



# The Courier

Cypress Lake Presbyterian Church

April  
2017

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

## Maundy Thursday Service April 13th - 6:00 p.m.



There will be a meager meal on Thursday preceding the Maundy Thursday service. The meal will begin the entire evening of preparation at 6:00 p.m. The meal will include soup, salad and a beverage. A Love Offering will be taken for the meal. You will then be guided to the Sanctuary for the service where the Gloria Choir will be presenting a short drama.



## ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT!!

Our Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be on **Saturday, April 15th at 10:00 a.m.** Volunteers are needed from 8:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Please contact Jessica if you are interested in helping at 239-481-3233 or [Jessica@clpc.us](mailto:Jessica@clpc.us).



## Good Friday - April 14th Open for Prayer Noon until 3:00pm Office Closes at Noon



## Easter Egg Hunt April 15th - 10:00 a.m.

## Easter Sunday Services - April 16th

- 7:00 a.m.     \*\*Sunrise Service-Outside by the Fellowship Hall
- 8:00 a.m.     Prayer Service
- 9:30 a.m.     Praise Service
- 11:00 a.m.    Traditional Service (includes Spanish Ministry) Gloria Choir/Voices in Bronze Guest Organist, Ron Hagemeyer Invitation to sing the Hallelujah Chorus at the end of the service Brass Quintet

*\*\*Easter Breakfast—There will be a continental breakfast following the Sunrise Service. A love offering will be accepted.*

## Monday, April 17th - Office Closed



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*Thank you all for the cards, flowers, visits, phone calls and especially all the prayers.*



*Your thoughtfulness has encouraged me in striving to get stronger every day.*

*Elly Bartoe*



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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.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL  
 SAVE THE DATE!!!**

**June 5 – June 9  
 5:30p-8:30p**



This event is completely free to the children in the community. Kids who are potty trained – 5<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome. Games, Singing, Food, Puppets, Bible Adventures, Crafts! Contact Jessica with any questions: [Jessica@clpc.us](mailto:Jessica@clpc.us) or 481-3233.



**New Horizons – Super Kids Club – SPRING BREAK** is April 10<sup>th</sup> – April 14<sup>th</sup>. There will be NO CLUB that week. We thank all of our volunteers for taking the time to help kids with their homework. What you do is amazing and we couldn't do it without you!

**SPANISH FOOD FEST:** The Spanish Food Fest will be on Sunday, April 9th. Music will start at 5:15PM. Food will be served at 6PM. Eat in or carry out. Price is \$15 for adults, \$7 for children 4-10 years, and free for 3 or younger. Tickets will be sold on Sunday, March 19th, 26th, and on Sunday, April 2nd in the Narthex.



**Presbyterian Women**

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY:**

Daytime Women's Bible Study – "Really Bad Girls of the Bible"  
 Tuesday, April 11th – 10:00 a.m. – FH- Lesson 8

Evening Women's Bible Study – "Really Bad Girls of the Bible"  
 Tuesday, April 11th – 7:00 p.m. – FH – Lesson 8

Daytime Women's Bible Study – "Who is Jesus?"  
 Thursday, April 13<sup>th</sup> 10:00 a.m. – Library – Lesson 8

**ANNUAL GATHERING:** Our next Annual Gathering will be held on Saturday, April 22nd at 10:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Our CLPC Director of Disciplemaking, Jessica Jackson, will be our speaker. Jessica's program title is "Where God guides, He provides." We will be discussing the questionnaire and next year's bible studies.

Some years ago someone cornered me (rather surprising me) and asked if I was preaching on the same Bible passages AGAIN on Easter of this year? I asked what they meant and they told me it kind of gets boring, that EVERY Easter we hear the same message over and over again, couldn't I preach on something else from the Bible, perhaps the Beatitudes, one of Pslams of the creation story in Genesis? I think I broke their heart a little when I said no, I think I need to preach the Easter story on Easter!



Truth be known, I work very, very hard to try to find something unique every year and to make the Easter message pertinent to our lives here and now. Indeed, that is why it is nearly impossible to repeat ANY sermon as the world changes day to day. But at the CORE, the fundamental message MUST be repeated and shared every Easter...Christ is Risen, He is Risen Indeed! But why?

Despite all of us having a "head knowledge" that tells us Jesus is risen, we need to constantly hear the message: Christ IS risen!!! At the core, it is a message of promise and hope! Yes, for some of us, life is just grand and perhaps (I would add, sadly) the message isn't as powerful as it could be (or WILL be). For some of us though, we have lost loved ones and we need to hear the promise of the resurrection. For some of us, we have battled a life-threatening disease or illness and our own mortality is front and center...the message of the resurrection is essential. For some, life in this world is a daily struggle with health, finances, family, jobs, discrimination, or more; and they need to hear the message that there is a promise of a better life when our time of resurrection comes.

There is even more! Just turn on the news:

- + The ongoing shenanigans on the part of some of our politicians.
- + The threats of rogue states like North Korea or Iran, or even of major powers like China or Russia.
- + The concerns about health care and health insurance.
- + The threat of economic crisis (anyone remember 2007?).
- + The crime that is happening right in our back yard.

The Easter message offers incredible hope. This God of ours is bigger and stronger than ANYTHING we can face, ANYTHING, even death itself! The Easter message is needed now more than ever, and its message never grows old...God WINS!

My dear friends, in just a few short weeks we will celebrate Easter. Rest assured I will work long and hard to make the message meaningful for 2017, but the CORE message remains unchanged across the millennia...Christ is Risen. And THAT is the best message of all!!! So be sure to put on your Easter best and on April 16 let us worship a risen Lord.

Christ IS risen...He is risen indeed!

Blessings and Peace,

*Pastor Clint*

### **FLOWER GUILD APRIL, 2017**



April 2nd	Judy Schulte
April 9th	Sally Fontaine-Palm Sunday
April 16th	Worship Team-Easter Sunday
April 23rd	Terry Miller
April 30th	Judy Schulte

### **Chancel Guild April 2017 Schedule**



<b>3rd</b>	Judy Schulte Dorothy Troy
<b>10th</b>	Judy Schulte Dorothy Troy
<b>17th</b>	Sharon & Richard Werner
<b>24th</b>	Sue Chanofsky Martin Chanofsky

If you can't work your day, swap with someone or call Sue Chanofsky. Thanks for your continued help.

**News for Angels Rock!  
April and May 2017**



The following dates are the rehearsal times for the Angels for the remainder of the school year. We ask that you mark your calendars so that your Angel can attend these needed practices. Wednesday dates are: March 22, 29, April 5, 19, 26, May 3. & 10<sup>th</sup> (last practice)

Angels will sing on Palm Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup> for the 11:00 am service singing with the Gloria Choir. If children are present for the Praise Service at 9:30 am, we will be in the Parade of the Palms for both services. Angels will do chimes for Mother's Day for both the Praise service at 9:30 am and the Traditional service at 11:00 am, DATE is: May 14, 2017. Contact Ms. Rachel to discuss any needs or concerns. Thank you all, youth and parents for a wonderful 2016-17 year in Christian Ministry with your youth!!!



- 1st Clint Cottrell  
Peyton Hayman
- 7th Donna Dunnuck
- 8th Abigail Hill
- 10th Larry Johnson  
Marjorie Marlow  
Lynn Miller
- 12th Don Little  
Michele Pepper  
Stevens Tovar
- 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 Lisa Kendall



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



**Summer Worship  
Schedule for CLPC 2017**

There will be one service of Celebration on May 28<sup>th</sup>, Memorial Day weekend at **10:00 AM**

Beginning June 4th through August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017 we will hold two services:

- 8:00 a.m. Prayer Service in the Chapel**
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Celebration in the Sanctuary**

We are coming together as one in service as we Celebrate God's gift to us all, His Son, Jesus Christ.

Beginning September 10th, the Services will be on the regular schedule:

- 8:00 am - Prayer Service
- 9:30 am - Praise Service
- 11:00 am - Traditional Service.