



Crossnore Presbyterian Church

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

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Announcements and Items of interest

March 22, 2017

Fourth Sunday of Lent, March 26; Worship—11:00 a.m., Choir Practice—9:00 a.m., Sunday School—10:15 a.m.

There will be a brief congregational meeting immediately following worship—this Sunday, March 26, to approve Pastor Kathy’s Terms of Call.

Wednesday Bible Study, 3:4:30 p.m. Bible Study today is the basics of Hinduism. Next Wednesday, March 29, Tricia Boatman, will be sharing the basics of the Bahá’í Faith, The world’s youngest religion.

Tomorrow, March 23, from 1:00—3:00p.m., Hats (and scarves) for the Homeless will meet and knit for the Hospitality House, a shelter for the homeless for Watauga, Avery and Ashe counties. We have knitting needles and yarn, just bring yourself. Janis is a great teacher if you need help.

Volunteers are needed, April 1, from 10:00 a.m.—12:30 p.m. We will be cleaning the sanctuary to prepare for our move to back upstairs on Palm Sunday, April 9. We will also be stripping and waxing the fellowship hall floor.

A Reception honoring our wonderful elders who have completed their terms of office will be held on Sunday, April 2, following worship. We will be honoring Pepé Abrusci, Fred France and Barbara Ross.

We have collected \$775 toward our goal of \$3,000 for the Guatemala Education Scholarships.

Jack Walrath’s Memorial Service will be held Saturday, April 8 at 1:00 p.m.

Bette Pollard, a dear friend of our church family passed away on February 27, in Meridian, MS. Bette and her husband, Don, who is deceased, were long time

members of our summer congregation. Her family will be joining us on Easter Sunday. Cards may be sent to her two daughters: Deedee Fouts, 3246 23rd Ave., Meridian, MS 39305 and Linda Bruner, Hound Ears Club, P.O. Box 188, Blowing Rock, NC 28605.

Please keep Doug Noble in your prayers. He is having shoulder replacement surgery on Thursday, March 23. His address is: 1013 Charter Place, Charlotte, NC 28211.

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.

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

- DOUG NOBLE
- JANE GREENWOOD
- TASHA REID
- BOBBY TAYLOR
- MARY ANN JOHNSON
- BILL PAUL & FAMILY
- LORRAINE ALLS
- CHARLES BERKLEY
- JOHN BERKLEY
- KAREN PHILLIPS
- DEDIE ANDREWS
- BEN AND AMANDA FRAZIER

Jesus stood still and said, “Call him here.” ~ Mark 10:49

Jesus Stopped

Jesus stopped.

Bartimaeus, the blind beggar, cried out from the side of the road, “Jesus, have mercy on me!”

And Jesus stopped. He simply *stopped*.

How hard it must have been to disregard the crowd’s dogged determination to keep moving, to remain on task, to ignore the poor man’s shouts.

But Jesus performed his first act of compassion: he stopped.

Before he could listen, before he could respond to the beggar’s need, he first had to put a halt to his own plans, create a welcoming space, and invite the blind man in.

So Jesus stopped.

I know the difficulty of resisting the frenzy of the moment. It’s easier to keep forging ahead, grasping on to goals, while the whizzing speed of life, like a tailgate wind, carries me away and prevents me from slowing down, taking time, letting be.

Whether God asks me to listen to the still voice whispering in the confines of my heart, or to the clamoring cries shouting from the peaks of another’s pain, my first act, if I am to listen, is to do what Jesus did.

Jesus stopped.

~Janice K. Stanton
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