



SUNDAY'S SERMON

Pastor Brook will be posting a recorded sermon on Sunday at 8:15 a.m. It will be posted on Facebook and on our website www.crossandcrown.org/sermon. In addition a link will be emailed at noon.



'Be Still and Know,' a Centering Prayer group meeting on the first Sunday of each month at 1:00 p.m., resumes on May 3rd via Zoom call. Join us for conversation and a time of Centering Prayer. Use this link to join the call:

<https://zoom.us/j/96275361586> Or contact Bob Hughes for more information: hughesbj4339@gmail.com.

On behalf of Cross and Crown we would like to thank all those who have been making masks during the Covid-19 outbreak. These masks are a much needed help and relief to many in our community and to our healthcare workers. Thank you to Janet Foster, Janis Dorsey, Judy Bowley, Mary Phelps, Sharron Burns and Debbie Black, and anyone else who has helped out. Some of the masks were delivered to teachers at COSKIDS, and to Emily Hartner, pastor of Holy Trinity Lutheran, for healthcare workers at the Levine Cancer Center.



WHO'S ZOOMING?

THOSE COMMITTEE AND GROUPS THAT ARE CURRENTLY USING ZOOM TO HAVE

MEETINGS AND BIBLE STUDIES CAN LIST THE INFORMATION FOR THE CALL IN THE NEWSLETTER. EMAIL LEANNE THE DETAILS AND SHE CAN GET YOUR EVENT LISTED IN THE NEWSLETTER.



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Virtual Offering Plate Ways to Give

* **Mail:** LeAnne will be picking up the mail each day. 300 Pineville Matthews Rd. Matthews, NC 28105

* **Bank:** Use electronic giving through your bank.

* **Simply Giving:** LeAnne can email a Simply Giving form to you. (office@crossandcrown.org)

* **Tithe.ly:** You will find a GIVE option on our website's main menu that opens the Tithe.ly app. Or you can simply text 'GIVE' to 252-881-1050 to make your gift.

Thank you for keeping contributions current while we are apart.

While LeAnne is working from home right now, she can be reached via email at office@crossandcrown.org, or by phone 704-847-5967. **She is also checking the mail each day.**

Dear Friends in Christ,

It is with a joyful heart that I share some wonderful news with you. And, aren't we all ready for some wonderful news?

We learned this week that our insurance provider, Utica National, has approved a new roof for our entire building! Our insurance agent and longtime church member, Hugh Kluttz, has worked tirelessly to provide the insurance company with the requested information (and then some) to help ensure the best decision was made for the good of the church. The roofing company has been identified, the contract signed, and the shingles selected. Now, we wait for the work to begin.

Thank you all for your patience and prayers as we waited and hoped for this news. God is good, indeed!

On another note, I miss seeing my friends, family, and especially my church family, in person. These times are indeed unprecedented, uncertain, and just plain uncomfortable. It's not easy for any of us, despite the brave face and all the times we say we're doing fine.

Please know that your pastors and your council are working as one team to determine what is the right thing to do for our church, its staff, and our members. The reality is we are learning as we go. Not every decision we make will be the right one but we press on. And, we pray. And, we believe. I often turn to Isaiah 41:10 which says, "Don't be afraid, for I am with you. Don't be discouraged, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you. I will hold you up with my victorious right hand."

As the stay home order remains in effect, please do everything you can to stay safe and healthy.

I can't wait to see you back in church celebrating God's goodness, His mercy, and His love.

Debra Cox, Congregation Council President



Word at Lunch Zooms!

If you've thought in the past about attending the Thursday Word at Lunch Bible study, but couldn't make a noon gathering work with your schedule, now's your chance to try it remotely. We'll be offering Word at Lunch through a Zoom call at noon on Thursdays. Pastors will provide the Sunday readings on the screen, and you can share your ideas and insights just as if we were face to face. We did a trial run with 7 participants this week, and came away blessed. No need to sign up in advance. Make sure you have downloaded Zoom and paste this link into your browser to join next Thursday's gathering, April 16th, at noon: <https://zoom.us/j/256445587>

MARCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

- Effective April 1st, requests for reimbursements for expenditures over \$100.00 need Congregation Council approval. This measure is temporary and is effective until June 30, 2020.
- Council unanimously approved motion to follow the Bishop and Synod Council's recommendation to suspend "in person" church services and gatherings until May 12.
- Council unanimously approved to investigate refinancing the mortgage.
- Janet Foster will replace Dan Gaugler on council.
- Wayne Renegar will replace David Cox on Audit Committee, as his term has ended.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE CHURCH

- Thank you to Pastor Ginn and Pastor Brook for tirelessly adapting in this time of uncertainty and leading our congregation with online prayers, streaming live Sunday services and reaching out to those in need in our church community.
- The congregation of Cross and Crown for checking on each other via phone calls, texts, emails, as well as praying for each other and this nation.