



The Courier

April
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Cypress Lake Presbyterian Church

Our Vision: *This is the place.....where you will experience Christ.*



Easter is around the corner. How ready are we for this universal celebration? Gloria Choir will be in all of the services for the Traditional Service along with the Voices in Bronze (Palm Sunday and Easter).

It has been exciting to bring to you new music and a mix of older Anthems. We are always happy to accept any monetary amounts to help with purchasing music to add to our repertoire for either of these music Ministries. We thank you for your continued support.

Palm Sunday Services - April 13

- 8:00 a.m. Prayer Service
- 9:00 a.m. Parade of the Palms/Children
Praise Service - Voices in Bronze / Praise Team
- 11:00 a.m. Traditional Service - Voices in Bronze/Gloria Choir

Maundy Thursday Meager Meal/Service - April 17th - 6:00 pm

Begins in the Fellowship Hall and continues on into the Sanctuary

We will gather to share a meager meal of soup, salad and bread. This will be followed by a worship service as we continue our journey toward Easter Sunday.

A love offering will be accepted.

Good Friday - April 18th - Noon until 3:00pm - Open for Prayer Office Closes at Noon

Easter Egg Hunt - April 19th - 10:00 a.m.

Easter Sunday Services - April 20th

- 6:00 a.m. Sunrise Service-Outside by the Fellowship Hall
- 8:00 a.m. Prayer Service
- 9:00 a.m. Praise Team/Voices in Bronze
- 11:00 a.m. Traditional Service-Gloria Choir/Voices in Bronze
Trumpets/Timpani
- 11:00 a.m. Iglesia Presbiteriana

***Easter Breakfast—There will be a continental breakfast following the Sunrise Service. It will include coffee, pastries, bagels and cream cheese, hard boiled eggs and fruit.
A love offering will be accepted.*

Monday, April 21st—Office Closed

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Editor's Note: Some articles may be edited for space. Some are left intact by request of their authors.

Deacon's Transportation Committee

The transportation committee is kept busy providing rides for church family members who either no longer drive, or find themselves in need of a temporary helping "wheel." In the last month, we have provided approximately 20 trips to

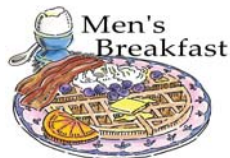


grocery stores, doctor's offices, barbers, etc. This ministry involves more than just giving a lift. Our motto is: "When people's needs are addressed, they experience the proof that they really do belong to the family of faith." It is a pleasure to hear this sentiment

expressed by some of the recipients with grace and gratitude. We do for our church family/friends as we would like done for ourselves should we become infirm or limited.

We do need more volunteers, however. Please let us add your name and phone number to our list of willing drivers. Leslie at 239-896-4295 or Betty at 239-313-9608 will be waiting to hear from you. THANKS.

Men's Breakfast Fellowship Hall



Tuesday, April 8th 7:00am



Support CLPC's American Cancer Society Relay for Life.

Our team is Juan's Walk for Rob, and we will be at Lee County Sports Complex, 14100 Six Mile Cypress Pkwy on April 11th and 12th. We will be walking all night from 6:00 PM until noon on Saturday. At 9:00 p.m. on Friday, there will be a Luminaria Ceremony in memory of and in support of those we love who have had cancer. If you have not been at this ceremony, it is very moving. All the lights are turned off, and we walk in semidarkness, punctuated by the glow of our loved ones.

You can dedicate a luminaria for someone you love for as little as \$5.00. In order for our team to get credit for your donation, please see Betsy Peters or Pam Simones. All monies collected from Coffee Hour during the month of March, go toward the Cancer Relay.



What is your mission?

That was a question that a candidate who was applying for the position of Coordinator of Children, Youth and Families at the church recently asked about us. What is your mission? She explained how she had read the information on the website and about our church, but just what IS our mission?

Well, there is the “mission statement” of “Living God’s presence through love and service.” Oh, we can add to that our vision statement, “This is the place...where you will experience Christ.” But what does that really mean? Oddly enough, I was THRILLED to hear the candidate ask that question and equally thrilled in what I could say (and am reminded of the fisherman’s prayer, “Oh God, allow me to catch a fish big enough that I need not lie when telling others about it!”...and I didn’t need to lie about our mission!!!). So what did I say?

We have mission at Cypress Lake where we help support one of the largest food pantries in SW Florida. Indeed, last year the South Fort Myers Food Pantry distributed over \$1.5 million worth of food from our facilities, right here at the church.

We have a Spanish speaking ministry that just celebrated its first year anniversary, holding vibrant worship in Spanish every Sunday morning. Still in its infancy, but yet a vital mission of the church.

We support Mision Peniel in Immokalee where we feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and provide pastoral care to a migrant population that is often abandoned and forgotten.

We have an annual Attic Treasure Sale that raises literally thousands of dollars every year that is then used to support everything from Habitat for Humanity to the Thornwell School for Children.

But we have an even greater mission. Our goal is to grow into the love and presence of Jesus Christ, and then take that love out into the world where we live, work, eat and play. Our worship, Bible studies, children’s ministries, youth group...everything we do is ultimately to help us BE the disciples of Jesus Christ and to take his love out into the world. While our church may be the place where we hope you will experience Christ, it is our vision that you (and we) will “Take the name of Jesus with you!”

So what IS our mission? In one sense it IS our mission statement, “Living God’s presence through love and service.” But I would have to say, it is much more. Prayerfully at CLPC, we are the disciples of Jesus Christ bringing Christ’s love to the world we call Fort Myers (or wherever you may hang your hat at day’s end).

Blessings and peace,

Pastor Clint

FLOWER GUILD APRIL, 2014



April 6th	Judy Schulte
April 13th	Jean Dodd - Palm Sunday
April 20th	Sally Fontaine - Easter Sunday
April 27th	Jean Dodd



Women's Group

Martha Circle will meet on **April 8th** at 9:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Jean Shell and Pat Clark are hostesses. Please read **Chapter 8** in “An Abiding Hope.”

Eve Circle meeting will be Thursday, April 10th at the home of Barbara Stewart
5876 Wild Olive Terrace
Phone: 481-0863



COFFEE HOUR

Coffee hour is held in the Fellowship Hall every Sunday from 8:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.



2nd Otto & Sheila Muller-Girard
 12th Nate & Anne Burley
 19th Rod & Sue Herrick
 20th Sam & Leslie McGargle
 27th Carol & Gar Sarosik



1st Clint Cottrell
 Peyton Hayman
 Nicholas Barra
 3rd James Oestreich
 8th Abigail Hill
 10th Larry Johnson
 12th Don Little
 Michele Pepper
 14th Rob Coe
 Virginia Burford
 16th Nola LaRose
 18th Douglas J. Wilson
 Ken Burbach
 19th Elizabeth Peters
 Ryan Mills
 20th Darby DeBolt
 Robert Shrader
 21st Sheila Muller-Girard
 22nd Paulette Stadelmann
 23rd Mae Osborne
 28th DeAnna Steward
 30th Penny Roberts
 Lisa Kendall

Gin and other spiritual matters.....

Beware, look out, pay attention, get ready! Why all the warning? Things are going to start happening in this church, some have happened before, some are new. Coming up we have the Easter Egg Hunt and Vacation Bible School. See other articles in this edition of the Courier.

You know how I feel about Adult Christian Education...***very passionate***. We can never stop learning about or experiencing Christ. Nor should we!! We can do both while having fun, drinking coffee/tea, playing, reading, studying, JUST ENJOYING EACH OTHER. Ask all those who helped with the Attic Treasure Sale...we worked hard, enjoyed each other, met some people we didn't know, and through it all, WE HAD FUN!!

What's new??? We are "kicking into gear" programs dear to my heart. As we have learned/relearned in our study of *The Story*, our Circle studies, and some talks given at the men's breakfast it is important that we should be "doers of the word and not just hearers." This means we will be having some programs that allow us to get involved with our community, work together, study together, and have fun together. These programs will be aimed at the adults in our congregation...older/younger, married/single, working/retired, very agile/not so agile, active/sedentary, etc., etc., etc. I hope you will read the article elsewhere in this Courier and consider becoming involved in "at least" one of these activities. I know many of you are busy and involved in several activities already...maybe there's time for one more. They will be things you can do with a spouse, significant other, friends, people you know, people you'd like to know/meet, even some people you don't know and maybe (Heaven Forbid) people not from CLPC!

Consider joining one of our new programs (still in the planning stages). Christ loves you and needs you... and so does CLPC!!

Ginny Canning

Some new adult programs are coming to CLPC.

Do you like to:

- bicycle but you ride too slowly for a "bike club"
- walk with friends in a safe place
- garden but have no yard or even a small plot
- read but don't know of a book club near you
- play table games, just for fun, but have nobody with whom to play
- do very low intensive exercises but cannot find a place to do this
- work on Crosswords/Sudoku/other puzzles with others
- watch a favorite video (for the umpteenth time) with others but your house is not big enough
- watch a movie you "missed at the theater" and can now get on video much cheaper
- just "brown bag" it with friends and enjoy the conversation, laughter and fellowship
- celebrate a month of birthdays with friends and/or families without have to "rent a hall"
- have a Bible Study on a subject of your choice
- do anything else you can think of that I haven't
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If you are interested in any of these programs...let us know... there will be sign up sheets in the office or you can call and get your name first on a list/or added to an existing one. If you think of something not already listed...just ask the volunteer to start a new list when you call. Come join others of your church family in FUN, FELLOWSHIP and maybe even (occasionally) FOOD.

Ginny Canning



April 2014		
7th	9:30 am 1:00 pm	Project Linus Blanket Work Day Executive Board Meeting <i>(Library)</i>
8th	9:30 am 12:30 pm	Martha Circle <i>(Fellowship Hall)</i> Esther Circle <i>(Fellowship Hall)</i>
10th	7:00 pm	Eve Circle
20th		Easter Sunday
26th	10:30 am 11:15 am 12:00 pm	PW Gathering Election of 2014-2015 Board Reading of 2014-2015 Budget Program-Fashion Show Luncheon-Hosted by Esther

Chancel Guild		 CHANCEL GUILD
April 2014 Schedule		
4th	Irene Thiessen Gale Wray	
11th	Jackie Oestriech Dorothy Troy	
18th	Doris Houston Rebecca Potts	
25th	Sue Chanofsky Betty Schaarschuch	
<p>If you can't work your day, swap with someone or call me. Thanks for your continued help.</p> <p>Irene Thiessen, Chancel Guild Dir.</p>		

CEDARKIRK NEWS:



Our **ALL-CHURCH RETREAT** has been rescheduled for the last weekend in September, Fri. night 9/26th - Sun. afternoon 9/28th I have reserved the Retreat House for adults w/o children and downstairs Cedar for the rest of the group. I did not reserve Pine Lodge because we only half filled it last year. If we get enough people signed up **early enough** we may be able to get Pine Lodge for us. You might want to go on-line if you haven't been there before. It is a beautiful place for activities or just relaxing.

We cannot offer "free rides" this year. Not enough money in the budget. We **may** be able to "help out" The prices include 2 comfortable nights, 5 scrumptious meals, a roaring campfire, wet or dry canoeing, joyous swimming (weather permitting), awesome beauty, inward and outward peace, time alone, time together, jigsaw puzzles, and table games.

Children (0-4 yrs.)	\$ 0.00	[Saenu, Steven, Cady, Hayden, etc.]
Youth (5-12 yrs.)	93.00	[Angels Rock age]
Others (13-Adult)	116.00	[Any age...no steps/golf cart available]
Families (any #)	348.00	[any size, any number]

Now before you all panic, we are planning a "Camping Sunday" to help offset the cost. I'm a very firm believer in "God will provide", so hopefully this will help us be able to help you. You have plenty of notice, so put us on your calendar, notify sports teams and your boss that you are NOT available that weekend, and **start saving your money!** Remember, we have 40 spaces reserved and can get more if needed, so there's no need to stay home to give someone else a space. Start saving, start planning, and we'll see you 9/26-9/28 @ Cedarkirk... for a really great weekend!


SUMMER CAMPING OPPORTUNITIES:

There are many camping sessions for all ages this summer. If you haven't gone before and not gotten a brochure in the mail, I have several in my office and can get more if needed. Please look over the brochure, pick your camp, go on-line, pay your registration fee, and **LET ME KNOW WHEN YOU ARE GOING**, and if you need scholarship money. The money is available from both CLPC and Cedarkirk.



FANTASTIC
COLOSSAL
EXCITING
SUPERCALIFRAGILISTIC

CLPC's Easter Egg Hunt is the greatest place to be on **Saturday April 19th at 10:00 a.m.** Don't be late or you'll miss out on colorful eggs, different kinds of candy, prizes, AND maybe even some \$\$\$.

 **Blood Drive Success!**

The Blood Drive on March 9th collected **19** pints! Thank you to all the donors...saving lives in our greater community!!!

The next Blood Drive will be Sunday, May 18th, so mark your calendars!!

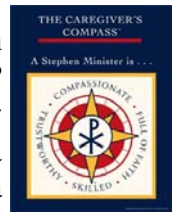
**ACOLYTE SCHEDULE
APRIL 2014**

ACOLYTES



APRIL 6TH GLORIA CHOIR
 APRIL 13TH AMANDA JOHNSON
 LARRY JOHNSON
 APRIL 20TH CARSON BROWN
 BRYCE MCFADDEN
 GRIFFIN PETERS
 APRIL 27TH ALEX KISS
 TAYLOR KISS

STEPHEN MINISTRY



Is life more than you can handle alone right now? Are you adjusting to a new job or loss of income, a change in marital status, a serious illness or loss of a loved one or any other burden? You could benefit from having someone who would listen and care, walk with you through your difficult time. Maybe it's time you considered a Stephen Minister. Stephen Ministers are Christ Centered, Non-judgmental, Compassionate, Confidential, Trustworthy Caregivers following in our Savior Christ's footsteps who are trained to listen to you. They are not Counselors, Cooks, Errand Runners or a replacement for someone else. They are there to help you connect with our Lord God for his Cure Giving.

If you or someone you know who would like to talk to a Stephen Minister, please call Pastor Clint at 239-481-3233 or Kurt Daume at 239-225-0927.



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YOUTH CAR WASH



Come and get your cars washed!!
 Our next Car Wash will be Sunday,
 April 6th.

Donations are used for the youth and missions. The youth tithe a minimum of 10% to Mission.

THANK YOU

Thank you to ALL who helped with the Attic Treasure Sale! It was sure fun working with each of you. We had the "old faithfuls" and the "new faithfuls". We had men and women from all three services. We worked hard but had loads of fun, food and great fellowship.

Thanks, thanks, thanks!!
Miss Ginny



THE BUZZARD

If you put a buzzard in a pen that is 6 feet by 8 feet and is entirely open at the top, the bird, in spite of its ability to fly, will be an absolute prisoner.

The reason is that a buzzard always begins a flight from the ground with a run of 10 to 12 feet. Without space to run, as is its habit, it will not even attempt to fly, but will remain a prisoner for life in a small jail with no top.

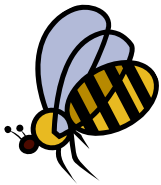
THE BAT

The ordinary bat that flies around at night, a remarkable nimble creature in the air, cannot take off from a level place.



If it is placed on the floor or flat ground, all it can do is shuffle about helplessly and, no doubt, painfully, until it reaches some slight elevation from which it can throw itself into the air. Then, at once, it takes off like a flash.

THE BUMBLE BEE



A bumblebee, if dropped into an open tumbler, will be there until it dies, unless it is taken out. It never sees the means of escape at the top, but persists in trying to find some way out through the sides near the bottom. It will seek a way where none exists, until it completely destroys itself.

PEOPLE

In many ways, we are like the buzzard, the bat, and the bumblebee. We struggle about with all our problems and frustrations, never realizing that all we have to do is look up!

That's the answer, the escape route and the solution to any problem....just look up!



Sorrow looks back,
Worry looks around,
But faith looks up!

Live simply,
love generously,
care deeply,
speak kindly, and
trust in our Creator,
who loves us.