

ANNOUNCEMENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

Wednesday Bible Study, 3- 4:30 p.m. We will continue with our study of Ecclesiastes through May. **On Wednesday, June 7, we will begin *The Creed: What Christians Believe and Why* by Adam Hamilton.** Adam uses the Apostle's Creed to consider "important questions of life, reality and truth".

Choir meets to practice on Wednesdays from 5:00 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. We would love for you to join us!

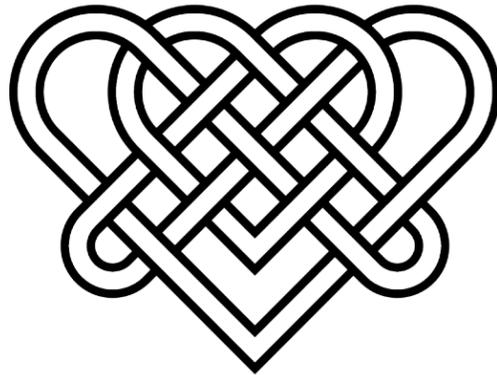
Hats (and scarves) for the Homeless meets on Thursdays from 1:00—3:00 p.m. We are knitting for the Hospitality House, a shelter for the homeless for Watauga, Avery and Ashe Counties.

Sunday, May 28, we will collect Food for People and Pets offerings as well as Five Cents a Meal offering.

We received a card from Cindy Lindecamp thanking us for our April contributions to Volunteer Avery County. Volunteer Avery supplied over \$1800 worth of food, electrical, medication, fuel assistance to needy Avery County residents in April.

Our first Country Breakfast of the summer will be Saturday June 10 from 7-10 a.m. Set-up will be on Friday, June 9, from 10 a.m.—12 noon. Call and leave Pepé Abrusci a message at 828-387-7676 to volunteer for either day.

Thursday, June 15, we will have a Church Family Dinner Out at Puerto Nuevo from 6-7:30 p.m. This will be a time of fellowship and laughter. All are welcome.



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:43

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Prayers and Concerns

Please keep the following people in your prayers this week for healing and peace. **** Anne Seawell**, a dear neighbor and friend of Pepé Abrusci, is struggling with a severe case of shingles. Her address is: 195 Jaynes Rd. Apt. 28, Newland NC 28657. ****Karen Phillips**, Kathy's twin sister, sends word that she is improving. She has reduced her stress, changed her diet, is exercising and has stopped taking her muscle relaxers. Karen sends a big thank you to our congregation for all the cards, prayers and love. Her address is: 1816 N. 111th Street, Omaha, NE 68154. ****Larry Brown** asks for prayers as his doctors continue to diagnose his hip problems. His address is: 906 West College Ave., Enterprise, AL 36330. **** Lorraine Alls** is having tests run. She would appreciate your prayers as she awaits a diagnosis and a treatment plan. Her address is; Apt. 208, 507 Linville St., Newland, NC 28657. **** Tasha Reid has had a relapse of her multiple sclerosis and would appreciate your prayers.** Her address is: 5608 Farley Drive, Raleigh, NC 27609. ****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. **Sherry Snodgrass**, a 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

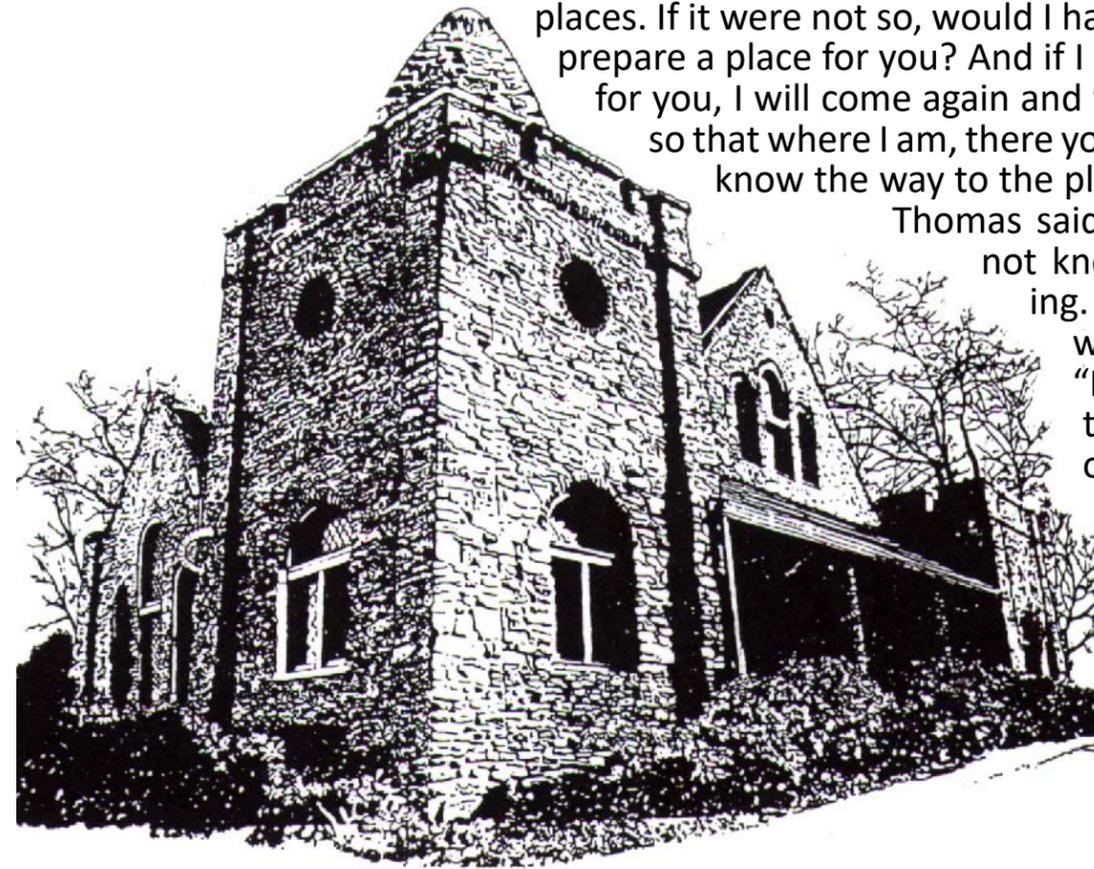
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THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going."

Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

~John 14:1-7



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REV. KATHY CAMPBELL, PASTOR

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER, MAY 14, 2017

ELEVEN O'CLOCK A.M.

THE GATHERING

Prelude: *Be Still and Know with Be Still, My Soul*
Chiming of the Hour
Welcome, Church Family News
The Passing of the Peace of Jesus Christ

arr. by Mark Hayes

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

Choral Call to Worship: # 243 *Be Not Afraid*

BE NOT AFRAID

***Call to Worship:**
In the beauty of this moment
We worship you
In the fellowship of your people
We worship you
In the presence of your Spirit
We worship you
In the company of all creation
We worship you
Father, Son and Holy Spirit

Ashlyn DeWitt

Hymn of Praise: # 327 *From All that Dwell Below The Skies

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Call to Confession:

There come those moments when we stand exposed, our failings, our hurtful words, our harmful ways open for all to see. But God takes these moments, and these sins, redeeming them through compassion and love, making us new people, children of the Living God. Let us come, in these moments, with our prayers to the One who waits to forgive us and make us whole.

Unison Prayer of Confession:

Hear the brokenness of our lives, Precious God. We cover our ears so we cannot hear the cries of those in need, or you urging us to respond. We rush together to defend every issue that matters to us, but quickly disperse when you would call us to be your holy people. We shout as loud as we can to cheer on our sports teams, but can manage only whispers when it comes to sharing the good news.

Forgive us, our Eternal Guide, and do not hold our sins against us. We lay the garments of our foolishness at your feet, so you might clothe us in grace and hope. We would feed on the spiritual food which flows from your heart so we might be strong enough to follow Jesus as he leads us in the Way, the Truth, and the Life (moment of silent confession). Amen

Assurance of Pardon:

God has promised that whenever we repent and seek a new union with God, forgiveness is ours. That promise comes true now. Sisters and brothers, know that in Christ Jesus, we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God! Amen.

Response to God's Grace and Mercy: # 462 *I Love To Tell the Story (verse 1)*

WAYFARING STRANGER

I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story, because I know its true;
it satisfies my longings as nothing else could do.
I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Our First Lesson: 1 Peter 2:4-9

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones,

*Congregation stand as are able

let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner," and "A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Choir Anthem: *Grace Alone*

words & music by Scott Wesley Brown & Jeff Nelson

Second Lesson: John 14:1-12

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him." Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father.

Sermon: "The Way Home"

Rev. Kathy Campbell

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

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

IN CHRIST ALONE

Prayers of the People

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: *Cornerstone*

based on tune by Lari Goss

arr. by Hugh S. Livingston, Jr.

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

OLD HUNDRETH

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

O God, our Redeemer, you are glorious! Your Son Jesus has won salvation for all who trust in you. Thank you for nurturing us through your word and the witness of faithful disciples. Fill our hearts with your Holy Spirit, so that we might speak boldly of your mighty acts. Let our monetary offerings and spiritual sacrifices be acceptable to you. We pray through Christ, our risen Lord, who stands at your right hand and governs our lives with wisdom, power, and love. Amen.

THE SENDING

Closing Hymn: # 661 *Why Should I Feel Discouraged?

SPARROW

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude: *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

based on tune by Joachim Neander
arr. by Michael Cox

THOSE SERVING US TODAY

Minister: Kathy Campbell; Director of Music: Kathy Hutcheson; Liturgist: Ashlyn DeWitt