



The Courier

Cypress Lake Presbyterian Church

June
2013

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



Register today for VBS!
June 3 – June 7, 6:00 p.m. – 8:45 p.m.
For children age 3 – 5th grade
Contact the church office for a registration form or go online to www.clpc.us and click on the link to sign up!

Congregational Meeting



ANNUAL
CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING
SUNDAY, JUNE 9th
FOLLOWING THE
10:00 A.M. SERVICE

SUMMER WORSHIP HOURS COMING THIS MONTH!



Beginning **Sunday, June 9th** through and including **September 1st.**, we will have two services. The 8:00 a.m. Prayer Service will continue and there will be a 10:00 a.m. Service. Kids Worship will also continue during the summer. They will meet at 10:15 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Coffee Hour will also continue from 8:30-10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.



Joint Session/Deacons Meeting
Tuesday, June 18th
7:00 p.m.

*The meeting will be held at
Pastor Clint's home.*



The next Blood Drive will be Sunday, June 9th from 8:15 a.m.-1p.m.

Please call Tim Baldwin for an appointment at 415-2827.

Give the gift of Life!!

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

Join us!



COFFEE HOUR

Coffee hour during the summer months will be **8:30 a.m.-10:00 a.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. Stop over and join the fellowship!

New Member Luncheon

The next New Member Orientation and Luncheon will be June 2, 2013. The class will start at 12 p.m.. Call the church office at 481-3233 to sign up or email the church at mail@clpc.us.



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Betty Ann Kelly

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.

Flowers, flowers everywhere! Thank you for brightening my recuperation with your lovely altar flowers.

Also, thank you to Walt France, June Stewart, Jackie Henningsen and Dick Sorensen for all of their help in assuring that each table would have a floral centerpiece for our February 2nd women's event. It would not have been possible without you! We're all delighted to see them used so many times since that was our hope!

*Fondly,
Jeanne Gaub*



A little child in church for the first time watched as the ushers passed the offering plates. When they neared the pew where he sat, the youngster piped up so that everyone could hear: "Don't pay for me Daddy, I'm under five."

After a church service on Sunday morning, a young boy suddenly announced to his mother, "Mom, I've decided to become a Pastor when I grow up." "That's okay with us, but what made you decide that?" "Well," said the little boy, "I have to go to church on Sunday anyway, and I figure it will be more fun to stand up and yell, than to sit and listen."



YOU NOT ONLY PAVED THE WAY YOU SEALED THE DEAL

Thanks to all that donated to the special appeal for the parking lot refurbishment project. This project will include asphalt repair, seal coating, striping, replacing broken tire stops, and repainting the lines on Overlook Drive. Weather permitting work will be done by early July. Now that the goal has been met, additional contributions received for this project will be used towards other property maintenance projects.

The Support & Stewardship Teams



The Joy of Budgeting!

I don't know about you, but paying the bills every month is not exactly the highlight of the Cottrell household. From the mortgage, to electric, to insurance, to car expense, to food, it sure adds up quick. Then when you look at the bottom line and compare that to the income that is coming in, sometimes, well, it can challenge anyone's faith! Yet, on the other hand, after paying the bills each month, there is a sense of gratitude, a thankfulness that God has provided. Sometimes in abundance, sometimes just enough, and yes, sometimes we scratch our heads and ask for more (and somehow, God ALWAYS provides!!!). It is just a fact of life.

The church is no different. Oh, we are a thoroughly Godly institution, but we are operated and funded by thoroughly human people! Each year the Session struggles to set a budget that is reasonable and that meets all of the needs of the church family. Like at home, sometimes we have more and sometimes we have less. Just like at home, sometime we can buy the new item we want and sometimes we just have to make do with what we have, or even do without!

This past month the Session met and set the budget for the coming year. First, the joy. We have anticipated income of about \$475,000. The Session actually believes that this number is slightly conservative based on projected income for the coming year meaning that, there MAY be more, and less likely, less. Now for the challenge. Just to keep everything running the way it is now, we really needed about \$498,000 (give or take a few dollars). So, to simply keep what we have, we came up about \$23,000 or so short. The Session had to make some tough choices. Just like at home, they had to find ways to make the budget work. So what did they do?

Well, some choices were easier than others. We put off some much needed upgrades to the organ and found ways to fund some small items, such as communion supplies. Some tough decisions were made with staffing, including delaying the hiring of a new organist and praise team leader until September (that really will save thousands of dollars!!!). On the other hand, we will need to hold some dinners and fund raisers in the coming year to make up the difference. If we more than make up the difference, we can help reinstate some things faster!

So where does that leave us? On the whole, we have a balanced budget. There will be some work to do to keep it that way. Some of the changes will undoubtedly displease some folks, but the intent is to try to keep the ministries well funded and to not place the church into a position of borrowing money. But like our budgets at home, God will provide, and often does so in abundance! Do say a prayer as we live into this budget and into a new fiscal year that God will provide as we serve Him at CLPC.

In service to Christ,

Pastor Clint



Summer Format for our KID'S WORSHIP!

The children ages 4 through the 5th grade are always invited to attend the Kid's Worship each Sunday during the summer. The summer hours will be during the Worship Service held at 10:00am. The children will leave for their part of the Worship about 10:15am and will go to the Fellowship Hall. The Fellowship Hall is where the parents/guardians may pick up their child following the 10:00am service.



Our summer teaching Team consists of Ms. Pam Simones, Ms. Sarah Otenti, Ms. Amy Cottrell, and Ms. Ginny Canning. Ms. Rachel will be helping with the Worship Services at both 8 and 10:00 am for the rest of the summer.

We are doing a rotation of two teachers each Sunday, one teaching the Bible lesson and the other one doing a craft that is related to the Bible lesson.

We know that at this age, the children are not able to drive themselves to church, so we need to rely on those of you who have a driver's license, to make this important so that our children continue to receive a much needed Christian education during these months.

Please make this a priority. God takes care of us all every single day and because of what He offers to us, we need to continue to educate our young children in His Way.

We look forward to our time together and may you all find joy and peace as the season slows down.

Rachel Carrier, Team Coordinator /Kid's Worship



6th John & Jennifer Nance
10th Doug & Tracy Wilson
11th David & Katherine Welsh
15th Walter & Patricia France
Skip & Terri Bergmann
20th Ken & Mary Burbach
24th Harold & Audrey Hayward
Ken & Sara Sneed
26th Tim & Linda Baldwin
29th Jim & Marge McFadden

Happy Birthday!



1st Cheyenne Otto
2nd Richard White
Wanda Bishop
3rd Terri Bergmann
Sally Fontaine
5th Elaine Auman
6th Jan Gavenda
7th Helen Davis
8th Thomas Lovell
9th Dick Sims
11th Paul Mungoli
12th Maria Wiley
15th Marilyn Gerhardt
17th Joyce Botchford
Hannah Cho
18th Gordon Coffman
Damon Pappalardo
Ruth Purdo
19th Ariana Bergmann
20th Pat Clark
23rd Pam Smith
25th Carson Brown
27th Larry Johnson, III
Marilyn Sauer
29th Barbara Pappalardo
30th Sue Herrick
Dianne McFadden

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Summer Worship Hours <u>Begin June 9th</u> 8 am Prayer Service 8:30-10 am Coffee Hour 10 am Summer Worship 10:15 am Kids Worship 11 am Iglesia Presbiteriana						1 1-4 pm Organist Practice
2 One Combined Service 10:00 a.m. New Member Luncheon 12:00 p.m.	3 9:30 am Project Linus 12 pm Staff Mtg. Food Pantry 11-1 & 6-8 pm	4	5 9 am PIP	6 6:30 pm Paradise Coastman	7 7 am Real Estate Breakfast	8
Vacation Bible School 6:00-8:45 p.m.						
9 Summer Worship Hours Begin 8 a.m. & 10 a.m. Blood Drive 8:15-1:00 p.m. Annual Congregational Meeting Today 11:00 am	10 12 pm Staff Mtg. 1 pm PW Board Mtg. Food Pantry 11-1 & 6-8 pm	11 7 am Men's Breakfast 9:30 am Martha Circle 12:30 pm Esther Circle 7 pm Ministry Teams 7 pm Deacons Mtg.	12 9 am PIP 6:15 pm Praise Team 7 pm Boy Scouts	13 6:30 pm Paradise Coastman 7 pm Eve Circle	14 	15 Courier Deadline
16 Men - Wear a Hat!  Choir meets CE1 9:20 am	17 12 pm Staff Mtg. Food Pantry 11-1 & 6-8 pm	18 7 pm Cypress Lake Homeowners Joint Session Meeting Elders/Deacons 7 pm-Clint's Home	19 9 am PIP 6:15 pm Praise Team 7 pm Boy Scouts	20 6:30 pm Paradise Coastman	21 7 am Real Estate Breakfast 6 pm Chick Flick	22
23 3 Cents a Meal Offering <hr/> Five On The Fifth	24 12 pm Staff Mtg. Food Pantry 11-1 & 6-8 pm	25 7 pm Food Pantry Mtg.	26 9 am PIP 6:15 pm Praise Team 7 pm Boy Scouts	27 6:30 pm Paradise Coastman	28	29
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Musical Notes from Rachel

This past year has been filled with wonderful music from the Gloria Choir, Voices in Bronze, Angel's Rock!, our Praise Team, Douglas Parker (Organist), Cindy Basler (volunteer pianist and Organist in season) and even some singing from



the members of the CLPC Drama Troupe!


Let's remember those who are working to enhance our worship experience on Sunday that take care of the audio and technical aspects, including setting and displaying the Easy Worship and mixing the sanctuary sound so that we might all have a good visual and hearing experience. We thank Linda Baldwin, Brian Granstra, Gavin Dougherty, Ty Hill, Tom Gralton, Connie Gralton, Christian Cottrell, Harold Carrier, Pam Simones, Ethan Peters, and Pastor Clint !It does take a TEAM to accomplish this and thank goodness, we have a marvelous TEAM at CLPC.

We have had guest artists from Edison State College, FGCU, Members of the South West Florida Symphony, and members from the Calusa Musicale, (Fort Myers Music Club), Rick Strickland, (Gospel Music Hall of Fame), Gavin Dougherty and Hannah Cho, Kayley Bishop , Jaime Hill and Pam Simones (CLPC members) and the Lee County Pipes and Drums. These amateur and professional artists have helped to enhance our worship as they ministered to us during Worship Services and special times in the life of our church.

We all have one thing in common! We have come here to Worship our God and to give back the gifts in ministry that were given to us at birth. It takes long hours of practice, rehearsals, trips to the church to do all of this, not to mention the time spent at home doing the same thing. Yet, we do this to Honor God and to sing and praise His Holy Name! We have been so blest to have such talent and yet, we stop to pray and to give thanks for the ability to use the gifts in Church and in to the community! Praise Be to God!

Let us continue as His Disciples to sing, play, and ring Glorious Music as we all are praying together in His Presence.


Rachel Carrier



The Deacons have been busy working behind the scenes. We have taken meals to those who needed help after surgery. The altar flowers have been delivered to people in the hospital and the homebound. Transportation has been provided. Homebound and hospital patients visited. Serve as CLPC liaison to the South Ft. Myers Food Pantry. We provide receptions after a Memorial Service, if requested by the family. It has been a pleasure to serve as the Moderator of the Deacons for the past three years. I want to thank those who served with me; Cathy Andersen, Lisa Kendall, Leslie McGargle, Bari O'Neill, Skip Webster, Betty Schaarschuch, Barbara Pappalardo, Amy Cottrell, Eleanor Bartoe, Betsy Peters and Millie Poland. If you need help, please call the church office at 481-3233.

*Betty Ann Kelly,
Moderator of the Deacons*

**FLOWER GUILD
JUNE 2013**



June 2nd	Jean Dodd
June 9th	Terry Miller
June 16th	Nancy Wheeler
June 23rd	Dee Cords
June 30th	Sally Fontaine

Chancel Guild
June 2013 Schedule

7th Jackie Oestriech	21st Irene Thiessen
Dorothy Troy	Betty Schaarschuch
14th Doris Houston	28th Irene Thiessen
Rebecca Potts	Pam Smith

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

Pecans in the Cemetery



On the outskirts of a small town, there was a big, old pecan tree just inside the cemetery fence. One day, two boys filled up a bucketful of nuts and sat down by the tree, out of sight, and began dividing the nuts. "One for you, one for me. One for you, one for me," said one boy. Several dropped and rolled down toward the fence.

Another boy came riding along the road on his bicycle. As he passed, he thought he heard voices from inside the cemetery. He slowed down to investigate. Sure enough, he heard, "One for you, one for me. One for you, one for me." He just knew what it was, so he jumped back on his bike and rode off.

Now just around the bend he met an old man with a cane, hobbling along. "Come here quick," said the boy, "you won't believe what I heard! Satan and the Lord are down at the cemetery dividing up the souls."

The man said, "Beat it kid, can't you see it's hard for me to walk." When the boy insisted though, the man hobbled to the cemetery. Standing by the fence they heard, "One for you, one for me. One for you, one for me..." The old man whispered, "Boy, you've been tellin' the truth. Let's see if we can see the Lord." Shaking with fear, they peered through the fence yet were still unable to see anything.

The old man and the boy gripped the wrought iron bars of the fence tighter and tighter as they tried to get a glimpse of the Lord. At last they heard, "One for you, one for me. That's all. Now let's go get those nuts by the fence and we'll be done."

They say the old man made it back to town a full 5 minutes ahead of the boy on the bike!

Author Unknown

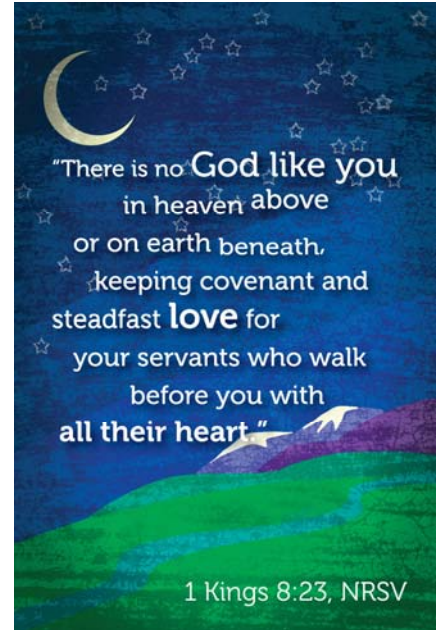


Men's
Breakfast

The Men's
Breakfast will begin
meeting at the
Sunflower Café
during the summer

months; June-September .

The next breakfast is
Tuesday, June 11th at 7:00 a.m.



Presbyterian Women

Schedule for June-August 2013

Martha Circle meets socially for breakfast every Tuesday at 9:30 A.M. at Bob Evans – Call Dee Cords at 454-4932 for details.

Esther Circle meets socially for dessert the second Tuesday at 12:30 p.m. Call Doris King at 481-0242 or Jackie Oestrich at 590-6464 for details.

Eve Circle meets socially on the second Thursday at 7:00 PM. Call Barbara Stewart at 481-0863 or Matilda Wilson at 489-3582 for details

The Linus Blanket Project continues to meet on the first Monday of each month at 9:30 A.M. in the Fellowship Hall. Call Matilda Wilson at 489-3582 or Pat France at 561-3085.



"It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.'

(Matthew 4:4 * NKJV)

Just as we need food to sustain our human body, we also need spiritual food to sustain our Spiritual body as well!

Now a good meal should consist of vitamins and minerals, and perhaps a dessert. So today we will look at Biblical Vitamins for our Spiritual well being.

When Anxious, take vitamin "A"

All things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose. (Romans 8:28)

When Crushed, take vitamin "C"

Cast all your care upon Him, for He cares for you. (1 Peter 5:7)

When Depressed, take vitamin "D"

Draw near to God and He will draw near you. (James 4:8)

When Empty, take vitamin "E"

Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and in to His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name. (Psalms 100:4)

When Fearful, take vitamin "F"

Fear not, for I am with you; Be not dismayed, for I am your God. (Isaiah 41:10)

When Greedy, take vitamin "G"

Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. (Luke 6:38)

When Insecure, take vitamin "I"

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. (Philippians 4:13)

When Lonely, take vitamin "L"

I am with you always, even to the end of the age. (Matthew 28:20)

When Restless, take vitamin "R"

Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for Him (Psalms 37:7)


For Dessert;

Whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:16)

It is my hope that you have enjoyed this meal of Spiritual food. Remember that you may have all you want, for it is guaranteed to be non-fattening!



Dad's incredible



Author Jim Wallis tells how his young son ends telephone conversations with him. "Daddy," the boy says, "I love you, I like you and you're incredible."

Put these words of mine in your heart and soul.... Teach them to your children....
Deuteronomy 11:18-19, NRSV

What makes an "incredible" father? It isn't as difficult as it might seem. Children, of course, aren't awed by the size of your paycheck, office or retirement account. Instead, it's the simple, everyday gestures that make you a No. 1 dad.

In *Stories for the Family's Heart*, Steve Stephens offers some sure-fire ways to be incredible in your kids' eyes:

- Play tic-tac-toe and hide-and-seek.
- Be consistent.
- Buy ice cream cones.
- Don't discipline in anger.
- Count stars together.
- Pray with (and for) your children.
- Hug and say "I love you" often

