



Crossnore Presbyterian Church

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

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Announcements and Items of Interest

December 6, 2017

Second Sunday of Advent, December 10, Choir—9:00 a.m., Sunday School—10:15 a.m., Worship—11 a.m., Coffee Fellowship after Worship.



Thank you to all of you who have sent in your pledges of time, talent and treasures. 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.

It is time to reserve Poinsettias for the sanctuary. They are a festive part of our decorations and are provided by individuals who place them in honor or memory of loved ones or to the glory of God. The order form with additional information is attached. The cost of a poinsettia is \$10.00. Please place orders by December 17.

Bible Study will meet today, Wednesday, December 6, 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.

The Knitting group will not meet through December. Please join the knitters when they return in January on Wednesdays from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Jacob’s Ladder now has a handrail that will make it easier for folks to get up the steps!



Greg Gacek and Doug Sirmon spent a few days designing and building the beautiful handrail. Thanks, guys!

Thanks to all who came Saturday, December 2, and enjoyed decorating the Sanctuary and the Chrismon Tree. It is such a joy to see the church transform as we prepare to celebrate advent and the birth of Christ.

Come with us Christmas Caroling, December 14. We will meet at the church at 5:00 p.m., make our rounds and meet afterward at Puerto Nuevo for dinner. If you know of someone who would appreciate a visit from the Crossnore Presbyterian Carolers please call Kathy Hutcheson (828-733-0928) or call Ashlyn DeWitt at the office (828-733-1039)



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- PATRICIA MCGARR-DECEMBER 1
- BEN JORDAN-DECEMBER 7
- SARAH ISLES-DECEMBER 12
- TASHA REID-DECEMBER 16
- DAN YARBOROUGH-DECEMBER 20
- LINDA TAYLOR-DECEMBER 24
- RON SEEGER-DECEMBER 26
- BILL SILVIA-DECEMBER-27

Prayer Requests

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

I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope. ~Psalm 130:5

The Crossnore Christmas Bonfire will be held Friday, December 15, from 6:30 – 9:00 p.m at the Crossnore Town Center and Meeting House. Come, celebrate the season and enjoy this annual community event with friends and family.

Our Sunday Christmas Luncheon will be on December 17 following our 11:00 a.m. worship service. Baked ham, coffee, and tea will be provided and we ask that you bring sides or desserts to share if you are able.

Since Christmas Eve, December 24, is on a Sunday this year we will have 2 services that day. We will have a short morning Worship Service at 11:00 a.m. and our traditional Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 5:30 p.m.

Jesse Downing, Elizabeth Womack’s brother, was name Firefighter of the Year for 2017 for Avery County. Jesse is a certified Firefighter and EMT for Newland and Crossnore Fire Departments and a member of Avery Conty Ladder Truck Company and Strike Team. **Congratulations!**

Advent

In peace let us pray to the Lord:
Grant us a spirit of knowledge, O Lord
That we may learn to live in harmony with one another.

Give us a spirit of wisdom
That righteousness may flourish and peace abound.

Give us a spirit of counsel and understanding
That we may glorify you for your mercy.

Give us hearts of compassion
That we may welcome one another.

Give us reverence for your name
That we may be blessed and bless.

Give us the power of your Spirit
That we may be filled with the peace of believing.

Send us the Christ
that we may abound in hope.