



The Courier

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Cypress Lake Presbyterian Church

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



OUR NEWEST MEMBERS OF CLPC

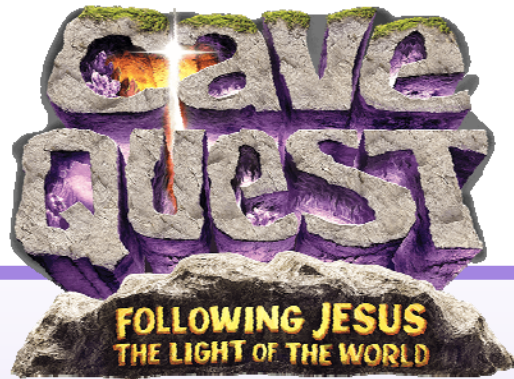
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Wanted! Vacation Bible School
Volunteers, June 13-June 17. If you are
available that week please contact Jessica
at 481-3233 or Jessica@clpc.us

Blood Drive



Our next Blood Drive is
on April 10th from
8:15 a.m.-12:45 p.m.
Please call Tim Baldwin for an
appointment at 937-369-6069.
Give the gift of Life!!



Adult Bible Study Class, Year of the Bible:

Starting in April, Bible Study Class will be
meeting at one time, 8:45 a.m. on Sunday
morning in the Fellowship Hall. The Wednesday
10am and 5:45pm classes will continue as usual.



**Men's
Breakfast
Tuesday
April 12th
8:00 a.m.**



**Sunflower Café at
Summerline Square**



Nursery Helpers needed for Spanish Ministry!

We are in need of people to
help in the nursery during
the Spanish Worship time,
11:15a.m.-12:15 p.m.
If you are able to commit
to one Sunday a month
please contact Jessica at
481-3233 or
Jessica@clpc.us.

Picnic Sunday!!

Sunday, April 10th
Picnic will start following
the 10 a.m. service in the
back parking lot.



Hamburgers, hot dogs, drinks, paper
goods and condiments will be provided.

POT LUCK:

DESSERTS (last name A-F)
SALADS (last name G-M)
SIDE DISHES (last name N-Z)

Activities will be available for children!





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Church Office Hours
Monday-Friday 9:00-3:00P.M.

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



Happy Retirement Ginny!

Beginning on April 1st Ginny Canning will be officially retired from her position as Coordinator of Disciplemaking. Thank you so much for all that you have done over the years.

FLOWER GUILD
APRIL, 20156



April 3rd Judy Schulte
 April 10th Terry Miller
 April 17th Jean Dodd
 April 24th Sally Fontaine



Martha/Esther Circle will meet on April 12th at 10:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall.

Eve Circle will meet on April 12th at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN: The next Presbyterian Women's Gathering will be held on Wednesday, April 20th at 10:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. The program speaker will be Roxanne Wendling from Guardian Ad Litem. The gathering will be hosted by Martha Circle. Sign-up in the Narthex or call the office at 481-3233.



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2 nd	7-1 pm	Attic Treasure Sale
4 th	9:30 am 1:00 pm	Project Linus Blanket Work Day PW Coordinating Team (Chapel/Library)
12 th	10 am	Martha/Esther Circle (Fellowship Hall)
	6:30 pm	Eve Circle (Fellowship Hall)
20 nd	10:30 am	PW Gathering

Another winter season has come to an end and another Easter celebration has passed. It is always a delightful time to gather on Easter morning and celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. What has become a secular holiday of eggs, chocolate and bunnies has completely missed a powerful and serious reason to celebrate: Jesus literally rose from the dead and that gives ALL of us hope, not just now but in our own deaths (which is truly inevitable). It is truly a reason to celebrate!



The early church didn't see this as something to celebrate once a year; it needed to be celebrated EVERY week! In the months and early years after Jesus' resurrection, the Jews and early Christians held worship on Saturday, not Sunday. Why? Saturday was the Sabbath! To this very day, most calendars END the week with a Saturday and START the week with a Sunday. Saturday was the Sabbath. But very early on, the Christians began to have worship ALSO on Sunday. Why? To remember that on Sunday Jesus was raised from the dead. Soon, every church held Sunday worship and as we moved from being Jews to being Christians, we honored the Sabbath not on Saturday but on Sunday. And the real intent of Sabbath keeping is to take one day in seven and keep it holy...set apart. In our case, it became Sunday.

Here we are 2,000 years later and Sunday is not just a day of worship, but a day of celebration. EVERY Sunday is supposed to be a celebration of the resurrection of Jesus. Even during Lent we take a "break" from the dour, contemplative time to celebrate on Sunday (the Sundays are not counted in the 40 days of Lent).

This is also why the Presbyterian church certainly allows for worship any day of the week; be it Wednesday or Saturday night; but for a church to legally exist, it MUST have a celebration of worship on Sunday. Again, to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus!

So Easter has come and gone, and won't return for another year. But the celebration has not ended. Every single Sunday of the year is, in reality, Easter Sunday for we celebrate the resurrection of the Lord. For those wonderful friends who are now back North, be sure to go to your local church and celebrate Easter every Sunday. And for those of us that are here at CLPC year round, let us work to make EVERY Sunday a vibrant day of celebration for we have something to be very, very happy about. Christ is risen...He is risen indeed!

Blessings and Peace Abound in Every Way,

Pastor Clint



IN THE GARDEN

C. Austin Miles, 1868-1945

Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: "I have seen the risen Lord!" And she told them that He had said these things to her. (John 20:18)

This is an account of the writing of this hymn.

One day in April, 1912, I was seated in the dark room, where I kept my photographic equipment and organ. I drew my Bible toward me; it opened at my favorite chapter, John 20-whether by chance or inspiration let each reader decide. That meeting of Jesus and Mary had lost none of its power and charm. As I read it that day, I seemed to be part of the scene. I became a silent witness to that dramatic moment in Mary's life, when she knelt before her Lord, and cried, "Rabboni!" My hands were resting on the Bible while I stared at the light blue wall. As the light faded, I seemed to be standing at the entrance of a garden, looking down a gently winding path, shaded by olive branches. A woman in white with head bowed, hand clasping her throat, as if to choke back her sobs, walked slowly into the shadows. It was Mary. As she came to the tomb, upon which she placed her hand, she bent over to look in, and hurried away. John in flowing robe, appeared, looking at the tomb, then came Peter, who entered the tomb, followed slowly by John.

As they departed, Mary reappeared leaning her head upon her arm at the tomb, she wept. Turning herself, she saw Jesus standing, so did I. I knew it was He. She knelt before Him, with arms outstretched and looking into His face cried, "Rabboni!" awakened in sun light, gripping the Bible, with muscles tense and nerves vibrating. Under the inspiration of this vision, I wrote as quickly as the words could be formed, the poem is exactly as it has since appeared. That same evening I wrote the music.

VERSES:

I come to the garden alone, while the dew is still on the roses;
and the voice I hear, falling on my ear, the Son of God discloses.

He speaks and the sound of his voice is so sweet the
birds hush their singing; and the melody that He gave to me
within my heart is ringing.

I'd stay in the garden with him tho the night around me be
falling; but he bids me go-thru the voice of woe, his voice to
me is calling.

REFRAIN:

And He walks with me, and He talks with me, And He tells me
I am His own, And the joy we share as we tarry there, None
other has ever known.



2nd Otto & Sheila Muller-Girard
 3rd Gerald & Wendy McCabe
 19th Rod & Sue Herrick
 20th Sam & Leslie McGargle
 27th Carol & Gar Sarosik



1st Clint Cottrell
 Peyton Hayman
 7th Donna Dunnuck
 8th Abigail Hill
 10th Larry Johnson
 Marjorie Marlow
 Lynn Miller
 12th Don Little
 Michele Pepper
 14th Rob Coe
 18th Douglas J. Wilson
 Ken Burbach
 19th Elizabeth Peters
 Ryan Mills
 20th Robert Shrader
 21st Sheila Muller-Girard
 Robert Stein
 23rd Mae Osborne
 28th DeAnna Steward
 Roberta Radcliff
 Maria Menacho
 30th Penny Roberts
 Lisa Kendall



CLOTHES CLOSET ALLIANCE: The month of February was a “slow” month at the closet! Only 313 clients and dependents were served with 2588 items of clothing given out!! We can...and do...make a difference in the lives of our neighbors in need by sharing God’s love in the shape of clothing.



The Clothes Closet is located at 15690 McGregor Blvd., Fort Myers, FL in a stand-alone building on Faith UMC property. We are a Christian community outreach ministry comprised of an alliance of churches including Cypress Lake UMC, CLPC, Faith UMC, Peace Lutheran Church, New Hope Presbyterian Church and Zion Lutheran Church. We are in partnership with over 80 social service agencies and churches in Lee County. Through their referrals, we give free ready-to-wear clothing, shoes and accessories to our neighbors in need. We accept clothing that is clean and neat, new or like new, and ready to wear. *If you would proudly give your donations to a friend, then that is the sort of donation we want for our neighbors.*

The month of April will be a Comfort Kit Drive. A comfort kit for a family is a gallon sized Ziploc baggie filled with 4 toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, bar of soap, 4 wash cloths, hand lotion, and deodorant. A comfort kit for an individual is a quart sized Ziploc baggie filled with the above items and only 1 toothbrush and 1 wash cloth. Optional extras (sewing kit, tissues, comb, a few band-aids, shaving cream, razor). April 17th will be our ‘Third Sunday’ gathering for donations in the church Narthex. Clothes, accessories, and shoes are always welcome. Please call Pam Smith with questions or volunteer options.

To our wonderful family of CLPC, I send sincere thanks for the prayers, notes of concern, and loving sympathy in the recent illness and death of my father. I truly felt the support and love of all of you and our Stephen Ministry team.

Peace through Christ,
 Chris Giesecke



**Chancel Guild
 April 2016 Schedule**



1st Irene Thiessen
 8th Judy Schulte
 Dorothy Troy
 15th Doris Houston
 Irene Thiessen
 22nd Sue Chanofsky
 Martin Chanofsky
 29th Irene Thiessen

If you can’t work your day, swap with someone or call me. Thanks for your continued help.

Irene Thiessen, Chancel Guild Dir.