



Crossnore Presbyterian Church

"Growing Deeper in Faith, Reaching Out in Love"

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Announcements and Items of Interest

Sunday, May 17, 2020—We will email the Sunday Service links and attachments Sunday morning. It will be a pre-recorded service

IN YOUR OWN BACKYARD by Janis Kenyo

In 1998 when we moved here from Tallahassee, Florida, my mother moved here with us. She and my dad had been great nature lovers and she loved to watch the birds. So, we put up bird feeders in the yard so she could continue to watch the birds.

The first winter we were here I waited for the snow and was rewarded on October 8th with a few flakes. Then on Oct 22 came a real snow and with it came birds I didn't know. The longtime residents called them snowbirds. That was when I decided to keep a journal of the differences in nature I saw here .

In the Spring that year, there came a flurry of birds. Some I had never seen before; House-Finch,



Rose breasted Grosbeaks and Indigo Buntings. The Indigo Buntings were so beautiful I had to look in a bird book to see what they were. And, so began my serious nature discoveries.

One day a hummingbird came in the garage and couldn't find his way out. He flew around until he dropped of exhaustion. I rea-



soned that he came to the feeder for sugar water so I picked him up and fed him from an eyedropper until he recovered and flew off. And of course I took pictures !

In August we had a Kingfisher on the wire over the creek and I was surprised that there were kingfishers here at all. I saw a hawk on the fence in our back yard. The hawks continue to live close by and in the summer after the babies fly the mother hawk cries for weeks. A loud piercing cry



Because of your generosity, we will be sending out another \$5,000 this month to our local food pantries and non-profits that are caring for the most vulnerable in our county. Pastor Kathy will be updating the congregation on how these funds will be used and the current state of our food pantries. Our designated funds are still plentiful. We did have a deficit in last month's general fund. Thank you for your prayers and your support as we continue to be Church in these challenging times.

May 13, 2020

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

that goes on all day long.

On Easter 2000, we had enough snow to make a snow bunny for our grandson. That year I saw my first ramp. I was born in West Virginia and went to school with certain children who smelled so bad from eating ramps we had to open the classroom windows! But I had never seen one, so a specimen went in "The Book".

Since then I have drawn some of the fauna and flora I have seen and it has been an interesting study.

The most amazing sight I've seen was last fall sitting on the deck. I looked up at the clear Carolina blue sky and a few

Monarch Butterflies flew by. In a few minutes a few more, and then more. I counted 95 Monarchs before I quit. It was so exciting to watch the migration. I had no idea they came through here, right over my house. I can't wait for September this year to see if they fly over again.

How lucky we are to live in such an amazing place, where everyday we can see God at work if we only stop and look!



My Grandmother

By Betty Redman

"Grandmother," I said, "You are very wise."

She looked at me with her big brown eyes.

"Wise? No. Not me," she said. I looked at her and shook my head,

"Your wisdom taught me to lean on God

Who will give me tasks, none so hard

That with God's help I cannot do and

Know that God will see me thru.

If I listen, obey, and follow God's lead

I will always be able to do the deed."

My grandmother was very wise.

I remember well her big brown eyes

And the lessons she taught me, so patient and firm,

Giving me small bites of her wisdom to learn.

My hope is that I, in my limited time

