

Crossnore Presbyterian Church

“Growing Deeper in Faith, Reaching Out in Love”

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Announcements and Items of Interest

January 4, 2023

Winter Worship will be held in the fellowship hall beginning this Sunday, January 8, and we will be celebrating the Lord’s Supper. January Birthdays will be celebrated with cake and coffee following worship.



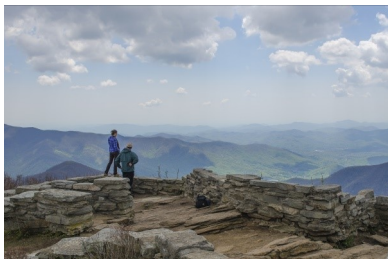
Mayland Fellowship Gathering this Sunday, January 8, at Micaville Presbyterian Church, 587 Micaville Loop, Burnsville, NC. Dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m., the business session will be held at 6:30 p.m., and at 7 p.m., Rev. Dr. Byron Wade, our Presbytery Executive, will talk about “Presbytery Happenings.” Hope you can attend!

We are still waiting on the final checks to come in for the Christmas Eve Offering and will share the good news with everyone soon!

Our new class of Elders will be ordained and installed during our worship service on Sunday, January 22.

Our January Potluck will be held on that same Sunday following worship. Home-made chili and soup will be served. Please bring a side dish to share. If you want to make chili or soup, please contact Gayle Culbreath, culbreathg@charter.net

The next Session meeting will be on Tuesday January 17, at 4:00 p.m.



The “Raising the Roof” Capital Campaign Committee will meet on Thursday, January 19, at 4:00 p.m.

The Worship Committee is taking down the Christmas tree and Christmas decorations in the sanctuary this Friday, January 6 at 10:00 a.m. and going to lunch afterwards to celebrate the 12th day of Christmas. If you would like to help, be there at 10:00 a.m. They would love to have you join them.



- * Jean Barrier— January 1
- * JOHN HALIFAX—JANUARY 1
- * SALLY WILHITE—JANUARY 4
- * BOYD BARRIER—JANUARY 5
- * DAVID SHARADER—JANUARY 5
- * SYLVIA GILL—JANUARY 6
- * SHELLIE DUNCAN—JANUARY 11
- * JASON DEWITT—JANUARY 17
- * BONNIE VUOLO—JANUARY 20
- * TY PRIOR—JANUARY 24
- * BIRTE HOGAN—JANUARY 29

Prayer Requests

- * MEGAN ARMSTRONG
- * JENNY DUNCAN
- * JOHN LUCE
- * DON HUSTON
- * CINDY BEIMER
- * PATRICIA MCGARR
- * JANE LYON
- * PAUL LYON
- * PAT ROUSSELLE
- * RICHARD BROWN
- * KATHY HUTCHESON
- * FRANCES BROWN
- * WAYNE PINTER
- * KAY HODGES
- * HANNAH ACTON
- * JENNIFER AND RYAN WATTS
- * TASHA REID

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, Titus 2:11

“WE SAW HIS STAR AT ITS RISING AND HAVE COME TO DO HIM HOMAGE”

Joyce Rupp refers to the Epiphany and the birth of Jesus as the “coming of the ‘Christ Star’ into the world and the Christ Star as this irresistible love in us, this Radiant Goodness which is at the core of our souls.” If we spend time pondering this profound statement, it is amazing, awesome and such a great challenge. For we cannot merely possess this, we are compelled to radiate that love and goodness to others. We often look for big revelations, when, in reality, our “Christ Star” can be found in the ordinary encounters of everyday life – a smile, a cheerful greeting, the touch of a hand, a kind word or reaching out to help in whatever way we are able.

Have you ever been totally thunderstruck while walking through a giant redwood forest, or staring at a gloriously beautiful sunset or even strolling along a simple garden path strewn with colorful wildflowers? Imagine gazing at the sky and finding among the billions of heavenly bodies one brilliant star, unlike any other which could lead you to Jesus – Savior -the newborn King of the Jews!

It was that single star that led the Magi. These majestic men had the faith to follow this one bright “Christ Star.” Thus, was the manifestation of Christ to the gentiles in the person of the Magi. We tend to glamorize the travels of the Magi who came from the east. Although we don’t know the country of origin from which they came, many scholars assume it could have been Saudi Arabia or Syria or Iran -a very

long trip through desert and mountainous country on the back of a camel, enduring many hardships along the way. This trek was fueled by blind faith and deep joy. Each day through prayer and our encounters with God’s people we find and fuel the same faith, wisdom and truth. The heavens spoke to the Magi, the hardships made them stronger and the “Christ Star” gave them courage and grace.

Each one of us is that star and the world needs us, even with our limitations, to send a message of hope, of love and faith. (from Grey Nuns blog)

