

## *Announcements and Prayer Requests for Sunday, January 3, 2021*

**Happy New Year! This morning, January 3, we are all worshipping together virtually; there is no physical worship in the sanctuary due the rising cases of COVID-19 in Avery County.** This is the Second Sunday of the Christmas Season. In the CPC Virtual Worship Service email, there are PDF attachments which include the worship bulletin with music links, the sermon, and the announcements and prayer requests.

**We have received many, many donations to our Christmas Eve Offering for heating oil and electricity for our neighbors in need through Volunteer Avery County.** We are continuing to receive donations due to the mail delay and will let you know in the coming week the total for our Christmas Eve Offering. We have already surpassed our 2019 Offering! Thanks to all who have given so generously!

**On December 22, the church received good news about two grants that we had applied for:**

- **The Stafford Family Trust** has for over more than a decade invited us to submit an annual request. This year we received **\$18,000** which will be used for the replacement of the sanctuary roof!
- We were also invited to submit an application to the **Partners for Sacred Places**. Out of 250 sacred places in Central Appalachia that were invited to apply, only 10 places were chosen, and **Crossnore Presbyterian Church was accepted!** Thanks to George Riggsbee and Ashlyn DeWitt for assisting Pastor Kathy with the application. Partners for Sacred Places will be working with us in a variety of ways and **we hope to receive a grant of at least \$10,00 for our sanctuary roof.** Take a look at their website: <https://sacredplaces.org/>

**We are so humbled and deeply grateful for the Stafford Family Trust and their financial support for over a decade and our new relationship with Partners for Sacred Places.** God works in wonderful ways to help us grow in our ministry and mission and to be faithful stewards of the historic sacred sanctuary and church addition for our generation and generations to come.

**Our Zoom Bible study** will resume this Wednesday, January 6, at 3 p.m. as we continue our study of Acts.

**The Session will hold its next meeting on Thursday, January 7, at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be held on Zoom.**

**We have a new column in our Midweek News. Daniel Coffee, one of the members of our church family, who is in his first year of seminary at Union Seminary in Charlotte, wants to help you with questions about Christianity.** If you have a question on church history, liturgy, sacred tradition, Presbyterianism, or more, submit it to Daniel's Den at: [Daniel.Coffey@upsem.edu](mailto:Daniel.Coffey@upsem.edu)

**Volunteers are still needed at Feeding Avery Families, sign up on [https:// feedingaveryfamilies.org/volunteer](https://feedingaveryfamilies.org/volunteer)**  
Due to current social distancing guidelines, Feeding Avery Families has shifted to a non-contact / drive-thru model for distribution of food to clients. To support this approach, roles for volunteers on Thursdays and Fridays have changed. **Truck Unloading and Stocking—Thursdays, 9:30 – 11:30 am. Distribution—Fridays, 9:30 - 11:30am, 1-3 pm.**

**Volunteers are still also needed at Reaching Avery Ministry.** Please call Michelle at the office: 828-733-5127.

**Sheri Elderfield has reversable winter masks with adjustable bands; masks are \$8 each.** You can pick your mask(s) up at the church office or call (828-733-1939) and we will mail the mask(s) to you. She also has regular masks; \$6 each.

## *Prayer Requests for Sunday, January 3, 2021*

**Please add these people to your prayer list.**

**Need an address? Contact the church office: 828-733-1939**

**Kathy Hutcheson** is continuing to feel better and has the use of her shoulder and hand again. She is recovering from eye surgery and is seeing better than she has in a long, long time. **Her nephew, Michael Hutcheson,** had a heart attack this past week, received a heart catheterization at Mission Hospital in Asheville, and the surgeon put in a stint. Michael hopes to be home this weekend.

**Joe Jordan** will be having hip surgery on January 14.

**Mimi Sloop's brother-in-law, Roy Vaughn**, passed away recently. He had been suffering with Parkinson's Disease for over 30 years.

**Bill Hassett's mother, Sylvia Hassett Givens**, aged 98, passed away peacefully last night.

**Bill Lind's sister, Martha Lind**, is in a nursing home in Franklin, NC, and has contracted COVID-19. She is also fighting cancer that has metastasized. Bill is not able to visit her but has talked on the phone with her.

**Bill and Laura Lind's daughter-in-law, Erin Lind**, has been diagnosed with breast cancer. She will be having a bilateral mastectomy in January. **Linds' friend, Lindsey Edwards**, was diagnosed with cancer last January and has had success with an aggressive form of treatment. She is back on our prayer list as she continues to recover.

**RB Danner's mother** passed away recently after contracting COVID-19. RB is Connie Danner's husband.

**Connie Danner's update on Archie:** Archie is the 18-month-old infant son of Kevin and Margaret. They took him for his check up and the doctor discovered a tumor on Archie's liver. He has gone through a round of chemotherapy and is doing great! He has 5% chance of the cancer returning. His parents are so thankful for all the love and prayers.

**Frank Duncan** has been in the hospital with a blood infection. He is healing and is now rebuilding his strength in a rehab center for the next two weeks. Shellie is unable to visit him inside but can talk to him from his window. They so appreciate the prayers and cards!

**Dave Kilgore's brother, Mike's, tumor has returned.** He is still undergoing chemotherapy and is struggling with lack of energy and depression.

**Leyla Bedford, the wife of Dave Kilgore's cousin**, has Chiari Malformation, which means her brain tissue is pushing against her skull, causing the brain tissue to extend into spinal cord.

**Bill Bagby's twin brother, Bob Bagby**, had a stroke and is recovering. Bill reports that his brother is doing well.

**Charlotte Davila's daughter, Jennifer**, has Gravis Disease and is struggling with the diagnosis.

**Jesse Downing's wife, Barbara Downing**, has been diagnosed with breast cancer; Jesse is Pepe Abrusci's godson.

**Dawn Bates** had a successful surgery to replace her left knee and is at home recovering.

**Marilyn Gascho** had her left shoulder replaced. The surgery went well and she is continuing to receive physical therapy.

**Tasha Reid's** physical therapy is going well and she is hopeful that she will not need surgery on her shoulders.

**Bonnie Coffee, Daniel Coffey's Aunt**, had a major stroke on August 5 and while turning her in the bed, an orderly at the rehab center accidentally dropped her and broke her hip, so she is back in the hospital when the CNA was moving her, she broke her hip.

**John Westrom, friend of Bill and BobbiRae Hassett**, has stomach cancer and has completed both chemo and radiation. He is struggling with eating and energy.

**Prayers for students learning online and teachers who are trying to teach online.**

**Janet Wells, Betty Redman France's daughter**, has stage four pancreatic cancer and is having good results with her chemo. If you would like to send a card, please call the church office for her address. **Dave France, Fred France's son**, has been able to keep his multiple sclerosis under control. He is struggling with a lesion on his back that keeps him in constant pain.

**Frances Brown** is having several health concerns and would appreciate our prayers.

**Dotty Huston** received a pacemaker and is recovering at home. She feels like a new person. **Don Huston** is doing much better and is able to play golf and pickleball on a regular basis.

**Charlotte Davila would like us to pray for her friend Marta who lives in Matagalpa, Nicaragua.** They met on a mission trip and Charlotte is worried about her health and her safety. She wrote, "Dear Carlota, may the peace and love of Jesus and the hope that fills our hearts be with you in these difficult times of pandemic. This has been a sad time with fears, but Jesus is with me and Psalm 91 had helped a lot and all my fears have left me."

**Dave Ehmig** is suffering from long term back pain, praying for some permanent relief, and working with a pain clinic.

**Barbara Swack, the daughter of Marge Chalfant, who is a friend of Gary and Marilyn Gascho**, has cancer in both breasts.