



Crossnore Presbyterian Church

*“Growing Deeper in Faith,
Reaching Out in Love”*

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Announcements and Items of interest

November 23, 2016

Sunday, November 27, First Sunday of Advent, Worship 11:00 a.m.—12 noon. Sunday School 10:15 a.m. Choir Practice at 9:00 a.m.

Please remember your Food for People and Pets donations for this Sunday.

Wednesday Bible Study, 3-4:30 p.m. We are studying the Book of Ruth. Join us for good study, discussion, and fellowship.

Our Mission Project for the next 2 weeks is the 2016 Presbyterian Build for Avery County Habitat for Humanity. Our church pledged \$5,000 and we have already raised \$2,500!

Our 20 Thanksgiving Baskets have been delivered to the individuals and families who are in need in our county. Thank you to all who contributed to and helped deliver the baskets in time for Thanksgiving.

Bocky Smith’s memorial service will be held the morning of Saturday, November 26 at 11:00 a.m. in the church sanctuary. Mary Agnes Smith, Bocky’s wife, is Rachel Deal’s sister.



Advent Workshop and Decorating the Sanctuary for the Christmas Season on

Saturday, December 3. *The Advent Workshop will be held from 10 a.m.- 12:30 p.m. with lunch provided.* We will be baking cookies, making ornaments, and writing notes for care packages to be sent to our students in college and the School of the Arts. The students will be taking finals the first week of December. *We will begin to decorate the Chrismon Tree and the sanctuary at 12:30 p.m.* Join us for all or part of this fun day. Please RSVP for the Advent

Workshop by Thursday, December 1, by calling the church office, 828-733-1939.

Sunday, December 4, Session will meet following Coffee and Cookie Fellowship.

Thursday, December 8, 9:30 a.m.- 12:30 p.m., Work Day in the Kitchen and Fellowship Hall. It is time to get the kitchen and the fellowship hall cleaned up before Christmas. Join in the fun! We will head over to Loaves and Fishes for lunch after we are finished.

Our Christmas Potluck Luncheon will be on Sunday, December 18.

Saturday, December 24, 5:30 p.m., Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, a special night to celebrate Christ’s birth with Christmas readings and carols. Our Christmas Eve Offering will go to Volunteer Avery for emergency needs in our county

November Birthdays

- EUNICE HEILIG—NOVEMBER 9
- CAROLINE JONES—NOVEMBER 10
- GABE VUOLO—NOVEMBER 11
- BARBARA ROSS—NOVEMBER 17
- MEGAN TENNANT—NOVEMBER 19
- BOB GRASHOF—NOVEMBER 27
- RACHEL DEAL—NOVEMBER 28
- JO JOHNSON—NOVEMBER 29
- PAT McMANNEN—NOVEMBER 29

Prayer Requests

- GARY & MARILYN GASCHO
- LOARRAINE ALLS
- PAT McMANNEN
- CHARLES BERKLEY
- JOHN BERKLEY
- EL WILSON
- KAREN PHILLIPS
- MARK HICKMAN
- BILL BARONE
- MYRTLE BAYSE
- BUD & THE HOWELL FAMILY
- BEN AND AMANDA FRAZIER

Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Mark 1:3

The Coming of God

*Our God is the One who comes to us
in a burning bush,
in an angel’s song,
in a newborn child.*

*Our God is the One who cannot be found
locked in the church,
not even in the sanctuary.*

*Our God will be where God will be
with no constraints,
no predictability.*

*Our God lives where our God lives,
and destruction has no power
and even death cannot stop
the living.*



*Our God will be born where God will be born,
but there is no place to look for the One
who comes to us.*

*When God is ready
God will come
even to and godforsaken place
like a stable in Bethlehem.*

*Watch . . .
for you know not when
God comes.
Watch, that you might be found
whenever
wherever
God comes.*

-Ann Weems