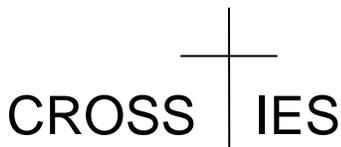


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**NOVEMBER CALENDAR**

W	1	Circle Meeting	10:00 am
		Tutoring	4:30 pm
		B Natural Music Classes	5:00, 6:00, 7:00 pm
		Choir Practice	6:30 pm
Sat	4	Soccer	9:30 am
Sun	5	Adult Sunday School	9:45 am
		Voices of Angels Practice/Sunday School	10:00 am
		Worship Service – Mark & Sveta Koehler with Much Hope Ministries	11:00 am
		SASTO NA Group	6:00 pm
M	6	Tutoring	4:30 pm
Tu	7	Greensboro Municipal Election	6:30 am-7:30 pm
		B Natural Music Classes	5:00, 6:00, 7:00 pm
W	8	Tutoring	4:30 pm
		B Natural Music Classes	5:00, 6:00, 7:00 pm
		Choir Practice	6:30 pm
Th	9	Future Hope Single Parents' Program	7:00 pm
<b>Sun 12 COMMITMENT SUNDAY</b>			
		Adult Sunday School	9:45 am
		Voices of Angels Practice/Sunday School	10:00 am
		Worship Service – Vicki McCain	11:00 am
		Congregational Meeting & Annual Mtg of Corp	
		Covered-Dish Lunch	12:00 am
		Fund Raiser for Tiger Butler	4:00 pm
		SASTO NA Group	6:00 pm
M	13	Tutoring	4:30 pm
Tu	14	Salem Presbytery	9:30 pm
		B Natural Music Classes	5:00, 6:00, 7:00 pm
W	15	Tutoring	4:30 pm
		B Natural Music Classes	5:00, 6:00, 7:00 pm
		Choir Practice	6:30 pm
		Session Meeting	7:00 pm
Sun	19	Adult Sunday School	9:45 am
		Voices of Angels Practice/Sunday School	10:00 am
		Worship Service – Frank Dew	11:00 am
		SASTO NA Group	6:00 pm

**SPECIAL NOVEMBER SERVICES**

- On **Sunday, November 5**, Mark Koehler and his wife Sveta will be with us for the 11:00 am worship service. They are missionaries to the Ukraine. They are involved in MUCH (Mark is the founder) which stands for **M**ission **U**kraine **C**hildren's **H**ope, providing help to schools, orphanages, and other help in a country that has a very high level of poverty an children without care. You can find out more about their ministry at [www.muchhope.org](http://www.muchhope.org). This should be a very interesting service – don't miss it!
- **Commitment Sunday** is November 12. We hope you will be prayerfully considering what your commitment to God should be and hope that it includes serious support of the Church of the Cross and its programs and ministries. Yes, we do need financial support, but we need **YOU** – your presence, time, and energy in attending our services and helping with our programs. Note that there is a pledge form at the bottom of the last page of this newsletter that can be cut off and returned to the church by mail or placed in the offering plate.

Following the service on November 12, everyone is invited to join us for a **covered-dish meal** in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a dish or two to share and let's spend some time together.

**NOVEMBER CALENDAR, continued**

<b>Th 23</b>	<b>THANKSGIVING DAY</b>	Church Office Closed
<b>Sun 26</b>	<b>SHARING SUNDAY</b>	
	Adult Sunday School	9:45 am
	Voices of Angels Practice/Sunday School	10:00 am
	Worship Service – Vicki McCain	11:00 am
	SASTO NA Group	6:00 pm
M 27	Tutoring	4:30 pm
Tu 28	B Natural Music Classes	5:00, 6:00, 7:00 pm
W 29	Tutoring	4:30 pm
	B Natural Music Classes	5:00, 6:00, 7:00 pm
	Choir Practice	6:30 pm

## FUTURE HOPE SINGLE PARENTS' PROGRAM

If you are a single parent and need help or want fellowship, come be a part of a unique support group. Beginning November 9, the Future Hope Single Parents' Bible study meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm in our Fellowship Hall. Come and bring your children for dinner, fellowship and discovery in God's word. The children have their own activities while parents have their Bible study.

Contact Pam McCormick at 336-324-5817 to find out about how you can be involved in this ministry.

## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

All women are invited to participate in the Circle Meeting on Wednesday, November 1, at 10:00 am in the Adult Sunday School Classroom.

## SESSION MEETING

The Session has rescheduled their regular meeting to Wednesday, November 15, at 7:00 pm. All officers are urged to attend.

## MINISTERS IN NOVEMBER & DECEMBER

Nov.	5	Mark and Sveta Koehler, Missionaries in Ukraine
	12	Vicki McCain, Commitment Sunday
	19	Frank Dew
	26	Vicki McCain
Dec.	3	Brian McFarland
	10	Vicki McCain
	17	Gray Clark, Festival of Lessons and Carols, 11:00 am Children' Xmas Program and Church Party, 6:00 pm
	24	Vicki McCain, Christmas Eve, 11:00 am Gray Clark, Christmas Eve, 7:00 pm
	31	TBA

## MEETING OF PRESBYTERY

Salem Presbytery will meet Tuesday, November 14, at St. James Presbyterian Church, 820 Ross Street in Greensboro. Elaine Morehead will be our Session's commissioner.

## HIDDEN FIGURES

We would like to thank Katherine Moore, the daughter of the primary character (Katherine Johnson) in the movie and book "Hidden Figures" for her presentation on October 26. There are so many hidden figures that are the very fabric that supports so much of our society. Many are hidden due to prejudice and cultural norms. But without them we would not have the advancements in science, industry, education and other cultural mainstays. These are examples of what we can all strive for.

We would also like to thank Ms. Elaine Morehead for helping organize this.

## CONGREGATIONAL/ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CORPORATION

During the worship service on November 12, we will elect church officers to the Class of 2020 as well as conducting the Annual Meeting of the Corporation.

**REMEMBER TO FALL BACK!** Daylight Saving Time ends Sunday, November 5, at 2:00 am. Turn those clocks back an hour before turning in Saturday night so you don't miss hearing Mark and Sveta Koehler at our worship service on Sunday morning.

## CONNECT WITH GREENSBORO URBAN MINISTRY

Greensboro Urban Ministry (GUM) now has a YouTube channel which is a great place to connect with stories about the guests, staff and volunteers behind the organization's work including Bill Mangum who shares the story of how a chance meeting forged his commitment to helping the homeless and hungry through the Honor Card program.

By the way, this is the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of The Honor Card, designed by artist Bill Mangum. Since 1988, the program has raised more than \$272,000. For a minimum \$5 donation per card, buyers receive a beautiful card that is given in the person's honor at the holidays – and 100% of the donation goes directly to help the homeless and hungry in our community.

Please remember that PCC continues to collect canned and non-perishable food for GUM's emergency food pantry. These items may be placed in the designated box in the Fellowship Hall Foyer.

## PCC PEOPLE

We extend our love and sympathy to **Billy Buie**, son of **Bill and Elaine Buie**, and his family at the passing of his wife, **Mrs. Polly Buie**, on September 20.

Please note these new addresses:

**Michele Phillips Mahammadou**  
1911 Mayfair Avenue  
Greensboro, NC 27405-6822

**Cory and Jamie Phoenix, Logan and Brycen**  
3268 Sacramento Drive  
Virginia Beach, VA 23456-7632

You are invited to a fund raiser, conducted by Duncan Butler for his brother, **Tiger Butler**, in our sanctuary on Sunday, November 12, at 4:00 pm.

**Savannah Shaffer**, daughter of Brooke Price and the granddaughter of Kaye Peebles, will be dancing in The Nutcracker during performances at the High Point Theatre on December 9 and 10. A great incentive to enjoy this famous and loved ballet!

## PRAYER OF SAINT IGNATIUS LOYOLA

Take, Lord, and receive all my liberty,  
my memory, my understanding, and my entire will,  
all I have and call my own.  
You have given all to me.  
To you, Lord, I return it.  
Everything is yours; do with it what you will.  
Give me only your love and your grace;  
That is enough for me.

## THE TIMES, THEY ARE A-CHANGING

We live in a world of constant change, and it affects us all. Our ancestors could hardly imagine the world we live in today with computers, smart phones and the diverse mixture of peoples. The GPS guidance system in our car replaces the guy at the gas station saying: "You head straight out towards Smith's farm, then turn right on the road that leads towards Buffalo Creek..." But our world changes and we change.

Cone Mills recently announced the closing of White Oak Denim Plant. Many of the families in the church worked at that facility. Our church and this community are a result of this textile plant (and its 100+ year history) that at one time produced the largest quantity of denim in the world. It is also credited with the "washed denim" or faded denim look due to a flood in its facility back in the 1960's. Our close ties mean that as the industry changes, so do the men and women who make up our church.

Our world changes, the church changes, too, but we always strive to remain faithful. Our ministry to the community reaches beyond the cultural barriers of race, income, and education to be an inclusive community, even as the people in our area changed. We struggle to always be faithful to the calling of Jesus to serve our community.

We continue that service as we continue to keep our doors open serving the children through the B Natural Music Academy, the Saturday Soccer Program, feeding the children, tutoring programs and Narcotics Anonymous. My prayer is that we will always be faithful in our service. I am always impressed with the way this church unselfishly reaches out to those that are what I would call the real people who simply need grace and hope.

When people have asked me about this church, I say: "We believe in Jesus – whatever that means to you, and what you see is what we are." Meaning that there is no pretense or pretending to be something we are not, and that the life of Jesus is our guide. Simple but profound!

As for what the future may hold for our church, only God knows. It will probably be a lot different in many ways -- the music, the people, and the activities, but I pray that even as change is inevitable, we will always remain faithful to that walk of Jesus.

I am reminded of the great words of Psalm 46: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help...we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea; though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult. There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High. God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns. The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts. The Lord of hosts is with us..."

~ Gray Clark

**As of November 1**, Gray has "retired". But he will continue to be around providing assistance and support until a new pastor is hired. Gray will be out of town for the first week of November and also the week of Thanksgiving. However, if you need him, feel free to call on him.

## GIVINGTHANKSGIVINGTHANKSGIVINGTHANKSGIVINGTHANKSGIVINGTHANKSGIVINGTHANKSGIVINGTHANKSGIVING

After prayerfully considering your commitment to God through the work and ministries of the Presbyterian Church of the Cross, please clip the form below, complete it and return to the church as soon as possible. You are encouraged to bring it with you and join us for our Commitment Sunday worship service on **November 12** at 11:00 am and afterwards for the covered-dish lunch in the Fellowship Hall. But if you cannot be with us on the 12<sup>th</sup>, please mail it to the address on the form.

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