



# Crossnore Presbyterian Church

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

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### Announcements and Items of Interest

December 2, 2020

#### Sunday, December 6, 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. By popular demand, Pastor Kathy will include music links in the virtual bulletin. Session is meeting today to plan for the rest of the month. Please continue to stay safe and healthy through this holiday season.

**Sunday, December 13,** there will be an emailed Sermon, Virtual Worship Service Bulletin, and Announcements and Prayers. There will be no recorded Sermon.

**Our November Thanksgiving Basket Mission Project has been a great success!** Because of your generosity, we raised \$3,400 and delivered Thanksgiving baskets to 34 households in Avery County. The baskets included: \$100 Ingles grocery card, a personalized Thanksgiving card from the congregation, an Advent devotion, a lap blanket, holidays socks, Kleenex, lotion, peanuts, and a

Christmas ornament. The recipients are selected from the Director of Volunteer Avery County, Cindy Lindecamp. Linda and Carroll Berkley did all the shopping and



Bonnie Vuolo helped Linda pack all the baskets. 10 members of our church family delivered them (contact-free). The baskets were definitely received with gratitude and appreciation. Thank you for caring!

**Advent Bible Study Series on Zoom for the second week on December 9, at 3 p.m. Rev. Maggie Lauterer is leading this three-week series with a focus on the stories of Zechariah and Elizabeth, Mary, and Joseph.** You will learn more about the roles they played in the birth of Jesus but also how their lives teach us what it means to be faithful disciples in this time that we are living. Please

email the church office, [cpcpcusa@gmail.com](mailto:cpcpcusa@gmail.com), to sign up for a Zoom link.

**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.

**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 Milsaps 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.

#### Memories— Decorating, December 2018.



#### December Birthdays

- \* PATRICIA MCGARR—DECEMBER 1
- \* TASHA REID—DECEMBER 16
- \* NANCY YARBOUROUGH—DECEMBER 20
- \* LINDA TAYLOR—DECEMBER 24
- \* BILL SILVIA—DECEMBER 27

#### Prayer Requests

- \* JESSE & BARBARA DOWNING
- \* 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

**Volunteers are also needed to help at Feeding Avery Families, sign up on: <https://feedingaveryfamilies.org/> volunteer.** Due to current Social Distancing guidelines, Feeding Avery Families has shifted to a non-contact / drive-thru model for distribution of food to clients. To support this approach, roles for volunteers on Thursdays and Fridays have changed. **Truck Unloading and Stocking (Thursdays 9:30 – 11:30):** On Thursday mornings from 9:30 to 11:30, trucks from MANNA deliver large quantities of non-perishable items, produce, meat, and dairy products. Volunteers assist with unloading the trucks and staging products for distribution to clients

on Friday. While lifting is required for moving some products, there are plenty of "light duty" tasks such as placing products on shelves and packing bulk produce into individual bags. We need 10 volunteers for this work each week. **Distribution (Fridays):** On the first four Fridays of most months, clients pick up food between **9:30-11:30 AM or 1-3 PM.** Clients are directed to drive to the reception station where **Greeters** collect necessary information (no lifting / some training required). Clients then pull forward and **Loaders** place products in the cars (lifting required). In the FAF building, **Inside Volunteers** pack additional boxes, repackage produce, as-

sure that stock is available outside and conduct other tasks as needed (minor lifting may be required). Inside the FAF "Annex", **Reporting Volunteers** take care of paperwork and computer data entry (no lifting / significant training required). 15 Volunteers are needed for each shift.

**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. \$10.00 each, with the funds going to our mission budget.

**Sheri Elderfield has a big assortment (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 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 can make more. Order now!