



# The Courier

June  
2017

Cypress Lake Presbyterian Church

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



Each Sunday beginning  
May 28<sup>th</sup> - September 3<sup>rd</sup>  
we will hold **one worship  
service at 10:00 a.m.**

Below are the scheduled  
services through the summer.

MAY 28	10 A.M.	TRADITIONAL SERVICE
JUNE 4	10 A.M.	TRADITIONAL SERVICE
<b>JUNE 11</b>	<b>10 A.M.</b>	<b>PRAISE SERVICE-VBS SUNDAY! COMBINED W/SPANISH LUNCH AFTERWARDS</b>
JUNE 18	10 A.M.	PRAISE SERVICE
JUNE 25	10 A.M.	TRADITIONAL SERVICE
<b>JULY 2</b>	<b>10 A.M.</b>	<b>PATRIOTIC</b>
JULY 9	10 A.M.	TRADITIONAL SERVICE
JULY 16	10 A.M.	PRAISE SERVICE
JULY 23	10 A.M.	PRAISE SERVICE
<b>JULY 30</b>	<b>10 A.M.</b>	<b>CHRISTMAS IN JULY</b>
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AUGUST 6	10 A.M.	TRADITIONAL SERVICE
AUGUST 13	10 A.M.	TRADITIONAL SERVICE
AUGUST 20	10 A.M.	PRAISE SERVICE
AUGUST 27	10 A.M.	PRAISE SERVICE
SEPT. 3	10 A.M.	TRADITIONAL SERVICE

The Annual Congregational Meeting  
will be held on **Sunday, June 18**  
immediately following the  
10:00 a.m. service.



### Joint Session/Deacons Meeting

**Tuesday, June 20  
6:00 p.m.**

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



### Luncheon for Jessica Jackson

Please join us for a  
luncheon recognizing  
Jessica for the wonderful  
work she has done for our  
CLPC children, youth, and  
families on June 18th  
following the  
Annual Meeting.

A sign-up sheet will be in  
the narthex following VBS.



### **VBS 2017 is Coming!**

**June 5th - June 9th  
5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.**

Children, potty trained through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade, are welcome!  
Five Evenings of **FREE** fun!

GAMES - PUPPET SHOWS - SINGING - DANCING  
BIBLE LESSONS - CRAFTS - DINNER

Register now for VBS by visiting this website: [vbspro.events/p/cypresslake](http://vbspro.events/p/cypresslake)

Please contact Jessica if you would like to be a Crew Leader or Crew Leader  
Assistant, or if you have any question: [Jessica@clpc.us](mailto:Jessica@clpc.us) or 239-481-3233



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**Moderator of the Deacons**  
 Pam Smith

**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.



## A NOTE FROM YOUR DEACONS

There are currently 12 parishioners who are actively serving the congregation as a deacon. Most are three year terms. Collectively and individually, we support those in need in a compassionate, caring, often private way. Deacons serve through homebound, rehab, and hospital visitations; flower deliveries, transportation needs, memorial receptions, clothes closet assistance, and disaster preparedness. Deacons also serve home communion as an additional honor.

Recently, an additional service is being implemented. We will be taking recorded sermons to those who are homebound or unable to come Sunday to Sunday services. Logistics are still being worked on, but this allows folks to see Clint in the pulpit doing what he does so eloquently.

It is a blessing to serve in this manner and I speak for all of us!!

Tim Baldwin

Coffee hour will NOT be held during the summer months of June, July, and August. We will resume this activity in September.

We are looking for a team who will go to Immokalee on June 16th to serve at Mision Peniel. Our bus will leave CLPC at noon. We will need 14 or more



people who can serve food, distribute groceries, and clothing to the farm workers and their families. Please call Chris Giesecke if you are interested.

[239-850-4927](tel:239-850-4927)

## Knit One, Pray Too

**Calling All Ladies:** Please join us on Thursday afternoons from 1pm-3pm in rooms 2&3. We are an informal group of women that love to knit, crochet, do needlepoint & cross-stitch or want to learn. Bring your projects that need to be completed or start one of our many patterns. We will be crafting prayer shawls, afghans, lap robes, making chrismons, etc. for friends, family, CLPC members and also for the missions that we support here in Lee Co. See Pam Smith, Pennie Everhart or Mary Gisse for details.



The next Blood Drive will be Sunday, July 16th from 8:15 a.m.-11:45 a.m. Please call Tim Baldwin for an appointment at 415-2827.



## *Too Blessed to Be Stressed!*

That was an incredible line that I overheard one of our members say a number of years ago. What an incredibly powerful statement! Fact is, this individual has had her share of challenges and stresses be it with the passing of her husband, challenges with family or even her own health. Point is, she is NOT a Pollyanna, but a very well-grounded Christian.

Yet, this morning I had a conversation with someone (not a member or guest of our church) who was DEEPLY stressed. They are having some health problems, their blood pressure was up, there is a crisis in the volunteer organization she works with and she is just growing stressed (and, feeling her age too soon). She went on to discuss how she (and much of our world) is stressed over everything from North Korea to health care to politics (and the news media) and so very much more. And I must agree, there is stress all around us!

First of all, we need to recognize that a little stress is NOT a bad thing! I have learned that a little stress knowing that an examination was coming up FORCED me to study harder! Knowing that I had to save up money for a much needed vacation or to purchase a car helped create focus. Even knowing a health issue was looming created stress that helped lead the change in lifestyle that was needed.

But there is a large body of evidence that tells us chronic stress can be disastrous to our lives and health. Jesus must have known this for he frequently spoke of having a deep faith and peace. Several weeks ago I preached on John 14 where Jesus twice told us not to be troubled or worried. He speaks elsewhere about us having life and having it abundantly. Remember the lilies of the field? Fact is, God wants us to be JOY filled, not stressed out!

So in my conversation this morning I shared with the caller an important observation. Who and where was God BEFORE North Korea (or the US) became a nation and who will be God after the countries we know today are gone or substantially changed? Who was (is) God under President Obama AND President Trump? Who is God over MSNBC, CBS or FoxNews? The ONE unchangeable truth in this world is, the God who was, who is and who will be is the one we worship and He has promised to never to leave us...which means we are indeed blessed!

So back to the simply brilliant statement by the member of the church. If we REALLY stop and look at our blessings, if we REALLY stop to look at the big picture of history (look at how LONG God's history is in the Bible), if we REALLY stop to look at how God ALWAYS provides, we are indeed, "Too blessed to be stressed."

May you find the coming summer to be one free from worry about nature's fury, free from health, family or economic stress, and free from any concern that would draw you away from one clear conclusion: God is good and ever present! May you have life and have it abundantly in Christ Jesus!

Happy Summer of 2017!

*Pastor Clint*



## *A hymn's long journey*

The beloved hymn "How Great Thou Art" came together across many years and miles. In 1885, when Swedish preacher Carl Boberg wrote a poem titled "O, Great God," he probably never dreamed he'd hear it performed years later to an old Swedish tune. Or that a Russian version would impact Stuart Hine, an English missionary to Poland, several decades later. Hine penned his own English version, resulting in the now-familiar lyrics.

From "the rolling thunder" echoing off the Carpathian Mountains, to the "woods and forest glades" of Romania, to powerful conversions to Christianity, Hine was inspired to craft each verse. Sometimes the Holy Spirit takes time to complete a work, and that journey is as important as the destination.





- 4th Sam & Mary Eleanor Farrell
- 10th Doug & Tracy Wilson
- 11th Gary & Nancy Keil
- 15th Walter & Patricia France
- 18th Bruce & Audrey Renn
- 20th Ken & Mary Burbach
- 22nd Jim & Lynn Miller
- 24th Harold & Audrey Hayward
- 26th Tim & Linda Baldwin  
Thomas & Estelle Spradin
- 29th Jim & Marge McFadden
- 30th Nick & Connie LoPresti



- 1st Bud Haidet  
Cheyenne Otto
- 2nd Wanda Bishop  
Richard White  
Heriberto Santiago
- 3rd Terri Bergmann  
Sally Fontaine
- 5th Elaine Auman  
Monica Tovar
- 6th Jan Gavenda
- 7th Helen Davis
- 8th Thomas Lovell
- 9th Dick Sims  
Susan Vassallo
- 10th Sonia Santiago
- 12th Marie Wiley
- 17th Joyce Botchford  
Hannah Cho  
Rodrigo Ramirez
- 18th Gordon Coffman  
Damon Pappalardo
- 20th Pat Clark
- 21st Nick LoPresti
- 23rd Pam Smith  
Evan Mills
- 25th Carson Brown
- 27th Larry Johnson, III  
Marilyn Sauer
- 29th Barbara Pappalardo
- 30th Sue Herrick  
Dianne McFadden



## World Mission

Attached is a letter from our missionary in Rwanda. Also, our Church, World and Community Team chose to support a former member, Cammie McQuilken, as a missionary in Sorrento, Italy.

Cammie reports that progress is being made with the student population there. They have begun two Bible Studies and have students who are interested not only in reading, but in studying God's Word. Please feel free to send words of encouragement to [ccmcquilkin@gmail.com](mailto:ccmcquilkin@gmail.com).



## Chancel Guild

### *June 2017 Schedule*

- 1st Judy Schulte  
Dorothy Troy*
- 8th Judy Schulte  
Dorothy Troy*
- 15th Sue & Marty Chanofsky*
- 22nd Sue & Marty Chanofsky*
- 29th Sue & Marty Chanofsky*

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

**Sue Chanofsky**  
**Chancel Guild Dir.**

## **FLOWER GUILD** **JUNE 2017**

- June 4th Sally Fontaine
- June 11th Terry Miller
- June 18th Judy Schulte
- June 25th Sally Fontaine

