



Crossnore Presbyterian Church

“Growing Deeper in Faith, Reaching Out in Love”

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Announcements and Items of Interest

November 18, 2020

Sunday, November 22, 2020

This Sunday we will be worshipping virtually. Pastor Kathy is preparing a taped Zoom worship service using some of our members from different locations. You will receive an email by 11 a.m. this Sunday with the Zoom link, bulletin, sermon, and announcements and prayer requests. The Session has decided to hold worship virtually for the next two weeks with rising cases of COVID-19 in Avery County. **There will be no physical worship in our sanctuary.** Please continue to stay safe and healthy through this holiday season.



We welcome into our church family this morning Frances Magruder who is transferring her membership from First Baptist Church, Rocky Mount, NC. A note of introduction: *Hello everyone. I live here in the high-country*

full time with my husband Jim. I am a mom to four grown children and two grown stepchildren. This is my eighth year here full time, yet I grew up coming here since I was eight. I am a retired schoolteacher, who now spends her time volunteering in the high country. I am excited to become a part of the Crossnore Presbyterian Church family! Frances' contact information to add to your directory: P.O. Box 154 Linville NC 28646

Good News to share! We have received enough donations to deliver 34 Thanksgiving Baskets to those in need in our county. The baskets (actually bags) include: \$100 Ingles grocery card along with a Thanksgiving card from the congregation, an Advent devotion, socks, lap blanket, lotion, Kleenex, peanuts, holiday towel and a Christmas ornament. The recipients are selected by the Director of Volunteer Avery County, Cindy Lindcamp. Thanks to Linda and Carroll Berkley, Bonnie Vuolo, all those who donated, and all those who are delivering the bags! What a great way to share our gratitude for God's blessings this Thanksgiving!

Thanks to Carroll and Linda Berkley for donating their beautiful dining room table and chairs for our conference room in the fellowship hall. The table and chairs are perfect, and the room is gorgeous! Take a look!



Volunteers are needed to help pack food boxes at Reaching Avery Ministry. Please call Michelle at RAM to find out volunteer schedule: 828-733-5127. Janet Millsaps is still with her daughter, Brooke, at the JC Medical Center; she hopes Brooke will be able to return home soon. In the meantime, Michelle is the only staff person in the RAM office and food pantry.

Volunteers are also needed to help at Feeding Avery Families. Please check the Feeding Avery Families website, feedingavery-families.org to find out how to volunteer safely. Joe Todd, one of our FAF volunteers, can also help with information. He can be reached at: old-ham537@gmail.com -



November Birthdays

- * CHARLIE STUART—NOVEMBER 5
- * EUNICE HEILIG—NOVEMBER 9
- * CAROLINE JONES—NOVEMBER 10
- * MICHAEL RICHARDSON—NOVEMBER 10
- * GABE VUOLO—NOVEMBER 11
- * WAYNE MATLOSZ—NOVEMBER 14
- * BARBARA ROSS—NOVEMBER 17
- * MEGAN TENNANT—NOVEMBER 19
- * TRISH WINGER—NOVEMBER 20
- * RACHEL DEAL—NOVEMBER 28
- * ALAN WINGER—NOVEMBER 29

Prayer Requests

- * JESSE & BARBARA DOWNING
- * GILBERT LUCK
- * EL WILSON
- * MARILYN GASCHO
- * DAWN BATES
- * BONNIE VUOLO
- * JANET WELLS
- * TASHA REID
- * MAGGIE LAUTERER
- * MIKE KILGORE
- * FRANK DUNCAN
- * KATHY HUTCHESON
- * DAVID FRANCE
- * FRANCES & LARRY BROWN

I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.

Psalm 139:14

One of our members, Charlie Stuart, is the author of a new and timely book, “Reclaiming the Forgotten Gospel of Jesus.” Charlie writes, “The full gospel of Christ’s redemptive gift of grace told in word and believed in faith, and in live that reflect Christ’s example of service to others. Full gospel includes both salvation and service-to-others. It is not a question of ‘either or’ but a statement of ‘both and.’ As Dietrich Bonhoeffer said, “Christianity without discipleship is always Christianity without Christ.” We have 10 copies of the book at the church. They are \$10.00 each, with the funds going to our mission budget. A great Christmas present for the readers on your list!

Sheri Elderfield has a big assort-

ment (including holiday designs) of new reversible masks with elastic bands and adjustable bands. Each mask includes a HEPA filter. You can pick up one or more after worship or at the church office or we can mail the mask(s) to you. Cost per regular mask is \$6.00. Cost for holiday masks is \$8.00 each. Sheri says that it covers the cost of making them. There are only 12 holiday masks available, but Sheri can make more. Order now!

The church’s sanctuary roof committee continues to make plans for the replacement of our sanctuary roof. They are working with historic preservation roof specialists and looking at several roof shingle and tile samples. We will keep you updated on

the committee’s progress.

Your support and financial contributions over the past two months have helped our congregation continue to “Be Church” in this difficult time. We have been able to disperse another \$10,200 to local non-profits assisting those in need and to our Guatemala Partnership. The \$10,200 has been given this month to the following agencies and partners: Crossnore Elementary School- \$1,700; Blue Ridge Housing of Elk Park- \$200; YMCA- \$500; Volunteer Avery County- \$3,400; Insulin for a financially needy woman- \$100; El Libano Presbyterian Church- \$3,500 for 25 educational scholarships for students, \$500 for basic food supplies for their village, and

\$300 for our annual Guatemala Partnership fee. And in addition to our monetary gifts, many have volunteered at Feeding Avery Families and Reaching Avery Ministry. Others have donated boxes of groceries and household items to Reaching Avery Ministry. A few of our members delivered knitted hats and scarves, blankets, socks, and face masks to the Hospitality House, the local homeless shelter. **Attached to this email is a description of how these agencies and partners are using our donations.**

