



# Crossnore Presbyterian Church

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

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### Announcements and Items of interest

December 7, 2016

**Sunday, December 11, communion, Third Sunday of Advent, Worship 11:00 a.m.—12 noon.**  
**Choir Practice at 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:15 a.m.**



**It is winter in the High Country.** We had snow last Sunday morning, December 4. The roads, church parking lot and steps were slushy and slick. We canceled church due to safety concerns.

**There will be a Session Meeting after Coffee Fellowship this Sunday, December 11.**

**Our Mission Project for the month has been the 2016 Presbyterian Build for Avery County Habitat for Humanity.** Our church pledged \$5,000 and we have already raised \$3,500!

**Wednesday Bible Study, 3-**

**4:30 p.m.** We are studying the Book of Ruth. Join us for good study, discussion, and fellowship.

**Several church members got together Saturday, December 3, to decorate the**



**sanctuary and the Christmas Tree.** Thank you to Charlotte Davila, Pastor Kathy, Bob and Linda Taylor, Eric and Jane Sowder, Tommie Tennant, and Jason and Ashlyn DeWitt.

**Speaking of decorations. It is time to order Poinsettias for the sanctuary.** They are a festive part of our decorations and are provided by individuals who place them



in honor or memory of loved ones or to the glory of God. The order form with additional information is attached to this Midweek Newsletter email. The cost of a poinsettia is \$10.00. Please place orders by December 18.

**Tomorrow, Thursday, December 8, is a Clean-up Workday in the Kitchen and Fellowship Hall.** It is time to clean up before Christmas. We will head over to Loaves and Fishes for lunch after we are finished.

**Would you like to go Christmas Caroling with the choir?** We will meet at the church at 5:00 p.m., on Tuesday, December 13, make our rounds and meet for dinner at Puerto Nuevo! It is great fun!

**Our Christmas Potluck Luncheon will be on Sunday, December 18.** Ham, coffee, tea, and lemonade will be provided. Bring a dish to share!

### December Birthdays

- PATRICIA MCGARR—DECEMBER 1
- ANNMARIE HARRIS—DECEMBER 5
- BEN JORDAN—DECEMBER 7
- SARAH ISLES—DECEMBER 12
- JOHN TOGGWEILER—DECEMBER 12
- TASHA REID—DECEMBER 16
- DAN YARBOROUGH—DECEMBER 20
- BUD HOWELL—DECEMBER 23
- LINDA TAYLOR—DECEMBER 24
- RON SEEGER—DECEMBER 26
- BILL SILVIA—DECEMBER 27

### Prayer Requests

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

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

**Mary Jo Hege has sold her home in Gingercake.** (Wonderful news Mary Jo!) She is having an estate sale on Saturday, December 10 from 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. and on Sunday December 11 from 12:00—3:00 p.m. The address is 7250 Laurel Hill Dr., @ Gingercake Acers off Highway 181.



### Celebrate

How can I celebrate Christmas with Joy this year? Once again hear the story of a child born long ago to a desolate world, once again sing the carols, light the candles, celebrate. I mourn the injustice of civil wars, children uncared for, old people abandoned,

rampant self-seeking. What God's people can do seems not enough—live simply, visit those alone, love and nurture children, study and learn and work. And daily, daily pray for the healing of the nations, for God's holy presence working through people changed by love, helping to bring about Shalom.

But I remember that in faith we are many, those who daily pray and watch and wait, and I remember God's faithfulness. How can I not celebrate Christmas with joy this year!

— Roberta Porter