

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/fall, 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.

Session will today meet following Coffee Fellowship.

Our last Country Breakfast was held a week ago Saturday. Thank you to all the volunteers who have helped make this year's breakfasts such a success. A very special thank you to both Pepé Abrusci and Tommie Tennant for all their hard work! Breakfast volunteers, if you have not picked up your Thank You Feet Treat Foot Scrub you can find them in the fellowship hall.

Our Final Speaker for the Summer, Joyce Roberts, will share her reflections on her experience of 9/11 this Tuesday, September 19, from 7:00– 8:30 p.m in the Fellowship Hall. Joyce was in one of the twin towers of the World Trade Center when it was hit. She has been a full-time resident in Linville Land Harbor since 2004 and is very active in the community. All are invited and refreshments will be served.

Wednesday: Bible Study—3-4:30 p.m. We are studying *Fresh Air: the Holy Spirit for an Inspired Life* by Jack Levison, Professor of New Testament Studies at Seattle Pacific University. This week's topic is the Prophet Joel's Dream.

Our September Luncheon will be held Sunday, September 24, after worship. We will be having lasagna. Please bring a salad or dessert to share. There will be a donation basket to cover the cost of the lasagna.

The Knitting Group will meet on Wednesdays from 1:00—3:00p.m., beginning September 27. Please come and join us!

Mark your calendars for our annual Chili/Baked Potato Supper in our fellowship hall on Thursday, September 28, 5-7 p.m. Donations will go to help pay for After-School Tutors at Crossnore Elementary School.

A Walk in the Park, RAM's Hunger Walk, will take place on Saturday, September 30, 10 a.m.—12 noon at Newland Riverwalk. For more information call Reaching Avery Ministry (828)733-5127.

You can help with Hurricane Harvey and Hurricane Irma Disaster Assistance: Checks can be made out to Crossnore Presbyterian Church, designated for Hurricane Harvey Response DR000169 or Hurricane Irma Response DR000194 and mailed to the Crossnore Presbyterian Church, P.O. Box 386, Crossnore, NC 28616 or placed in the collection plate on Sunday.

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: 67

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Prayers and Concerns

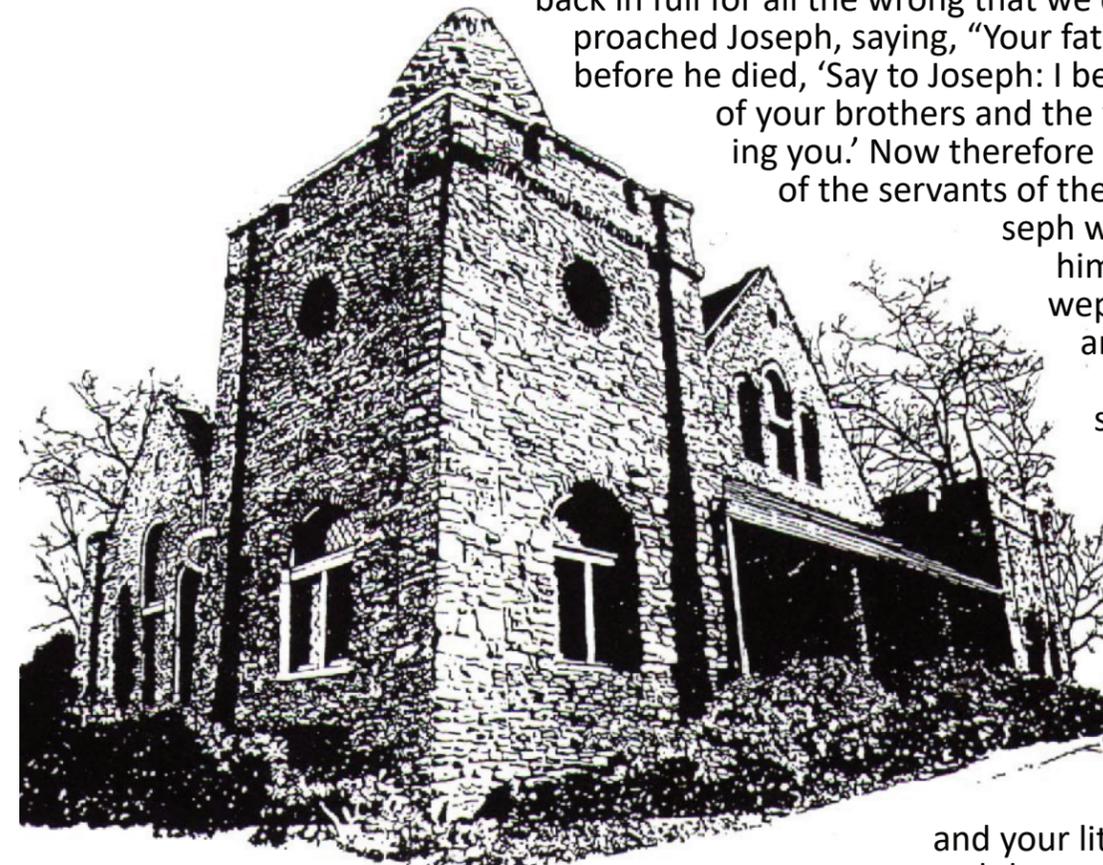
Please keep the following people in your prayers this week for healing and peace.

Special prayers go out to the Roach and Arnold Families, who are neighbors of the Gaschos. Last week, some youth were riding on a 4-Wheeler that tipped over, fell on and killed one of the riders—a young girl from the Roach Family. The one driving the 4-Wheeler was a young boy from the Arnold Family. Both families are devastated. Cards can be sent to the Cal Roach Family (Cal is the father), 178 Adams Road, Chula, GA 31733, and to the Mike Arnold Family (Mike is the father), 18 Plantation Dr., Chula, GA 31733. ****John and Kay Berkley, Carroll Berkley's brother and sister-in-law** are experiencing significant health issues and are in need of our prayers. Carroll's address is: 241 A Silver Springs Dr., Banner Elk, NC 28604. **** Daryl Storm** asks us to pray for Darlene Cordani and Cristina Cordani. ****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 recovers from a stroke. Her address is: 572 Bradenton Rd, Venice FL 34293. ****Mary Wiseheart** continues to recover from a heart attack. ****Pat Shrader** is living with cancer. She and Dave have returned to Mount Pleasant. Pat and Dave's address is 3483 Stockton Drive, Mount Pleasant, SC 29466. ****Bobby Taylor's brother, Pat Taylor,** is fighting amyloidosis. 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. ****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.

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

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~Genesis 50 15-21



CROSSNORE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CROSSNORE, NORTH CAROLINA

REV. KATHY CAMPBELL, PASTOR

15TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, SEPTEMBER 17 2017

ELEVEN O'CLOCK A.M.

THE GATHERING

Prelude: *Jesus, Name Above All Names with O, How I Love Jesus*

based on tunes by Naida Hearn and
a traditional American melody
arr. by Cindy Berry

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

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

Choral Call to Worship: # 406 *We Are Standing On Holy Ground*

HOLY GROUND

***Call to Worship:**
Praise the Lord!
With all our hearts, we will praise God's holy name!
Praise the Lord!
Never forget the good things God has done for us.
Praise the Lord, all the earth—everyone, everywhere!
We too will praise the Lord!

***Hymn of Praise:** *O God, We've Prayed in Wind and Rain* (insert)

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Call to Confession:
We do not have to beg God to forgive us, but simply confess our foolish words, our mistaken acts, our grudging hearts. Join with me as we confess our sins.

Unison Prayer of Confession:
God Almighty, we confess that we put up walls and barriers. We refuse to forgive though others have forgiven us. We refuse to help though we have been helped. We see the speck in the eyes of others and fail to see the log in our own. We are stubborn. We want things our way, and cannot see outside of the box that there may be other ways. Forgive our shortcomings, our short-sightedness, and when we become stumbling blocks for others. Call us into Your way, to see ourselves in others, to put ourselves in their shoes, to love others as we love ourselves, as You have loved us. In the name of Christ, who calls us to repent, to turn back to God, and seek forgiveness, we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:
Great is God's faithfulness. God makes a path when none was there before. God leads us back when we are hopelessly lost. God makes room for us when we have walked away, time and again.
There is always room for us at the table of Christ, and Christ is calling our name. We are forgiven, we are loved, we are restored to Christ. Amen.

Response to God's Grace and Mercy: # 447 *We Are Forgiven*

WE ARE FORGIVEN

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Our First Lesson: Genesis 50:15-21
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Choral Anthem: *With All My Heart*

based on Psalm 9
music & choral setting by Joel Raney

*Congregation stand as are able

Second Lesson: Matthew 18:21-35

Then Peter came and said to him, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times." For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

Sermon: "The Heart of Forgiveness"

Rev. Kathy Campbell

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

***Hymn of Meditation: # 753** *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace*

PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS

Prayers of the People

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: *A Prayer of Need*

by Penny Rodriguez

My love is weak, my heart imperfect, so I have great need of You.
I need your strength'ning and your comfort, your instruction, and your freedom.
Let your love dissolve my hard heart.
Let your love lift me up.
Let your love reveal to me joy beyond imagination.
Let my soul exhaust itself in singing praises of your love.
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***Doxology: # 609** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

LAST UNS ERFEUEN

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

May these simple gifts offer a welcome to the friendless, a meal for the hungry, shelter for those in disasters, and hope for all who are despised in our times. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

THE SENDING

***Closing Hymn: # 697** *Take My Life*

HENDON

***Charge and Benediction**

***Postlude: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty**

based on LOBE DEN HERREN
from "Stralsund Gesangbuch"
arr. by Ron Loree

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