



# Crossnore Presbyterian Church

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

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### Announcements and Items of interest

December 28, 2016

**Sunday, January 1, Epiphany Sunday and Communion, Worship 11:00 a.m.—12 noon. Choir Practice—9:00 a.m., Sunday School—10:15.**

**Pastor Kathy is on vacation this week.** Please call Fred France, Clerk of Session, if you have concerns. His phone number is: 828-387-0073.

**Choir Practice: 9:00 a.m. this Sunday, January 1.**

**Our guest minister, this Sunday, January 1, will be Rev. Billy Robinson. He is the new Presbytery Associate for Congregational Development and mission.** He is an excellent preacher and would like to get to know our congregation. This will be his first visit to Crossnore Presbyterian Church. Please come and welcome him.

**Wednesday Bible Study, 3:4:30 p.m. We will begin our new Bible Study on next**

**Wednesday, January 4.** In our January study, we will study the basic beliefs of other world religions and ways to share as Christians in Interfaith dialogue. We will take a look at Judaism, Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism, and Bahá'í.



**Our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service was a moving and beautiful celebration of the birth of our Savior.** Stories, poems, prayers, songs and scripture were shared. As is our tradition, we sang *Silent Night, Holy Night* as we lite our candles and celebrated the birth of Jesus Christ.

### Candles for Christmas

I will light candles this Christmas,  
Candles of joy  
despite all the sadness,  
Candles of hope  
where despair keeps watch,  
Candles of courage  
for fears ever present,  
Candles of peace  
for tempest-tossed days,  
Candles of grace  
to ease heavy burdens,  
Candles of love  
to inspire all my living,  
Candles that will burn  
all year long.

~Howard Thurman  
Meditations of the Heart  
1953



### December Birthdays

- FRANK DUNCAN—JANUARY 1
- SYLVIA GILL—JANUARY 6
- BILL PAUL—JANUARY 7
- AMANDA FRAZIER—JANUARY 10
- SHELLIE DUNCAN—JANUARY 11
- JASON DEWITT—JANUARY 17
- BONNIE VUOLO—JANUARY 20
- TY PRIOR—JANUARY 24
- DON POLLARD—JANUARY 25
- BIRTE HOGAN—JANUARY 29

### 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

“Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!” ~ Luke 2:14

### Jesus calls himself

#### I AM

**I AM the Bread of Life—John 6:48-51:** I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

**I AM the Light of the**

**World—John 8:12:** Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life.”

**I AM the Gate for the Sheep—John 10:7-9:** So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture.

**I AM the Good Shepherd—John 10:14-16:** I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.

**I AM the Resurrection and the Life—John 11:25-26:** Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me,

even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?” **I AM the Way, the Truth, and the Life—John 14:6:** Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

**I AM the True Vine—John 15:5:** I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing.