



Crossnore Presbyterian Church

“Growing Deeper in Faith, Reaching Out in Love”

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Announcements and Items of Interest

November 14, 2018

Sunday, November 18, 2018— Choir at 9:00 a.m., No Sunday School, Thanksgiving Worship Service at 11:00 a.m. At the end of worship, we will have a brief congregational meeting to nominate and elect our 2021 class of Elders.

Thanksgiving Potluck this Sunday, November 18, after worship. Smoked turkey, coffee, tea, and water will be provided. Please bring side dishes and desserts, if you are able.

We have collected \$17,075 for our November Mission Project. We will reach our goal with another \$25. What a blessing to have such a generous congregation! We will be providing Thanksgiving Baskets for 14 needy individuals and families in our county selected by Volunteer Avery and 4 of our own home-bound. Baskets include \$100 Ingles grocery card along with toiletries, socks, and goodies. Thanks for caring and sharing!

Join us as we pack the Thanksgiving Baskets tomorrow, Thursday, November 15, from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. What

fun!

We also need people to volunteer to help deliver the Thanksgiving Baskets on November 17 and 18. Contact the church office or Pastor Kathy, if you are interested.

Would you like to be a Greeter? Your job is to be a friendly face and to help people find their name tags or give them a temporary one if they don't have a permanent one. People rotate Sundays and usually are only responsible for one Sunday per month. Please contact Beth or Greg Gacek at 828-733-8867.

The Knitting Group is taking a break through the Christmas holidays. We will start knitting again in January with renewed energy and enthusiasm. Again, many thanks to everyone who helped and donated to our project!!

Wednesday Bible Study, 3-4:30 p.m.—We are studying the Gospel of Mark, Chapter 11, this week. We will take a break on Wednesday, November 21, for Thanksgiving and resume on Wednesday, November 28.

Our 5th Clean-up went well. The Sunday School room and the nursery have been cleaned up and organized. Thank you to all who have helped with this fall clean-up project.

December

Saturday, December 1, 10:00 a.m.- 12:00 noon— come and help prepare the sanctuary and Christmas Tree for Christmas. We will provide hot cocoa and cookies and Christmas music.

Sunday, December 2—The order forms for poinsettias to be placed in the sanctuary in honor or in memory of a loved one will be available.

The poinsettias are a beautiful addition to our sanctuary Christmas decorations. More information later.

Saturday, December 8—Setting up poinsettias in the sanctuary. Volunteers needed.

Sunday, December 16—Christmas Potluck.

Monday, December 24—Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 5:30 p.m.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- * Charlie Stuart—November 5
- * Eunice Heilig—November 9
- * Caroline Jones—November 10
- * Michael Richardson—November 10
- * Gabe Vuolo—November 11
- * Barbara Ross—November 17
- * Megan Tennant—November 19
- * Joe Jordan—November 22
- * Rachel Deal—November 28
- * Pat McMannen—November 29

Prayer Requests

- *BECKY FRANKLIN
- *GAIL SPOONER
- *JUDY LILY
- *KATHY HUTCHESON
- *TASHA REID
- *MARIAN BLUE
- *SHIRLEY PRICE
- *SUSAN HARTLEY
- *ANN BLAZER
- *PAT McMANNEN

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds.

~ Psalm 9:1

A Prayer of Gratitude

We are grateful for eyes that can see and ponder, for taste buds that know the sensuous pleasures of eating and drinking, for hands that hold and touch and feel, for ears that can delight in music, for a nose that can smell the aroma of newly mown grass or delicious food, and can also breathe the air that gives us life. *We are grateful* for the treasure of loved ones whose hearts of openness and acceptance have encouraged us to be who we are. We are grateful for their faithfulness, for standing by us

when our weaknesses stood our glaringly, for being there when we were most in need and for delighting with us in our good days and joyful seasons.

We are grateful for the eyes of faith, for believing in the presence of God, giving us hope in our darkest days, encouraging us to listen to our spirit's hunger, and reminding us to trust in the blessings of God's presence in our most empty days.

We are grateful for the ongoing process of becoming who

we are, for the seasons within, for the great adventure of life that challenges and comforts us at one and the same time.

We are grateful for messengers of God—people, events, written or spoken words—that came to us at just the right time and helped us to grow.

We are grateful for God calling us to work with our gifts, grateful that we can be of service and use our talents in a responsible way.

We are grateful that we have

the basic necessities of life, that we have the means and the ability to hear the cries of the poor and to respond with our abundance.

We are grateful for the miracle of life, for the green of our earth, for the amazing grace of our history; we are grateful that we still have time to decide the fate of the world by our choices and our actions, grateful that we have it within our power to bring a divided world to peace.

Joyce Rupp, May I Have This Dance?, 1992, Ave Maria Press, pg 151-152.