

# Crossnore Presbyterian Church

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

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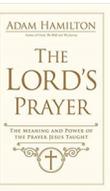
### Announcements and Items of Interest

March 9, 2022

**Sunday, March 13, 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 was a Congregational meeting following worship** last Sunday, March 6. The Pastor's Call for 2022 was approved and the 2022 budget was received.

**The Lenten Bible Study Group, led by Jim Taylor, will be studying "The Lord's Prayer: The Meaning and Power of the Prayer Jesus Taught,"** by Adam



**Hamilton.** The study runs from Wednesday, March 9, to Wednesday, April 6, 3-4 p.m., in person and on Zoom. If you would like to participate, please contact Pastor Kathy, rev.kathy.campbell@gmail.com

**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.



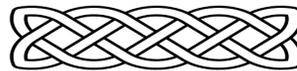
**Guatemala Educational Scholarships will be the focus of our Lenten Mission Project.** We hope to raise \$3,500, of which \$500 will go for emergency food supplies and \$3,000 will be used to keep thirty students from Los Cerros, Guatemala, in school. We are in partnership with El Libano Presbyterian Church, the administrator of the scholarships and food. This is our ninth year in funding this program. Many students have had difficulty with online education because they did not have internet connection nearby. Keep the students, teachers, and the El Libano congregation in your prayers as their schools return to in-person classes, and prayerfully consider making a donation. Checks should be made out to Crossnore Presbyterian Church, designated for Guatemala,

and mailed to P.O. Box 386, Crossnore, NC 28616.

### Making the Road Walking through Lent

**The Lenten Devotional mailing went out on Friday and includes a daily devotional, a list of events for Lent and Easter, and a description of our Lenten mission project.** If you do not receive a copy in the next few days, call the church office and we will mail you one (828-733-1939). A Big Thank You to Esten Medlin and Lynn O'Meara for spending their Friday afternoon stuffing the envelopes!

**The 2022 Crossnore Presbyterian Church Directory already has additions and corrections that need to be included.** If you want to make a correction on your directory entry or want to be added to the church directory, please send your information to the church office: cpcpcusa@gmail.com or call 828-733-1939. We will be mailing an addendum to the church directory in the next few weeks.



### 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 HARLEE—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

*Jesus answered him, "It is written, "One does not live by bread alone." ' Luke 4:4*

**Congratulations to Ben Jordan, son of Heather Jordan, who is the 2022 NC Individual Wrestling State Champion in the 113 Weight Class.** Avery County also has 5 Individual State Champions and also are the 1-A 2022 NC Team State Champions.

**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 can read about the PDA's efforts for Ukraine by going to: <https://pda.pcusa.org/situation/ukraine/>.

**'There is a weight and a sadness that is as deep as I've ever felt.'** "Mission co-worker the Rev. Jessica Derise has arrived in the United States after

having safely departed Moscow earlier this week. But she left something important behind — a piece of her heart. She was aboard one of the last flights to the U.S. from Russia." Click [here](#) to read the article from PC(USA) Presbyterian Mission Agency.

**"By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." John 13:35. True love is God's love. It looks beyond abrasive behavior to see and meet the real needs hidden there.** Meeting a need in the life of a sandpaper person can be messy and usually demands a sacrifice of some kind on our part. It is easier to simply placate or avoid difficult people than it is to love them the way they need to be loved — not in a way that makes our life easier. For example, when we see that sandpaper person coming, we

turn around and head in the opposite direction. When the caller ID shows the name of a sandpaper person in our life, we do not answer. Hurried conversations replace a listening heart. We offer tolerance instead of acceptance. And God is not pleased. He is committed to our character — not our comfort.

God wants us to love each other in the same way that He loves — unconditionally. In fact, God wants us to love in such a way that the people around us will know we are fully devoted followers of Christ. I wonder what our relationships would look like if we did love the way Jesus loves us. Nowhere in the Bible will you find the words, "When you feel like it, love others." Nope! It is not in there.

The Bible tells us to *practice* love. Love is an ongoing and very de-

liberate choice — not an emotion or a feeling. I challenge you to step out in faith today and choose to love that difficult person in your life the way Jesus loves you.

Let's Pray:  
*Father, I have to thank You for looking beyond my faults and for loving me unconditionally. Forgive me when I fail to love others in the same way. Give me eyes to see the needs of the difficult people in my life, and show me how to meet those needs in a way that pleases You.*  
*In Jesus' Name,*  
*Amen*

Mary Southerland

