



# Crossnore Presbyterian Church

## "Growing Deeper in Faith, Reaching Out in Love"

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### Announcements and Items of Interest

April 4, 2018

**Sunday, April 8, 9:00 a.m.–** Choir practice; **10:15 a.m.–** Sunday School; **11 a.m.–** Worship; **12 noon–** Coffee Fellowship. Guest Preacher – Roger Wise, Fletcher Presbyterian Church.

**Wednesday Bible Study, 3-4:30 p.m.–** We continue our study: *On the Road to the Cross.*

**Our Lenten Mission Project** this year was to provide **Military Bible Sticks (MP3 players).** We have raised funds for **30 BibleSticks.** Each service member who requests a BibleStick from their Chaplain can also request a Bible Stick for their spouse and Audio Kidz Bibles for their children. *Faith Comes By Hearing* is also matching our donation so our 30 BibleSticks become 60. Thank you to all of you who made this possible through your donations.

**If you would like to provide a meal for Pat and Archie McMannen,** please contact the church office at 828-733-1939. **The Knitting Group meets on Wednesdays, from 1-3:00 p.m. and helps create hats and scarves for the homeless**

shelter in Boone.

**This Sunday, April 8, 2018 from 5 p.m. through sunset,** the Paul family, Kathy Campbell and many friends will enjoy food and fellowship together and a **sunset shoreline Service of Remembrance for Bill Paul.** As the sun is setting, please take time for personal reflection and prayer as his family releases his ashes into the Gulf of Mexico.



Water Color by Bill Paul

**Tuesday, April 10 at 1:00 p.m., we will have a Kitchen Clean-up.** Please plan on helping! We need you.

**There will be a Centennial Committee meeting at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, April 13.**

**We begin our Monthly Potluck Luncheons this month on Sunday, April 22, after worship.** We will be honoring Tommie Tennant for all her hard work as an elder many

times over. BBQ will be provided as well as lemonade, coffee, iced tea and water.

**On Tuesday, April 24, there will be a meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina** at the Montreat Conference Center in Montreat, NC.

**There will be a Session Meeting on Sunday, April 29, following Worship.**

**Remember to mark your calendars for our Centennial Celebration Weekend, July 14 and 15. More information will be forthcoming.**

**In Memory of Martin Luther King, Jr., on the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of His Death, April 4, 1968.**

*When our days become dreary with low-hovering clouds of despair, and when our nights become darker than a thousand midnights, let us remember that there is a creative force in this universe, working to pull down the gigantic mountains of evil, a power that is able to make a way out of no way and transform dark yesterdays into bright tomorrows. Let us realize the arc of the moral universe is long but it bends toward justice.*

**Martin Luther King, Jr.**

### MARCH-APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- \*Gary Gascho - April 9
- \*Charlotte Davila—April 18
- \*Carroll Berkley—April 26

### Prayer Requests

- \*ROSS & JAN ROSS
- \*ROBIN BAGBY
- \*JUNE BAGBY
- \*CHARLIE SIMS
- \*CARROLL & LINDA BERKLEY
- \*SHIRLEY PRICE
- \*MARTHA LIND
- \*SUSAN HARTLEY



*But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an everflowing stream. ~Amos 5:24*

**Carolyn Ross Copeland, sister of Ross Ross, passed away on February 28, 2018 in Leesburg. Ross and Jan Ross's address is Mr. A.C. and Mrs. Jan Ross, 2126 Land Harbor, Newland, NC 28657. \*\*Carroll and Linda Berkley will stay in Durham for the next month or two, as he continues to recover. Carroll wanted to tell the church family how much our love and support have meant to him and Linda and they are looking forward to returning home this summer. Their new mailing address is Carroll and Linda Berkley, 3481 Hope Valley Road, Durham, NC 27707\*\*Charlie Sims had a total right knee replacement**

**and is recovering at home in Florida. His address is 2796 Highland View Circle, Clermont, FL 34711. \*\*June Bagby's cochlear implant has been turned on. She is learning to hear again. Her address is P.O. Box 256, Montezuma, NC 28653.**

**In his book *The Art of Pilgrimage*, Phil Cousineau writes that in every pilgrimage, there is a secret room, a place along the path that gives us insight into the deep mystery of our journey.** In describing this hidden room, Cousineau draws on a story that poet Donald Hall tells of friends who purchased an old farmhouse. Cousineau writes,

It was a 'warren of small rooms,' and once they settled in and began to furnish their new home they realized that the lay of the house made little sense. 'Peeling off some wallpaper, they found a door that they pried open to reveal a tiny room, sealed off and hidden, goodness knows why: They found no corpses nor stolen goods.' For Hall, the mystery of poetry to evoke powerful feelings finds its analogy here, in its ability to be sealed away from explanation, this is the place where 'the unsayable gathers.'

And so it is on the pilgrim's path. Everywhere you go, there is a secret room. To discover it,

you must knock on walls, as the detective does in mystery houses, and listen for the echo that portends the secret passage. You must pull books off shelves to see if the library shelf swings open to reveal the hidden room. I'll say it again: Everywhere has a secret room. You must find your own, in a small chapel, a tiny cafe, a quiet park, the home of a new friend, the pew where the morning light strikes the rose window just so.

As a pilgrim you must find it or you will never understand the hidden reasons why you really left home.

*~from Jan Richardson, the Painted Prayerbook Website*