



Crossnore Presbyterian Church

"Growing Deeper in Faith, Reaching Out in Love"

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Announcements and Items of Interest

May 6, 2020

Sunday, May 10, 2020—We will email the Sunday Service links and attachments Sunday morning.

A conversation with Karl Campbell

Karl Campbell

How are you using your extra time at home?

Working! Kathy and I are in the unique situation that our work has increased. In my case, online teaching takes longer. We're enjoying the work--it does make the time pass. Cooking more than we normally do. Joanna is sheltering in place in her apartment in Durham; she spends most of her time analyzing data. The grad students aren't permitted to go into the labs during this shelter-in-place time. It's interesting--Duke has been a week ahead of the news throughout this pandemic, and as a Tarheel, I really hate to admit that!

Have you seen any good that has come from most of us staying at home?

I think that when events force us to change out of our traditional repetitive lives, it provides a moment of opportunity. We have to face new things. For instance, I'm getting to spend much more quality time with my wonderful wife, and I'm sure that Kathy is

enjoying getting to spend more time with her wonderful husband....

(maybe).

I'm hiking several times a week. Today, I walked 5 miles across the viaduct on the Parkway.

One of my greatest joys in this time is having the opportunity to work more closely with Kathy. It's a pleasure to assist her as she prepares her sermon and the worship service. She woke me up at 6:30 am last Sunday and demanded--no, ordered--um--provided me with an opportunity to help her with a technical computer problem as she worked. [sigh] I am SOOO happy and privileged to be able to assist my wonderful wife with her work!

What keeps you hopeful?

It's hard to be hopeful. I wish I'd seen more positive responses, but as a political observer, I'm disappointed in the polarized politics. The acts of kindness and heroic acts of mercy do make me hopeful--seeing the nurses, the grocery store workers is uplifting. Oh, and of course, our pastor



caring for others in this time.

What do you miss most about not being able to go to church?

I miss the community. I miss the beauty of the sanctuary. ...And of course, hearing the brilliant sermons by our outstanding pastor. 😊

Once we can safely leave home--aside from church--what are the things you are most looking forward to?

Restaurants. Kathy and I really enjoy eating out. I really miss being in the classroom with my students. I thrive in the academic community, interacting with the students and with other faculty.



Sheri Elderfield has made more wonderful cloth masks with hepa filters included. She has 14 elastic masks and 8 tie masks. The mask fits over the nose and mouth. Each mask is \$6.00 and you can pick it up at the church or we can mail it to you.

May Birthdays

- * DON HUSTON—MAY 4
- * JANE JOHNSON—MAY 4
- * ED COX—MAY 6
- * KATHLEEN SHEIL—MAY 6
- * JANE SOWDER—MAY 10
- * FRANCES BROWN—MAY 11
- * JOANNA CAMPBELL—MAY 12
- * ARCHIE McMANNEN = MAY 12
- * JOE TODD—MAY 12
- * JOHN HUGHES—MAY 21
- * JACK HOGAN—MAY 30

Prayer Requests

- * MAGGIE LAUTERER
- * MEL WHILHITE
- * GORDAN GACEK
- * MIKE KILGORE
- * FRANK MARTIN
- * BARBARA ROSS
- * FRANK DUNCAN
- * RYAN WATTS
- * KATHY HUTCHESON
- * PEPE ABRUSCI
- * JAMES QUEEN
- * DAVID FRANCE
- * FRANCES BROWN

Seek the Lord and his strength, seek his presence continually. 1 Chronicles 16:22

We are having Zoom gatherings for small groups in our church family. Last week the choir had a great time catching up with each other. More Zoom gatherings to come in the next couple of weeks: Knitting Group, Men's Breakfast Group, and the Women's Group.

A Special Virtual Worship Service for this Sunday: We are preparing a recorded service for this Sunday morning. Look for the Zoom link in your email by Sunday morning. It is our first attempt at recording.

Mepkin Abbey where Pastor Kathy goes on Silent Retreat is closed to all visitors and retreatants. The Monks are sheltering in place and are offering

prayers daily for the community and for the world. The following prayer is one they pray daily and wanted to share it with others.

Prayer at Mepkin for Pandemic

Most merciful and Triune God

We come to you in weakness.

We come to you in our fear.

We come to you with trust.

For you alone are our hope.

We place before you the disease present in our world.

We turn to you in our time of need.

Bring wisdom to the doctors.

Give understanding to the scientists.

Endow caregivers with compassion and generosity.

Bring healing to those who are ill.

Protect those who are most at risk.

Give comfort to those who have lost a loved one.

Welcome those who have died into your eternal home.

Stabilize our communities.

Remove all fear from our hearts.

Fill us with confidence in your care.

We pray in the name of Jesus who is

Lord forever and ever.

Amen

