



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 22: Worship—11:00 a.m., Choir Practice—9:00 a.m., Sunday School—10:15 a.m.

Wednesday Bible Study, 3-4:30 p.m. We are examining the basic beliefs of other world religions and ways to share as Christians in Inter-faith dialogue. We will look at Judaism, Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism, and the Bahá'í faith.

We will have a Family Night, this Sunday January 22 from 6:30—8:30p.m. Please come and join us in our Fellowship Hall for fun and fellowship.

Please join us Saturday, January 28, from 10 a.m. – 12 noon. We will take down the Chrismon tree, the wreaths and other decorations in the sanctuary. We plan to go out to lunch together after we finish. Join us for a great time of fellowship.

The next Presbytery meeting will be held **January 28 at First Presbyterian Church in Lincolnton, NC.** Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m.

We want to express our deep gratitude to the Stafford Family Trust for awarding us a grant of \$18,000: \$13,000 will be used for repairs and restoration of our sanctuary, \$4,000 will be used for a public history intern from ASU to help us prepare for our Centennial. \$1,000 will go to our Guatemalan sister church Libano Presbyterian, to distribute as educational scholarships to community students.

The Stafford Family Trust was established by Ivan and Melba Stafford. Ivan Stafford came to Crossnore School to teach after graduating from Davidson College. He met and married Mable Stroupe, a colleague, who

was the older sister of Dr. Mary Martin Sloop's daughter -in-law, Elizabeth Sloop. After serving in the US Navy during WW11, Ivan earned a doctoral degree and Melba earned a master's degree at UNC-Chapel Hill. Ivan taught and served as Vice President of Lees-McRae College, Morris Harvey College, and Montreat Anderson College. Melba spent many years as the Principal of Crossnore Grammar School and later tutored children with reading disabilities. She retired as a highly regarded English teacher at Owens High School in Black Mountain, NC. Ivan climaxed a lifelong involvement in Scouting by working on the National Scout Executive Council. After 50 years of traveling life's highway together, Ivan and Melba died within a few days of one another and rest together with their family near the Crossnore Presbyterian Church they so loved.

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

- CARROLL BERKLEY
- MARY ANN JOHNSON
- BILL PAUL & FAMILY
- DAVID EHMIG
- SUSY MARTIN
- 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

Natael Lopez, the minister of Libano Presbyterian, our sister church in Guatemala, sent a picture of some of our current scholarship students. They began the school year earlier in January.



Barbara Ross suffered a small stroke this past weekend and is at home recovering. Her speech is slightly affected and she is a little weak on her left side. She expects an excellent recovery. Her address is: PO Box 30, Crossnore, NC 28616.

Bill Paul is in his final leg of his journey on this earth. His wife, Juanita, and his daughter, Pamela, and his granddaughter, Beta, are with him in Florida. Please keep Bill and the Paul family in your prayers. Cards only- no phone calls: 551 Cypress Way, Naples, FL 34110.

Mary Ann Johnson, Bonnie Vuolo's sister, has been diagnosed with uterine cancer—fortunately it is in the early stages. Mary Ann's address is: 4326 Antietam Creek Trail, Leesburg, FL 34748.

