



# The Courier

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

Cypress Lake  
Presbyterian Church

February  
2017

Welcome  
to Our Church

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## COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES

The Disciplemaking team is sending our college students care packages to let them know that their church family is thinking about them. We are looking for **two** more people to help sponsor our college students. It is \$100, but this provides 3 care packages per student throughout the academic year. If you are interesting in supporting this cause please contact Jessica at 239-481-3233 or [Jessica@clpc.us](mailto:Jessica@clpc.us).



## UPCOMING WORSHIP DATES!!

February 12, 2017 - Praise and Traditional Services - Gloryland! - Barbershop Quartet  
Ash Wednesday - March 1, 2017; Sanctuary; 7:00 pm  
1st Sunday in Lent - March 5, 2017  
2nd Sunday in Lent - March 12, 2017  
3rd Sunday in Lent - March 19, 2017; One service at 10:00 am; Rick Strickland/Guest artist; Church Picnic Day!!!  
4th Sunday in Lent - March 26, 2017  
5th Sunday in Lent - April 2, 2017  
Palm Sunday - April 9, 2017  
Maundy Thursday - April 13th, 2017; 6:00 pm; Meager Meal in Fellowship Hall with Service in Sanctuary  
EASTER Sunday - April 16th, 2017; 4 services; Sunrise, 8:00 am Prayer; Praise Service 9:30 am; Traditional 11:00



## VISITS TO HOSPITALS AND REHABILITATION FACILITIES

One of the responsibilities of your Deacons is to visit you in the hospital or rehabilitation facility when you are having health issues. Helping you in any way through difficult times is our way of serving you and God. Do inform the Church office or the Pastor if you find yourself needing medical care and would like a Deacon to stop and say hello.



## Attic Treasure Sale February 25, 2017

The trailer is here! Open on Saturday's 9-12 noon and Sunday's before and after the 9:30 service.

Drop off your unwanted items; remembering again this year, we no long take electronics or small appliances. Please sign up to help in the trailer, the week of the sale or both! And, kindly hold your Christmas items for our very successful Christmas Bazaar November 18, 2017.





# Presbyterian Women

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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.

**PW Gathering** ....Saturday, February 11, 2017 – 10:30 a.m.  
in Fellowship Hall. This is our annual fashion show by Anthony's. Sign-up in the Narthex or office.

**Presbyterian Women Bylaws** have recently been updated and the draft distributed to all Presbyterian Women via email. Copies are also available in the Narthex for review prior to the Presbyterian Women's Gathering in February. The revisions will be reviewed and presented for approval on February 11, 2017 at the Gathering.

### Women's Bible Study . . .

Daytime Women's Bible Study – **"Really Bad Girls of the Bible"**  
Tuesday, Feb. 14th – 10:00 a.m. – FH – Lesson 6  
Evening Women's Bible Study – **"Really Bad Girls of the Bible"**  
Tuesday, Feb. 14th – 7:00 p.m. – FH – Lesson 6  
Daytime Women's Bible Study – **"Who is Jesus?"**  
Thursday, Feb. 9th – 10:00 a.m. – Library – Lesson 6

## SAVE THE DATE!

To all Members & Friends,  
**Sunday, March 5, 2017 - Gifts of Women Sunday**  
Two services: 8:00am & 10:00am

In Pastor Clint's absence, The Rev. Susan B. Rice-Walker will return to give the sermon and communion. Women's gift to the congregation - Lunch following 10:00 a.m. service with speaker, Steen Metz. Growing up in Denmark, a Holocaust survivor; he presents factual information and shares the impact his mother had saving his life and helping him not allow the Holocaust to define who he is as a human being.

### Peace River Presbyterian Women's Spring Retreat

Please join us March 20-21 at the Day Spring Episcopal Conference Center in Ellenton FL. The center is situated on lovely, peaceful grounds. The lodging is semi-private with private bathrooms. The food is wonderfully delicious! The Program includes mini-workshops, overview of the 2018 PW Bible Study, fellowship, music and Worship. See Sandy, Mary or Ginny for registration forms. If enough ladies sign-up, we can car pool!



## *“The Church Reformed and Always Reforming”*

Recently a group of us were talking about CLPC and some of the changes that are needed in the building, in the way we reach out into the community and even with worship itself. Like most Presbyterians, we are a little change resistant (remember the old Presbyterian joke: “Change? What is that?”). But the whole Presbyterian church was built on change...reformation (that is, after all, why we are called a “Reformed Church”).

Predating Bob Dylan’s “The Times They are a Changin” by hundreds of years, there is a common saying within Presbyterian church “*The church reformed and always reforming.*” The point is that Christ’s church must constantly be changing to stay relevant to the world in which we live. This very statement was even adopted by some of the Roman Catholics during the wide sweeping changes of Vatican II. MANY changes have happened over the years:

Allowing non-members to be present or even receive the Lord’s Supper (the early church invited the non-members to physically leave the church building after the sermon and before the Lord’s Supper).

As recently as 100 years ago, many Presbyterian churches required people to meet with the Session the week before receiving communion to declare their preparation was complete...they then received a “communion token.”

The early church sang only psalms but later there was the introduction of hymns, then organs, and in the last 50 or so years, what we call contemporary Christian music.

Reading the Bible in the common language of the people (for MANY years, it was read in Latin).

The ordination of women as Deacons, Ruling and Teaching Elders.

The list is endless!

There have also been changes in what our denomination says it believes. Many of these changes have been VERY good, while some have created real challenges. Change is certainly needed in any organization, but there is something that is missing when we say we are reformed and always reforming!

While well intended, the statement excludes the WHOLE quote. Going all the way back to the Reformation, the FULL motto was “*Ecclesia Reformata, Semper Reformanda Secundum Verbum Dei*” OR “*the church reformed and always reforming in accordance with the Word of God.*” The key phrase is, “in accordance with the Word of God.”

This oft excluded line is helpful not only for the church but in ALL our lives. What NEEDS changing is us, our families, in our business and yes, in our church? But change or “reformation” in and of itself is not necessarily good! If you give up a well-balanced diet of protein, vegetables and fruits in favor of all fried food it IS change, but it is not necessarily good!

During the year of the Bible I remember having a member get upset and challenging me that they did not believe in something that the Bible said and taught. We discussed the matter at length, trying to understand the background of the matter, but the person was adamant. As pastor I told them my job is not to “tell” others what to believe but to attempt to help folks understand what the Bible is saying. If someone chooses not to believe the Scripture that is between them and the Lord, and I will not judge them based on that. However, we DO need to wrestle with the question, “What is God’s Word and what does He want from us?”

One of the greatest theologians of the last century, Karl Barth, argued that we all need to measure our lives, and change that life, by the “Word of God.” What does the Bible tell us we need to do? At times, that will create conflict with what WE want, but the Bible is truly timeless and if we believe it is God’s Word, it is the ultimate measuring tool and guide.

What needs changed in our church? What needs changed in our business? What needs changed in our homes and family? What needs changed in us? As Presbyterians, change begins with knowing what God would have us to do and there is only one reliable place to know God’s Word, Scripture.

Blessings,

*Pastor Clint*



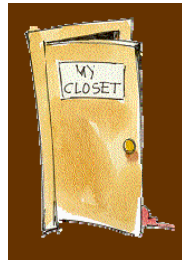
## Anniversaries

15<sup>th</sup> Rodrigo & Gloria Ramirez  
 19<sup>th</sup> Dwayne & Marcia Bruns  
 22<sup>nd</sup> Marvin & Lynne Birdt

## Birthdays

6<sup>th</sup> Michael Scullion  
 Emily Logelin  
 7<sup>th</sup> Marion Stephens  
 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  
 22<sup>nd</sup> Daisy Graf  
 23<sup>rd</sup> Ethan Peters  
 25<sup>th</sup> Martin Chanofsky  
 Zachary Wilson  
 Sarah Martin  
 26<sup>th</sup> Gina Garth  
 27<sup>th</sup> Hewitt McCloskey, Jr.  
 28<sup>th</sup> Katherine Burley

The Clothes Closet was given a wonderful Christmas present this year! A generous donation for a new van was joyfully received! This will enable the Closet to deliver clothing to various schools, retirement homes and agencies; serving neighbors who cannot easily come to the Closet.



The Clothes Closet continues to serve 250-350 people monthly. YES we do need your gently used clothing for men, women and children. New underclothing in all sizes is always appreciated and needed.

Thanks in advance for supporting this wonderful ministry.



**DO YOU NEED A RIDE  
 TO A DOCTOR OR  
 MEDICAL  
 APPOINTMENT?**

The Deacon's Transportation Committee can "give you a lift". We would be happy to help you! All you have to do is call the church office 4-5 days before your appointment. Arrangements will be made to get you to and from your appointment.

### **FLOWER GUILD FEBRUARY, 2017**



February 5<sup>th</sup> Terry Miller  
 February 12<sup>th</sup> Judy Schulte  
 February 19<sup>th</sup> Sally Fontaine  
 February 26<sup>th</sup> Harold Carrier

### **Chancel Guild**

#### **February 2017 Schedule**



**2nd** Judy Schulte  
 Dorothy Troy  
**9th** Judy Schulte  
 Dorothy Troy  
**16th** Sharon & Richard Werner  
**23rd** Sue & Marty Chanofsky

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

**INTERESTED IN  
 BRIDGE??**

Call Jean at 437-3943

