

Calendar

Sunday

All Sundays

9:00 AM – Choir Practice
9:45 AM – Coffee and Fellowship
10:00 AM – Sunday School for All Ages
11:00 AM – Worship

Youth Group meets on Sunday afternoons- contact Shaquera
Alls for specific dates: allss@lmc.edu
2nd Sunday each month – *Five Cents a Meal Offering*; and,
Canned Goods, Groceries and Pet Food for Volunteer Avery
Last Sunday of each month – Newsletter article
deadline – drop in box at church, email Betty France at
frdnbt@charter.net or call Betty at 828-387-2197

February 13th, 12 Noon – *Valentine's Chili, Soup and Sandwiches Potluck Luncheon* – everyone is invited!

February 27th, 11 AM – Worship, Installation and Budget
February 27th, 6 PM, *Contemporary Worship Service* in the Fellowship Hall

Tuesday

All Tuesdays

10:30 AM – *Prayer Cloth Ministry* – Fellowship Hall

Wednesday

Brown Bag Lunch and Bible Study:

February 16th, 11 a.m.- 12:30 p.m.- Brown Bag Lunch and Bible Study: “Faith and Politics”—Mr. Ralph Lentz, History Adjunct, ASU, will be discussing the role of Christianity in its changing relationship to the political world beginning with the early Christians and through the Enlightenment. All are welcome.

February 23rd, 12-1:30 p.m.- Brown Bag Lunch and Bible Study: “Faith and Politics”— A Liberal Christian will share his/her journey with faith and politics: convictions, questions, challenges.

March 2nd, 12 noon- 1:30 p.m.- Brown Bag Lunch and Bible Study: “Faith and Politics”—A Conservative Christian will share his/her journey with faith and politics: convictions, questions, challenges.

March 9th, All Day, *Ash Wednesday*: the beginning of Lent

Thursday

All Thursdays

Information for the Sunday Church Bulletin - due in the morning

February 17th, 10 to Noon – *Elder Training on Presbyterian Form of Government and Polity*, all who are interested are welcome - a good refresher for Elders
February 24th, 10 to Noon – *Elder Training on Reformed Theology*, all who are interested are welcome - good refresher for Elders

March 3rd, 4 PM to 6 PM – *Session Meeting*

Friday

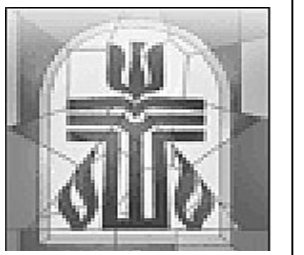
March 4th, All Day, *World Day of Prayer*

Saturday

February 12th, 10 to 3 – *Stewardship Conference*, First Presbyterian, Morganton
February 26th, 8:30 to 12:30 – *Session Retreat*

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Session Report

By Barbara Ross, Clerk of Session

Session members are pleased that attendance at our winter worship services in Fellowship Hall has been larger than in past years. Previously only one end of the Hall was used but now the congregation has expanded to fill the entire Hall.

The new directory is almost complete and will be mailed to congregational members soon. A new budget was approved and will be presented to the congregation for approval on the 27th.

We are requesting volunteer help at the church during the week to do the following tasks:

- Answer the telephone
- Meet with visitors to answer questions and show them around the church
- Help with mailings.

If you can donate 4 hours once a week to this ministry, please call Barbara Ross at 387-6332.



Lenten Season Supper and Service Series in March and April

Please mark your calendars now so that you can participate in the supper series and service projects we are going to sponsor from March 17 through April 9. The programs and projects are being set up and we will soon have opportunities for you to volunteer to help with a meal, a devotion, or a service project. Our theme for this Lenten Season is “*Strengthening Families in Hope and Faith*”. We have the following programs confirmed so far:

Lenten Supper Seminars, Thursdays, 5:30 p.m.- 7:30 p.m.

March 17- *Avery County Sheriff, Kevin Frye*, will be sharing the good, the bad, and the ugly concerning Avery County law enforcement and how families are impacted.

March 24- *Cary Guy, Director of the New Opportunity School for Women*, will be sharing this great program for Appalachian women and how we can support it and encourage local women to apply for this summer’s program. A local NOSW graduate will share her experience as well.

March 31 - *Staff from WAMY of Avery County* will be sharing the needs of single parents and their families, what is offered, how to support single parents through the paperwork process and appointments, and what is still needed in our county for single parents and families.

April 7 - TBA

Lenten Season Service Projects, Saturdays (tentative projects)

March 19 - TBA

March 26 - TBA

April 2 - Habitat for Humanity Work Day

April 9 - WAMY Community Service Day

Presbytery Meeting

The winter meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina was held on Saturday, Jan. 29 at the First Presbyterian Church in Morganton. Barbara Ross, Commissioner, Reverend Kathy Campbell, Lorraine Alls and Pepe Abrusci attended from Crossnore Presbyterian.

The Reverend Michael Bailey and liturgist, Rick Leissner, led the opening worship service. The sermon, *Be Led by Love*, invited participants in Presbytery to base their voting and their relationships with one another on the love that Paul describes in *1 Corinthians, Chapter 13*. During the worship, the names of deceased elders were read and one of them was Gene McGarr from Crossnore Presbyterian.

Moderator Aydelotte conducted the business of the meeting decently and in order. A consent list of fourteen of the fifteen amendments to the Book of Order was presented. Three of the fourteen were removed to be voted on separately: 10-F regarding voice and vote of certified Christian educators; 10-M regarding time limit on alleged offenses coming before presbytery; and 10-N regarding initiation of appeal of conviction in judicial matters. The consent list was approved by voice vote. Debate on 10-F concluded with approval of the amendment. Amendment 10-M was disapproved by a vote of 108 to 106. Amendment 10-N was approved.

Amendment 10-A relating to the wording of the Book of Order G-6.0106b, Gifts and Requirements for Church Office/Ordination Service was passed by a vote of 145 to 99 following presentations for and against by thirty-six persons present who spoke alternately for and against the amendment.

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Note: For a complete list of the amendments voted on, please call Clerk Barbara Ross. The next meeting of Presbytery is on April 26th at Montreat Conference Center.



February Focus: Stewardship

As we begin a new month, Crossnore Presbyterian Church is going to focus on how we as Christians and as an active and growing congregation continue to expand our stewardship, which simply defined means sharing God's gifts in our church, in our community, and in the world! Before we look forward to how we will prayerfully and thoughtfully commit to our growing ministry and mission — which also means a bigger budget — I would like us to take a moment to look back at this past year and give thanks for all the ways God has blessed us. I am going to highlight specifically in this newsletter the financial gifts that are blessing our church.

First of all, we have been the rich recipients of financial support this year. We praise God and are deeply grateful for:

- the Stafford Family Trust (\$10,000),
- Meissner Trust (\$3,600),
- Local Mission Support from Chapel by the Lake of GGCC (\$750),
- Minister Support from WNC Presbytery (\$4,000), and
- Handicap Ramp Support from WNC Presbytery (\$5,000).

These gifts encourage us to continue to expand our vision and mission.

Through our Presbyterian unified giving and our annual per capita offering, we generously support Barbara Nagy in her mission work as a hospital director and doctor in Malawi and the entire ministry done through our Presbyteries, Synods, and General Assembly.

We are giving beyond our tithes and offerings to the following ministries that help us reach out in vital and exciting ways. God is blessing others through us! Take a look at the diverse ways we are sharing God's gifts:

- Emergency Needs in our Local Community - \$2,370;
- Thanksgiving Baskets - \$700;
- Spirituality and Arts Center for Crossnore School - \$200 plus many donated resources;
- PC (USA) Joy Gift - \$117;
- PC (USA) One Great Hour of Sharing - \$194;
- PC (USA) Peace Offering- \$187;
- Heifer International - \$630;
- Gideon International- \$348;
- PC (USA) Five Cents a Meal - \$1,035;
- Souper Sunday - \$658 (given to Volunteer Avery);
- Christmas Eve Offering - \$730 (given to

Volunteer Avery);

- Monthly food donations for people and pets (given to Volunteer Avery).

This past year, there were many who gave time, materials, and money:

- to improve our landscaping with new gardens and new bushes,
- to create new Christian Education and Choir space by renovating the existing basement,
- to install a new handicap ramp, railing, and paving which improve access and provide a beautiful path to the entrance of the church and
- to publish The Crossnore Chronicle monthly

I know that I have forgotten some donations and I apologize, but the point of sharing these with you is to show us that we as individuals, as a congregation, and as members of the global Presbyterian Church are continuing to find new ways to grow in our giving. *May God bless you as you prayerfully consider stewardship in 2011 through your time, your talents, and your financial gifts.* God is ready to use everything we have to offer to the ministry and mission of Jesus Christ!

Grace and Peace,
Rev. Kathy Campbell

The Stafford Trust Fund

By Rachel Deal

The Stafford Trust Fund which contributes so generously each year to the budget of Crossnore Presbyterian was started by Ivan and Mabel Stafford. Its initial purpose was to give help to different institutions that helped college students and schools.

Ivan Stafford and his brothers came to Crossnore School when his mother became a house parent in the early 1940's. She worked there for many years. During that time Ivan met Mabel Stroupe who was a teacher and principal of Crossnore Elementary School. They eventually married. Ivan was well known for his work with the Boy Scouts of America and with Montreat College.

Mabel Stafford's sister, Elizabeth, married Dr. William Sloop who was the son of Doctor and Mary Martin Sloop. In the family, Chuck and Patti Sloop and Bill and Minnie Sloop are grandsons of Dr. and Mrs. Sloop and nephews of Ivan and Mabel Stafford. They are also cousins to Rachel Deal, an active and well known member of Crossnore Presbyterian.

Crossnore Presbyterian Church is grateful to the Stafford Trust Fund for its continuing support of our Christian mission. Their gift enables work that might otherwise be limited.

Something Good from an Unlikely Source

By Betty Redman

It was a Saturday night in 1949 during World War II. A nationwide radio broadcast asked Americans to give generously the next morning in their churches to help alleviate some of the devastation caused by the war. More than 75,000 churches responded. This is how One Great Hour of Sharing began. From that successful plea for help grew the idea for an offering each year to help people experiencing the results of disaster and

devastation from a variety of causes.

This special offering is part of an ecumenical effort. Many Christian denominations cooperate to fund resources to help congregations understand the purpose of the offering and how they can help when disaster and devastation strike around the world. The offering is a way that you and I can join our fellow Christians in being present with the suffering people of the world.

Each denomination decides how the gifts its members give will be used. The PCUSA divides the donations it receives through One Great Hour of Sharing into three categories: Self-Development of People (32%), Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (32%) and the Presbyterian Hunger Program (36%). Of the 36% that goes to the Presbyterian Hunger Program, 4% is given to work on Homelessness and Affordable housing.

Between \$8 million and \$11 million have been contributed to the Presbyterian Church over the last twenty years. None of this money remains in the local congregations. All of it is devoted to alleviating hunger in the United States where one in four children risk going to bed hungry and worldwide where one billion people, about one in seven, are chronically hungry. It provides help for those who have suffered devastating events such as floods and earthquakes. It provides support to low income families seeking to grow and prepare fresh produce in their communities as they have in Detroit, Michigan and Youngstown, Ohio.

In 2010 earthquakes devastated Haiti and Chile. Damage to local food stocks and infrastructure meant Chilean families lost access to adequate food for three months. Very quickly the PCUSA committed \$25,000 to the efforts to help bring food and water to the area. In Haiti, more than one million people lost their homes and food supplies. Within twenty-four hours, funds from last year's One Great Hour of Sharing were used to set up 15 food and water stations, 35,000 hygiene kits were disturbed and materials for temporary shelters were provided in Haiti. Our denomination continues to work to bring long-term healing and recovery to the people of Haiti. *And we were there helping to meet their needs* through our gifts to the One Great Hour of Sharing.

Our offering will be taken on Easter Sunday, April 24th. We can make a difference in the lives of our brothers and sisters in Christ. Through the simple act of giving, we can experience and share God's love as Christians everywhere did on that Sunday in 1949.

Something to Think About

February, the Valentine Day month, is when we celebrate love for each other with remembrances like cards, candy or roses. The following story is not about remembrances. It is a touching story about love and acceptance, something we should practice all year round. It was sent to us by a friend, and if you have already read it, it's worth reading again.

PASS THE BISCUITS

When I was a kid, my mom liked to make breakfast food for dinner every now and then. And I remember one night in

particular when she had made breakfast after a long, hard day at work. On that evening so long ago, my mom placed a plate of eggs, sausage, and extremely burned biscuits in front of my dad. I remember waiting to see if anyone noticed! Yet all my dad did was reach for his biscuit, smile at my mom and ask me how my day was at school. I don't remember what I told him that night, but I do remember hearing my mom apologize to my dad for burning the biscuits. And I'll never forget what he said: "Honey, I love burned biscuits."

Later that night, I went to kiss Daddy good night and I asked him if he really liked his biscuits burned. He wrapped me in his arms and said, "Your momma put in a long hard day at work today and she's real tired - and besides a burnt biscuit never hurt anyone!"

You know, life is full of imperfect things... and imperfect people. I'm not the best at hardly anything, and I forget birthdays and anniversaries just like everyone else. What I've learned over the years is that learning to accept each other's faults and choosing to celebrate each other's differences is one of the most important keys to creating a healthy, growing, and lasting relationship. So...please pass me a biscuit. And yes, the burned one will do just fine!

Life is too short to wake up with regrets. Love the people who treat you right and forget about the ones who don't.

News from Arthur Cottage

"Knit Together"

By Jasmine

On Saturday, January 29, 2011, Annemarie Dyak took us to Yummy Yarns. She introduced us to Yummy Yarn's amazing knitters. We all started fun knitting projects. Even Erin began to knit with us.

Jasmine is making a hat. Meg is knitting/pearling a scarf. Ashley is knitting a scarf. Erin made a tiny baby scarf. I am knitting a blanket. It is looking great and I am having fun doing it. Even Mrs. Deborah is knitting a scarf. Now our cottage can sit down and knit together as a family.

From my cottage and me to Annemarie, thanks a lot.

Weather Update

Who do you believe? Ray's Weather? Intellicast? The Woolly Worm? Sometimes they agree and sometimes not. If you live on Beech Mountain (as I do), you never know because weather is really hard to predict here. One day the prediction was a 90% chance of rain and the sun shone brightly all day. So far we have had more than 120 inches on the mountain which hasn't equaled last year's 137 inches, but hold on! It's only February. The lower elevations have had a bit less.

Fortunately we have not had to cancel church services in 2011. A few meetings have been cancelled due to weather. Several people have had trouble maneuvering the drive ways to the church, but no one has been injured. For the most part, activities have gone smoothly at Crossnore Presbyterian, and we are thankful for that.