# Presbyterian Church of the Cross

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#### **OCTOBER CALENDAR**

Sat	1	Soccer	9:30 am
Sun	2	Church School – Children & Adults! Voices of Angels Practice Worship Service Communion	9:45 am 10:00 am 11:00 am
W	5	SASTO NA Group Circle Meeting Bible Study Adult Choir Practice	6:00 pm 10:00 am 12:00 noon 6:30 pm
Sat	8	Soccer	9:30 am
Sun	9	Church School  Voices of Angels Practice  Worship Service  SASTO NA Group	9:45 am 10:00 am 11:00 am 6:00 pm
W	12	Bible Study Adult Choir Practice Session & Committee Meetings	12:00 noon 6:30 pm 7:00 pm
Sat	15	Soccer	9:30 am
Sun	16	Church School Voices of Angels Practice Worship Service SASTO NA Group	9:45 am 10:00 am 11:00 am 6:00 pm
M W	17 19	Renaissance Community Co-op  Bible Study  Adult Choir Practice	7:00 pm 12:00 noon 6:30 pm
Th Sat	20 22	Crossties Deadline Soccer	9:30 am
Sun	23	SHARING SUNDAY Church School Voices of Angels Practice Worship Service SASTO NA Group	9:45 am 10:00 am 11:00 am 6:00 pm

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#### PLAIN AND SIMPLE:

# WE NEED MONEY! AND VOLUNTEERS!

**B Natural Academy of Music and the Arts:** B Natural is a ministry of Church of the Cross that provides low cost music and dance lessons to youth ages 5-14. Even at the reduced cost, there are students whose parents cannot afford the lessons.

It costs \$160 for a student to attend September-May. Can you contri-bute \$160 – or any amount will help – to provide a scholarship for a child? Checks should be made payable to B Natural Academy of Music and can be placed in the Sunday offering or given to Kaye Peeples or Merrie Shelton. They can also be mailed to: B Natural Academy of Music, PO Box 13670, Greensboro, NC 27415-3670.

**Soccer for Kids:** Each Saturday we team up with Greensboro United Soccer Association to provide play and training for any child that shows up. We have had between 30 and 60 youth each Saturday.

In addition to the training, we feed them a meal (hamburger, hot dog, pizza, and a snack). This costs about \$80 per week. Can you contribute \$80 to provide food for the youth for a week?

Support for the Church: We have a lot of good things going here and we believe that we are doing God's will here in this place and this time. We have an aging building where repairs are a constant challenge. Now we are having problems with the air conditioning in the sanctuary. It is 53 years old and has been patched and repaired several times. We need your support both in money and participation.

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#### OCTOBER CALENDAR, continued

W	26	Bible Study	12:00 noon
		Adult Choir Practice	6:30 pm
Sat	29	Soccer	9:30 am
Sun	30	Church School	9:45 am
		Voices of Angels Practice	10:00 am
		Worship Service	11:00 am
		SASTO NA Group	6:00 pm
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#### **COMMUNION ON OCTOBER 2**

We have communion (also known as Sacrament of the Lord's Supper) about every quarter. Communion is a sacrament (special ritual) that reminds us of our spiritual connection both to Jesus, his disciples and one another. The connection is a mysterious but powerful spiritual connection that empowers the best qualities and values in each of us. In communion we discover the immense forgiving nature of Jesus that connects us all.

#### **RENAISSANCE CO-OP**

Since the beginning, we have been supporters of the efforts to establish a full-service grocery store here in this community. We have been designated a "food desert" by many sources, due to the fact that many people in our area cannot get to a store to purchase healthy foods for their families.

The co-op planning group meets at Presbyterian Church of the Cross on the fourth Monday of each month at 7:00 pm.

Finally, the efforts are moving forward. The store is scheduled to open the first of November. Currently, they are hiring staff.

If you would like to be a supporting "shareholder" you can. A share costs \$100. You may pay all at one time or \$20 down and \$10 a month. The address to which it should be mailed is 620 S. Elm Street Suite 307, Greensboro, NC 27406.

To learn more check out their website: https://renaissancecoop.com

#### **PCC PEOPLE**

We recently learned that **Dr. Carl E. Mills**, pastor of Meadowside Presbyterian Church (one of the two churches that merged to form Presbyterian Church of the Cross) from July 15, 1956 – February 27, 1961, passed away on September 4, 2016 in Winter Park, FL. He is survived by his wife, June; three sons – Jonathan David, James Carl, and Carter Haskell; and three grandchildren.

Please keep in prayer: Elaine Buie, Margaret Fox Guero, Dana Lingle, James Zeitler, Ruth Ozment (Sharon's mother), Ruth Phillips (Janet Clark's mother), Verdora Locklear, Sharon Jennell, and Gwen Lackey.

## PLAIN AND SIMPLE, continued

What can you do?

- Give generously
- Become involved:
  - Invite people to church
  - Attend church events
  - Lead or help lead an event
  - Volunteer at B Natural Music Academy
  - Volunteer to help feed the children on Saturday (9-12)
  - Teach a class (your choice). There are people who need to learn about a variety of issues that include budgeting, cooking, hygiene, health and nutrition, job skills
- Special needs:
  - o Recruiting new members
  - o An outdoor sign
  - Air Conditioning for sanctuary
  - Help paying the usual bills electricity, water, gas, wages for 3 part-time professionals, 2 part-time maintenance people

#### **BIBLE STUDY**

Everyone is invited to join us for a Bible Study on the book of John led by our minister, Gray Clark. Classes start October 5 and will be held each Wednesday at 12:00 noon.

#### SINGERS NEEDED!

We need voices – young and old and in between!

Children and youth are needed in our choir, Voices of Angels, which practices each Sunday at 10:00 am in the sanctuary. Invite friends and family to participate! This group will be participating in the Festival of Lessons and Carols in December, the Children's Jubilee in April, and during worship services throughout the year.

Our Adult Choir participates regularly in Sunday worship services and practices weekly on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm. Please come help lead the music! All that is required is a sense of humor, a love of singing, and a little time.

#### **ATTENTION CHURCH OFFICERS!**

The **Session** and ALL **committees** will meet on Wednesday, October 12, at 7:00 pm. It is **very important for YOU to attend** if at all possible. Plans for Stewardship, Thanksgiving, and Christmas are being made and your participation is imperative!

STEWARDSHIP is what we DO after we say "I believe."