



Crossnore Presbyterian Church

“Growing Deeper in Faith, Reaching Out in Love”

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Announcements and Items of Interest

November 22, 2017

Sunday, November 26, Choir—9:00 a.m., Sunday School—10:15 a.m., Worship—11 a.m., Coffee Fellowship after worship.

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! We have more than doubled the anticipated amount of donations. The Mission Committee hoped for \$1,400 and we received \$3,000. 30 individuals and families in need received a Thanksgiving \$100 grocery card, some goodies, and a visit from one of our church members. Three recipients have already called and left the sweetest messages on the church office phone. God is good! Thanks to all who shared their Thanksgiving blessings with others.

Thanks to everyone who brought food, set up and cleaned up for Thanksgiving Luncheon this past Sunday. The food was delicious and the fellowship was wonderful. Special thanks to Tommie Tennant for coordinating everything and to Barbara Ross for the scrumptious smoked turkey.

Our Christmas Luncheon will be held on Sunday, December 17, following worship.

Many of you have already turned in the 2018 Pledge of your time, talents, and treasures. Thank you! We hope to have all the pledge cards in by the end of November.

This will help our Finance Committee prepare a realistic 2018 budget. Your support for the church's ministry and mission is both vital and valued.

The Knitting group will meet this Wednesday, November 29, at 1 p.m. to take their Christmas hats to Hospitality House in Boone. The group will not meet through December. Please join the knitter in January on Wednesdays from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Bible Study will meet this Wednesday, November 29, 3:00 – 4:30 p.m., to begin our Advent study using Adam Hamilton's Faithful: Christmas Through the Eyes of Joseph. Although Joseph never speaks in the narrative of the nativity story and is often overlooked,

his humble obedience to God and his courageous actions give us examples of faithfully moving forward in the strength God provides even when we don't understand His plan.

Please come this Saturday, December 2, 10 a.m.- 12noon, to help decorate our Christmas Tree and prepare the sanctuary for the Christmas Season. Coffee, hot cocoa, and cookies will be served.

The next Session Meeting will be held next Sunday, December 3, after worship and coffee fellowship.

Avery Project Christmas needs your help! Reaching Avery Ministry is sponsoring the Christmas Store for families in need Tuesday, December 5, and Wednesday, December 6, from 8 a.m.- 4 p.m., in the Newland Baptist Church recreation center.

They need volunteers to assist parents and to wrap gifts. If you can volunteer any time during these two days, please call RAM at 733-5127.

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

- GINGER WILLIAMS
- BONNIE VUOLO
- BEN FRAZIER
- BONNY & RON WHILDEN
- THE BERKLEY FAMILY
- KAY SHERWOOD
- PEPÉ ABRUSCI
- LORRAINE ALLS

Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. - 1 John 4:11

New Opportunity School for Women is sponsoring a Christmas Open House at the Stephenson Center, Lees-McRae College, on Wednesday, December 6, from 1-6 p.m. Kindly RSVP no later than Monday, December 4 to Jennie Harpold, Director of the NOSW at Lees-McRae College, at [828.898.8905](tel:828.898.8905) or harpoldj@lmc.edu.

Mark your calendars: Christmas Caroling, December 14; Christmas Eve Services, December 24, 11 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

O God,
We thank you for this earth, our home;
for the wide sky and the blessed sun,
for the ocean and streams,
for the towering hills and the whispering wind,
for the trees and green grass.

We thank you for our senses
by which we hear the songs of birds,
and see the splendor of fields of golden wheat,
and taste autumn's fruit,
rejoice in the feel of snow,
and smell the breath of spring flowers.

Grant us a heart opened wide to all this beauty;
and save us from being so blind
that we pass unseeing
when even the common thorn bush

is aflame with your glory.
For each new dawn is filled with infinite possibilities
for new beginnings and new discoveries.
Life is constantly changing and renewing itself.

In this new day of new beginnings with God,
all things are possible.
We are restored and renewed in a joyous awakening
to the wonder that our lives are and, yet, can be.
Amen.

~ written by Walter Rauschenbusch (1861-1918)

