



Crossnore Presbyterian Church

“Growing Deeper in Faith, Reaching Out in Love”

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Announcements and Items of interest

December 21, 2016

Our Christmas Eve Candle-light Service will be Saturday, December 24, 5:30 p.m..

Come and Celebrate Christ's birth with Christmas readings and carols. Our offering will go to Volunteer Avery for emergency needs.



Sunday, December 25, Christmas Day, Worship 11:00 a.m. —12 noon.

No Choir Practice. No Sunday School. Come join us after worship for coffee and cookies.



Choir will meet at 4:30 p.m. on Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24.

Wednesday Bible Study, 3-4:30 p.m. We will begin our new Bible Study on January 4. We will be “Learning About

Other Faiths”, including Judaism, Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism, and Bahá'í.

We received a note from **The Dedie Andrews Family** thanking us for all the love, concern and support we have shown toward Dedie and the girls.

Our Christmas Potluck was a success last Sunday, December 18. We had a wonderful time of fellowship and sharing of good food.

Merry Christmas and a thank you for all our support were sent by Cindy Lindcamp at Volunteer Avery.

We also received a Christmas card from New Opportunity School for Women at Lees-McRae College.

We have received several Christmas cards and notes from members and friends. You can find them posted on the window of the office.

Hush

Sssh.

Can you hear it?
An expectant silence,
a hushed anticipation,
as if the very galaxy
is holding its breath.

There are some truths
even the stars know,
like darkness,
like loneliness,
and how the night
can be a living thing.

And how once, long ago,
the night waited in wonder
along with the darkness
and the loneliness,
for the sound of a baby's cry,
for the miraculous
to come down
to the earth mundane.

~Lucinda Hynett
Alive Now

November/December 2004

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

- DAVID EHMIG
- SUSY MARTIN
- LINDA BERKLEY
- MICHELLE LEE
- SYLVIA GILL
- GARY & MARILYN GASCHO
- LORRAINE ALLS
- CHARLES BERKLEY
- JOHN BERKLEY
- KAREN PHILLIPS
- BEN AND AMANDA FRAZIER

Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

~ 2 Corinthians 9:15



Following the Star

On a weekend trip to a nearby city with our church youth group, we made a stop at a large shopping mall. There was beauty there, lights, and laughter. But there was also glitz and overindulgence, and people who were grouchy with the

weight of packages and too much hurrying. There were outrageously expensive gifts. There were long lines. There were bright, hot colors. And there were carols piped over the public address system. But no one sang along.

We went from the shopping mall to a nursing home. By contrast, it was cool and dim and quiet. But not silent — there were the voices of the old, raised sometimes in greeting, sometimes in pain. In the dining room, no

one was overindulging. No one seemed in a hurry. There were no crowds.

We sang carols down the halls, and many of the residents joined in. Others just smiled and nodded or seemed transported by the singing to another place, another time. We weren't there long — thirty minutes or so, compared to the six hours we spent at the mall.

Later, thinking back to that day, I was troubled by a question. We spend much of our Advent time in places

of brightness and hurry, crowds and glitter. But is it over such a place the star will stop? The stable was quiet, out-of-the-way, dim, and forgotten. Yet there joy entered the world. Where is the place today where the Christ will be born, the carols will be sung? And will I find it in time to be a celebrant, a gift giver, a singer?

~ Susan Ross

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November December 1994