

The Weekly Update

AUGUST 21, 2026



Women & Wine

Mimosas, munchies, and morning laughs—what could be better?

You're invited to Women & Wine where the vibes are light, the glasses are bubbly, and the company is fabulous. Hosted by Kati Goode & Tammie Hersey, Saturday, Sept. 12th, 9am-noon

Kati & Tammie will have the Mimosa Bar (non-alcoholic options available, too!) ready to go! All you need to do is bring an appetizer to share and your favorite beverage of choice (wine, coffee, tea... whatever makes you smile!) Let's sip, snack, and soak up some morning fun together!

RSVP using the link below!

Worship at The Dwelling- August 30

Join Pastor Matt on Sunday, August 30, as we travel to The Dwelling for a meaningful worship experience. The Dwelling is a unique faith community where everyone is welcomed and valued, and it's a wonderful opportunity to worship alongside our neighbors in Christ.

If you'd like to attend, we'd love to have you join us! Simply sign up using the link below and indicate there if you'd like to carpool or if you're willing to drive. Come experience a different expression of worship and see firsthand the ministry we've supported through our mission partnerships.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT HAPPENINGS IS BACK SEPT. 9TH!



Mark your calendars—our Wednesday Night Happenings kick off again on September 9! Join us for a delicious home-cooked meal and the joy of gathering together midweek. Bring your family, invite a friend, and come hungry for both food and fellowship. You won't want to miss this chance to connect, recharge, and share a table with your church family.

Come and join us in this Cross & Crown tradition!
Look for the new menus & sign up coming next week!

Community Care Team News!

The Community Care Team is looking for more people to help with our numerous events that serve the Charlotte & Matthews areas. This year Cross & Crown has supported 13 different organizations with over 30 events! Our team meets most every month on the last Tuesday at 2 pm. However, you do not need to attend a meeting to participate! Contact Jerry Putnam (jerrykputnam@gmail.com) or Dawn Watts (dhwatts13@gmail.com) for more information or to join the team!



LOVE WHERE GOD HAS PLANTED US: ROADSIDE CLEANUP

At Cross & Crown, we always say, "Welcome Home." But being at home also means caring for the place God has called us to serve. One simple way we can show Christ's love to our neighbors is by helping keep our community clean and beautiful.

Join us for our next Roadside Cleanup on **Saturday, September 12**. We'll gather at the church at 8:45 a.m. for a brief safety review before beginning cleanup at 9:00 a.m. Most teams finish in about two hours, but the difference. No experience is needed, and volunteers ages 12 and older are welcome. It's a wonderful opportunity to serve alongside fellow members, meet new people, and be a visible reminder that Cross & Crown cares about our community. Use the sign-up link below or contact Jason Watts @ jswatts72@gmail.com for more information. Together, let's care for our community and help everyone feel a little more at home!

Hey Kids! Welcome to Worship!

Families with children ages 3 through 3rd grade are invited to Welcome to Worship on Sunday, September 13, immediately following the 10:15 am service.

This fun, 30-minute experience will help children and parents feel more comfortable and confident worshipping together at Cross & Crown. Parents will meet with Pastor Melody in the Common Room to talk about children in worship and how we can help them grow in faith. Children will meet with our C&C Kids Leaders in the Fellowship Hall to learn about C&C Kids this fall. Then, we'll head into the sanctuary together to explore the different parts of worship and learn why we do what we do each Sunday. We'll have snacks (allergy friendly snacks, too!)



Join us for a day of fun at Carowinds on Saturday, August 29! All youth and their families are invited to come along for an awesome day of rides, laughter, and fellowship. Important: Children in 5th grade and younger must have a parent or guardian attend and supervise them throughout the day.

We hope you'll join us for a fantastic day together!

Schedule:

- Meet at the church at 9:30 a.m.
- Return around 4:30 p.m.

What Do You Need to Bring:

- Admission (unless you have a season pass)
- Money for lunch & food

Need a ticket? No problem! We can purchase discounted tickets through one of our season pass holders!



SEPTEMBER 20

Rooted Sunday is back for YEAR 2! After an amazing first year, our Rooted Sunday program grew quickly, and we're excited to continue creating a place where children and youth can grow deeper in faith together. Once a month, elementary students, middle schoolers, and high schoolers will explore a common theme through age-appropriate Bible stories, hands-on activities, meaningful conversations, and opportunities to ask questions and connect faith to everyday life. There's something for everyone, and we can't wait to see how God continues to grow our Rooted family!

LUNCH IS PROVIDED!

PRAYER list

MEMBERS:

JEANETTE ABBOTT
JENNY BOOTH
JIM BURNS
BECKY CARTER
DENNIS DOWNEY
LINDA FARIES

HAROLD HEIDEGGER
KATHI & FRANK MACARINE
GREG & KELLY RICHARDSON
JOE & CRISS UCMAN
JD WINFREY

FAMILY & FRIENDS:

Kenneth Ackerman, Larry Pool's brother-in-law
Kristi Alary, Julie Moffat's sister
Sidney Ames, Susan Arcuri's sister
Scott Anderson, friend of the Ucmans
John Bailey, Russ Bailey's father
Andrew Bernauer, son of Wayne & Rosemary Bernauer
Deb Ciganek, friend of Jill Jurgensen
Jim Carty, Suzy Wlezniak's brother
Joann Church, Behzad Vaqar's mother
Drude Corbet, Angelina Corbet's brother
Rick, Debbie & Jason Eldridge, friends of Vivian Farland
Sandra Duncan, friend of Felicia Eybl
Reid Evans, friend of Barbara Maillet
Brad Faries, Barry & Linda Faries' son
Owen Farr, Julie Wright's grandson
Dorothy Henke, Lisa Roth's mother
Jim Kozlinski, Cathy Kozlinski's husband
Mark & Ellen Kramm, friends of Jill Jurgensen
Helen Laatz, sister-in-law of Leslie Laatz
Randy LaMere, Jennifer LaMere's father
John Lawler, Cathy Rudolph's father
Madsen family, friends of Joe & Criss Ucmans
Marylou, friend of Annette Downey
Jeanne Maylor, Denise Bratschie's friend
Ted Meiss, Christine Meiss' husband
Karen Mulford, Christine Meiss' sister
Alice Louise (Lou) Miller, Criss Ucmans' cousin
Kimberly Bell O'Day, friend of Claudia Eybl
Fred Olafson, friend of the congregation
Brian Orton
Nga Pace, Yen Forsblom's sister
Jonathan Pierce, Debra Cox's brother
Olivia Reardon, daughter of Barry & Linda Faries' friends
Michel Roberge, Jason Roberge's father
Ray Sipe, friend of Joe & Criss Ucmans
Sameer Saprou, Teri Strom's nephew-in-law
Nancy Scholhammer, friend of Susan Arcuri
Mindy Sopher, friend of David & Debra Cox
Joanne Varnum, friend of Joe & Criss Ucmans
Haley White, Barbara Maillet's granddaughter
Lucas White, Barbara Maillet's grandson

Coming up this week...

Tuesday, August 25: 12 pm- Staff Meeting
1 pm- Congregational Care Team
2 pm- Community Care Team

Wednesday, August 19: 1 pm- Mahjong
6:30 pm- Council Meeting

Happy Birthday

Mark O'Donoghue **AUG 21**
Liz Heidegger **AUG 23**
Eric Welzniak **AUG 24**
William Schwager **AUG 25**
Ryan Kaysen **AUG 27**

If we have missed your birthday, PLEASE email LeAnne @ office@crossandcrown.org so we can add your birthday to our list.

KEEPING OUR PRAYER LIST CURRENT (Beginning Sept. 4)

Thank you for sharing your prayer concerns with our church family. It is a privilege to pray for one another and to walk alongside each other in every season of life.

To help keep our weekly prayer list current and meaningful, we are making a few updates. Going forward, most prayer requests will remain on the published list for approximately four weeks, with some exceptions for longer-term needs. Prayer requests will be reviewed periodically, and longer-term situations can be renewed as needed.

General Guidelines

- **Health concerns: approximately 4 weeks**
- **Hospitalizations or emergencies: approximately 2 weeks**
- **Chronic or long-term illness: up to 3 months, with renewal as needed**
- **Military deployment or hospice care: remain on the list until updated**

If someone you have asked us to pray for is currently on the list and still needs ongoing prayer, you do not need to do anything right now. If a request needs to remain longer than the suggested time, or if there is an update or answered prayer, please contact the church office so we can adjust the list accordingly.

We are grateful for the opportunity to continue praying with and for one another, and we thank you for helping us keep our prayer list current and meaningful.



Friday Walking Club is BACK!
September 18
4:25 pm @ Squirrel Lake Park



*Think of it as happy hour...
but with sneakers instead of snacks!*