



CROSSNORE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH MIDWEEK NEWS

“Growing Deeper in Faith, Reaching Out in Love”

August 31, 2016

Announcements and Items of interest

Sunday, September 4, Worship 11:00—12 noon, Sunday School, 10:15—10:45 a.m.

Bible Study is on Wednesdays from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. Today, August 31, Pastor Kathy will begin our new study of Paul’s letter to the Phillipians.

Choir resumes its regular , Wednesday Practice Schedule today, August 31, from 5:00-6:15 p.m.

Avery County Habitat for Humanity Work Days: 2016 Presbyterian Build (Jones Family House) with Little Chapel on the Boardwalk Presbyterian Church Mission Team (mornings/afternoons./all day).on September 7 and 8. Contact Linda Berkley at 828-898-3855 or at: carrollberkley@yahoo.com .Dinner with Little Chapel on the Boardwalk Friends, Wednesday, Sept. 7, 6:30 p.m., Puerto Nuevo.

Our Last Country Breakfast of the year is on Saturday, September 10 from 7:00-10:00 a.m. Call Pepé Abrusci to volunteer: (828) 387-7676; or pepmiester@gmail.com.

We will host a **Special Evening Concert, September 17, 7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m featuring Anne Trenning**, who is a pianist, teacher, performer, and composer of classical, contemporary music. **Anne Trenning will be joined by Ed Williams**, former editor of The Charlotte Observer, who will be sharing some of his inspiring essays. All donations will go to Avery County Habitat for Humanity. Light refreshments will be served.

Our Special Speaker Series on Tuesday, September 20, from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m., will feature Reverend Charles Alonso who has served as a public school teacher and as a pastor to the Hispanic Community in the Mitchell-Avery-

Yancy area. He is very knowledgeable and uniquely aware of the struggles that are encountered by many of the Hispanics who are living in area.

Annual Dinner Fundraiser for Crossnore Elementary School., Thursday, September 29, 5:00—7:00 p.m. This is our fifth year to host this dinner with Crossnore Baptist, Fellowship Presbyterian, and Fletcher Presbyterian congregations. We will serve homemade chili, baked potato bar, salad, and homemade desserts. Donations will go to the needs of children at Crossnore Elementary School. Call Linda Berkley to make chili, provide potato bar or salad ingredients, or help to serve or clean-up (828-898-3855; or carrollberkley@yahoo.com).



August Birthdays

- ASHLYN DEWITT & PEGGY HALIFAX—AUGUST 1
- FRED FRANCE—AUGUST 3
- PEG PRIOR—AUGUST 6
- NANCY CABANISS—AUGUST 8
- SANDY BUCKNER, DOUG NOBLE & JANET SCHANZLE—AUGUST 13
- NANCY YARBOROUGH—AUGUST 13
- HERB GILL—AUGUST 18
- BECKY DORAN—AUGUST 22
- CLARNECE KENYON—AUGUST 24
- BOB TAYLOR—AUGUST 25
- JONNIE MCBRYDE—AUGUST 26
- LARRY BROWN, CLAY HARTLEY & PAMELA PAUL—AUGUST 28

Prayer Requests

- MARK HICKMAN
- PEPE ABRUSCI
- ELIZABETH WOMACK
- CATHY SEEGER
- PAT ROUSSELLE
- PAT SHRADER
- MYRTLE BAYSE
- BUD AND BETH HOWELL
- BEN AND AMANDA FRAZIER

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

Psalm 136:1

A Prayer to the God of Ebb and Flow

Dear Lord, today I thought of the words of Vincent van Gogh: “It is true there is an ebb and flow, but the sea remains the sea.” You are the sea. Although I experience many ups and downs in

my emotions and often feel great shifts and changes in my inner life, you remain the same. Your sameness is not the sameness of a rock, but the sameness of a faithful lover. Out of your love I came to life; by your love I am sustained; and to your love I am always called back. There are days of sadness and days of joy; there are feelings of guilt and feelings of gratitude; there are moments of failure and moments of success; but all of them are embraced by your unwavering love.



O Lord, sea of love and goodness, let me not fear too much the storms and winds of my daily life, and let me know that there is ebb and flow but that the sea remains the sea. Amen

Henri Nouwen



My only real temptation is to doubt your love, to think of myself as beyond the reach of your love, to remove myself from the healing radiance of your love. To do these things is to move into the darkness of despair.

