

Crossnore Presbyterian Church

“Growing Deeper in Faith, Reaching Out in Love”

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Announcements and Items of Interest

November 5, 2017

November 5, Communion Sunday, Choir—9:00 a.m., Sunday school—10:15 a.m., Worship—11 a.m., Coffee Fellowship after worship.

We return to Eastern Standard time this Sunday, November 5. Remember to set your clocks **back one hour** before you go to bed on Saturday night.

We will be celebrating the 500th Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation this Sunday, November 5 during worship. October 31, 1517, Martin Luther nailed his ninety-five theses to the Wittenburg Church door and this is traditionally the date that marks the beginning of the Reformation.

Check out the [Presbyterian Historical Society's Foundations of Faith online exhibit](#) for more information about the Protestant Reformation and its relationship to Presbyterianism. **The Knitting Group meets on Wednesdays, from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.** Please come and join us!

The choir is meeting at 9:00 a.m on Sunday mornings to practice. We will resume

Wednesday evening practices in the spring.

Pastor Kathy will be offering a special Bible Study on the Reformed Tradition during the Wednesday Bible Study, 3—4:30 p.m. for the month of November. This is a great time to remember and to gain a deeper understanding of our Reformed history and beliefs then and now.

This week we begin to collect donations for our Thanksgiving Baskets. Volunteer Avery will give us names of individuals and families who are in deep need. We will prepare a basket for each. Each basket will contain a \$100 grocery card and some goodies. **We are also looking for volunteers to deliver the baskets the week of Thanksgiving.**

This past Sunday was a special one for Pastor Kathy and our congregation. We celebrated the 30th anniversary of Pastor Kathy's ordination. She shared the story of her journey to becoming a pastor and snippets from the ministries God has called her to. Maggie

Lauterer, a retired Presbyterian minister and a child of the Crossnore congregation, lead Pastor Kathy in renewing her vows to the Ordained Ministry of Word and Sacrament. From Pastor Kathy: “What an honor and what a joy! I hope you will celebrate with me and pray for me as I continue to listen to and be led by the Spirit in my life and my ministry.”

We collected \$3075 to be sent to the Presbyterian Hurricane Relief Fund! We are very appreciative of all of those who contributed to this outreach.

An Avery County women's group Pastor Kathy is involved with is collecting yarn to begin a knitting co-op for unemployed women. Please bring yarn donations to the church office through November.

Thanksgiving Luncheon—Sunday, November 19 Smoked Turkey will be provided.

Christmas Luncheon—Sunday, December 17.

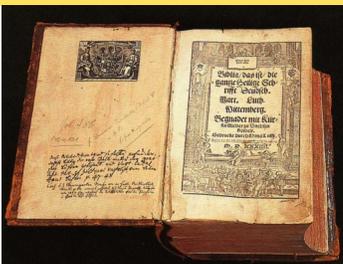
OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- EUNICE HEILIG-NOVEMBER 9
- CAROLINE JONES-NOVEMBER 10
- GABE VUOLO-NOVEMBER 11
- BARBARA ROSS-NOVEMBER 17
- MEGAN TENNANT-NOVEMBER 19
- JOE JORDAN-NOVEMBER 22
- RACHEL DEAL-NOVEMBER 28
- JO JOHNSON-NOVEMBER 29
- PAT McMANNEN-NOVEMBER 29

Prayer Requests

- BEN FRAZIER
- BONNY & RON WHILDEN
- DAVE SHRADER & FAMILY
- THE BERKLEY FAMILY
- KAY SHERWOOD
- CARSON BOMAR
- DON & DOTTIE HUSTON
- PEPÉ ABRUSCI
- LORRAINE ALLS
- JANE GREENWOOD

For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline. - 2 Timothy 1:7



Luther's Bible

This year Presbyterians celebrate the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther's 95 Theses. The theses, which criticized the sale of indulgences by church officials, are considered the opening salvo in the Protestant Reformation—a movement that

emphasized individual relationships with God and salvation through faith alone.

Luther is also celebrated for a second piece of writing: his translation of the Bible into German. After Pope Leo X excommunicated Luther in 1521, the reformer took refuge inside Wartburg Castle. There he completed his translation of the New Testament, based on Erasmus's 1516 Bible text. First printed in September 1522, the “September Testament” does not include Luther's name on the title page, an elision meant to limit church reprisals.

The Old Testament translation proved more difficult, owing in

part to Luther's struggles with Hebrew and his insistence that the text be accessible to all Germans. “The translator must not be led by the Hebrew words,” Luther wrote. “He should make sure that he really understands the sense and ask himself: ‘What would the German say in such-and-such an instance?’” His editorial philosophy required inventive interpolations. For example, he replaced the word “chameleon,” which would have been unknown to sixteenth century Germans, with “weasel.”

It took Luther and a team of fellow scholars twelve years to translate the Old Testament, which was printed in 1534 to-

gether with Luther's New Testament. Despite criticism for the way he valued certain books of the Bible over others and for editing passages to fit his own theology, Luther's Bible was an immediate and lasting success; one Wittenberg publisher alone printed 100,000 copies between 1534 and 1574. Many Germans regarded it as a work of literary genius, the way English readers would revere the King James Bible in the century to come.

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