

ANNOUNCEMENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

We are celebrating November birthdays with cake and coffee in the fellowship hall after worship. Please come join us! **Thanksgiving Luncheon—Next Sunday, November 19 - Smoked Turkey, coffee, and tea will be provided. Please bring your favorite Thanksgiving side dish or dessert to share.**

You should have received a **Pledge Letter for the Crossnore Presbyterian 2018 Generosity Campaign this week.** Please let the church office know if you did not receive your copy, 828-733-1939. Thanksgiving Sunday, November 19, we will offer our pledges for the 2018 budget as a part of our regular offering time. Please mail back or turn in your pledge commitment by the end of November. Thank you for all the ways you support our church's ministry and mission!

The choir meets to practice on Sunday morning from 9:00-10:00 a.m.

Our Knitting Group meets on Wednesdays from 1:00—3:00 p.m.

Pastor Kathy is offering a special study on the Reformed Tradition during the Wednesday Bible Study, 3—4:30 p.m. for the month of November. This is a great time to remember and to gain a deeper understanding of our Reformed history and our beliefs then and now.

We are collecting financial donations for our annual Thanksgiving Baskets. Volunteer Avery has given us the names of 14 individuals and families who are in very deep need. Each home will receive a \$100 Ingles grocery card and a basket full of goodies and toiletries. **We hope to raise enough funds to provide for these 14 needy individuals and families. Make checks out to Crossnore Presbyterian Church and designate for Thanksgiving Baskets. We are also looking for volunteers to deliver the baskets the week of Thanksgiving.** Thank you for caring and sharing! We will be receiving donations until the end of November.

Christmas Luncheon—Sunday, December 17.

The Women's Fund of the Blue Ridge is collecting gently used clothing for all ages. The clothing will be sold at Anna Banana's Fine Consignment in Boone and the money will be used to support the Women's Fund of the Blue Ridge mission to create positive change and economic justice for women and girls in our region of Western NC. **On Sunday, November 12 from 2:00-5:00 p.m., bring your clothes to Stickboy Kitchen (across from the Wellness Center on Boone Heights Drive) during their Wonderful Women event.** Come and enjoy a tasting of a limited edition Wonderful Women Cookie from Stickboy. Call the Women's Fund office for more information, (828) 264-4002. If you are unable to attend the event to donate your clothes, pack up your clothes and bring them to the church office by this Sunday. Pastor Kathy will deliver them.

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: 40

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Prayers and Thanksgiving

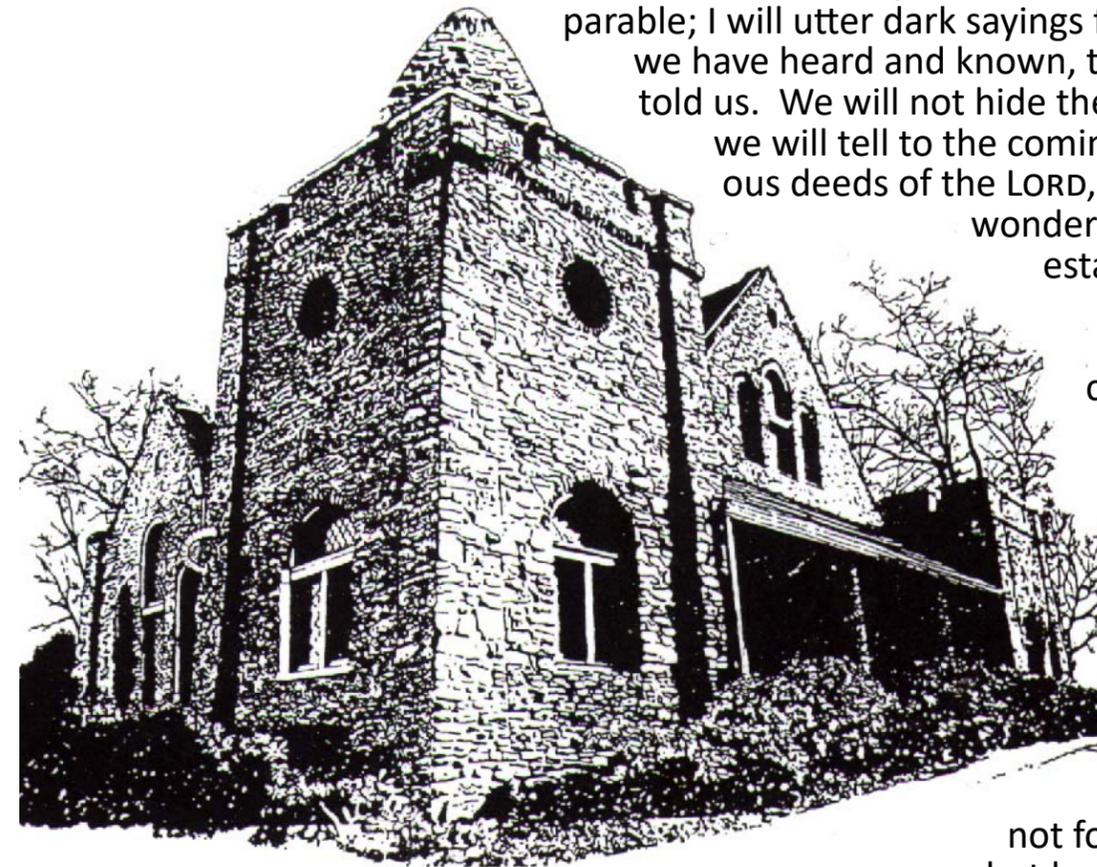
**** Congratulations to Doug and Mary Noble** on the birth of their grandson, Dylan Mark Noble. Dylan was born on Sunday, November 5. Their address is: 1013 Charter Place, Charlotte, NC 28211. ****Barbara Stuart's 93 year old father** is recovering from major surgery. Her address is: ****Barbara Ross** is recovering from cataract surgery. Her address is: P.O. Box 30, Crossnore, NC 28616. ****Marion Blue asks for prayers for her distant cousin, Lilly**, who is 15, with a kidney infection. The doctors had to amputate part of her leg. Marion's address is: 1057 Walt Clark Rd., Newland, NC 28657. ****Bennie Frazier** has moved from rehab and is with his daughter Rosie. He is continuing physical therapy. He looks forward to coming home! Bennie has truly enjoyed all the cards and letters. You can call Bennie at the Culbreaths' home phone: 1-704-788-3930. His address is: Ben Frazier, c/o Rosie Culbreath, 663 Warren St., Concord, NC 28025. ****Please keep Bonny Whilden** in your prayers. She is the sister of Sharon Lawing and is fighting kidney cancer. Her address is: 3434 Dublin Road, Charlotte, NC 28208. ****Gilbert Lueck**, a friend of the congregation, is grieving the death of his wife, who passed away 4 weeks ago after a long illness. He hopes to be back up in the mountains this spring. His address is: 601 Bowers Lane, Randleman, NC 27317**** Please keep Carroll and Linda Berkley and family** in your prayers as they mourn the loss of Carroll's uncle, **Charles Berkley**, and sister-in-law, **Kay Berkley**. Carroll's brother, **John Berkley**, continues living with cancer. Their address is 241 A Silver Springs Dr., Banner Elk, NC 28604. ****Kay Sherwood** is back in Land Harbor and continuing to recover from her stroke. Her address is 3107 Land Harbor, Newland, NC 28657. ****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. 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

Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth. I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings from of old, things that we have heard and known, that our ancestors have told us. We will not hide them from their children; we will tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the LORD, and his might, and the wonders that he has done. He established a decree in Jacob, and appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our ancestors to teach to their children; that the next generation might know them, the children yet unborn, and rise up and tell them to their children, so that they should set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments;



Historic Crossnore Presbyterian Church. Built 1924-26

~Psalm 78:1-7



CROSSNORE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CROSSNORE, NORTH CAROLINA

REV. KATHY CAMPBELL, PASTOR

23RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, NOVEMBER 12, 2017

ELEVEN O'CLOCK A.M.

THE GATHERING

Prelude: *Two Spirituals: I Want to Be a Christian with My Lord, What a Morning*

African-American spirituals
arr. by Eugene Butler

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

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

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

AS THE DEER

Call to Worship:
If we will but listen,
God will speak to us in parables, God will tell us stories lived out by our grandparents.
If we will but remember,
we will discover all we have heard and known, all the wonders God has in store for us.
If we will but share,
we can tell our children and grandchildren - even those not yet born - the glorious stories of our God.

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

HOLY MANNA

Call to Confession:
How quickly we forget - our faith, our calling, our hope. All because we try to do everything our way, rather than God's. But God is quicker to forgive, and to restore us to new life. Let us confess our sins before God.

Unison Prayer of Confession:
It is never easy to admit how foolish we are, Approaching God. You have chosen us for yourself, and we continue to shelter false gods in our hearts. You promise to be with us in every moment, but we can find little time for you. You send your Word to us, but we are too busy listening to the noise of our culture to pay attention. Have mercy, Eternal One, and forgive us. Speak to us, so we might listen, and in hearing be transformed into your people. Fill us with holiness, so we might give ourselves wholly to others. Enable us to serve you faithfully and completely, even as did our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, (moment of silent confession). In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:
This is our assurance: God forgives us. This is our hope: God's love is everlasting. This is our truth: God is with us always. **We will speak the truth; we will live the hope; we will share God's mercy. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Response to God's Grace and Mercy: # 437 *You Are the Lord, Giver of Mercy!* WAYFARING STRANGER

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

First Lesson: Psalm 78:1-7
Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth. I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings from of old, things that we have heard and known, that our ancestors have told us. We will not hide them from their children; we will tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the LORD, and his might, and the wonders that he has done. He established a decree in Jacob, and appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our ancestors to teach to their children; that the next generation might know them, the children yet unborn, and rise up and tell them to their children, so that they should set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments;

Choral Anthem: *A Song of Joyful Praise* from Psalm 148, words adapted by and music by Arnold B. Sherman

Second Lesson: Matthew 25:1-13
"Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up

*Congregation stand as are able

and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

Sermon: "Give Me Oil in My Lamp"

Rev. Kathy Campbell

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

***Affirmation of Faith: The Apostle's Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,

And in Jesus Christ his only son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand
of God, the Father almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic church'
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen**

Hymn of Meditation: # 694 *Great God of Every Blessing

AURELIA

Prayers of the People

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: *Majestic Sweetness Sits Enthroned*

based on ORTONVILLE by Thomas Hastings
arr. by Micheal Cox

Doxology: # 609 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures high and low.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God, in Jesus fully known:
Creator, Word, and Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

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

Lord, we can stand at the edge and watch while you seek to bring hope, healing, peace, and joy to every one in the world. Or we can take that step, of committing our lives as well as our gifts, in working with you in this ministry of grace. Bless our gifts, bless our lives, bless our service, we pray. Amen.

THE SENDING

Closing Hymn: # 547 *Go, My Children, with My Blessing

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***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude: *A Little Song of Praise

by Tom Kendall

THOSE SERVING US TODAY

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