



# Crossnore Presbyterian Church

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

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### Announcements and Items of Interest

December 13, 2017

**Third Sunday of Advent, December 17, Choir—9:00 a.m., Worship—11 a.m., Coffee Fellowship after Worship.**

**There will be no Bible Study, Wednesday, December 13, but we will meet Wednesday, December 20 when we will discuss chapter 2 & 3 of Adam Hamilton’s Faithful: Christ-mas Through the Eyes of Joseph.** We will not meet for Bible Study from December 27 through January 10. We will pick up with chapter 4 on January 17.

**Come Christmas Caroling with the Choir this Thursday, December 14; we will meet at the church at 5:00 p.m.** After caroling, we will gather at Puerto Nuevo for dinner. **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.

**Choir will meet at 9:00 a.m. this Sunday, December 17 for a long practice.**

**Poinsettias are a festive part of our Christmas 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 is attached to this email. The cost of a poinsettia is \$10.00. Please place orders by December 17.

**Our Sunday Christmas Luncheon will be this Sunday, 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. **This is also the Sunday we will receive the PC(USA) Joy Gift Offering.**

**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. followed by coffee and Christmas cookies. Our traditional Christmas Eve Candlelight Service will be at 5:30 p.m. that evening.

**Thanks to all who have sent in your pledges of time, tal-**

**ent, 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. 44 households have already pledged around \$100,000. We are still receiving 2018 pledges.

**We received the 2018 Grant of \$19,000 from the Stafford Family Trust last week.** This annual grant that our church has received for years has continued to help us renovate and repair our historic sanctuary and building. Our 2018 grant provides funds for brand new red carpet in our sanctuary along with other needed repairs. We are so thankful to Dr. Ivan and Mrs. Melba Stafford for their vision in creating an endowment that benefits many mountain ministries including our church.

**Join the Knitters when they return in January on Wednesdays from 1:00—3:00 p.m.**



### DECEMBER 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

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

*[The Lord] heals the brokehearted, and binds their wounds. ~Pslam 147:3*

**Still need Christmas gifts? Marion Blue’s beautiful hand-knitted scarves, hats, sweaters, and blankets are downstairs in the fellowship hall. Sheri Elderfield, who is a master quilter, also has her items on display.** All donations will go to the mission budget.

**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!

**Jon and Pam Kidder are proud grandparents of Wyatt Edward Hudson born on December 8<sup>th</sup> at 7 lbs. 15 oz.** Mom and baby are doing great and are back home. The Kidder’s address is: 7617 Thompson Mill Road, Wake Forest, NC 27587-9094.



**Barbara Stuart’s father made it through surgery and is doing well.** She wanted to thank everyone for our prayers and to keep the prayers coming. Barbara’s address is: 523 Bryn Mawr Street, Orlando, FL 32804.

**Sally Rodgers husband, Scott Rodgers, passed away on November 30, after a long battle with cancer.** They were long time summer members of our congregation. Scott’s memorial service will be held this Saturday in St. Simon’s Island. Sally’s address is: 110 Sandcastle Way, St. Simon’s Island, GA 31522.

**A Thank You Note from Cynthia and Albert, one of the couples who received a Thanksgiving Basket:**

*“That was the sweetest thing you did—very unexpected, but we needed the groceries. Thank you so much. We didn’t have a penny to our name. And the gifts were very special, too, very appreciated and the knitted hat and the socks were nice, too. Thank you! Best surprise we ever had. Fixed a nice dinner for Thanksgiving. God bless you! I will treasure the hat!”*

