



The Courier

Cypress Lake Presbyterian Church

April
2018

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

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

SAVE THE DATE!!!

June 11 – June 15

5:30p-8:30p



This event is completely free to the children in the community.

Kids who are ages 4– 5th grade are welcome.

Games, Singing, Food, Puppets, Bible Adventures, Crafts!

We need all hands on deck for this event. Starting in April we will be having scheduled days to organize, craft and get it all together!!! Please sign up in the Narthex or contact Amy with any questions:

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Blood Drive

The next Blood Drive will be **April 29th**;

8:45 a.m.-11:45 p.m. Please call
Tim Baldwin for an appointment at
937-369-6069.

Give the gift of Life!!



Summer Worship Schedule for CLPC 2018

There will be one service of Celebration on
May 27th, Memorial Day weekend
at **10:00 AM**

Beginning June 3rd through September 2, 2018
we will hold two services:

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

Beginning September 9th, the Services will
return to our regular schedule:

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





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



CLPC Family camp at Cedarkirk this year was a huge success. Even though we were small in number we had a huge amount of fun. Saturday morning started out with the rock climbing wall (the water was too low to canoe), hours of shark tooth hunting in the river and then a filling lunch. The afternoon included Styrofoam airplane flying, puzzles, a beautiful canvas craft made by everyone (you can see it in the church office), incredible meatloaf dinner and the mandatory bonfire and smores. After waking up a little tired from turning back the clocks we were treated to the famous Cedarkirk cinnamon rolls. We all needed the extra energy to zipline! The children led the worship service and they were adorable. Unfortunately after lunch it was time to pack up and head home. The Christian fellowship that happens at church camp cannot be compared to any other, if you have the chance next year please join us!

Amy Cottrell, Director of Disciplemaking and now expert zipliner!!!!

CLPC YOUTH GROUP MISSION WALL-O-MONEY

Do you remember going to church camp or mission trips when you were in Youth Group? Think back to those memories and help our Youth Group make their own memories! In the Narthex there is a giant board with envelopes for donations. Take off the amount you would like to donate, put it in the offering or bring to the church office. Our Youth Group will be doing a mission trip with Cedarkirk this summer and hope to attend "Night of Joy" at Disney in the fall.

Thank-you for all your prayers and donations.
CLPC Youth Group



POPCORN NEEDED

We are almost out of popcorn for our visitor packages, "Thanks for Poppin In." Any donations of popcorn would be greatly appreciated. You can drop them off in the church office.

Many years ago, (31 to be specific), I became the manager of the control tower in Wheeling, WV. It was an exciting time for me as it was my first promotion and the first time that I was in a supervisory position. The federal government had a requirement that I attend a series of courses over a 3-year period that involved the fundamentals of supervision and management. They taught us labor law, public relations with the general public, rules on evaluating employees, on handling disciplinary issues, and much more. But during the very first course, we spent most of our time on working with, leading and motivating employees. There was one item that stood out, and has remained that way for years, when you have a problem, attack the problem not the person.



Over the years I have seen that one simple rule followed as well as violated. I have watched people in really serious situations; some involving the potential loss of a job (or in the case of the sheriff's office, their freedom). It has been remarkable that when folks have focused on the problem, even if it was human caused, the engagement resulted in the fixing of the problem.

On the other side, I have seen some "train wrecks" when people have attacked people versus the problem. And I will be honest, I too have failed at times. For when we attack the person it becomes personal and the person on the receiving end becomes defensive, usually resulting in another problem that needs to be resolved.

God could have VERY easily chosen to focus on the person and not the problem. After all, God had a covenant with His people and the people chose to ignore God and go the other way. Even today, while we call ourselves Christian, our human side will often ignore the will of God and choose to create a problem! And for God, this is VERY personal for WE are turning our back on the one who gave us life.

But instead of attacking us personally, God met the problem of sin "head on" and sent a part of himself in the form of Jesus Christ. Jesus DID take it personally, but not in an attacking way but rather in a sacrificial way; dying on the cross for us. Rising on Easter morning meant that not only was sin defeated but that we have the promise of a resurrection. Love and reunion with God has the final word.

So for us as Christians, we live in a world where each and every one of us will face problems. Furthermore, sometimes we bear problems that no one else knows of, or sees; that is called life. But at the end of the day, when we are met with problems be they with our family, our work, our school, our medical providers, or even our church, may we always attack the problem and not the person. And if we find that we have crossed a line, may we be quick to seek forgiveness and work to reconciliation...and may we be quick to grant forgiveness and reconciliation to others. For after all, that is precisely what the Lord has done for us on Easter.

Have a most special Easter celebration and remember, Christ is Risen...He is Risen Indeed!

Blessings,

Pastor Clint

FLOWER GUILD
APRIL, 2018

April	1st	Sally Fontaine -Easter Sunday
April	8th	Carolyn Hornung
April	15th	Judy Schulte
April	22nd	Terry Miller
April	29th	Sally Fontaine



Chancel Guild
April 2018 Schedule

6th	Judy Schulte Dorothy Troy
13th	Judy Schulte Dorothy Troy
20th	Sharon & Richard Werner
27th	Sue Chanofsky Martin Chanofsky



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



Coming Soon!!!

Annual Music Workshop for Children ages 5 through the 5th grade. Applications will be available at the registration desk during Vacation Bible School on June 11-15, 2018. Registration fee is \$5.00 for the week; payable at the time of registration. Payment of cash will be accepted.

The Music Camp will include a morning worship time, beginning music theory, drama, singing, ringing chimes/bells, and a Guest Musician. A snack will be provided each day.

Music Camp will be held July 30 - August 2, 2018 from 9:00 am until Noon each day. Those attending must be able to take instruction and be interested in learning, listening, and celebration of God's gifts to us!

Rachel Carrier, wk. 239-481-3233, ext. 24 and leave a message.



Dear friends and family,

Lenten greetings from Rwanda. Reflecting on this period of self-evaluation and service, I want to share an experience with you of broadening vistas of ministry.

The truth is, sometimes ministry opportunities come to meet you. That is what happened to me with an international students' Bible study. This is a group of international students who all study at the Protestant Institute of Arts and Social Sciences (PIASS). Rodrigue, a Burundian student who organized the study, came to me after Christmas to ask if I could meet with his group for an hour each week for five weeks and answer their questions about how the Old Testament relates to the New Testament. Since that is a favorite topic of mine, I eagerly said yes. The fact that they meet on Mondays from 10 - 11 p.m. was not a deterrent, even though I usually work on a different time table, being in bed by 10:30 to be up before 6 to start my day. The international students are all taking evening classes, so beginning at 10 p.m. is reasonable to them, since they don't finish class until 9 p.m. I agreed. It seemed like a good opportunity.

It turned out to be a great opportunity. All the students are in the peacebuilding program, so they do not come with a theological frame of reference, as many of my students do. They are from four countries in the Central African region and a group from Japan. Most who attend are Christians, eager to strengthen their faith, but a few are non-Christians, curious, since they are studying at a Protestant institution and eager for time with other internationals. The mix was refreshing. I had had many of them in large English classes but I did not really know them individually. Their questions were insightful and challenging. The sessions were energizing. More than that, they were relationship building. This was an opening to minister to folks outside my usual circle of teaching. I was blessed by their openness and eagerness. Many of the discussions were deep and penetrated to the heart of the gospel. This has also opened other possibilities to work with these students, to bring them closer to the larger Christian community in PIASS. This past Sunday, several of them attended the English worship service at the chapel that I serve. They have asked for other Bible study topics as well.



International Bible study group

Your support of me here in Rwanda is also reaching folks from Democratic Republic of Congo, Burundi, Tanzania, South Sudan and even Japan. Thanks you. Together we are working on a broader international scale than you might have imagined. I could not be here without your prayers and your financial contributions. I ask that you continue to partner with me in these ways, so that we together continue to minister to the people God places in our paths. I pray God brings new opportunities of you to serve where you are. He may be bringing the world to your doorstep, too, for you to share Christ's love. It is a joy to be surprised by God's open doors.

Blessings,

Kay (Cathie to the family)



Presbyterian Women

Spring = God's greeting card!

PRP Women's Spring Retreat

Six women from CLPC attended this camp up near Ellenton, FL on March 12th & 13th. We enjoyed fellowship, crafts, music & fun. But, most of all, this retreat teaches us helpful ways to strengthen our walk with Jesus.

Baby Shower for Healthy Start

Our Annual Gathering is April 21st at 10:30am. This will be a baby shower themed luncheon. Healthy Start is a mission we support to make sure ALL babies (and Mom's) get what they need! Instead of putting \$\$ in the basket to cover lunch expenses, we're asking that you bring one or more of these needed items: Newborn diapers, newborn onesies, baby blankets, baby wash, wipes & rattles.

Women's Bible Studies

"Who is Jesus" This Bible study will be held on Tuesday, April 10th in the Fellowship Hall at 10:00am.

Knit One, Pray Too

Please join us on Thursday afternoons from 12:30pm-2:30pm in rooms 2&3. We are an informal group of women that love to knit, crochet, do needlepoint & cross-stitch; or want to learn. See Pam Smith or Mary Gisse for details.

Thank-you!

To all ladies that joined us for the Afternoon Tea & Fashion Show, thank you! Your support matters! Without you, we couldn't do the good we do right here in Lee Co.

SCRIP CARDS

Make a contribution to the Church by shopping with gift cards for everyday purchases like food, clothing and entertainment. Each scrip gift card you buy earns a rebate for the Church. A secured "Order Box" is located in the Narthex (on South wall next to sound room) and also in the Church office for placing orders. Orders will be picked up @ 11:00 AM the 1st Sunday of each month and available for delivery the 2nd Sunday. A check payable to CLPC for the total must accompany the order. Order Forms are located in Slot# 16 in the Narthex and in the "Scrip Order Boxes". You can also place an order online at www.shopwithscrip.com.



There are many openings for pulpit and lectern flowers for Sunday Worship. Please help to fill this need so we may continue to have a supply of flowers for our members and friends who are shut-ins, or in hospitals, retirement homes, and rehabilitation centers. Thank you for your support. Flowers are still \$25.00.



Worship Ministry Team



EVER WONDER WHAT THE DEACONS DO??

OVERVIEW OF RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE BOARD OF DEACONS

BEREAVEMENT/MEALS: Provide a reception after a Memorial Service, if requested by the family. Supply food and beverages, serve, and clean up. Meals may be provided to church family members who are ill or incapacitated. Donations are suggested for receptions, and the money is put in the Deacon's General Fund for future receptions.

FLOWERS: Deliver the chancel flowers from the Sunday services to those in the hospital, homebound, or in need of cheering up. A sign-up list of deliverers will be compiled by the committee chairperson and kept in the church office. The procedure is in your binder.

HOMEBOUND: Visit the homebound members of our church on a regular basis—please call before going to visit. Also, call between visits and send cards when appropriate. Keep the church office staff and the Pastor advised of any changes. Send email updates after visits to Pastor and other Deacons when parishioners are visited. Assist Pastor in serving communion if requested. List of homebound members and their addresses is posted in the church office and in your binder. Coordinate the lending, return and updating of the Kindles per procedure.

TRANSPORTATION & COMMUNICATION: Arrange rides for church family members who have the following needs: church services, church meetings, health care appointments, and some emergencies. You will also be in charge of contacting church members in case of an impending disaster (hurricane). All Deacons will be asked to help with an impending disaster/hurricane.

HOSPITAL/REHAB FOLLOW-UP: Visit members, and possibly their family, in the area hospitals and skilled nursing facilities. Coordinate this effort with the church office staff and Pastor Clint. You may also be asked to help coordinate assistance for someone coming home from the hospital. Email updates after visits to Pastor and the Deacons.

CLOTHES CLOSET: Attend monthly Clothes Closet Alliance board meetings. Coordinate clothing drives and special fund raising events. Coordinate volunteers to the Closet. Deliver donations to the Clothes Closet at Faith United Methodist Church.

Deacons work together as a team, assisting each other or offering suggestions as needed. Deacons are also strongly encouraged to recruit members of the church to help with any and all of the above ministries.

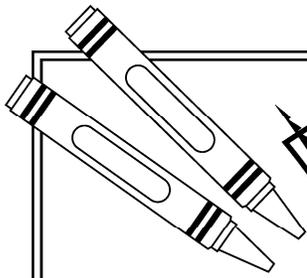
Our True Power Source

The story is told of someone who plugged a power strip into itself and then couldn't understand why the system wouldn't turn on! We get a kick out of such tales, yet how often do we try to "power" our own lives? We frequently think we need to be the source of our own strength, joy, peace, energy and wisdom.

Jesus doesn't teach us to find life within ourselves — or in any human being or earthly circumstance, object or philosophy. Rather, calling himself the good shepherd, Jesus says, "I have come that [my sheep] may have life, and have it abundantly" (John 10:10).

We don't access that abundant life by "plugging into" ourselves. Instead, Jesus invites us to plug into his power — and joy, peace, hope, truth — through prayer and Scripture, worship and service, fellowship with other Christians and the beauty of God's world.





PUZZLE

RESURRECTION HOPE



Romans 6:5 reveals the hope we have because Jesus rose from the dead on Easter.



Directions: First solve the math problems. Then put the corresponding words in the blanks; for example, the word next to the answer "1" goes in the first blank, the word next to the answer "2" goes in the second blank, and so on.

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| 2+2 = ___ united | 2x3 = ___ death | 7+6 = ___ resurrection |
| 3x3 = ___ certainly | 18-16 = ___ have | 4-1 = ___ been |
| 0+1 = ___ if | 2x4 = ___ we | 13-1 = ___ him |
| 2+3 = ___ in | 20-6 = ___ like | 2+5 = ___ his |
| 2x5 = ___ be | 8+3 = ___ with | |

"For 1 we 2 3 4
 with him 5 a 6 like 7 ,
8 will 9 also 10 united
11 12 in a 13
14 his." Romans 6:5, NIV

Answer: For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his. Romans 6:5, NIV



- 1st Clint Cottrell
Peyton Hayman
- 2nd Frank Alberti
- 8th Abigail Hill
- 10th Larry Johnson
Marjorie Marlow
Lynn Miller
Keith Schneider
- 11th Norma Borkowski
- 12th Michele Pepper
Stevens Tovar
- 14th Rob Coe
- 18th Douglas J. Wilson
Ken Burbach
- 19th Elizabeth Peters
Ryan Mills
- 21st Sheila Muller-Girard
Robert Stein
- 23rd Mae Osborne
- 28th DeAnna Steward
Robert Radcliff
Maria Menacho



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



INTERESTED IN BRIDGE??

If you're interested in playing Bridge, we meet on Tuesdays in CE1/Rooms 2&3. Call Jean Shell at 437-3943 for more information.



"I thought your Easter message was great, except when you went off on a bunny trail."

Salerno Update

12th March 2018



PRAYER AND PRAISE FROM SALERNO

Last week I got to start reading the Bible with Patti, who is an English teacher at one of our friend's kid's school. We met for coffee, and after having a conversation, I simply asked if I could pray for her. She was so moved, and stated that no one had ever prayed for her before in her entire life. She has many questions, and is very curious, and wants to know how she can have a personal relationship with Jesus.

Please pray:

- That she would continue to grow in understanding the Gospel truths and come to have a personal relationship with Jesus as she and I read through John.
- That I would let the Holy Spirit lead & guide me in how to disciple her well, and go from acquaintance to friendship.

Last week I met three students from Africa at the University who are believers. We are now going to start an English Bible study in addition to the Italian one. They both begin next week on campus.

Please pray:

- That the Holy Spirit would lead us to the right students who would be interested in going through the Bible study.
- That Michael, Priscilla, Justine, and I would be able to grow in a deeper understanding of the Gospel for ourselves, and that they would be able to get involved in our local church, and campus ministry.

We have two teams arriving from America this month! Our first team from the University of Mississippi arrived on Saturday. They are helping us at the University campus this week, to meet students, and share the Gospel, and get them connected with us. We will be having a big university scavenger hunt, and a music night to get Italian students connected and talking with these Christian students.

Please pray:

- That the Holy Spirit would guide these students this week, and that they would be able to meet the students who are truly seeking to know Jesus, and who need hope.
- That God would provide great conversations that would lead to more students being open to having a different view of Jesus.
- That we would have favor and growth with students' faculty, and staff because of these teams.

A few weeks ago I asked that you would pray for Paola and Ernesto. I was able to share the Gospel with Paola two weeks ago, and ask if she would want to join our Bible study group, to start learning more. She said yes. Also Ernesto came to church two weeks ago, and could be open to reading the Bible as well.

- Please keep praying that they would have open hearts, to continue to keep seeking.

Thank you for being prayer warriors with me to see the Gospel advance in all of Salerno.
Love Cammie