



Crossnore Presbyterian Church

“Growing Deeper in Faith, Reaching Out in Love”

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Announcements and Items of Interest

February 6, 2019

Sunday, February 10, 2019—Choir Practice—9:00 a.m., Sunday School—10:15 a.m., Worship— 11:00 a.m., Coffee Fellowship after worship.

We welcome Rev. Bobbi White as our guest preacher this Sunday. She is the Presbytery Executive of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina. Bobbi is a great preacher.

We have begun a Prayer Group on Tuesdays at 10:30 am. We welcome you to join us in the parlor/conference room off the fellowship hall.

Wednesday Bible Study, 3-4:30 p.m.— Today, February 6, we finish our study the Gospel of Mark with Chapter 16, the Resurrection. The following 4 weeks, we will be studying the History of the Bible. Daniel Coffey will present the History of the New Testament on February 13 and 20. Pastor Kathy will cover the History of the Old Testament on February 27 and

March 6.

Wednesday, 1:00 to 3:00 pm. Knitting Group - All are welcome. In the event of inclement weather, follow the Avery County Schools Schedule. No public school means no knitting that day. You can also call the church office. While the knitting group knits hats and scarves for the homeless, anyone is welcome to join in the conversation and the fellowship.

Our next Food for People and Pets collection will be February 24, but the pantry shelves are bare, and this is a tough season for so many. Don't hesitate to bring donations throughout the month. We will be sure to get them to the right place. I

We have moved the Sunday morning, 10:15 a.m., Coffee and Conversation from the kitchen to the parlor/conference room off of the fellowship hall. Sunday School meets in the fellowship hall at the same time and

we want both groups to have their own space.

Contribution statements for 2018 were mailed last week. If you do not receive yours by the end of this week, please email the church at cpcpcusa@gmail.com or call the office at (828) 733-1939.

Reminder: Please send in your directory update forms. These were sent out in the Advent mailing. If you don't have the form just update us on addresses, phone numbers, and any other pertinent information. Please let us hear from you confirming all is correct or giving us your changes. You can mail the form in or email us at cpcpcusa@gmail.com. You can email an updated photo if you wish.

Elder on call this Sunday is Janis Kenyon. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to check in with her.



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- * Susy Martin-Crouch—February 9
- * Millie Silvia—February 16
- * Greg Gacek—February 18
- * Donita Berckemeyer—February 19
- * Charlie Sims—February 20
- * Juanita Paul—February 21
- * Betty Barnett—February 22

Prayer Requests

- *THE STRICKLAND FAMILY
- *THE MCCOY FRANKLIN FAMILY
- *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

Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing. ~Psalm 100:2

What do I know of Joy? Four Reflectons

What do I know of joy?

I know the feeling of walking out of the doctor's office, fearing the worst but finding out it's not that but something much less scary, something treatable, not life-threatening, and the doctor says, "Go. Live." and the sky is extra blue and the sun feels brighter and life reopens in front of me, and I return home to those I love. I think that might be joy.

What do I know of joy?

I know the feeling of working in the wood shop, fine tuning a joint with shoulder plane and chisel, when the pieces slide together, not gappy, not sticky, but fitting with the just-rightness Goldilocks was looking for, and a smile wells up like a tear, and a glow of satisfaction brightens, and I say to myself, "Nice." I think that might be joy.

What do I know of joy?

I know the feeling, twice over, of looking into the eyes of our child, just birthed and wearing a white stocking hat, wrapped in a warmed blanket, a small person out of our love, long awaited and now here and whole and looking back, a wonder. I think that might be joy.

What do I know of joy?

I know the feeling of resting in a presence, sure I was in trouble with God, but finding, after confessing my most shameful memories, a warmth and a welcome, sitting like a child on God's big chair, forgiven and blessed and at peace, clean all the way through, a great weight lifted and nothing between us. I think that too might be joy.

Ken Rummer, a retired PCUSA pastor, writes about life and faith from the middle of Iowa by the High Trestle Trail. Blog post accessed at <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/today/2018/11/02/sightings-20/>