



Crossnore Presbyterian Church

“Growing Deeper in Faith, Reaching Out in Love”

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Announcements and Items of Interest

January 9, 2018

Baptism of the Lord Sunday, January 13, 2019—Choir Practice—9:00 a.m., Sunday School—10:15 a.m., Worship—11:00 a.m., Coffee Fellowship following worship.

We held the first worship service of the winter season in the fellowship hall this past Sunday. While we love worship in our beautiful sanctuary, the intimate and less formal experience of the winter months in the fellowship hall is special.

We held the Ordination and Installation of our 2021 Class of Elders last Sunday, January 6. Janis Kenyon was ordained and installed. Charlotte Davila and Linda Berkley were installed. Please congratulate and thank these leaders of our congregation.

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

Today, 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. We have needles and plenty of yarn. 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.

Mayland Fellowship meets this coming Sunday, January 13 at Micaville Presbyterian Church. The meal will be at 5:30 pm followed by the business meeting at 6:30 pm. The program begins at 7:00 pm and the topic will be “History of Micaville Presbyterian Church” presented by John Hall. Micaville Presbyterian Church, 587 Micaville Loop, Burnsville, NC 28714. Phone: 828-688-3042.

It is time to take down the Chrismon tree and pack away 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 Presbytery meeting on January 26 at

the First Presbyterian Church of Gastonia.

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.

Please keep **Joel and Joan Strickland** and their family in your prayers. Their grandson, Mario, who was 27 years old, passed away this past week. Joel and Joan’s address is 745 West 2nd Ave., Windermere, FL 34786.

Jenny Duncan, a long distance member of our church family, would like us to pray for her daughter-in-law, Emily, who is preparing to deliver her second child. She is suffering from the flu and has additional health concerns. Please pray for a safe and healthy delivery for mother and baby. The due date is January 11. Jenny’s address is 1302 Cornerstone Ct., Essexville, MI 48732.

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

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

When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. ~Matthew 2:101

Epiphany: a funny-sounding word. It sounds like something one should stumble across while playing Trivial Pursuit. The card might read, “What is epiphany?” The suspected answer might be “the lower left metatarsal bone of an aardvark.”

Our not-so-trivial pursuit of the meaning of Epiphany tells us something quite clear. It is as plain as the smile on your face; as clear as a winter’s night illumined by an unusually bright star. Epiphany is

God’s coming-out party, the announcement of God’s engagement with the world.

Epiphany means *manifestation*, but that is too simple. It is God’s fireworks—for while Christmas may have been quiet and simple, Epiphany is about as loud as God gets.

Epiphany is the world halting at a manger—wise men kneeling before a tiny infant. Epiphany is an old man hanging around the Temple unable to die until

he holds God’s son in his hands.

Epiphany is that same grey-haired Simeon holding the infant Jesus in his outstretched hands and shouting, “Now let your servant depart in peace because I have seen your salvation.” Epiphany is the celebration of Jesus’ own baptism when the proud father said to the soaking wet son, “Gosh, I’m proud of you.” (Sometimes translated, “This is my beloved Son in whom I am well-

pleased.”)

Epiphany may be a funny-sounding word, but we need the manifestation of God now more than ever as we walk further and further away from the manger. We need the assurance that, like Simeon, we can hold salvation in our grasp. We need to be reminded of the voice that whispers in our ear at our own baptism, “You, too, are one of my own in whom I am well pleased.”

Jody Seymour, alive now.