



# Crossnore Presbyterian Church

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

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### Announcements and Items of Interest

January 3, 2018

**Epiphany of the Lord, Communion, Sunday, January 6, 2019—Choir Practice—9:00 a.m., Sunday School—10:15 a.m., Worship—11:00 a.m., Coffee Fellowship with Birthday cake to celebrate January Birthdays. Session will meet following Coffee Fellowship.**

**This Sunday, January 6, we will install our 2021 class of Elders, during our Sunday worship service.**

**We will begin holding worship services in the fellowship hall this Sunday, January 6.**

**Wednesday Bible Study, 3-4:30 p.m.—We pick up our study of the Gospel of Mark with Chapter 13 next week.**

**Wednesday, January 9, from 1:00 to 3:00 pm., the knitting group will resume. All are welcome. If you are a beginner, there is always someone to help you get started. In the event of inclement weather, follow the Avery County Schools Schedule. No public school**

means no knitting or call the church office to find out.

**If you have not picked up your poinsettia from the sanctuary, please do so by this Sunday, January 6.**



**Our Christmas Eve Candlelight service was a beautiful time of celebration. Many old and new friends joined us as we filled the sanctuary and celebrated with music, scripture readings and reflections. Our December mission project was Volunteer Avery. Every dollar of the Christmas Eve offering went to this local crisis ministry. We collected \$3,113.00 and are so very grateful to all who donated. Volunteer Avery serves so many of our Avery County residents who fall through the cracks. It helps**

with emergency needs such as medicine, rent, oil, electricity, food and much more.



**It is time to take down the Chrismon tree and take down the Christmas decorations in the sanctuary and we really need volunteers to help on Tuesday, January 15, 1:30-3:30 p.m.**

**Shirley Price's memorial service will be held in our sanctuary on Saturday, January 19, at 2:00 p.m.**

**There will be a potluck luncheon on Sunday, January 27, after worship. Ham, coffee, and tea will be provided. Please bring side dish if you are able.**

**We will be collecting Food for People and Pets donations on Sunday, January 27.**

#### JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- \* Jean Barrier—January 1
- \* John Halifax—January 1
- \* Frank Duncan—January 2
- \* Sally Willhite—January 4
- \* Boyd Barrier—January 5
- \* David Shrader—January 5
- \* Sylvia Gill—January 6
- \* Shellie Duncan—January 11
- \* Jason DeWitt—January 17
- \* Bonnie Vuolo—January 20
- \* Ty Prior—January 24
- \* Birte Hogan—January 29

#### Prayer Requests

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

*Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.* ~ Isaiah 60:1

#### **A New Year's Blessing**

May your inner vision be transformed so that you can see more clearly our own journey with all humankind as a journey of peace, hope and bondedness (*Nm 24:15-17; Jn 20:20*).

May your God be someone you can lean on in your weak or painful moments. May you know God as your rock, your shelter, your strength, your wing of comfort and support (*Ps 94:18*).

May you be aware of all the places your feet carry you in

the new year. May you know "How beautiful are the feet of the messenger of good news" (*Rom 10:15*).

May you not be afraid of the questions that press upon your mind and heart. May you welcome the questions and wait patiently for the day when they will have their answers (*Mt 11:3*).

May you be the one with welcome in your smile and hello etched upon your hand, the hand you extend

to everyone who blesses you with presence (*Lk 7:36-50*).

May yours be the gift of reverence for all created things. May you face bravely and enthusiastically the responsibility to preserve and care for the beauty of the earth (*Sir 42:15—43:33*).

May the wellsprings of compassion flow deep within you until you can taste the tears of your brothers and sisters (*2 Cor 1:3-7*).

May you awake each morning with thank you on your lips and in your heart, recognizing that all is gift, that all is blessing (*Ps 138:1*).

May your friendship with God be strong and healthy. May that love be both a comfort and a challenge as you struggle to find your way in the new year. (*Jn 21:15-19*).

May your life this new year be a living legacy to your God..

Joyce Rupp, *May I Have this Dance?*, Ave Maria Press, 1993, pgs 26-27