

ANNOUNCEMENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

Welcome to Worship this morning at Crossnore Presbyterian Church. If you are visiting for the first time, we hope you feel God's presence in our worship, ministry, and fellowship. If you would like a call or a visit, please include your contact information on the Register of Friendship. If you are here for the summer, please include your local phone number, email address and/or mailing address. If you are interested in finding out more about our ministry or how to become a full member or an affiliate member, please contact Pastor Kathy (828-260-2512) or talk to one of our elders.

Sunday School in August will focus on selected parables with Barbara Ross leading the discussion.

Wednesday: Bible Study—3-4:30 p.m. We begin a new Bible Study on Wed., August 23. We will be studying Fresh Air: the Holy Spirit for an Inspired Life by Jack Levison, Professor of New Testament Studies at Seattle Pacific University. Lively, wise, profound, and winsome, this new book takes the Holy Spirit from the mountaintop to the grit of everyday life by showing us that the Holy Spirit is not just about speaking in tongues, spiritual gifts or "fruits"—but also about our deepest breath and our highest aspirations. *Fresh Air* blends moving personal stories, rich biblical studies, and practical strategies for experiencing the daily presence of the Holy Spirit where we least expect it—in human breathing, in social transformation, in community, in hostile situations, and in serious learning.

Thursday: Knitting Hats and Scarves for the Hospitality House in Boone—The Knitting Group will meet this Thursday, August 24 from 1-3 p.m. to pack up our scarves and hats. On Thursday, August 31, we will meet at 11:30 a.m. to go to lunch together and then deliver the hats and scarves. Anyone who has participated in the knitting group is invited to join us for an afternoon of fun.

Our next "Church Family Dinner Out" at Puerto Nuevo is on Tuesday, August 22 at 5:30 p.m.

Our Annual Church Picnic will be Tuesday, August 29, 5-7 p.m., at the Point in Land Harbor. We need people to help grill the hamburgers and hot dogs. Please bring a side dish, salad or dessert to share.

The next session meeting will be at 10 a.m. on Sunday, September 10.

We are in need of cookies and decaffeinated coffee for Coffee Fellowship after worship, Bible Study, and a variety of other church events. If you would like to donate, please drop items by the kitchen.

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: 66

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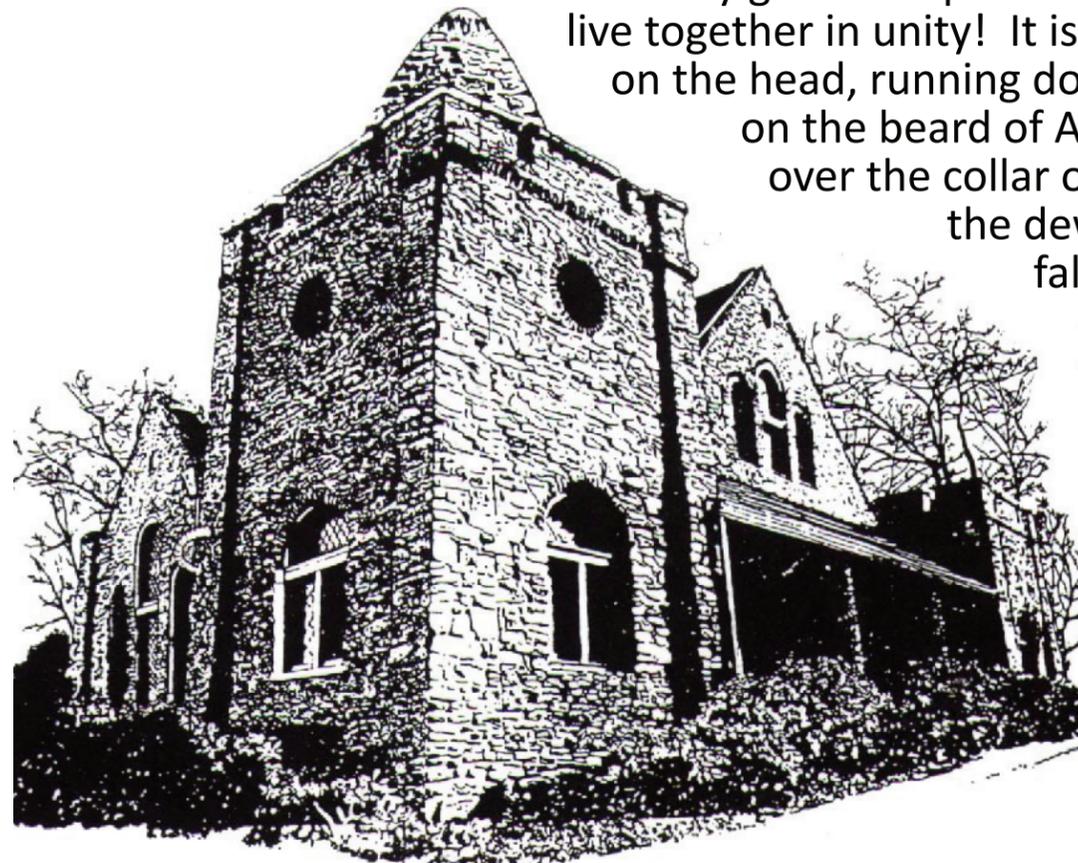
Prayers and Concerns

Please keep the following people in your prayers this week for healing and peace. ****Ron Seeger** was admitted to the hospital on Monday with an infection. Ron and Cathy Seeger's address is: 2032 Land Harbor, Newland, NC 28657. **Linda Drivas's son, Mike**, passed away unexpectedly on August 10. Her address is: 1365 Land Harbor, Newland, NC 28657. ****Kay Sherwood** is staying with her son as she struggles with anemia. Her address is: 572 Bradenton Rd, Venice FL 34293. ****Mary Wiseheart** is slowly recovering from a heart attack; her heart efficiency is up to 40% compared to a 55% norm and the doctors are very hopeful. ****Carson Bomar** had successful rotator cuff surgery and is at home recovering. He and Jimmie Kate hope to be back around August 8. Their address is: 1075 Camey Ave., Lecanto, FL 34461. ****Pat Shrader** has been diagnosed with cancer and she and Dave have returned to Mount Pleasant. Pat and Dave's address is 3483 Stockton Drive, Mount Pleasant, SC 29466. ****Lana Pettite** asks for prayers for **Kary Hudak**, age 12, with Graves and Hoshimotos Disease. ****Bobby Taylor's brother, Pat Taylor**, is fighting bone cancer. Bobby's address is: P.O. Box 102 Jonas Ridge, NC 28641. ****Charlotte Davila's brother, Guy 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 Huston** is dealing with health concerns. She and Don are living in Land Harbor this summer but their mailing address is: 8467 SW 84th Loop, Ocala, FL 34481. ****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 2861

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



Historic Crossnore Presbyterian Church. Built 1924-26

How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity! It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes. It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion. For there the LORD ordained his blessing, life forevermore.

~Psalm 133



CROSSNORE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CROSSNORE, NORTH CAROLINA

REV. KATHY CAMPBELL, PASTOR

11TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, AUGUST 20, 2017

ELEVEN O'CLOCK A.M.

THE GATHERING

Prelude: *You Are My Hiding Place*

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

by Michael Ledner
arr. by Teresa Patterson Wilhelmi

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

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

AS THE DEER

***Call to Worship:**

As we gather for worship, O Lord, help us let go . . .

Of the things that trap us, the fears that silence us, the anger that haunts us.

As we gather for worship, O Lord, help us let go . . .

Of the worry, stress or anxiety that have filled us since the last time we gathered in your presence.

As we gather for worship, O Lord, help us let go . . .

Of grief, sadness, or a desire for something else.

As we gather for worship, O Lord, help us pick up . . .

The gift of your grace, your love and your life that fills us.

As we gather for worship, O Lord, help us pick up . . .

The gift of each other, the gift of this community, the gift of this time of worship.

As we gather for worship O Lord, help us say together,

We are here. We are not alone.

Jesus Christ is among us today.

Alleluia! Amen.

Hymn of Praise: # 395 *Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

Call to Confession:

We may praise God, but we prefer to live our way, becoming captive to our foolish choices. But God longs to set us free, so let us confess together the things that imprison us.

Unison Prayer of Confession:

Creating and transforming God, you call us to spread the joy of your kingdom and live as agents of your renewal in the world. We confess that we are content to locate your kingdom in some other place, some other time, some other reality. We have been unwilling to welcome your ever-present Spirit, to strive for your justice in this world, or to recognize the risen Christ in the face of others.

Forgive us. Open our hearts, our minds, and our lives to see the truth right in front of us. Free us from our foolishness, and teach us to live by your wisdom (moment of silent confession). In Jesus' name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

God forgives us of our sins,

Not because we are righteous, but because God is good.

God calls us to try again,

Not because we are strong, but because God will help us.

God calls us as disciples,

Not because we are worthy, but because we are loved.

God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom,

and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Through the love of God in Christ Jesus, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

Response to God's Grace and Mercy: # 434 *Restore in Us, O God*

BAYLOR

*Congregation stand as are able

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Our First Lesson: Psalm 133

How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity! It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes. It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion. For there the LORD ordained his blessing, life forevermore.

Special Music: *Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above*

text by Charles Wesley
choral setting by Lani Smith

Second Lesson: Genesis 45:1-15

Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, "Send everyone away from me." So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.' And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honored in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here." Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

Sermon: "The Freedom of Forgiveness"

Rev. Kathy Campbell

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Hymn of Meditation: # 445 *God, How Can We Forgive

LEONI

Prayers of the People

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: *Rock of Ages, Cleft For Me*

based on TOPLADY by Thomas Hastings
arr. by Jeff Underwood

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

OLD HUNDRETH

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

May we not offer you the leftovers of our resources and our lives, Blessing God, but let these gifts be but part of what we give back to you, as we seek to serve your people and your creation. Amen.

THE SENDING

Closing Hymn: # 649 *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

based on HENDON bt H. A. César Malan
arr. by Donald F. Marsh

***Charge and Benediction**

***Postlude**

THOSE SERVING US TODAY

Minister: Rev. Kathy Campbell; Director of Music; Kathy Hutcheson; Greeters: Nancy and Dan Yarborough