

Crossnore Presbyterian Church

"Growing Deeper in Faith, Reaching Out in Love"

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Announcements and Items of Interest

January 5, 2022

Sunday, January 9, 2022. We will meet in the sanctuary where we can spread out and safely distance. If you need a mask, there will be some at the front and back of the sanctuary.

URGENT COVID NEWS about this Sunday's Worship Service from the CPC Session: SAFER AT CPC THAN THE GROCERY STORE!

Why?

1. Almost 100% vaccinated and boosted.
2. We all wear masks to protect each other.
3. Room for everyone to be at a safe distance from others.
4. People there truly care that you are safe and healthy.



Our Christmas Eve Service was held outside with over sixty people in attendance. It was a wonderful service and a great opportunity to share in celebration and community with each other.

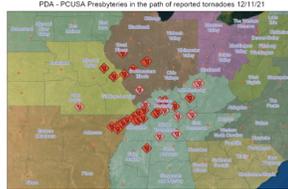


Our December Mission Project was our annual Christmas Eve Offering which goes to Volunteer Avery County

to help with emergency heating and electricity for seniors, for families, and for individuals in financial need in Avery County. We are so thankful to everyone who donated! **We collected over \$10,000 to be sent directly to Volunteer Avery County.**

Pastor Kathy enjoyed her 10 days off. She has returned refreshed and renewed!

We also want to thank Mimi Sloop and Maggie Lauterer for being our guest preachers for the two Sundays Pastor Kathy was not here.



The Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is providing recovery support for the damage caused by the December 10-11, 2021, tornadoes that

ripped through the several states including Arkansas, Tennessee, and Kentucky. If you would like to donate to this effort you can send a check to Crossnore Presbyterian Church, designated "December Tornadoes" to the church: P.O. Box 386, Crossnore, NC 28616, or use the Give button on our website at crossnore.wncpresby.org. You can give directly to Presbyterian Disaster Relief by sending a check to Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), P.O. Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700 (designate your check DR000015) or go to <https://pda.pcusa.org/situations/national> and select December Tornadoes at the the bottom of the page.

The Crossnore Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution has donated steaming equipment to CPC to improve our online Zoom meetings. This includes a smart TV, a 10' extension cord, a webcam, a microphone, and a 10" HDMI cable. These will allow us to more easily set up online meetings and will improve the quality of the audio and visual content. Thank you, Crossnore DAR!

January Birthdays

- * JEAN BARRIER—01/01
- * JOHN HALIFAX—01/01
- * FRANK DUNCAN—01/02
- * SALLY WILHITE—01/04
- * BOYD BARRIER—01/05
- * DAVIESHARADER—01/05
- * SYLVIA GILL—01/06
- * SHELLIE DUNCAN—01/11
- * JASON DEWITT—01/17
- * BONNIE VUOLO—01/20
- * TY PRIOR—01/24
- * BIRTÈ HOGAN—01/29

Prayer Requests

- * JIM TAYLOR
- * JUNE BAGBY
- * CHARLIE SIMS
- * BOBBI HASSETT
- * PAM LYON
- * HANNAH ACTON
- * JENNIFER WATTS
- * WAYNE PINTER
- * FRANK DUNCAN
- * JANET WELLS
- * TASHA REID

Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. 1 John 4:11

Here's a New Year prayer from Billy Graham. It was written in 2008, but seems equally relevant today.

New Year's Prayer

Our Father and our God, as we stand at the beginning of this new year we confess our need of Your presence and Your guidance as we face the future.

We each have our hopes and expectations for the year that is ahead of us—but You alone know what it holds for us, and only You can give us the strength and the wisdom we will need to meet its challenges. So help us to humbly put our hands into Your hand, and to trust You and to seek Your will for our lives during this coming year.

In the midst of life's uncertainties in the days ahead, assure us of the certainty of Your unchanging love.

In the midst of life's inevitable disappointments and heartaches, help us to turn to You for the stability and comfort we will need.

In the midst of life's temptations and the pull of our stubborn self-will, help us not to lose our way but to have the courage to do what is right in Your sight, regardless of the cost.

And in the midst of our daily preoccupations and pursuits, open our eyes to the sorrows and injustices of our hurting world, and help us

to respond with compassion and sacrifice to those who are friendless and in need. May our constant prayer be that of the ancient Psalmist: "Teach me, O Lord, to follow your decrees; then I will keep them to the end" (Psalm 119:33).

Bring our divided nation together, and give us a greater vision of what You would have us to be. We pray for our nation and its leaders during these difficult times, and for all those who are seeking to bring peace and justice to our dangerous and troubled world. We pray especially for Your protection on all those who serve in our armed forces, and we thank You for their commitment to defend our freedoms, even at the cost of their own lives. Be with their families also, and assure them of Your love and concern for them.

As we look back over this past year we thank You for Your goodness to us—far beyond what we have deserved. May we never presume on Your past goodness or forget all Your mercies to us, but may they instead lead us to repentance, and to a new commitment to make You the foundation and center of our lives this year.

And so, our Father, we thank You for the promise and hope of this new year, and we look forward to it with expectancy and faith. This I ask in the name of our Lord and Savior, who by His death and resurrection has given us hope both for this world and the world to come. Amen