



# The Courier

Cypress Lake  
Presbyterian Church

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

February  
2016

Welcome  
to Our Church

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Please put February 20 on your calendar for the steak dinner. If you remember this from last year we had a good turnout with a very successful "dessert auction" where people brought in desserts, which were not served with dinner. These desserts were then bid on by individuals or tables who combined to win a dessert. One table bought three desserts and then sold slices to others and donated the money. There will be another silent auction with the best item available being determined by the number of tickets we sell. Come alone, bring a spouse or a guest and enjoy a wonderful steak dinner with baked potato and vegetable for \$15 for adults and \$6 for children. Most of all enjoy the fellowship of your fellow members and guests. Proceeds to benefit Operation Christmas Child.



STEAK  
DINNER

The next New Member Orientation and Luncheon will be **March 6, 2016**. 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](mailto:mail@clpc.us).



## Blood Drive

The next Blood Drive will be Sunday, February 7th  
8:15 a.m.-12:45 p.m.  
Please call Tim Baldwin for an appointment at 937-369-6069.



## Attic Treasure Sale - April 2, 2016

Are you ready for spring cleaning? Are you heading back up North and want to purge your house of some "things" before you go? The Presbyterian Women would like to announce the 2016 edition of "Get Rid of Your Stuff". The trailer for the annual Attic Treasure Sale will be in the parking lot on February 14th. We will be accepting donations of slightly used clothing and other household items each weekend until the sale on April 2. The hours will be 9-noon on Saturday and during services on Sunday. We will not accept televisions, large entertainment centers or Christmas decorations. \*\*We would like to hold a special sale in November for people to get rid of their slightly used Christmas decorations. The church has very limited storage for these items. Save them for our special sale.

This is our largest fundraiser of the year and allows us to continue with the various missions that we serve. We are very grateful for the abundance of donations for past Attic Treasure Sales and hope to have a very successful sale this year. Please tell your family, friends and coworkers both for donations and to attend the sale.



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

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# Presbyterian Women

## February 2016

1 <sup>st</sup>	9:30 am 1:00 pm	Project Linus Blanket Work Day PW Coordinating Team-Chapel
9 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 am	Martha & Esther Circle-Fellowship Hall
11 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 pm	Eve Circle-Fellowship Hall
13 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am	PRP Annual Gathering Faith Presbyterian Church Cape Coral, FL



Thank you, thank you, thank you for all your prayers, cards & well wishes during my recovery. God heard you and I am so much better. Thank you again.  
 Bobbi Bancroft



**Men's Breakfast**  
**Sunflower Cafe**  
**Tuesday, February 9th**  
**8:00am**



**YOUTH GROUP CAR WASH** will be on Sunday, February 7<sup>th</sup> from 7:30a.m.-11:30a.m. The youth are trying to raise money for a new couch and glass magnetic white board for the Youth Room. Ten percent of the proceeds will be going towards Vacation Bible School.



**KIDS PACKETS:** The Kids Worship Packets have a new look! The children packs for ages 3-6 are in the form of a back pack and will be in a plastic container marked for their age. The older children staying in Worship will also have a new bag that has a Bible encouragement on the front such as "Believe, No Greater Love than This". These will be in another plastic container labeled for Ages 7-12. We encourage parents to help with this! There is an additional worksheet based on the Pastor's sermon, scripture for the morning and a place to write any questions for the Pastor. Questions will be answered and returned to you. Please be sure your name is on the sheet.





**Happy New Year...  
Time for Year of the Bible!!!**

It is hard to believe that we are already one month into the new year. With the start of a new year, many of us thought about resolutions be it losing weight, eating better, exercising, or something else. I do hope that one of your resolutions was to read the Bible with us. If not, it is NOT too late to start!!!

This year CLPC is placing a special emphasis on one KEY element, the Bible. Oh, there will be many other things happening, but our primary focus is on God's word, all of it!!! It is the focus of sermons, music, Bible studies, discussion and more!

The centerpiece to this is a call to EVERYONE, member or guest, to commit to reading the Bible during the year. Many people say that they would like to know the Bible better, but they aren't sure how to get started doing that. Reading the Bible straight through is one way that seems to help many people. Those in our congregation who have done it in the past can testify to how enjoyable and valuable the experience was for them.

It may sound like an imposing task to read the entire Bible in one year, but it can be done much more easily than you suspect. It takes only 15-20 minutes or so each day to do the readings. We will also be reading it in a way that makes it a little easier (and with the Bible studies and sermons matching up, everything will tie together!!!). Of course, it will take some energy to plan reading time into your daily schedule. But even if you occasionally get behind on your reading, it is not that difficult to catch up.

It will be an exciting adventure as all of us together read through the pages of all of the Scriptures in this way. I am sure you will find this to be enriching and stimulating for your life as a Christian. I am looking forward to joining you in this journey! I hope you are, too!

So again, a month later, HAPPY NEW YEAR and what better commitment for a new year, than to read God's holy word. And if you do, I promise that your life will never be the same (in a very, very good way!!!).

Blessings,

Pastor Clint

**FLOWER GUILD  
FEBRUARY, 2016**



February 7th Judy Schulte  
February 14th Terry Miller  
February 21st Jean Dodd  
February 28th Sally Fontaine

**Chancel Guild**

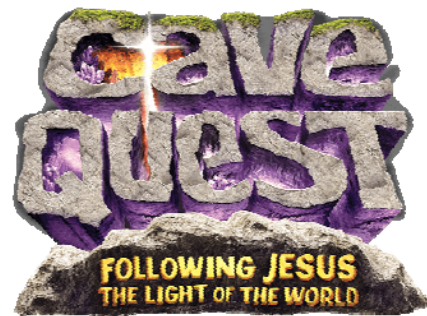
**February 2016 Schedule**



**5th** Judy Schulte  
Dorothy Troy  
**12th** Doris Houston  
Irene Thiessen  
**19th** Irene Thiessen  
**26th** Sue Chanofsky  
Martin Chanofsky

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

Irene Thiessen  
Chancel Guild



**Vacation Bible School Volunteers  
NEEDED!!**

VBS will be held Monday, June 13<sup>th</sup> – Friday, June 17<sup>th</sup> from 5:30pm – 8:30pm. If you will be in town those dates and are available, please sign up in the Narthex or contact Jessica, 239-481-3233 or [Jessica@clpc.us](mailto:Jessica@clpc.us).

Angels



### Angel's Rock News

Beginning January 13, 2016, the Angels started to learn the discipline of Chime Ringing! It is imperative that we begin this practice time at 5:45 pm.

if the children are to make progress and be able to ring during the church services.

Parents; this is still open to ages 5 through the 5<sup>th</sup> grade. We are meeting on Wednesday from 5:45-6:15pm in the Choir Rehearsal Room, CE I, rooms 5/6. Since the children are not able to drive yet (thank goodness), it is up to you to make this important enough to arrive with your child on time.

**See you on Wednesday!**

## Anniversaries

- 19<sup>th</sup> Dwayne & Marcia Bruns
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Marvin & Lynne Birdt

## Birthdays

- 4<sup>th</sup> Minnie Rodriguez
- 5<sup>th</sup> Glenn Matsumoto
- 6<sup>th</sup> Michael Scullion  
Emily Logelin
- 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
- 14<sup>th</sup> Joe Gazdik, Jr.
- 16<sup>th</sup> Nancy Place
- 17<sup>th</sup> Betsy Howlett
- 18<sup>th</sup> Rod Herrick  
Jay Giesecke
- 19<sup>th</sup> Harry J. Warren  
William Conner  
Sam Farrell
- 20<sup>th</sup> Muriel Meszaros
- 21<sup>st</sup> Harold Riser
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Ethan Peters
- 25<sup>th</sup> Martin Chanofsky  
Zachary Wilson
- 27<sup>th</sup> Hewitt McCloskey, Jr.
- 28<sup>th</sup> Katherine Burley

**The Clothes Closet at Faith United Methodist Church** has invited CLPC to be part of the new Clothes Closet Alliance, a community outreach ministry.



The Clothes Closet is a completely free clothing ministry serving our neighbors in Lee County since November of 2007. They have provided well over 200,000 items of free clothing, plus shoes and accessories, to individuals and families of all ages and sizes. The Clothes Closet also delivers clothing to several nursing homes, infant care programs, and community improvement organizations that serve the disadvantaged in Lee County.

As you may know, the South Ft. Myers Food Pantry and CLPC have vouchers to give to people in need of clothing. Clients receive four complete outfits of clothing, shoes, undergarments and accessories as available. They may receive clothing every six months. The closet is open two half days a week and more often for special needs like ACT and recovery houses.

The Clothes Closet's goal in forming the alliance is to be open additional days and to do even more to serve our neighbors in need. They need volunteers, help in maintaining their web site and, naturally, CLOTHING.

This is where YOU can help. Once a month there will be a clothing basket in the Narthex. Please donate gently used clothing (adult and child), packaged undergarments and accessories.

Pam Smith (239-878-6511) will be coordinating this effort. Please her with questions or if you are interested in volunteering for a few hours a month.



### COFFEE HOUR

Coffee hour is moving back to the fellowship hall beginning in February. The Church and Community Ministry team would like to thank everyone for their understanding and for both positive and negative feedback from placing the coffee in the narthex. We would like the coffee hour to be used by more of our members and guests as a way to socialize. You might consider asking a new member or someone you don't really know, to go have a cup of coffee and get to know them. If you've been meaning to talk to someone about a project or event going on, invite them to meet you for coffee before or after the service. There were quite a few people who chatted over coffee in, or outside of, the narthex but we understand that some like to sit down for an extended period of time and chat.

Thank you. Mark