



Crossnore Presbyterian Church

"Growing Deeper in Faith, Reaching Out in Love"

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Announcements and Items of Interest

May 1, 2018

Sunday, May 6, 2018, Worship, Communion Sunday—11 a.m., Sunday School—10:15 a.m., Choir -9:40 a.m., Fellowship—May Birthday Cake.

We are still collecting Hygiene Products through this coming week as our monthly donation for food for people and pets. These products will go to Volunteer Avery to give to those in need who are not permitted to use food stamps to buy these necessities. The list of needs includes shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, toothbrush, toothpaste, floss, body lotion, hand sanitizer, bar soap, plastic container for soap. If you would like to give a check or cash toward this project, please make your check out to Crossnore Presbyterian Church and designate it for hygiene products.

The Knitting Group meets every Wednesday, 1-3 p.m. They are knitting hats and scarves for the homeless shelter in Boone and school children in Avery County. You are invited whether you can knit or not. There are many folks who can get you started.

Wednesday Bible Study meets from 3-4:30 p.m. We are going to spend the next few weeks examining some of the debates of the Church both in the past and present. Who determines what is true and what is not? Join us for this interesting study as we continue to grow in our own faith and understanding.

Choir Practice is moving to Wednesdays, 5-6:15 p.m., on May 2. We will meet on Sundays to warm up at 9:40 a.m. from Sunday, May 6 forward.

Joe Jordan is set to go to the National Duals Tournament for wrestling in Spokane Washington with Team North Carolina in June. There will be a benefit spaghetti dinner at Crossnore Baptist Church this coming Thursday, May 3 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. The Jordan's would really appreciate donations, attendance at the dinner, and/or if anyone had time to make a dessert. Joe will also be selling donuts as another fundraiser.

Revised Date for the Crossnore Presbyterian Church Centennial—Our 100 years as a Presbyterian congregation

will be celebrated on Sunday, July 22, 2018. We will have old-time gospel music for the 11 a.m. service. At 3 p.m., there will be a Centennial Celebration Service followed by Dinner on the Grounds. Please mark this date.

If you would like to provide a meal for Pat and Archie McMannen, please contact the church office at 828-733-1939.



MAY BIRTHDAYS

- *Jane Johnson May 4
- *Ed Cox May 6
- *Jane Sowder May 10
- *Frances Brown -May11
- *Joanna Campbell—May 12
- *Archie McMannen—May 12
- *Joe Todd—May 12
- *John Hughes—May 21
- *Shirley Price—May 27
- *Jack Hogan—May 30

Prayer Requests

- *ROSS & JAN ROSS
- *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

OCONEE BELLS

Two weeks ago the Oconee Bells in our cemetery were in bloom. We took pictures so everyone could see them since it was pouring rain the day we



were going up to the cemetery to take a look. Oconee bells grow only in very few places in Georgia, South Carolina, and North Carolina. *Shortia galacifolia*, or the Oconee Bell, is famed

for being a long-lost plant. For fifty years after Andre Michaux discovered it in 1788, the specimen, which had fruits but no flowers, languished in a Paris herbarium. Asa Gray discovered the herbarium sheet and named the plant, but was not able to find it despite much effort. Another five decades passed before any botanist laid eyes on a live plant again! Some of the Sloop family moved the plant from South Carolina when the area was going to be flooded by a new dam that was being built in the 1930's. This is something we try to keep to ourselves as the plants in our cemetery have been dug up in the past. If you



see anyone in our cemetery digging up plants please help us by asking them to leave and reporting it to the cemetery committee.

Listen to Acony Bell - —
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cufWYp4D28Y>

**Lyrics: Acony Bells
(Oconee Bells)**

The fairest bloom the mountain

knows is not an iris or a wild rose
But the little flower of which I'll tell known as the brave acony bell,
Just a simple flower so small and plain with a pearly hue and a little known name.
But the yellow birds sing when they see it bloom for they know that spring is coming soon.
Well it makes its home mid the rocks and the rills where the snow lies deep on the windy hills
And it tells the world "why should I wait this ice and snow is gonna melt away"
And so I'll sing that yellow bird's song for the troubled times will soon be gone

Songwriters: David Todd Rawlings / Gillian Howard Welc Acony Bell lyrics © Universal Music Publishing Group, BMG Rights Management US, LLC