



Crossnore Presbyterian Church

"Growing Deeper in Faith, Reaching Out in Love"

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Announcements and Items of Interest

December 21, 2021



Friday, December 24, 3 p.m., Outdoor Christmas Eve Service in the church's upper parking lot. Bundle up and bring your hot chocolate. We will be sharing the Christmas story and singing lots of Christmas carols along with special music. The Christmas Eve Offering for propane, gas, and electricity for those in need in our county will be collected.

1st Sunday of Christmas, December 26 - Worship Service with Mimi Sloop as guest preacher. Christmas carols will abound! We will meet in the sanctuary, wearing masks and distancing.

Our December Mission Project is our annual Christmas Eve Offering that goes to Volunteer Avery County to help with



emergency heating and electricity for our seniors, for families, and for individuals in financial need in Avery County. You can bring your offering to our Outdoor Christmas Eve Service in the church's upper parking lot on Friday, December 24 at 3 p.m. or you can mail a check made out to Crossnore Presbyterian Church and designated for the Christmas Eve Offering. Address: P.O. Box 386, Crossnore, NC 28657. Every dollar collected will go to help those who are struggling in our county to stay warm during the frigid winter months in the mountains. With the cost of propane, gas, and electricity on the rise, this is an offering that matters more than ever.

Our Advent Bible Study will not meet this Wednesday, December 22. They will finish the Advent Study on December 29 from 3:00 to 4:30 pm. It will be a hybrid meeting. You may come in person or meet with Zoom. Please contact Ashlyn at the church, cpcpcusa@gmail.com or 828-733-1939 for the link to connect on Zoom. We will announce the next Bible Study after the 1st of the year.

Our Christmas box luncheon was held this past Sunday, December 19, in the fellowship hall after worship. Thank you to Charlotte Davila, Mimi Sloop and Carroll and Linda Berkley for taking care of the prep, set up and clean up.



People enjoyed sharing this meal with one another.



December Birthdays

- * PATRICIA MCGARR—DECEMBER 1
- * BEN JORDAN—DECEMBER 7
- * TASHA REID—DECEMBER 16
- * NANCY YARBOROUGH—DECEMBER 20
- * LINDA TAYLOR—DECEMBER 24
- * BILL SYLVIA—DECEMBER 27

Prayer Requests

- * JIM TAYLOR
- * TRISH WINGER
- * BILL BLAZER
- * EVERETT MCBRYDE
- * KAY HODGES
- * BARBARA ROSS
- * ROBERT DUNN
- * SCOTTY SHARRER
- * LINDA SMITHERS
- * AIDAN O'CONNELL
- * JAN AKELEWICZ
- * HANNAH ACTON
- * ERIN LIND
- * JENNIFER WATTS
- * LEIGH RICHARDS
- * WAYNE PINTER
- * FRANK DUNCAN
- * MARILYN GASCHO
- * JANET WELLS
- * TASHA REID

For nothing will be impossible with God. Luke 1:37

Ashlyn will be in the office for the next week but not on a regular schedule (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday). Please call before you come by the church to be sure she is at the church. Leave a message if she doesn't answer. You can also email the church, as she will be checking that multiple times a day. cpcpcusa@gmail.com .

Pastor Kathy will be out of the office for next week. Please call Janis Kenyon, the clerk of session, if you have any concerns or needs. Home: 828-898-3339, Cell: 828-387-0309

Christmas Poem

Says a country legend told every year:
Go to the barn on Christmas Eve and see
what the creatures do as that long night tips over.
Down on their knees they will go, the fire
of an old memory whistling through their minds!
I went. Wrapped to my eyes against the cold
I creaked back the barn door and peered in.
From town the church bells spilled their midnight
music,
And the beasts listened—yet they lay in their stalls
like stone.

Oh the heretics!
Not to remember Bethlehem,
or the star as bright as the sun,
or the child born on a bed of straw!
To know only of the dissolving Now!

Still they drowsed on—
Citizens of the pure, the physical world,
They loomed in the dark: powerful
of body, peaceful of mind,
innocent of history.

*Brothers! I whispered. It is Christmas!
And you are no heretics, but a miracle,
immaculate still as when you were thundered
forth*

on the morning of creation!
As for Bethlehem, that blazing star

still sailed the dark, but only looked for me.
Caught in its light, listening again to its story,
I curled against some sleepy beast, who nuzzled
my hair as though I were a child, and warmed me
the best it could all night.

~ Mary Oliver

