



# Crossnore Presbyterian Church

## "Growing Deeper in Faith, Reaching Out in Love"

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### Announcements and Items of Interest

June 4, 2020

**Pastor Kathy wanted to share a prayer and a quote that might be helpful as we all struggle to understand and respond to the tragic events that have gripped the soul of our nation:**

*Dear Lord, forgive the blindness that causes our eyes to notice and magnify those things we regard as different from ourselves in others. Teach us to see clearly, that we, your children, are far more alike than we are different. Help us to put aside the racial prejudices embedded within us, and to see within every person the Child of God you created, our sister or brother, destined for Glory. In the name of One who died for all persons, of all colors, Jesus Christ. Amen.-* Episcopal Diocese of West Virginia

*"We are called to play the Good Samaritan on life's road side, but that will be only an initial act. One day we must come to see that the whole Jericho road must*

*be transformed so that men and women will not be constantly beaten and robbed as they make their journey on life's highway. True compassion is more than flinging a coin to a beggar; it is not haphazard and superficial. Compassion sees that an edifice that produces beggars needs restructuring."*

Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.

#### **A Lesson from Geese**

*By David Chadwick, pastor of Moments of Hope Church in Charlotte*

*Geese fly 73 percent farther together than alone. The V formation allows the least amount of wing usage necessary from the geese. Each goose uses the updraft from the one flying in front of him to reduce the amount of energy needed to flap his wings. Have you ever noticed why geese honk as they fly? Because the lead goose is*

*facing the full force of the headwind. If he dares to look back to see whether his friends are still flying in the proper V formation, his neck will suddenly snap. The geese honk to tell the head goose that they are still rightly structured in their formation and faithfully following him. They haven't left him alone. They are with him and encouraging him to keep flying. Geese make good teammates. If one of the geese should get tired, sick, or be shot and fall to the ground, two others from the V formation immediately leave to check on their friend. As soon as the fallen goose is able, the three begin flying again - you guessed it - in a V formation. It takes at least three geese to reestablish this formation in order to fly 73 percent farther together than alone. Maybe geese are smarter than humans. Too often we leave our hurting and sick to face life alone. But geese know that they need each other so they can fly farther.*

#### June Birthdays

- \* JAN AKELEWICZ — JUNE 1
- \* JEAN CANN — JUNE 7
- \* GARY DORAN — JUNE 11
- \* MARY JO HEGE—JUNE 13
- \* SUSAN PARSONS—JUNE 14
- \* HANNAH ROBBINS—JUNE 16
- \* KATHY HUTCHESON—JUNE 20
- \* TERRY WAIT—JUNE 21
- \* BRUCE DYAK—JUNE 22
- \* DOROTHY HUTSON—JUNE 23
- \* PHIL MCBRIDE—JUNE 26
- \* PASTOR KATHY—JUNE 29
- \* KAREN PHILLIPS—JUNE 29

#### Prayer Requests

- \* CORRINE BARWICK
- \* TASHA REID
- \* CHARLIE STUART
- \* MAGGIE LAUTERER
- \* MEL WHILHITE
- \* GREG AND BETH GACEK
- \* MIKE KILGORE
- \* FRANK MARTIN
- \* BARBARA ROSS
- \* FRANK DUNCAN
- \* RYAN WATTS
- \* KATHY HUTCHESON
- \* PEPE ABRUSCI
- \* JAMES QUEEN
- \* DAVID FRANCE
- \* FRANCES BROWN

*We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; . 2 Cor. 4:8*

*Who comprises your V formation? Who helps you fly farther? Who reminds you that you are not alone? These are your teammates, your V formation. The friends God has ordained to encourage you and remain by your side. As the global pandemic continues, we must surround ourselves with faithful companions just as geese do. We must fight isolation by reminding ourselves - constantly - that we are never alone. God is always with us*

*(Matthew 28:20). And he's given us teammates to be with us too. Surround yourself with faithful friends. When you do, together you can overcome.*



**Recent Updates--Please keep the following people in your prayers in this time of grief:**  
Bonnie Vuolo's daughter, Meghan, passed away on Monday.  
Janis Kenyon's sister, Caryl Smith, passed away last Thursday.  
Bill and Bobbi Hassett lost a dear friend to suicide last Sunday.  
Frances Brown's brother passed away recently.  
**Recent Updates--Please keep the following people in your prayers for healing:**

Kathy Hutcheson had successful surgery on her rotator cuff and hand on June 1.  
Jason DeWitt had a successful knee replacement on June 3.  
Charlie Stuart had a successful hip replacement on June 4.  
Connie Danner's brother, Gary, is fighting the coronavirus.  
Tasha Reid is dealing with severe pain with possible tears in both shoulders.  
Sheri Elderfield's youngest brother, Michael Owen, will have surgery for a brain tumor on June 3rd and June 5th.