



# Crossnore Presbyterian Church

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

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### Announcements and Items of interest

March 15, 2017

**Third Sunday of Lent, March 19; Worship—11:00 a.m., Choir Practice—9:00 a.m., Sunday School—10:15 a.m.** Daniel Johnston, a local singer/guitarist, will be our guest musician. Session will meet after fellowship this Sunday, March 19.

Thank you to all who helped welcome last Sunday’s guest preacher, Rev. Pat Rabun and his wife Marcia, from Little Chapel on the Boardwalk, Wrightsville Beach, NC. After worship, we shared a lunch of soup, cornbread, and desserts. Thank you to Tommie Tennant and all who contributed.

While Pat and Marcia got to enjoy a little of our mountain winter, **Pastor Kathy was guest preacher at their church, Little Chapel on the Boardwalk.** She wants you to know that she did not miss out on the snow...It snowed

for five hours Sunday morning in Wrightsville Beach.

**Wednesday Bible Study, 3-4:30 p.m. Bible Study is canceled this Wednesday, March 15. It is extremely cold and the driveway, parking lot and sidewalks are icy.** We hope to see you March 22. We will focus on Hinduism as we continue our survey of world religions.

**We have begun our Lenten mission project. We are in partnership with El Libano Presbyterian Church in Los Cerros, Coatepeque, Guatemala.** We are raising funds for elementary and secondary school scholarships to help keep students in school. A \$100 will help keep a child in school for a year.

We received our signed covenant agreement with El Libano renewing our commitment to each other for another five years. A notebook from El Libano containing information about this year’s

scholarship students and the distribution of the scholarship money can be found in Pastor Kathy’s office.

**It is time to schedule a sanctuary cleanup workday as we prepare to move worship back upstairs. The workday will be Saturday April 1, from 10 a.m.—12:30 p.m. Please mark your calendars!**

**Mayland Fellowship Holy Week Services** will be held at First Presbyterian Church, Spruce Pine, April 9-12 (Sunday—Wednesday) at 7:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

**Maudy Thursday Communion Service** will be held in the fellowship hall at Crossnore Presbyterian in partnership with Fletcher Presbyterian., April 13 at 6:30 p.m. There will be a light meal.

**Jack Walrath’s memorial service will be held Saturday, April 8 at 1:00 p.m.**

#### March Birthdays

- SUSAN HARTLEY—MARCH 1
- LOU MARTIN—MARCH 2
- JON KIDDER—MARCH 4
- LINDA DRIVAS—MARCH 8
- DAVID EHMIG—MARCH 10
- JOHN DELANEY—MARCH 14
- JIM HARLLEE—MARCH 14
- BOB HARDEE—MARCH 16
- HEATHER JORDAN—MARCH 16
- BETTY FRANCE—MARCH 18
- LINDA BERKLEY—MARCH 21
- MARY NOBLE—MARCH 28
- LELISE RICHARDSON—MARCH 29
- BOBBY TAYLOR—MARCH 29
- CLAY BEATTIE—MARCH 30

#### Prayer Requests

- JANE GREENWOOD
- THE FAMILY OF BUD HOWELL
- TASHA REID
- BOBBY TAYLOR
- MARY ANN JOHNSON
- BILL PAUL & FAMILY
- LORRAINE ALLS
- CHARLES BERKLEY
- JOHN BERKLEY
- KAREN PHILLIPS
- SHIRLEY PRIICE
- DEDIE ANDREWS
- BEN AND AMANDA FRAZIER

*We love because he first loved us. ~1 John 4:19*

#### Our Choice

Christians, it seems to me, have to choose between the safety of *morals* and the danger of love. It is my belief that Christ’s teachings were principally about the latter, but that if you do teach men and women to love their neighbor then morals take care of themselves.

Love must be a process of learning to be vulnerable—to one another, to ideas, to knowledge, to the arts, even to the injuries which the forces of evil constantly try to inflict. It is impossible to love without getting

hurt, if only because the loveless may be incapable of responding to love. This is what is meant about taking up the cross and following Christ. Being a Christian means believing that love overcomes lovelessness, though at a cost.

Monica Furlong  
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#### Refuge

Prayer is my place of refuge, of rescue when the world and its sorrows surround. I pray for those in grief, in pain, ask God’s healing presence with people in turmoil. Not knowing “why?” those questions unanswered, still I trust the One whose promises are true, the One who also grieves, who provides courage and help to worship and work on with others—bearers of light in the mourning.

Roberta Porter  
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