



Crossnore Presbyterian Church

“Growing Deeper in Faith, Reaching Out in Love”

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Announcements and Items of Interest

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Palm Sunday, April 5, 2020—
We will email the service, music links, sermon, announcements, prayer requests and additional news and information Sunday morning. If you are on the mid-week news or the sermon and bulletin email list you will receive that email.

We woke to a non April Fools joke this morning! It is snowing in the High Country!



The Oconee Bells on the Church’s property are blooming. Check out this link for more information on the Oconee Bell, <https://www.ncpedia.org/environment/oconee-bells> . I am gathering more information on how they came to CPC and will share that next week.



Jan Akelewicz has been entertaining herself during this time by doing dozens of puzzles.

She has shared a picture of one of them with us. Beautiful!

Tidbits -Pastor Kathy is still in the midst of calling our summer and seasonal members of our church family. She did find out a couple of interesting things yesterday during her calls:

Jean Cann shared that she was the director of the youth choir at Crossnore Baptist where her husband John Cann took his first pastorate after seminary in the 1960s. Kathy and Martha Hutcheson were members of the youth choir under Jean’s leadership. Jean is 87 years old and still plays the organ and piano for her church and teaches lessons. Go Girl!

Susan Crawford shared that her family’s electric company is currently working on the new cancer research tower at St. Jude’s Hospital. This will be the most advanced cancer research facility in the country. She said it is the pinnacle of the company’s work over the decades.

Bill Blazer’s cat, Blaze, and dog, Grizzly, are keeping him entertained as they play and fight and race each other around the house. It is better than TV!

March Birthdays

- * GARY GASCHO—APRIL 9
- * PAUL KIDDER—APRIL 17
- * CHARLOTTE DAVILA—APRIL 18
- * CARROLL BERKLEY—APRIL 26

Prayer Requests

- * MIKE KILGORE
- * FRANK MARTIN
- * BARBARA ROSS
- * FRANK DUNCAN
- * RYAN WATTS
- * KATHY HUTCHESON
- * PEPE ABRUSCI
- * DANIEL COFFEY
- * JAMES QUEEN
- * JEFF STRICKLAND
- * DAVID FRANCE
- * DAVE KILGORE
- * FRANK MARTIN
- * SUSY MARTIN
- * BARBARA ROSS
- * FRANCES BROWN

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.” Matthew 5:7



Richard Akelewicz can’t understand how his “honey-do” list keeps growing even after he thinks he’s done. He takes breaks and connects with his buddies on his ham radio.

Reflection—Our Bible Study Group is studying Adam Hamilton’s book, The Walk: Five Essential Practices of the Christian Life. In the first

chapter Hamilton writes about the spiritual practice of daily prayer. As we hunker down in our homes to keep ourselves and others safe from COVID-19, consider the spiritual practice of praying five times a day. The following is a quote from his book:

“Prayer has a powerful impact on our lives, but we often neglect it...I’d like to invite you to develop a habit of praying at least five times a day. These times of prayer might be as brief as pausing to say, “Thank you.” (Hamilton goes on to describe his five prayers during the day as a model to get started)—

My morning prayer begins with

a word of praise to God, followed by thanksgiving for life, blessings, and God’s love. I ask for forgiveness, than pray for others. Finally, I offer myself to God inviting God to use me. I pray through my schedule for the day and ask God to make me a blessing to those I meet with, or to use me in some ways in each of the events on my schedule. At mealtimes(3 times a day), I give thanks once more, and pray for my family and that God will guide and use them... Finally, at bedtime I’ll pray once more, using a similar pattern to my morning prayers, offering praise, giving thanks,

asking for forgiveness, praying for others, and offering myself to God. Making these five times of prayer a habit in your life will ensure that no matter how busy or distracted you become on any given day, you will have stopped to pray at least five times a day.” from The Walk, pages 34-35, copyright 2019 Abingdon Press

