



# Crossnore Presbyterian Church

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

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### Announcements and Items of Interest

March 2, 2022

**Communion Sunday, March 6, 2022—Worship Service 11:00 am in the sanctuary.** There is plenty of room to spread out and socially distance. We wear masks and there are masks available if you do not have one. **There will be a Congregational meeting following worship** to approve the Pastor's Call for 2022 and to receive the 2022 budget.

The Lenten Season began yesterday on Ash Wednesday. Pastor Kathy held an Ash Wednesday service in the Fellowship Hall and on Zoom. Fifteen people participated and left with an ash cross on their foreheads.

The Lenten Devotional mailing will go out this week and includes a daily devotional, calendar of events and our Lenten mission project.

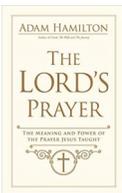
The "Raising the Roof" Capital Campaign Committee had its first meeting February 7. We are deeply grateful to Frances Magruder who is chairing the committee and Robert Dunn who is the vice chair. A letter bringing the congregation up to date on construction and fund-raising plans for the repair and replacement of our sanctuary roof will be sent out in early April.

Our Zoom Lenten Bible Study will begin on Wednesday, March 9, 3-4 p.m. Jim Taylor, a member of our congregation and the commissioned pastor of Grassy Creek and Newdale Presbyterian Churches in Spruce Pine, will be leading the

Lenten Bible Study. Jim will be using a book by Adam Hamilton, The Lord's Prayer: the Meaning and the Power of the Prayer that Jesus Taught. The Zoom Bible study group will meet Wednesdays at 3 p.m. (March 9, 16, 23, 30, and April 6). Books are \$10 each. If you wish to participate, please send a check to reserve a book (Crossnore Presbyterian Church, P.O. Box 386, Crossnore, NC 28616) and designate it for Lenten Bible Study. Please let us know if you wish to join through Zoom.



Prayer Group is meeting via Zoom on Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. All are welcome. If you are interested in participating, please send a text to Barbara Ross (828.387.6332) and she will put you on the distribution list for the Zoom meeting.



Sharon Minor and Hamp Hunter were married in the Pawley's Island Chapel last Saturday. Pastor Kathy and Pastor Pat Rabun officiated.

#### March Birthdays

- \* SUSAN HARTLEY—MARCH 1
- \* MICHELE LEE—MARCH 2
- \* LOU MARTIN—MARCH 2
- \* DAWN BATES—MARCH 3
- \* LINDA DRIVAS—MARCH 8
- \* DAVE EHMIG—MARCH 10
- \* JIM HARLLEE—MARCH 14
- \* BOB HARDEE—MARCH 16
- \* BETTY REDMON FRANCE—MARCH 18
- \* LINDA BERKLEY—MARCH 21
- \* MARY NOBLE—MARCH 28
- \* FRANK MARTIN—MARCH 29
- \* LESLIE RICHARDSON—MARCH 29
- \* BOBBY TAYLOR—MARCH 29

#### Prayer Requests

- \* KATHY HUTCHESON
- \* MARIE COOK
- \* PAUL LYON
- \* BETTY & FRED FRANCE
- \* WAYNE PINTER
- \* JANE SOWDER
- \* NANCY COLEMAN
- \* JIM TAYLOR
- \* JUNE BAGBY
- \* BOBBI HASSETT
- \* HANNAH ACTON
- \* JENNIFER WATTS
- \* FRANK DUNCAN
- \* TASHA REID

*I can do all things through him who strengthens me.* Philippians 4:13

#### A Psalm 27 Prayer for the People of Ukraine

*Whom shall I fear?*  
Creator God, this question in Psalm 27 is not rhetorical for the Ukrainians who are threatened by . . . Russian troops. Lord, be their light and their salvation. Protect the Ukrainians who we watch on the nightly news — the elder veteran pacing an old army trench, the grandmother in her pink house coat taking up arms, the mother and her teenagers practicing at the shooting range, the common citizens answering the call to protect their homeland, their communities, their right to live free and secure. Strengthen President Zelensky as he jets from one country to the next rallying the support of allies, while also attending to his citizens and walking the streets to encourage and reassure them.

We seek your presence also in Russia and among her troops. Save those called to kill by leaders far removed from the blood, trauma and moral injury of war. Open the hearts of political leaders who prioritize power over people. Bless the efforts of diplomacy, that peace may soon be seen as the most profitable and proven path. Until that day when peace will reign, until that day when enemies stop "breathing out violence" at the . . . innocent, let us hold onto the promise that we "shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living." On behalf of those who suffer and struggle, we wait and we pray and we listen to the psalmist. "Be strong and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!"  
Tim McDowell Ott, Presbyterian Outlook

#### From the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Effort for Ukraine

"We are grateful for the outpouring of prayers and calls from congregations and individuals asking how they can help. As the violence continues, the number of people being displaced internally and fleeing to neighboring countries increases by the day. And in the midst of the chaos, there are sibling churches and ecumenical partners who are already providing assistance with basic items for survival. Our first priority as PDA is to provide funding to these partners on the ground. While the scale of this crisis is new, receiving refugees from Ukraine and other countries in Central and Eastern Europe is not which means we have trusted, established partners with the knowledge and expertise to carry out this important work.—

To support the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance effort for Ukraine, send your checks to Crossnore Presbyterian Church, P.O. Box 386, Crossnore, NC 28616 or donate on our website by clicking the **Give** button. (crossnore.wncpresby.org). You may also read more about the PDA's efforts for Ukraine by going to <https://pda.pcusa.org/situation/ukraine/>.

