

Announcements, November 15, 2020

Welcome to Worship this morning as we gather physically in the sanctuary (following COVID-19 regulations) or in the parking lot (listening on the FM radio) or virtually on Livestream or the Virtual Worship Service. The worship service will be taped every week and a link will be included in Midweek News.

Our November Mission Project is our annual Thanksgiving Baskets. Last year we provided 30 needy families and individuals in Avery County with a \$100 Ingles grocery card along with socks, scarves, holiday towels, toiletries, and goodies. This year we hope to do the same. **We have raised \$2,600 so far. We only need \$400 more to be able to provide 30 baskets again this year.** The recipients are selected from the Director of Volunteer Avery County, Cindy Lindecamp. If you would like to donate, please make your check out to Crossnore Presbyterian Church and designate it for "Thanksgiving Baskets." If you would like to deliver a few of the baskets, please call Bonnie Vuolo, 828-733-1941. Thank you for caring and sharing!

Volunteers are needed to help pack food boxes at Reaching Avery Ministry. Please call Michelle at RAM to find out volunteer schedule: 828-733-5127. Janet Milsaps is still with her daughter, Brooke, at the JC Medical Center; she hopes Brooke will be able to return home soon. In the meantime, Michelle is the only staff person in the RAM office and food pantry.

Volunteers are also needed to help at Feeding Avery Families, sign up on <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):** On Thursday mornings from 9:30 to 11:30, trucks from MANNA deliver large quantities of non-perishable items, produce, meat, and dairy products. Volunteers assist with unloading the trucks and staging products for distribution to clients on Friday. While lifting is required for moving some products, there are plenty of "light duty" tasks such as placing products on shelves and packing bulk produce into individual bags. We need 10 volunteers for this work each week. **Distribution (Fridays):** On the first four Fridays of most months, clients pick up food between **9:30-11:30 AM or 1-3 PM**. Clients are directed to drive to the reception station where **Greeters** collect necessary information (no lifting / some training required). Clients then pull forward and **Loaders** place products in the cars (lifting required). In the FAF building, **Inside Volunteers** pack additional boxes, repackage produce, assure that stock is available outside and conduct other tasks as needed (minor lifting may be required). Inside the FAF "Annex", **Reporting Volunteers** take care of paperwork and computer data entry (no lifting / significant training required). 15 Volunteers are needed for each shift.

Wednesday Bible Study will be discussing the Book of Acts, chapter 20. If you would like to participate on Zoom, please send Pastor Kathy your email address: rev.kathy.campbell@gmail.com

One of our members, Charlie Stuart, is the author of a new and timely book, "Reclaiming the Forgotten Gospel of Jesus." Charlie writes, "The full gospel of Christ's redemptive gift of grace told in word and believed in faith, and in live that reflect Christ's example of service to others. Full gospel includes both salvation and service-to-others. It is not a question of 'either or' but a statement of 'both and.' As Dietrich Bonhoeffer said, "Christianity without discipleship is always Christianity without Christ." We have 10 copies of the book at the church. They are \$10.00 each, with the funds going to our mission budget. A great Christmas present for the readers on your list!

Sheri Elderfield has a big assortment (including holiday designs) of new reversable masks with elastic bands and adjustable bands. Each mask includes a HEPA filter. You can pick up one or more after worship or at the church office or we can mail the mask(s) to you. Cost per regular mask is \$6.00. Cost for holiday masks is \$8.00 each. Sheri says that it covers the cost of making them. There are only 12 holiday masks available but Sheri can make more. Order now!

The church's sanctuary roof committee continues to make plans to go forward with the replacement of our sanctuary roof. They are working with historic preservation roof specialists and looking at several roof shingle and tile samples. We will keep you updated on the committee's progress.

Prayer Requests for Sunday, November 8, 2020

Please add these people to your prayer list.

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

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

Dave Kilgore's brother, Mike, does not have any new tumors but he is still undergoing chemotherapy and is struggling with lack of energy and feeling down.

Sarah and Rowan DeWitt, children of Jason and Ashlyn DeWitt, are recovering from COVID-19.

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

Marilyn Gascho had her left shoulder replaced. The surgery went well and she and Gary are headed for Tifton, GA, this weekend.

Connie Danner has asked us to add Archie to our prayer list. 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. It is cancerous and treatments are beginning. The doctors are very hopeful that he will recover.

Gilbert Luck had successful hernia surgery and is at home recovering.

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.

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.

Junior and Edwina Sluder are both recovering from COVID-19.

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.

Kathy Hutcheson is continuing to struggle with her health. She is suffering from nerve inflammation on her shoulder, arm, and hand that were operated on. In addition, she is having vision problems again and will be returning to her ophthalmologist for a diagnosis.

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.

We continue to ask for prayers for all those who are working on the frontlines of the pandemic, especially as the numbers of positive cases and deaths continue to rise. Many of our members have friends and family who are risking their own lives daily to care for and provide for others.