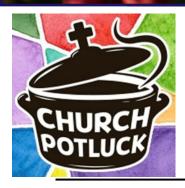
## The Weekly Update SEPTEMBER 5, 2025



# The potluck and ministry fair is THIS Sunday, Sept. 7<sup>th</sup>. Bring a dish to share!



## Tomorrow's Women & Wine gathering has been changed to 4-6 pm

## ROADSDE CLEANUP-SEPT. 6

Looking for a way to serve at Cross & Crown? Join our next Roadside Cleanup on Saturday, September 7th! We'll meet at the church at 8:45 am. (donuts provided!) go over safety rules, and begin cleanup at 9 am. Most teams finish in about two hours. No experience needed—volunteers ages 12+ welcome! Use the link below to sign up or contact Stuart and Julie Moffat at 704-517-0272 for details. Thanks for helping keep Matthews clean!

## SET YOUR ROOTS @ C&C!



#### Welcome Home!

That's what we say every time we gather for worship—and we mean it. Many of you have been worshiping with us regularly and already feel like part of the family, even if you haven't officially joined yet.

If you're ready to set your roots and deepen your faith in this community, we invite you to Set Your Roots on Sunday, September 14 at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. This is a relaxed time to learn more about the Cross & Crown family, what membership means, and how you can continue growing in faith and connection here.

Lunch will be provided. For more information, contact Pastor Melody at pastormelody@crossandcrown.org.

## Miriam Circle

The Miriam Circle will gather on Thursday, September 11 at 7:00 p.m. This month, we'll share time with the Squares of Love quilters in the Multipurpose Space. Come join us in the quilting room for fellowship, conversation, and a chance to see the beautiful ministry of quilting in action. No quilting experience needed—all are welcome!



## Paint & Sip-Nov. 22

Ladies, mark your calendars for another Paint & Sip! After such a fun time at our last gathering, we're excited to do it again. All women of the church are invited to join us for an afternoon of creativity, laughter, and connection!

Friday, November 22

12:30-3:00 p.m.

At the church

\$ \$35 per person (RSVP required in advance)

SIGN UP DEADLINE IS NOVEMBER 1ST.

WE CANNOT ADD ANYONE AFTER THE SIGN UP DEADLINE.

We'll sip on wine, enjoy light snacks, and share stories as we create together in a relaxed, judgment-free space. No painting experience needed—just come ready to unwind and have fun!

## 10 a.m. Book Club

Love books and good conversation? Come join us! Our morning book club gathers monthly at 10 am to share in reading, reflection, and lively discussion.

#### **Next Gathering:**

Monday, September 15

Be Ready When the Luck Happens by Ina Garten

Discussion led by Judy Bowley

#### **Upcoming Selections:**

- October: A Gentleman in Moscow by Amor Towles, led by Lorna Muzevich
- November: The Frozen River by Ariel Lawhon, led by Jill Scott
- December: No meeting

If you enjoy a good story and even better fellowship, we'd love to have you with us! Contact Becky Carter for more info!





### BE A MAN. OF FAITH.

MEN'S RETREAT: NOV. 21-23

STAY TUNED FOR MORE DETAILS...

### Let's Light a Fire!

Join the Men's Group around the fire pit on Sept. 17th! This is a chill time to talk about anything on your mind and future events for the Men's Group.



Join us for a refreshing Women's Renewal Day Retreat—a special time set aside for prayer, uplifting activities, and meaningful fellowship. Step away from the busyness of life and come be renewed in spirit as we gather together in faith and friendship. Deadline to register is Sunday, Sept. 7<sup>th</sup>. Use the link below to sign up!

Saturday, September 20, 2025 | 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM Esplanade at Northgate 208 Northgate Blvd, Indian Trail, NC 28079 \$35 per person, lunch is included!



#### **MEMBERS:**

JEANETTE ABBOTT

JENNY BOOTH JUNE BROOKS JIM BURNS

**DENNIS DOWNEY** LINDA FARIES KATHI & FRANK MACARINE **JOE & CRISS UCMAN** JD WINFREY

#### **FAMILY & FRIENDS:**

Kenneth Ackerman, Larry Pool's brother-in-law Kristi Alary, Julie Moffat's sister Scott Anderson, friend of the Ucmans Sue Azukas, friend of Jerry Putnam John Bailey, Russ Bailey's father Ellis Baldwin, Julie Rutkowski's brother-in-law Ann Bauer, friend of Kathi Macarine Andrew Bernauer, son of Wayne & Rosemary Bernauer Jim Carty, Suzy Wlezniak's brother Joann Church, Behzad Vagar's mother Drude Corbet, Angelina Corbet's brother Mark & Leigh Ann Duda, friends of Larry Stratemeyer Rick, Debbie & Jason Eldridge, friends of Vivian Farland Reid Evans, friend of Barbara Maillet Brad Faries, Barry & Linda Faries' son Owen Farr, Julie Wright's grandson Lily Ferrulli, Joann Ferrulli's granddaughter Jarmo Forsblom, Jouni Forsblom's brother Dorothy Henke, Lisa Roth's mother Portia Hutchinson, friend of Felicia Eybl Susan Harmon, Mike Meath's sister Kelly K. Prayers for healing Jim Kozlinski, Cathy Kozlinkski's husband Mark & Ellen Kramm, friends of Jill Jurgensen Helen Laatz, sister-in-law of Leslie Laatz Randy LaMere, Jennifer LaMere's father Madsen family, friends of Joe & Criss Ucman Jeanne Maylor, Denise Bratschie's friend Ted Meiss, Christine Meiss' husband Alice Louise (Lou) Miller, Criss Ucman's cousin Gary Mintz, friend of David & Debra Cox & Felicia Eybl Fred Olafson, friend of the congregation Nga Pace, Yen Forsblom's sister Victoria Pollard Olivia Reardon, daughter of Barry & Linda Faries' friends Sameer Saproo, Teri Strom's nephew-in-law Nancy Scholhammer, friend of Susan Arcuri Burt Sweet, June Brooks' son Sherrill & Patricia Tucker, Donna Tucker's parents Joanne Varnum, friend of Joe & Criss Ucman

#### **CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

Haley White, Barbara Maillet's granddaughter

Lucas White, Barbara Maillet's grandson

Monday: 8:30 am - 2 pm Tuesday: 8:30 am - 2 pm

Thursday: 8:30 am - 2 pm Friday: 8:30 am - 2 pm

Wednesday: Church Office closed, phone lines & office email is open & replied to between 8:30 am - 5 pm.

#### 2025 CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Jeff Bratschie- President Jill Jurgensen- Vice President Felicia Eybl- Secretary

Lori Meath Jerry Putnam Kati Goode



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## The Book of Psalms

Casserole, Green Beans,

Garden Salad, & Dessert

The Books of Faith adult Sunday school class is beginning a new study on the Book of Psalms! Join us each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in room 206 in the Multi Purpose Space. We will explore these ancient songs and prayers Wa Odnin P & shape Wrwo En Dand @pen our faith today\_Together\_we'll reflect on how the Psalms give voice to our joys, struggles, and topes, and now they drawled desir to god The new study starts September 7th!

Ladies! Start your day off right with good food, good friends, and great conversation! We meet bright and early at Collective Café! Join us on September 10, @ 7 a.m.

Contact Heidi Rhyne (hrhyne67@gmail.com, 704-534-1367) for info and to RSVP.

## Coming up this week...

Sunday, Sept. 7-8:15 am-Traditional Worship

9 am-Coffee Hour

9:15 am- Adult Bible Study

10:15 am-Contemporary Worship

Monday, Sept. 8-7:30 pm-Women's Bible Study

Tuesday, Sept. 9-9:30 am-Squares of Love Quilling

12 pm-Staff Meeting

6:30 pm- Table Talk

Wednesday, Sept. 10-6 pm-Wednesday Night Happenings Dinner 6:45 pm- Handbells 7:30 pm- Choir

Thursday, Sept. 11-7:45 am-Men's Bible Study

7 pm-Miriam Circle

Friday, Sept. 12-4:30 pm- Walking Club