

ANNOUNCEMENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! We have more than doubled the anticipated amount of donations. The Mission Committee hoped for \$1,400 and we received \$3,000. 30 individuals and families in need received a Thanksgiving \$100 grocery card, some goodies, and a visit from one of our church members. Three recipients have already called and left the sweetest messages on the church office phone. God is good! Thanks to all who shared their Thanksgiving blessings with others.

Thanks to everyone who brought food, set up and cleaned up for Thanksgiving Luncheon this past Sunday. The food was delicious and the fellowship was wonderful. Special thanks to Tommie Tennant for coordinating everything and to Barbara Ross for the scrumptious smoked turkey. **Our Christmas Luncheon will be held on Sunday, December 17, following worship.**

Many of you have already turned in the 2018 Pledge of your time, talents, and treasures. Thank you! We hope to have all the pledge cards in by the end of November. This will help our Finance Committee prepare a realistic 2018 budget. Your support for the church's ministry and mission is both vital and valued.

The Knitting group will meet this Wednesday, November 29, at 1 p.m. to take their Christmas hats to Hospitality House in Boone. The group will not meet through December. Please join the knitters in January on Wednesdays from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Bible Study will meet this Wednesday, November 29, 3:00 – 4:30 p.m., to begin our Advent study using Adam Hamilton's **Faithful: Christmas Through the Eyes of Joseph.** Although Joseph never speaks in the narrative of the nativity story and is often overlooked, his humble obedience to God and his courageous actions give us examples of faithfully moving forward in the strength God provides even when we don't understand His plan.

Please come this Saturday, December 2, 10 a.m.- 12 noon, to help decorate our Chrismon Tree and prepare the sanctuary for the Christmas Season. Coffee, hot cocoa, and cookies will be served.

The next Session Meeting will be held next Sunday, December 3, after worship and coffee fellowship.

Avery Project Christmas needs your help! Reaching Avery Ministry is sponsoring the Christmas Store for families in need Tuesday, December 5, and Wednesday, December 6, from 8 a.m.- 4 p.m., in the Newland Baptist Church recreation center. They need volunteers to assist parents and to wrap gifts. If you can volunteer any time during these two days, please call RAM at 733-5127.

New Opportunity School for Women is sponsoring a Christmas Open House at the Stephenson Center, Lees-McRae College, on Wednesday, December 6, from 1-6 p.m. Kindly RSVP no later than Monday, December 4 to Jennie Harpold, Director of the NOSW at Lees-McRae College, at [828.898.8905](tel:828-898-8905) or harpoldj@lmc.edu.

Mark your calendars: Christmas Caroling, December 14; Christmas Eve Services, December 24, 11 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

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: 47

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Prayers and Concerns

****Bonnie Vuolo's stepmother** passed away this past week at the age of 93. Bonnie's address is: P.O. Box 24, Jonas Ridge, NC 28641. ****Ginger Williams, Ricky Berkley's girlfriend,** lost her father, Darrell Williams, to cancer this past Wednesday. Ginger's address is: 241 A Silver Springs Drive, Banner Elk, NC 28604. ****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 friend, 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. 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.

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

Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.'

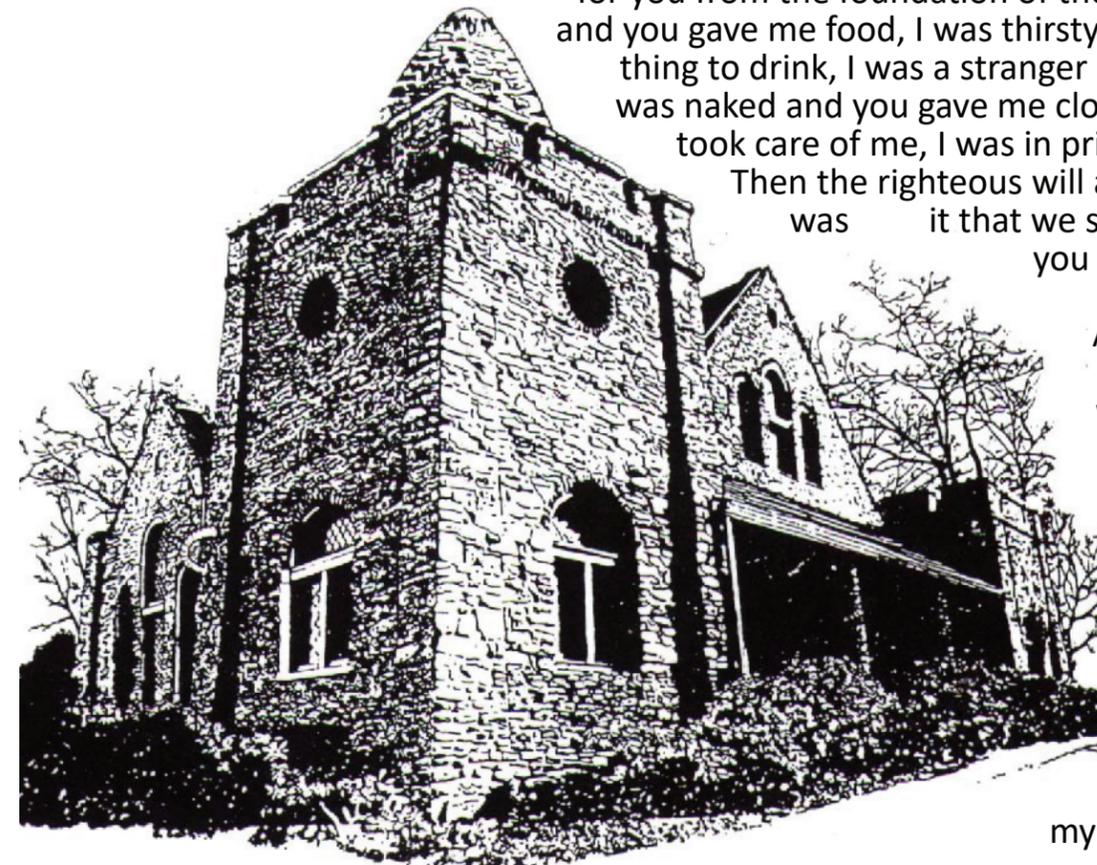
Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink?

And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing?

And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king

will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.'

~Matthew 25: 34-40



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CROSSNORE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CROSSNORE, NORTH CAROLINA

REV. KATHY CAMPBELL, PASTOR

CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2017

ELEVEN O'CLOCK A.M.

THE GATHERING

Prelude: *Rejoice, the Lord is King with Come, Thou Almighty King*

based on DARWALL'S 148TH by John Darwall
arr. by Edward Brought
Based on ITALIAN HYMN by Felice de Giardini
arr. by Gerald Peterson

**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:**

Let us start this service well, by reminding ourselves:

That it is not we who chooses Christ,

but Christ who choose us,

That we are not here because of our goodness,

but because of Christ's grace,

That we are not here to enlighten ourselves,

but to allow Christ to enlighten us,

That we have not come to be entertained,

but to worship God with heart, soul, mind and strength.

Hymn of Praise: # 41 *O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!

LYONS

Call to Confession:

We gather in worship not only to praise our Ruler and Redeemer and to be filled with new life and new energy, we come to bring our burdens and our brokenness before God. Friends, let us confess our sins together.

Unison Prayer of Confession:

God, we confess that we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. You embodied yourself in a human body. You lived out your life among those who were sick—physically, mentally, and spiritually. You reached out to touch them, spoke words to comfort them, performed miracles to heal them.

Heal us we pray from the sin-sickness that grips us. Heal us and help us to work for the healing and wholeness of our neighbors as well. Just speak the word of your peace, and we shall be healed (moment of silent confession). In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

Sisters and brothers, our King is unlike any other; he comes not to be served but to serve and give his life as a ransom for many.

May we take up our freedom in Christ and live it joyfully and lovingly, for our King wants to share his gift with us and with the world.

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

WAYFARING STRANGER

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

First Lesson: Ephesians 1:15-23

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the

heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Choral Anthem: *His Name*

words & music by Dale E. Strand

Second Lesson: Matthew 25:31-46

“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.’ Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?’ Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

Sermon: “The Church Has Left the Building”

Rev. Kathy Campbell

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

***Affirmation of Faith: Portion of a Brief Statement of Faith (bulletin insert)**

Hymn of Meditation: # 767 *Together We Serve

SAN ANSELMO

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: *I Belong to the King*

based on KING HALL by J. Lincoln Hall
arr. by Ron Loree

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

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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:**

May these gifts bring light to those who walk in darkness, hope to those who live in despair, and justice to those who are oppressed. Grant to each giver a sense of participation in the most important opportunity of all time: to share one's love with the world. To this end we dedicate our offerings and ourselves. Amen.

THE SENDING

Closing Hymn: # 372 *O for a World

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***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude: *The King Shall Come

based on ST. STEPHEN
by William Jones
arr. by Edward Broughton

*Congregation stand as are able

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