



Crossnore Presbyterian Church

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

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Announcements and Items of interest

January 4, 2017

Sunday, January 8, Baptism of the Lord Sunday, Worship—11:00 a.m., Choir Practice—9:00 a.m., Sunday School—10:15.

As part of our worship service and in honor of the Baptism of the Lord, we will renew our baptisms this Sunday.

Wednesday Bible Study, 3-4:30 p.m. We will begin our new Bible Study on today, January 4. In our January study, we will examine the basic beliefs of other world religions and ways to share as Christians in Inter-faith dialogue. We will take a look at Judaism, Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism, and the Bahá’í faith.

Please help us prepare for our winter move to the Fellowship Hall for worship. Tomorrow January 5, at 10 a.m., we will be taking hymnals and the communion table into the fellowship hall.

We will also take down the tables and set up chairs. I'll have the coffee ready!



Pastor Kathy returned from her vacation rested and re-freshed

Session will meet after fellowship on January 15.

Our Christmas Eve offering for Volunteer Avery and the emergency needs in our county in over \$1300. Thanks to all who contributed.



Our 2016 Mission Project pledge of \$5,000 to the 2016 Presbyterian Build for Avery County Habitat

for Humanity has been raised and sent to Avery County Habitat for Humanity. The Jones family was able to move in and celebrate Christmas at their new home.

Now the Work of Christmas Begins

When the song of the angels is stilled,
when the star in the sky is gone,
when the kings and princes are home,
when the shepherds are back with their flocks,
the work of Christmas begins:
to find the lost,
to heal the broken,
to feed the hungry,
to release the prisoner,
to rebuild the nations,
to bring peace among the people,
to make music in the heart.

*~Howard Thurman,
an African-American theologian, educator,
and civil rights leader.*

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
- 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

As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ~Galatians 3:27

The School of Disciples

When Martin Luther got up in the morning and put water on his face, he would say, “I am baptized!” It was a way of reminding himself that living out his baptism was a key to discipleship....

For us as well as for Martin Luther, the baptismal covenant is to be lived out in daily discipleship.

The call to discipleship is a call to be part of a community of faith. When a traveling rabbi in the first century said; “Come, follow me,” it was not only an invitation to respond personally but to become a part of the “school of disciples” following that rabbi.

~ Dwight Vogel, Alive Now, May/June 1994

Dive Deep

Creating God, let me
Dive deep
into the fount of my baptism...
Deep into the emerald blue pool
of your bottomless grace
As your voice,
mysterious as stars
on eternity’s edge,
whispered before I ever
was...
Caressing me, bathing me
at my birthing, in living water...
“You are mine; I love you!”
Sustaining God, let me
Dive deep

so when the storms of life
Sweep across my stillness...
Swirl my confidence...
Muddy my vision...
In the midst of such confusion
I will still hear clearly
the calling whisper in my heart...
“You are mine; I love you!”
~ Tom Lane, Alive Now, May/June 1994

