Apt. 208, 507 Linville St., Newland, NC 28657. ****Steve Padgett,** Beth and Greg Gacek's neighbor and friend, has completed his chemotherapy treatments and is doing well. **Sherry Snodgrass,** another neighbor and friend of the Gaceks, continues her 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



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So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God.

To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them." Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain.

The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud.

~Exodus 24:12-18



CROSSNORE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
CROSSNORE, NORTH CAROLINA

REV. KATHY CAMPBELL, PASTOR

LAST SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY, FEBRUARY 26, 2017

ELEVEN O'CLOCK A.M.

THE GATHERING

Prelude: *We Bow Down/Holy, Holy, Holy*

based on music by Twila Paris & John B. Dykes
arr. by Carol Tornquist

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

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

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

SPIRIT SONG

***Call to Worship:**

God touches the world and the world changes.

God touches us and we are transformed in the brightest of day, in the deepest of night, on mountain, in valley, everywhere.

In this time, together, we invite God to open our eyes to the transformation of our lives.

And through the change, we worship God. Alleluia!

Hymn of Praise: # 396 *Brethren, We Have Met to Worship

HOLY MANNA

Call to Confession:

While we may yearn to be like Jesus, we know that in our hotheaded choices, our frantic lives, our impetuous words, we are too often like Peter. But like him, we can confess Christ as our Lord, speaking of our need for his saving presence in our lives.

Litany of Confession:

God of Mercy and Grace, you come to us in Jesus of Nazareth to break down the dividing walls of hostility between us: Yet we maintain walls that separate and isolate.

You give us the ministry of reconciliation: Yet we continue to nurse old wounds and withhold mercy and forgiveness.

You invite us to join with Peter, James, and John on the mountain of Transfiguration: Yet we deny the wonders you have worked in our own lives.

You ask us to acknowledge and share our wealth: Yet we don't always recognize and relieve the poverty around us.

You bless our lives with boundless love: Yet at times we fail to witness to that love, and so keep others from knowing you.

Forgive our selfishness, we pray. Transform us by your Spirit and your Word into that which pleases you, the image of Christ (moment of silent confession). **Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon:

Here is the good news: Jesus lives! He is raised! We are forgiven!

Let us go and share the vision! Let us tell of God's love! In this God is well pleased!

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

NETTLETON

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Our First Lesson: Exodus 24:12-18

The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them." Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

*Congregation stand as are able

Choir Anthem: *You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd*

text by Sylvia G. Dunstan
based on a traditional French melody

Second Lesson: Matthew 17:1-9

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

Sermon: "Mountain Mysteries"

Rev. Kathy Campbell

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Hymn of Meditation: # 406 *We Are Standing on Holy Ground*

HOLY GROUND

Prayers of the People

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: *Offertory on Restoration*

tune from "Southern Harmony"
arr. by Edward Brogton

Doxology: # 606 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDRETH

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

Generous God, help us to pour out our treasures transformed by your mercy and grace, so they might be used to bless those who find themselves in the valleys of hunger, of loss, of loneliness, and of injustice. This we ask in the name of your Beloved, Christ Jesus. Amen.

THE SENDING

Closing Hymn: # 12 *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

ST. DENIO

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude: *Take Time to Be Holy

based on HOLINESS
by George C. Stebbins
arr. by Donald F. Marsh



The Season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, March 1, and ends with Easter Sunday, April 16. You will be receiving a mailing this week with a Lenten Daily Devotional that we as a church family can share spiritually share together. Lent is a great time to "repent" -- to return to God and re-focus our lives to be more in line with Jesus. It's a 40 day trial run in changing your lifestyle and letting God change your heart. You might try one of these practices for Lent: Fasting- giving up something that is preventing you from focusing on your discipleship or adding something that helps you deepen your faith. Serving- give some of your time and talents to serve God by serving others. Praying- set aside time each day to pray for others. There are many good prayer resources on the web; you can ask Pastor Kathy for additional resources.

This Wednesday, March 1, which is Ash Wednesday, Pastor Kathy will be available 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. to share in a prayer with you and to mark your forehead in ash with the sign of the cross. A great way to begin your Lenten Journey.

THOSE SERVING US TODAY

Minister: Rev. Kathy Campbell; Director of Music: Kathy Hutcheson