



The Courier

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

Cypress Lake
Presbyterian Church

February
2014



Attic
Treasure Sale

CYPRESS LAKE PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN ATTIC TREASURE SALE

Start to clean out your closets and the garage for articles that we can sell. The trailer is here and will be open each Saturday during January and February from 9 A.M. to noon and Sunday during church. We will collect household items, electrical appliances, toys (with all parts), baby items, furniture, jewelry, sporting goods, books, linens, baskets, dishes, and tools. **No televisions will be accepted this year.** All must be in working order and clean.

**THE SALE WILL TAKE PLACE ON
SATURDAY, MARCH 8th FROM
7 A.M. TO 1 P.M.**



Amy & Nick Barra
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Ft. Myers, FL 33966
239-671-7634

Thomas Kowa & Pamela Darst
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Gloria Long
6852 Sandtrap Dr., #2
Ft. Myers, FL 33919
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February Dinner Dance

On Saturday, February 15th, there will be a Valentine Dinner Dance held in Fellowship Hall. This fundraiser will begin at 5:00 p.m., with a delectable steak dinner, prepared by our wonderful Chef Harold.



There will be exciting themed baskets, created by many groups within the church, and you will be able to take a chance to win several of them. If you or your business has anything to donate to the baskets, please call the church office.

Tickets will go on sale February 2nd. It will be a marvelous evening for a mere \$15. Be sure to "Save the Date" and invite your friends and neighbors.

DJ Ron will host the dance portion of the evening and, as a special bonus, will offer dance lessons on February 6 & 13. There must be a minimum of 20 people for the lessons, so please sign up early.



The Coastmen Barbershop Group will be presenting their wonderful harmony with us on Sunday, February 23, 2014 for the 11:00 am Worship Service.

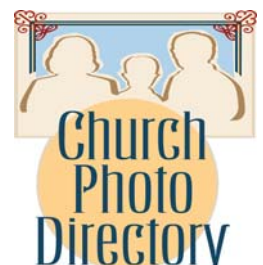
Our Voices in Bronze, (Intergenerational Bell Choir), will also be ringing in both the 9:00 am Praise and again for the 11:00 am Traditional service.

Mark this day to be in Worship as we sing and ring God's marvelous music!

Photo Sessions for the Directory

Thank you to all of you who registered for the photo sessions in November. Thanks especially to **Tim Baldwin, Betty Ann Kelly, and Barb Pappalardo** for the time and effort spent in arranging the sign-ups and greeters for the photo sessions.

Our second set of photo sessions will be **February 25, 26, 27, & 28th**. You may sign up between worship services. See Tim Baldwin; or sign up on our website, www.clpc.us. Just click on the blue square that says Photo Directory.



If you are unable to be photographed during these times, please call Chris Giesecke (239-850-4927) who will work with you to make other arrangements.

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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.



Presbyterian Women

February 2014

1 st	9:00 am	Peace River Presbyterian Women Annual Gathering Host: Bee Ridge, Sarasota, FL
3 rd	9:30 am 1:00 pm	Project Linus Blanket Work Day Executive Board Meeting- <i>Library</i>
7 th	11:30 am	CWU Scholarship Luncheon <i>Fellowship Hall</i>
11 th	9:30 am 12:30 pm	Martha Circle Esther Circle- <i>Fellowship Hall</i>
13 th	7:00 pm	Eve Circle
19 th	10:30 am	Presbyterian Women Gathering- <i>Fellowship Hall</i> 11:15 am Program-Prison Ministries by Steve Norris 12:00 pm Luncheon-Hosted by Martha Circle
23 rd		Celebrate the Gifts of Women Sunday 8 am, 9 am, & 11 am Services Led by Women of the Congregation

The next New Member Orientation and Luncheon will be March 2, 2014. The class will start after the 11 a.m. celebration of worship. Call the church office at 481-3233 to sign up or email the church at mail@clpc.us.



Blood Drive



The next Blood Drive will be

Sunday, March 9th
8:15-12:45 pm.

Please call Tim Baldwin for an appointment at 937-369-6069. Give the gift of Life!!

Blood GIVE

Upcoming Events



CALENDAR- - - - CALENDAR!!

Easter Egg Hunt—Saturday, April 19th

Vacation Bible School—June 2nd-June 6th



Thanks to Tim Baldwin I read a great article about why people today find themselves unhappy; when in reality, our lives are so much better than our predecessors of 100 or even 50 years ago. In the article, Alexander Green, author of *Spiritual Wealth*, wrote, "According to a new study by eMarketer, Americans spend an average of four hours and 31 minutes a day watching television and another five hours and 16 minutes looking at other screens. That's nearly 10 hours a day, the majority of our waking hours."

Did you catch what Green noted, that we spend nearly TEN HOURS A DAY either on a computer or watching TV, and that is an AVERAGE! Okay, we need to agree that for many of us, computers are just a part of our daily work lives between email, Word, Excel and more. But I believe that this finding is a most telling statistic. Only 7 years ago, the first I-Phone was released; 25 years ago, there were NO computers or tablets in our homes and offices (save for the BIG offices that had mainframes); and 60 years ago, there were no televisions (let alone DVD's or Netflix). At the same time, people used to spend time having coffee with their neighbors, fishing (and often talking) at a local fishing hole, playing rounds of golf, or talking to their children or parents. They also spent time at the local church for Bible study, in fellowship, singing in the choirs, teaching Sunday School or working with the youth.

Have we become "too busy" for those "trivial" parts of life? Instead of having coffee or tea with a neighbor, we replace it with a quick posting on Facebook on *our* schedule (for some...even when in the bathroom...still makes me wonder why people use their phones in a restroom!!!). Have we replaced Bible study with a quick watch of a message on YouTube? With all of our gadgetry, even with the joys of texting and Skype, have we lost the beauty of actually watching a little child laugh, of sharing the pain of a neighbor as they cry over their son's alcohol problem, or misplaced what it feels like to hug the little old person down the street whose spouse died last year and at 91 the only touch she ever feels is the needle stick to check her Coumadin levels? Are we losing what it means to be human in favor of technology limiting humanness to *our* terms?

This morning as I wrote this article the lectionary passage was John 1. "And the Word became flesh and lived among us." God could most certainly have shown His love by never leaving heaven! God could have used an angel to send the message or even used dreams (call it a first century version of YouTube). Fact is, God sent Christ to BE WITH the people, WITH us; not distant on a screen, but rather in person.

Now I am not trying to take anything away from the computers, tablets, androids or TV's; they all have their place. Like my claw and ball peen hammers in my toolbox, they have a place in life. Yet, they are not all of the tools in the toolbox. But the fact is, NOTHING takes the place of a human touch, including Skype, Facetime or Facebook!

This month I invite all of us to be a bit more human. Just as Christ came to BE with us, let us take time to BE with others. Sometimes that will mean turning off the TV or skipping another round of solitaire; but let's commit to BEING the body of Christ together who came in the flesh to be with the likes of you and me.

Have a great month and we'll see you in worship!

Blessings,

Pastor Clint

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S
GATHERING
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH
10:30 A.M.
FELLOWSHIP HALL**

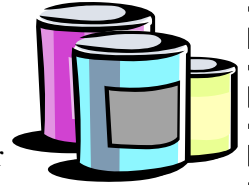
Steve Norris will be speaking on Prison Ministries. There will be a free luncheon following the program. All are welcome.



Women's Group

Martha Circle will meet on **February 11th** at 9:30 a.m. at the home of Pat Hoffman. Please read Chapter 6 in "An Abiding Hope." Call 466-6769 if you need directions.

TUNA FISH COLLECTION



The South Fort Myers Food pantry needs your help! Tuna fish is running low, so they are asking our church to help restore their stock. We will be collecting any kind of tuna fish during the month of February. There will be a blue basket in the Narthex that we should fill up. Watch for the sales and Publix two-for-one promotions, especially when it is a 4 or 6 cans package. God has provided for us; now it is time for us to provide for those that are less fortunate.



Chancel Guild

February 2014 Schedule

- 7th** Irene Thiessen
Gale Wray
- 14th** Jackie Oestriech
Dorothy Troy
- 21st** Doris Houston
Rebecca Potts
- 28th** Sue Chanofsky
Betty Schaarschuch

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



Irene Thiessen, Chancel Guild

A father was at the beach with his children when the four-year-old son ran up to him, grabbed his hand, and led him to the shore where a seagull lay dead in the sand.. "Daddy, what happened to him?" the son asked. "He died and went to Heaven," the Dad replied. The boy thought a moment and then said, "Did God throw him back down?"

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A wife invited some people to dinner. At the table, she turned to their six-year-old daughter and said, "Would you like to say the blessing?" "I wouldn't know what to say," the girl replied. "Just say what you hear Mommy say," the wife answered. The daughter bowed her head and said, "Lord, why on earth did I invite all these people to dinner?"



***ACOLYTE SCHEDULE  
FEBRUARY 2014***

- FEBRUARY 2ND GLORIA CHOIR
- FEBRUARY 9TH AMANDA JOHNSON  
LARRY JOHNSON
- FEBRUARY 16TH ALEX KISS  
TAYLOR KISS
- FEBRUARY 23RD BRYCE MCFADDEN  
GRIFFIN PETERS

**ACOLYTES**



**Men's Breakfast  
Fellowship Hall**

**Tuesday, February 11th  
7:00am**



# february anniversaries

- 16<sup>th</sup> James & Gale Wray
- 19<sup>th</sup> James & Jackie Oestriech  
Dwayne & Marcia Bruns
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Marvin & Lynne Birdt



- 6<sup>th</sup> Michael Scullion  
Emily Logelin
- 7<sup>th</sup> Diane Jordan
- 8<sup>th</sup> Paula Sklodowski
- 9<sup>th</sup> Griffin Peters
- 12<sup>th</sup> Betty Ann Kelly
- 13<sup>th</sup> Judy Hoschner  
Kevin McFadden
- 16<sup>th</sup> Cody Waldrop
- 18<sup>th</sup> Rod Herrick  
Jay Giesecke
- 19<sup>th</sup> Harry J. Warren  
William Conner
- 20<sup>th</sup> Muriel Meszaros
- 21<sup>st</sup> Harold Riser  
Nate Burley
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Daisy Graf
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Ethan Peters
- 25<sup>th</sup> Martin Chanofsky  
Zachary Wilson
- 27<sup>th</sup> Juanda Galberach  
Hewitt McCloskey, Jr.
- 28<sup>th</sup> Katherine Burley

## Tools & Blankets Sunday

To those of you who so very generously gave to the Blankets+ Offering. The total donated was **\$1,221**. Thank you all so very much for your generosity to this worthwhile mission of Church World Services.



### COFFEE HOUR

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

### *FLOWER GUILD JANUARY, 2014*



- February 2nd Sally Fontaine
- February 9th Nancy Wheeler
- February 16th Judy Schulte
- February 23rd Terry Miller

### March 16

**Special guest artist - Rick Strickland**  
Gospel Music Hall of Fame, Gaither Homecoming events, will be our guest vocalist for both the Praise and the Traditional Services. Rick will also be giving a Concert later that day, and we are asking you to keep this date open for a Fantastic Day of Gospel music. Rick's Aunt is Jean Shell, a member of CLPC who attends the 11:00am Worship service!

### March 22

**CLPC Fund Raising event!**  
Be ready for another GREAT Dinner and Entertainment by the CLPC Drama Troupe! Chef Harold and cooking staff will be preparing your meal, and the Drama Troupe will present its best ever show.

## Our First Steps...

It is always amazing how time flies, and that we are arriving to our first year since we started the **Hispanic/ Spanish Ministry** at Cypress Lake. It was February, 2013, when we started meeting at the Chapel. At the beginning, there was just Pastor Miguel Estrada and his family; and, for at least seven weeks, it was like that. After that, God started to lead one-by-one those who are now gathering, studying the Bible, and worshipping together.

La Iglesia Presbiteriana Cypress Lake has become a place of faith and communion in the middle of a big need for it. We have had the opportunity to be with some to provide pastoral care as they faced a different kind of struggle. We have celebrated their life's accomplishments and blessings. Moreover, we have helped some to face the challenges they found in the way to serve the Lord.

We have tried different and new ways to reach out and spread the word about our presence here. So far, we count a group of 14-18 regular attendants, many visitors, and a good number of contacts.

We, the Spanish-speaking congregation, want to praise God from whom all blessings flow. He has been faithful to His promise to be where two or three are together in His Name. We feel blessed and encouraged by the leadership of Rev. Clint Cottrell and the Session in this process. In addition, we want to express our gratitude to the English speaking people of the church for all your love, support, generosity, and encouragement for this new way to follow our Master's call to share the Good News.

The experience during the first year has been so good and full of blessings. In addition, it is clearly showing us some of the challenges we face in reaching out to this growing community around us. Our dream is to develop a community of faith for the Hispanics around a place to find Christ, to worship, and to serve the Lord. We believe that, "This is the Place..."

In Christ,

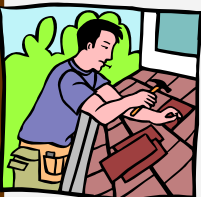
Rev. Miguel Estrada



Through God's grace, the commitment of volunteers and many donations from others, the South Ft. Myers Food Pantry Coalition served 8731 families (consisting of 27,000 individuals) in 2013. These numbers represent an increase of 700 families or 5,000 individuals over the previous 2012 year.

### CLPC NEW ROOF CAMPAIGN

The campaign to raise funds to replace the roofs on our Sanctuary, and Christian Education Buildings 1 & 2 will run from January 26th to February 16th. We need to raise \$100,000. Please prayerfully consider the amount of your pledge; we all sit under the same roof so hope that ALL of our CLPC members will contribute to this necessary project.



The Food Pantry received over 850,000 pounds of food, with Harry Chapin supporting 702,000 pounds, at a cost of \$50,000 from the Food Pantry. This is an overall market value of more than \$1,500,000.00 distributed to the Pantry's clients. Also, during this past holiday season, 12,000 turkeys were distributed to those in need.

There is no greater feeling than the love and laughter with volunteers, new friends, and supporters focusing on the same purpose of helping others and stopping hunger here in South Ft. Myers.

Thanks be to God.  
Skip Webster

**COMMITMENT TO WORSHIP**

Chair - Linda Baldwin  
 Member - Bobbi Bancroft  
 Support Staff - Rachel Carrier

**CHURCH & COMMUNITY**

Chair - Chris Giesecke  
 Member - Mike Scullion  
 Member - Tom Huntington  
 Support Staff -

**DISCIPLEMAKING**

Chair - Jenny Giraud  
 Member - Sarah Otenti  
 Member - Dee Jordan  
 Member - Carolyn Hornung  
 Support Staff - Ginny Canning

**SUPPORT**

Chair - Bob O'Neill  
 Member - Steve Norris, Hawley Botchford  
 Property - Jim Wray, Walt France, Rich Meacham  
 Treasurer - Rich Meacham (Interim)  
 Personnel - Jim Wray, Sandy Wharton, Betsy Peters,  
 Linda Baldwin, Mike Scullion, Bob O'Neill,  
 Ginny Giraud  
 Support Staff - Karen May



Elders

Bobbi Bancroft  
 Tom Huntington  
 Dee Jordan  
 Sarah Otenti  
 Bob O'Neill  
 Hawley Botchford  
 Steve Norris  
 Virginia Giraud  
 Linda Baldwin  
 Mike Scullion  
 Carolyn Hornung  
 Chris Giesecke  
 Don Little

Deacons

Betty Schaarschuch  
 Skip Webster  
 Barbara Pappalardo  
 Amy Cottrell  
 Eleanor Bartoe  
 Betsy Peters  
 Millie Poland  
 Leslie McGargle  
 Doris King  
 Pam Smith  
 Kurt Daume

Ministry Teams meet the first Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. in the Youth Center. All are welcome to attend these meetings.



**WE HAVE THE DATES**

**CEDARKIRK:**

The dates for the CLPC Family Camp are Friday, Saturday and Sunday, March 28<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>. The prices are as follows:

|                 |          |
|-----------------|----------|
| 13 yrs. – Adult | \$116.00 |
| 5 - 12 -- years | 93.00    |
| 0 - 4 -- years  | 0.00     |
| Family rate     | 348.00   |

More details to follow through bulletins, letters, posters, sign-up sheets, etc.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:**

The dates are Monday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> through Friday, June 6<sup>th</sup>. The hours have changed slightly; we will be starting at 5 pm with a volunteer dinner and ending about 15 minutes sooner (better for the little ones). We will have four (4) stations this year: Drama/Story, Games, Crafts and mission. Pick a place you'd like to work and let me know.

**COMING ATTRACTIONS FROM YOUR ACTIVITY GROUP!!**

**Friday February 21**

Everblades hockey at 7:30 p.m.  
 Cost \$14.00.

**Friday March 28**

Broadway Palm Dinner Theater  
 Les Miserables.  
 Cost \$56.00 which includes play, dinner, tax and gratuity.

Plan ahead because tickets will be available soon. Questions? Call Ken Burbach at 267-7856.



## Lead On, O King Eternal

This Hymn was written by a young graduating seminarian, Ernest W. Shurtleff, in 1887.

Shurtleff was born in Boston, Massachusetts, on April 4, 1862. His seminary college asked him to write a hymn, which they might all sing together for their commencement service. At the time of his graduation, he had already published two volumes of verse; and throughout his later ministry, he wrote a number of additional hymns. This is his one-hymn text, however, which has endured the passing of time. Although the metaphors and imagery used in this text were intended for their original purpose, the graduation, we can apply these truths to our personal lives and ministries today.

The well-suited martial music for this text was borrowed by Shurtleff from a tune written fifty-two years earlier by an English organist and composer, Henry Smart. Smart originally composed this tune for the text *Festival Greenland's Icy Mountains*, (No. 25) to be used at a musical festival at Blackburn, England on October 4, 1835, observing the three-hundredth anniversary of the Reformation in England. "Lancashire", the name of this tune, is the county location of Blackburn, where Smart was organist at the time of this composition. Henry Smart became well-known throughout England as a nineteenth-century composer, conductor, and compiler of sacred music, even though he spent the last fifteen years of his life in total blindness. Despite this affliction, he continued his work as organist at St. Pancras Church, London, until his death in 1879. Another of his favorite tunes is used for the familiar Christmas Carol, *Angels from the Realms of Glory*, (No. 7).

I have fought the good fight, I have finished my course. I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: And not to me only, but unto all them also that love His appearing. **II Timothy 4: 7, 8**

*Lead on, O King Eternal, The day of march has come  
Hence-forth in fields of conquest Thy tents shall be our home;  
Thru days of preparation Thy grace has made us strong  
And now, O King Eternal, We lift our battle song.*

### *Each Day*

*A new year just beginning,  
Each day a fresh, new start,  
To fulfill your hopes  
And pursue the dreams  
Sustained within your heart.*

*Put God in charge;  
He'll plant the seeds  
Of affection, love and care.  
Like a garden, your life will grow  
With kindness flowering there.*

*And as you face the wonder  
Of each day's mysteries,  
You'll see God's hand  
Unfolding, daily, possibilities!*

*And as each day comes to a close,  
Dream a dream or two,  
Then with a prayer thank dear God  
For each day given to you.*

*Poet, Gael Phaneuf*

Have you ever wondered about the abbreviation A.S.A.P.? Generally we think of it in terms of even more hurry and stress in our lives. Maybe if we think of this abbreviation in a different manner, we will begin to find a new way to deal with those rough days along the way.

So when.....  
There's work to do, deadlines to meet;  
You've got no time to spare,  
But as you hurry and scurry-  
ASAP - ALWAYS SAY A PRAYER

In the midst of family chaos,  
"Quality time" is rare.  
Do your best; let God do the rest-  
ASAP - ALWAYS SAY A PRAYER.

It may seem like your worries  
Are more than you can bear.  
Slow down and take a breather-  
ASAP - ALWAYS SAY A PRAYER

God knows how stressful life is;  
He wants to ease our cares,  
And He'll respond to all your needs  
A.S.A.P. - ALWAYS SAY A PRAYER.