



Crossnore Presbyterian Church

"Growing Deeper in Faith, Reaching Out in Love"

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Announcements and Items of Interest

February 3, 2021

This Sunday, February 7, we are worshipping together virtually; no physical worship in the sanctuary. An email will be sent out by 11:00 am. Sunday morning with Zoom links to the recorded service and sermon, and .pdf files with the announcements, worship service bulletin and sermon as well as music links.

The 2020 Contribution Statements have been mailed. If you made your donation online you will receive a statement from the Presbyterian Foundation. We are checking on addresses for a few people so if you don't see your statement in the mail in the next week, please call the office. 828-733-1939.

Ash Wednesday Service will be on Zoom Wednesday, February 17, at 3 p.m. The Zoom Link for the service is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86875351810>

A congregational meeting was held on January 24, 2021. Three Ruling Elders were elected to our Session. The members of the Class of 2023 include Carroll Berkley, Linda Drivas and Gene Hodges. This Sunday, February 7, Linda and Gene will be ordained and Linda, Gene and Carroll will be installed. Join us in congratulating them!



Carroll Berkley



Linda Drivas



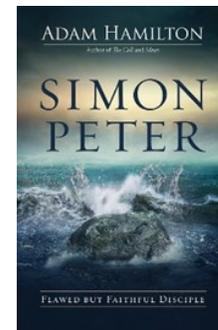
Gene Hodges

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This will be an opportunity to connect live with those who want to begin the Lenten Season with a brief service and the imposition of ashes. Please come prepared with your own ashes. You can scoop up some ashes from your fireplace or take a dead leaf and carefully burn it in your sink. The pandemic is causing us to be very creative with our gatherings. Please join Pastor Kathy next Wednesday as we begin Lent together. A daily Lenten Devotion will be mailed to you next week.

Six Week Lenten Bible Study on Zoom begins on Wednesday, February 24, at 3 p.m.

We will be reading the book, *Simon Peter: Flawed but Faithful Disciple*, by Adam Hamilton, an ordinary fisherman who heard an extraordinary call. He left everything to follow his teacher and possessed a passion that would change the world. That's one way to describe Peter. Here's another: poor, uneducated, quick tempered, and full of doubts and fears. Doesn't even sound like the same man. And that's the point. Peter was just an ordinary guy who heard and followed God's extraordinary call. Discover how you, too, have special gifts, talents, and abilities that God can use to make a difference today. The books have been ordered and can be mailed to your home. Cost- \$15.



If you would like to participate just let Pastor Kathy know: rev.kathy.campbell@gmail.com

February Birthdays

- * SUSY MARTIN CROUCH—FEBRUARY 9
- * GREG GACEK—FEBRUARY 18
- * CHARLIE SIMS—FEBRUARY 20
- * JUANITA PAUL—FEBRUARY 21

Prayer Requests

- * NANCY COLEMAN
- * DAWN BATES
- * BILL AND BOBBIRAE HASSETT
- * CHERYL KENYON
- * JOE JORDAN
- * CONNIE VUOLO, GABE VUOLO'S MOM
- * MARTHA LIND, ERIN LIND
- * CONNIE & RB DANNER
- * FRANK DUNCAN
- * JESSE & BARBARA DOWNING
- * MARILYN GASCHO
- * BONNIE VUOLO
- * JANET WELLS
- * TASHA REID
- * MAGGIE LAUTERER
- * MIKE KILGORE
- * FRANK DUNCAN
- * DAVID FRANCE
- * FRANCES & LARRY BROWN

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. -Isaiah 60:1

Calling all prayer warriors. Please join us for CPC prayer time via Zoom. We meet each Thursday at 9:30 a.m. for appx. 30 minutes. We pray for those on our church prayer list, for our family and friends, those who are ill and those leaders at all levels and those from whom we have received prayer requests. Please join the four of us who have been doing this for about a year now. It is a very special time. Please send me an e-mail note asking to be put on the list--you will receive an e-mail note with the zoom link -- usually by end of day on Wednesday. Hope to hear from you. Blessings, Barbara Ross, rossbw335@gmail.com.



Due to the increase in COVID-19 cases in Avery County, we ask that you call the office and make an appointment if you need to come by. Office phone: 828-733-1939. The buildings will be locked even during office hours. When you arrive at church, please call us to let us know you are here. And of course, masks are required. We also have hand sanitizer available. Thank you!

Volunteers are needed at Feeding Avery Families, sign-up at: <https://feedingaveryfamilies.org/> volunteer. There are a variety of roles for volunteers on Thursdays and Fridays. Truck Unloading and Stocking, Packing Boxes—Thursdays 9:30 – 11:30 am.

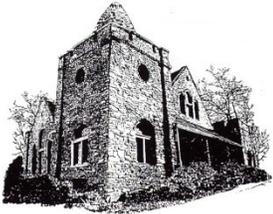
Distribution and packing boxes—Fridays 9:30—11:30 a.m. and 1-3 pm.

Janet Milsap, Director of Reaching Avery Ministries is back at work. Her daughter Brooke is back at home after a hospitalization of 101 days due to Covid-19. Brooke still requires nursing care but is able to be at home.

Sheri Elderfield has reversible winter masks with adjustable bands; masks are \$8 each. You can pick your mask(s) up at the church office or call (828-733-1939) and we will mail the mask(s) to you.



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Daniel's Den

Hello reader and thank you for your questions!

Why do we use grape juice instead of wine during the Lord's Supper? Why do we take the sacrament one time a month? What rules govern the sacrament regarding our denomination?

The Lord's Supper (also known as Holy Communion or the Eucharist) is a central part of worship as Christians. While Baptism is the sacrament that seals and welcomes individuals into the life of the church, the Eucharist is the sacrament that sustains, seals, unites all Christians in our common witness. Personally, Holy Communion is extremely important to me. When I gather at the Holy Table, I feel the presence of not only our Triune God but also the great cloud of witnesses, made up of all the children of God, which transcends time and space to unites us all in the bonds of love. Past, present, and future, we gather around the Communion Table to collectively bless the cup and plate as part of the thanksgiving of creation to a God who is more than worthy of praise. That is what the term "Eucharist" means in Greek, Great Thanksgiving.

Starting with the last part of the question and working up, yes. There are rules which govern the Sacrament of Holy Communion in the PC(USA). I will not list them all because they are extensive in nature, but I would steer you to our church's constitution, specifically our Book of Order's Directory of Worship, chapter three, which deals with these matters. It is good to note here that the great theologian and founder of the Reformed tradition, John Calvin, had some opinions about Holy Communion, which might surprise most Presbyterians today. First, Calvin taught, "The Lord's Table should have been spread at least once a week for the assembly of Christians, and the promises declared in it should feed us spiritually..."^[1] This idea is different from the quarterly and monthly observations which many churches subscribe. Even though Calvin wanted weekly observance of the Lord's Supper, he submitted himself to the will of the consistory that governed the church (polity he helped develop). The consistory is the same governing body we know to this day as session. The term "consistory" is still used by most reformed bodies with historical roots in continental reformed churches (such as the Dutch Reformed Church which became the Reformed Church in America). "Session" is the term used by churches with Scottish roots, such as our beloved PC (USA). Because churches in the Reformed tradition believe that the Holy Spirit guides our elders and Ministers of Word and Sacrament, we trust that the session has best devised a communion schedule that nourishes the church's sacramental life, striking the right balance between the local church's tradition and the Reformed tradition's call to regular communion. To this end, we look at what our forebears practiced, receiving a canon and a precedent to draw our own ideas and opinion. This does not make quarterly, monthly, or weekly Communion more or less ideal. It merely reveals a historical progression of thought and vision with people trying to be faithful to God through the Reformed faith's tenets.

Concerning the use of wine or grape juice, we first go to Calvin's words. Calvin states, "whether the bread is to be leavened or unleavened, and the wine to be red or white, is of no consequence. These things are indifferent and left free to the Church..."^[2] So, we see from the founder's point of view that it is up to the local session to search its conscience and decide what elements are to be used in the Supper. It is good to note here that grape juice was not readily available until 1869 when an American Methodist preacher and doctor developed a way to pasteurize grape juice, which kept it from fermenting. Sold initially as "Alcohol-Free Communion Wine," we know this substance today as Welch's Grape Juice. It would take 50 years for grape juice to be normalized in American Communion, with Prohibition's onset in 1920 forcing many churches to do some soul searching. In the South, alcohol was considered such a great vice that many churches never returned to wine after Prohibition was repealed in 1933. This is why it is much more common to find churches in the North that use wine in Communion than in the South. It is odd to consider that last year, 2020, many churches celebrated 100 years of teetotal bliss...or not.

This article's summary of our communion practices can probably be summed up in three words: freedom, community and tradition. Calvin gave us much freedom to choose for ourselves, according to the speaking of the Holy Spirit, to determine what elements we use in Communion, should that be wafers and white wine or Hawaiian bread and Welch's. From here, we listen to our ancestors' voices to see how the Spirit spoke and guided them to ensure that we protect the traditions gifted to us. So, next time we meet at the communion table, remember we do so with the expectation that we are a people of freedom, tradition, communal unity, and love.

^[1] John Calvin Institutes of the Christian Religion John T. McNeill ed Ford Lewis Battles trans Library of Christian Classics (Philadelphia: Westminster, 1960 [1559]) IV.xvii.44, 46

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Have a question on church history, liturgy, sacred tradition, Presbyterianism, or more? Submit it to Daniel's Den at Daniel.Coffey@upsem.edu.