



Crossnore Presbyterian Church

"Growing Deeper in Faith, Reaching Out in Love"

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Announcements and Items of Interest

September 23, 2020

Sunday, September 27, 2020.
We will be meeting for outdoor worship at 11:00 a.m..
We will be social distancing and wearing masks. Join us and bring a chair or listen in your car.

Greetings from the Past

by Janis Kenyon

In these strange days we are all looking for things to keep us busy. But one thing I found to do I didn't go looking for. In fact, it was a great surprise!

Last fall I bought two dozen pansies to plant for fall color in my yard. I planted some in a tub outside the garage and some around the mailbox. One night we looked out and there were seven deer in our yard. The next day when I went for the mail I noticed they had eaten all the pansies by the mailbox! But they didn't bother the ones by the garage because of the security light there. Well, that was the end of planting anything by the mailbox. The pansies in the tub survived the deer and also the winter.



When the cold and snow was gone I noticed the plants were still there. I thought I'd just leave them and maybe they would bloom again. I kept looking to see if the deer would get them, but they just kept on growing. A few weeks later I noticed some little plants coming up in the pansy tub and I stopped to look. I thought they were weeds and I would pull them. But, no, they looked like tiny pansy plants! Apparently they had come up from seed that the original plants had dropped. So, I left them there to grow.

Weeks later I noticed that the pansy tub was FULL of little, tiny plants. I continued to let them grow and after a while some of them started to bloom. By then I was totally in to getting them to grow. I bought some potting soil and pulled out some old window boxes and started transplanting them. By the time I got done transplanting there were 250 plants! Some of them were really little so I left all the window boxes on a table under a tree in the yard. I continued to water and fertilize them. And they showed their appreciation by continuing to grow. Some of them died along the way but the majority lived and grew and began to bloom. I moved them to the deck so I

could enjoy them and keep them watered and fertilized. They have kept me busy and interested in something different that I had not done in a long time.

My Dad used to grow pansies because they were my Mother's favorite flower. Having grown up on a large farm in West Virginia he was used to growing things. Not only that, but he made it a career of it too, as he worked for the W. Va. Soil Conservation Service and later in Florida taught Agriculture at Gainesville High School. That's where he started growing pansies for my Mom, he would grow a lot of them and sell some of them to Woolworth's. (that tells you how long ago it was, Woolworth's has been gone for at least 40 years!) Sometimes I would help transplant or dig them to take to Woolworth's and he would pay me a little bit for helping. So, as I transplanted my volunteer pansies, I thought of us working together in the garden at home and driving into Gainesville to deliver them to Woolworth's. And, who knows, maybe he was there working beside me again as I transplanted my own pansies. I did wonder if he might have had a hand in helping the little seeds sprout and grow. I like to believe he did just to say "hello!"

September Birthdays

- * CLINT WRIGHT—SEPTEMBER 23
- * DENNIS JONES—SEPTEMBER 27
- * BETH FOSTER-GACEK—SEPTEMBER 30

October Birthdays

- * LINDA HUGHES—OCTOBER 1
- * ERIC SOWDER—OCTOBER 1
- * TOMMIE TENNANT—OCTOBER 3
- * ROB MARTIN—OCTOBER 4
- * SUE EHMIG—OCTOBER 6
- * SHARQA GRANT—OCTOBER 9
- * LESLIE JORDAN—OCTOBER 17
- * NANCY COLEMAN—OCTOBER 27
- * JOANN HARLLEE—

Prayer Requests

- * BONNIE VUOLO
- * JANET WELLS
- * TASHA REID
- * MAGGIE LAUTERER
- * MIKE KILGORE
- * FRANK DUNCAN
- * RYAN WATTS
- * KATHY HUTCHESON
- * PEPE ABRUSCI
- * DAVID FRANCE
- * FRANCES & LARRY BROWN

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Hebrews:13:8



A Brief Field Guide for Waging Hope in Scary Times:

Rev. Dr. Steve Runholt

1. Stay well-fed, well-hydrated and (as much as you're able) well

-rested. We've got work to do. That work is going to ask the best of us and require all of us to join together in doing it.

2. Nurture your soul along with your body. Pray or meditate or worship in whatever way works for you. Go to church outside or online. Do yoga. Take hikes. Pet dogs. Play with children. Ride your bike. Paddle your canoe out on the river. You will come back nourished and energized -- and more hopeful.

3. Avoid online click-bait that forecasts doom. In an election year, news outlets have to find something to write about. And readers will quickly tire of stories that cite the same poll numbers

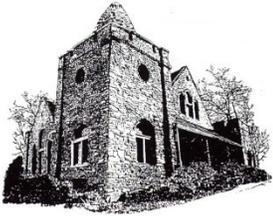
over and over again. Don't bite.

4. Tune out angry voices. On Twitter, I recently unfollowed an author whose books I have read and enjoyed because his tweets conveyed only one note: outrage. Mind you, I believe that righteous anger -- about a lot of things -- is justified at this moment in history. But there is a thin line between outrage and rage rage, and the line between rage and hate is thinner still. Hate is toxic and if you give into it, something vital and essential in you will surely die. Interrupt that cycle early; find thought-leaders and political leaders and faith leaders who speak words of hope and follow them and be inspired by them.

5. Spend time in the company of a supportive community. Hard to do during COVID, but not impossible. Maybe that's an online faith community, or group of online stamp collectors, or a socially distanced hiking club. Whatever it is, find some group larger than yourself to be a part of, one you can contribute to, and one that offers you support and collegiality in return. That exchange will serve to nourish you and bolster you.

Above all else, remember that we are in this together, and together, by God's grace, we shall overcome.

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It was wonderful to see so many hardy souls who braved the chilly temperatures last Sunday. We had over 50 people in attendance. While it was chilly, the sunshine was beautiful. People bundled up and sat in chairs to listen in the open air or stayed in their warm cars to listen on the radio. We enjoyed the service and **thank Roger Wise, commissioned pastor from Fletcher Presbyterian Church, for stepping in as our guest preacher.**

The Knitting Group is meeting in the fellowship hall on Wednesdays from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. Social distancing and masks are required.

Bible Study meets on Zoom at 3:00 pm on Wednesdays. We will be discussing the 13th chapter of the Book of Acts this coming Wednesday. All you need is your Bible and a computer, tablet, or smart phone. If you like to participate, please send Pastor Kathy an email at: rev.kathy.campbell@gmail.com or give us a call at 828-733-1939.

If you would like a visit from Pastor Kathy, give her a call (828-260-2512) or email her at: rev.kathy.campbell@gmail.com

Sheri Elderfield has a big assortment of new reversable masks with elastic bands and adjustable bands. Each mask includes a HEPA filter. YOU can pick up one or more today after worship or at the church office or we can mail the mask(s) to you. Cost per mask is \$6.00. Sheri says that it covers the cost of making them. Thanks, Sheri, for your mask ministry.

In this time of COVID-19, Western Youth Network needs volunteers to connect with Avery County students, either through weekly letters/cards or virtually. If you are interested, please contact Sabena Maiden, maidens@westernyouthnetwork.org

Avery County Habitat for Humanity needs volunteers on Wednesdays, morning/afternoon, 9 a.m.- 3 p.m. No outside church and service groups are coming due to COVID-19. They are working on three houses up the hill from Ingles in Newland. Please call the main office for details: 828-733-2025.

Our Friday Hands-On Service Project is with Feeding Avery Families that provides over 600 families and individuals each month with much need groceries. Volunteers are needed. The office is located next to Carolina BBQ in downtown Newland. Please look at the Feeding Avery Families Facebook page to know how they are managing volunteers in the midst of the pandemic.

We will review the weather forecast on Saturday and post an update to our decision to hold 11:00 am, Sunday worship. Updates will be posted on the Crossnore Presbyterian church fFacebook

