

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

Please join us after worship for a Homecoming Potluck Luncheon. All are welcome. There is plenty of food. Donations are welcomed to help cover the cost of the fried chicken.

**Wednesday: Bible Study**—3-4:30 p.m., **Choir**—5-6:15 p.m.

**Thursday: Knitting Hats and Scarves for the Hospitality House in Boone**—1-3 p.m. Our knitting group is recruiting knitters from beginners to experts. Almost 50 sets of hats and scarves have been completed thanks to Marion Blue's abundant contribution of both scarves and hats. The Hospitality House serves approximately 100 homeless people in the winter. We have loads of yarn and knitting needles, all we need is you!

**Calling all folks who love to quilt! A group has been formed to design and craft a quilt for the sanctuary to commemorate our Centennial Celebration in July 2018.** If you would like to participate, please contact Ann Blazer at [ablazerclw@aol.com](mailto:ablazerclw@aol.com), (828-733-5424) or Jane Sowder at [jane.sowder@gmail.com](mailto:jane.sowder@gmail.com), (828-302-1755). Thanks!

**Our June Mission project goal was to raise \$2,500 to provide scholarships for two needy Avery County students to attend the 4-H Club W.O.W. Summer Program.** We have raised \$2,700 and the check has been delivered! Bobbie Willard, the WOW Director, had tears in her eyes when Pastor Kathy delivered the check this week. Thanks to all who helped make this project a wonderful success!

**Dr. Karl Campbell will present "Progress and Reaction: North Carolina in the Early 20<sup>th</sup> Century (1900 – 1929)" on Tuesday, July 18 from 7-8:30 p.m., in our fellowship hall.** North Carolina earned a reputation as the most progressive state in the South during the first few decades of the twentieth century, as it continued to struggle with poverty and racism. The Progressive Movement, WWI, and the Roaring Twenties each pushed the state in new directions, not all of which were welcomed by more traditional Tar Heels. The resulting cultural conflicts created deep social divisions that continue to impact our lives today.

**Wednesday July 19, at 1:00 p.m., there will be a meeting here at the church to discuss adopting a cottage at Crossnore School.** We hope to see you there. If you are interested and are unable to attend, please contact Linda Berkley, (828)898-3855.

**The next Session meeting will be held after worship on Sunday, July 23.**

**Please take time to check out our Library Resource Center.** It is located downstairs near the nursery, choir and Sunday School rooms. It is a corner of the church where you can browse the resources, check out a book to take home, or take advantage of the quiet and just sit and read. We appreciate all of Betty and Fred France's hard work developing the Resource Center for the congregation. Also, take a look at the vine stencil Janis Kenyon added to the wall at the check out desk.

**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: 93

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## Prayers and Concerns

**Please keep the following people in your prayers this week for healing and peace.** **\*\*Gary Gascho** is continuing to recover and doing well after having a stint placed in a major artery that was 100% blocked. His address is: 433 Old Chestnut Mountain Road, Newland, NC 28657-8643. **\*\*Bobby Taylor's brother, Pat Taylor,** is fighting bone cancer. Bobbie's address is: P.O. Box 102 Jonas Ridge, NC 28641. **\*\*Charlotte Davila's brother, Gery Genske** is struggling with alcoholism. **Her granddaughter, Barbara,** lost her baby boy through a miscarriage. Charlotte's address is: P.O. Box 38, Jonas Ridge, NC 28641. **\*\*Dottie and Don Huston's daughter, Julie Ann Roche,** passed away Tuesday, June 27, in New York. They are living in Land Harbor this summer but their mailing address is: 8467 SW 84th Loop, Ocala, FL 34481. **\*\*Alberta Duncan** is recovering from a broken femur. Her address is: PO Box 910, Linville, NC 28646. **\*\*Lorraine Alls** is struggling with leg and back issues. 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** continues to recover from her relapse of 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.

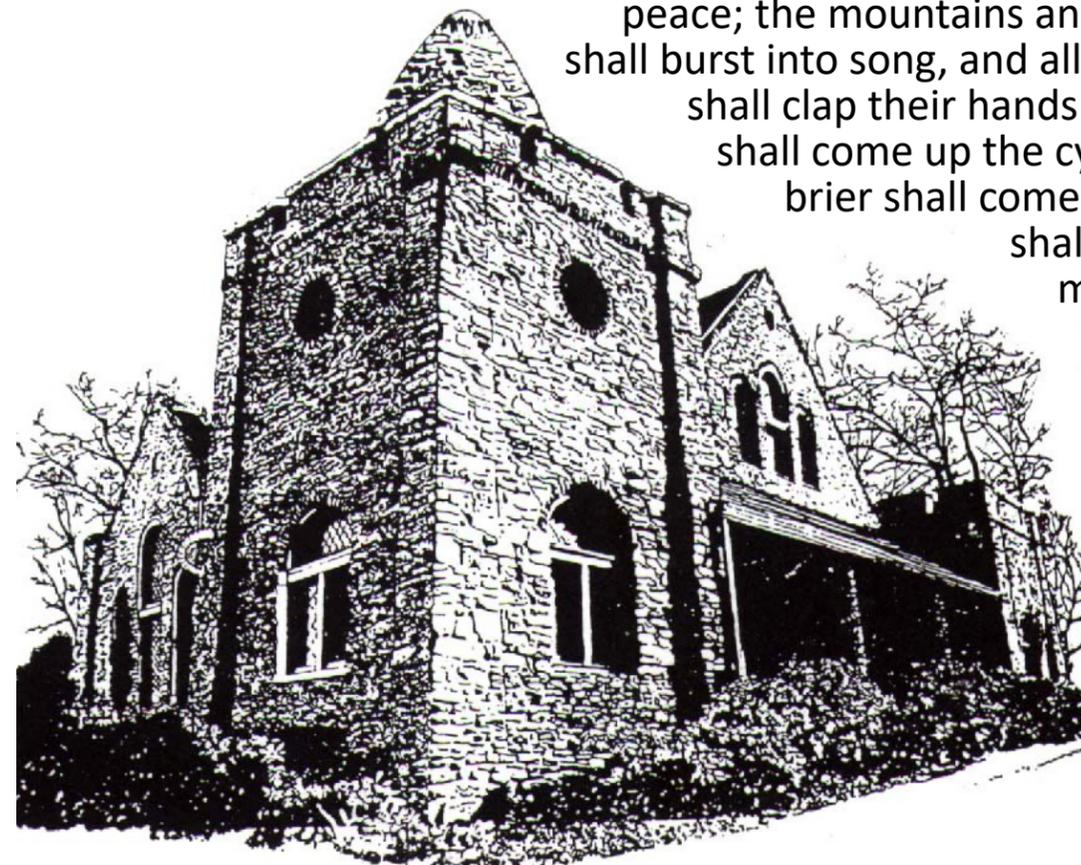
Rev. Kathy Campbell may be reached at the church office: 828-733-1939; at home: 828-963-5190; cell phone: 828-260-2512. Her office hours are Tuesday - Thursday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., weather permitting. Please call to ensure Pastor Kathy will be there. Her e-mail is [rev.kathy.campbell@gmail.com](mailto:rev.kathy.campbell@gmail.com)

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## THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

~Isaiah 55:12-13



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## CROSSNORE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CROSSNORE, NORTH CAROLINA

REV. KATHY CAMPBELL, PASTOR

6TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, JULY 16, 2017

ELEVEN O'CLOCK A.M.

## THE GATHERING

**Prelude: *Be Thou My Vision***

based on a traditional Irish tune  
arr. by Teresa Patterson Wilhelmi

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

## PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

**Choral Call to Worship: # 627 *I Love You, Lord***

I LOVE YOU, LORD

**\*Call to Worship:**

In Wisdom God created the world! The earth is full of God's creatures.  
May the Glory of the Lord endure throughout the earth.

**Let us sing along with the birds of the air and the creatures of the sea.**

**Let us worship with the deer in the forests and the trees of the field.**

Let us worship our God of all creation!

**Let us sing praises to the Creator!**

Linda Drivas

**\*Hymn of Praise: # 32 *I Sing the Mighty Power of God***

ELLACOMBE

**Call to Confession:**

We know for sure that we do not have to talk God into forgiving us. God knows our need before we ask, and has provided in the Risen Christ a healing love that can never be exhausted. Let us get honest and ask the Spirit God to come in and put things right.

**Litany of Confession:**

Loving God, Sower and Reaper of love, we admit to you that at times, we are like stony fields, capable of growing goodness and sharing it around, but sometimes we allow goodness to wither and weeds to flourish.

**Your mercy has taken root in us but we do not always share enough of it with others. Your justice has grown on us but we have inadequately implemented it. Your truth has showered on us but sometimes we have let it run to waste. Your love has blossomed among us but we have been slow to set fruit.**

Most loving God, please open the furrows of our lives to receive again the seeds of your Gospel. Rain your mercy upon us, shine your warmth and light into every dark place, and bring forth in us not the harvest we deserve but the harvest that in your glorious love you have destined for us. Through Christ Jesus our Savior (moment of silent confession). Amen!

**Assurance of Pardon:**

Listen, to this Word: "Where sin abounds love much more abounds". Receive from such abundance and give thanks. We, my sisters and brothers, are among the richest people in the world. We have the wealth of Christ with us always, even to the end of time.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Response to God's Grace and Mercy: # 443 *There is a Redeemer***

GREEN

## THE WORD PROCLAIMED

**Our First Lesson: Isaiah 55:6-13**

Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and

all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

**Choir Anthem: *Lord, Come Reign!***

words & music by Nancy Gordan  
arr. by Jimbo Stevens

**Second Lesson: Matthew 18:1-9, 18-23**

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!" "Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

**Sermon: "Seeds of Grace"**

Rev. Kathy Campbell

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

**The Apostles Creed (Hymnal page 35)**

**\*Hymn of Meditation: # 250 *In the Bulb There Is a Flower***

PROMISE

**Prayers of the People: (see insert)**

**Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings**

**Offertory: *On Eagle's Wings***

by Michael Joncas  
arr. by Janet Vogt

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

OLD HUNDREDTH

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

**What we offer may not seem significant, caring God, but we pray our gifts may become seeds of hope, of grace, of change, of life to all those around us. Amen.**

## THE SENDING

**\*Closing Hymn: # 24 *God Be with You Till We Meet Again***

GOD BE WITH YOU

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**\*Postlude: *Holy, Holy, Holy***

based on NICEA by John B. Dykes  
arr. by Humphrey Turner

\*Congregation stand as are able

THOSE SERVING US TODAY

Minister: Rev. Kathy Campbell; Director of Music: Kathy Hutcheson; Liturgist: Linda Drivas; Greeters: Eric & Jane Sowder