



The Courier

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Cypress Lake Presbyterian Church

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



Congregational Meeting



**ANNUAL
CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING
SUNDAY, JUNE 8th
FOLLOWING THE
10:00 A.M. SERVICE**

**Its Time for VBS!!-It's not too late!
June 2nd - June 6th
5:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.**

Children ages 3-5th Grade are welcome to attend. Older children can be Crew Leaders. Each day children will have a new Bible Buddy, we will sing, learn Bible stories, have crafts and LOTS of games! Register at www.clpc.us

We will need lots of volunteers to help in all areas. Please contact Ginny Canning at 239-481-3233x22 if you can help! Sign-up sheets will be available in the Narthex or the Church Office.

**SUMMER WORSHIP
HOURS
COMING THIS MONTH!**



Beginning **Sunday, June 1st** through and including **August 31st.**, we will have two services. The 8:00 a.m. Prayer Service will continue and there will be a 10:00 a.m. Combined Service.

The next Blood Drive will be Sunday, July 13th from 8:15 a.m.-1p.m.



Please call Tim Baldwin for an appointment at 937-369-6069.

Give the gift of Life!!

Eve Circle will be gathering for a dinner on June 12th at 5:30 p.m. at "Fancies", located off of Daniels Pkwy.



**Joint Session/Deacons Meeting
Tuesday, June 24th**

6:00 p.m.



**SESSION
MEETING**

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

COFFEE HOUR

**COFFEE
FELLOWSHIP**



Join us!

Coffee hour is taking a vacation during the summer months and will return in the fall.



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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.

Linus Project – What is it?

Linus is the name of the adorable young Peanuts comic character who toted a blanket around with him all the time. The creator, Charles Schultz, was a great supporter of our project and was delighted to have Linus inspire people to make blankets to comfort all children in need.

“The best kind of sleep under heaven is a blanket, handmade, with love.”

Calling all ladies who enjoy doing hand work, we need your help making new, machine washable, dryable, child friendly colored blankets. They can be made by quilting, knitting, crocheting, or hand tied. We have several sizes that are needed, 18” by 24” for the preemies, 24” by 36” for the infants, 36” by 45” for a small child, and the 40” by 60” for a teenager. Of course blankets of any size will be accepted because kids come in all different sizes.

This is a 100% volunteer, non-profit, organization with a primary mission to provide love, comfort, and a sense of security for those who are ill, traumatized, or other wise in need of a gift they can hold and keep.

We meet on the first Monday of each month in Fellowship Hall at 9 A.M.. This is a service of love and great reward knowing that a child has found comfort in such a small thing as a blanket.

This year so far, we have made over 300 blankets that will be given to children in need. But each day there are more children that are in a crisis, so we always can use more blankets. Call Matilda Wilson at 489-3582 or Pat France at 561-3085.



Dear Members of CLPC,

Thank you for all your prayers, cards, flowers and concerns during and after my recent surgery. A special thank you to Pastor Clint and Jim Wilson for their visits and prayers while I was in the hospital. Once again, you all have had a part of God's miracle of healing.

*God Bless,
Dee Hahn*



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 10th at 7:00 a.m.**

FLOWER GUILD JUNE 2014



June 1st	Nancy Wheeler
June 8th	Terry Miller
June 15th	Judy Schulte
June 22nd	Jean Dodd
June 29th	Sally Fontaine



NIV Mark 10:14 *"Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these."*

NIV Romans 12:3 For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the measure of faith God has given you. 4 Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, 5 so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.

This past month I had the "joy" of traveling more than usual (and more than I like). Oh, it is a blessing to be able to travel by air to distant places for meetings, training and study. But yet, there is "no place like home." As I was traveling though, I got to "people watch!" A preaching professor of mine used to say that "people watching" was an essential job of a preacher as it helps us see what is really happening in the life of God's people.

Now I must tell you, cooped up in a tube of aluminum for 2+ hours a whack, gives a LOT of time to watch. Add to that the most remarkable things one sees when sitting at a gate in Atlanta, O'Hare or LaGuardia. Truly amazing, and I can't possibly begin to describe all that I saw. But one thing in particular struck me...children.

Oh, there was an incredible joy in watching the amazement of 2, 3 or 4 year old kids who were excited at everything from the moving walkway to the jetway to the baggage handlers to the airplane itself. Equally amazing was to watch the smiles and laughter of adults as they watched these children...most of the adults uncontrollably smiling at the laughter and their observations of the children.

But alas, there was also another side of the equation. Once these children were established in their seats behind a closed cabin door, things began to happen. Now for truth in advertising, there were some kids that were just delightful from take-off to touch down...one playing "peak a boo" from the seat in front of me (no, an hour of peak a boo did not grow old as he was happy!!!). But some began to get anxious, then demanding, then angry, then irate!

They wanted to get out of their seats. They wanted to walk around. They wanted OFF of the airplane (not good at 35,000 feet) and they truly did not care about the people around them nor the unsuccessful solace that the flight attendants tried to offer. And of course, they were unconcerned with their parent's looks of terror after THEY saw the looks of others on the plane. I just quietly prayed for them and when possible, tried a game of peak a boo or whatever may offer a moment of peace for the little child.

As I thought about the children, I initially found myself being a little "stuff shirtish" about the matter.

Internally I caught myself thinking, "Do something with that kid" only to remember when MY children had the same struggles. But then it hit me. As adults, how much are we like those children. Sometimes we are very happy with our surroundings...and those around us enjoy our happiness. But are there not times when we, in our own way, stir up those sitting near us in life?

Paul reminds us not to think more highly of ourselves than we ought; after all, we are just one part of a bigger body. At times, all of us experience inconvenience for the whole body (and even for ourselves...those young kids WERE heading to Grandma's house or Disney World, or other nice places). Yet, how many of us begin to think that our life is the center of the universe? Okay, perhaps we don't say it THAT way, but the temptation is there. We don't get the promotion that we want or deserve. Our house has trouble selling or sells for less than I think it is worth. Our spouse doesn't like something we say (or don't say). The list goes on. And then we respond in disappointment, anger or worse. We can be just like that child that was crying on the airplane...only, in a "grown up" way! Yet Paul reminds us, it isn't always about us...but about the body of Christ, to which we are a part.

This next month we will be celebrating Vacation Bible School. There will be large numbers of children running around our campus. Some of them will be so excited, like a child on their first airplane ride. Some of the children will be like the child that simply wants off...and wants off NOW! Some of us will be excited about the noise and mess that the kids will make while others will be, well, less than happy. But it is not about us...it is about bringing these wonderful young lives to a knowledge of Jesus Christ!

When the disciples got annoyed at the children for bothering Jesus, Christ scolded the disciples and reminded them that they must allow the children to come to him for "the kingdom of God belongs to such as these." Yes, even the crying child or the one who overeats or the one who crayons outside of the lines ON THE TABLE! To them belongs the kingdom of God and it is us who are helping to meet Jesus!

This month I invite each of us to think about how much we are like the children...be it excited about the world that we encounter or annoyed at being cooped up in one spot. How much do we recognize that it isn't about us, but about the larger body that we serve...Jesus! However, I also invite you to come and meet the children...in fact...help the children. Come see their laughter and their joys. Yes, come and see their tears and even their outbursts. But come and see the kingdom of God...for it begins in the eyes of the children.

Blessings,
Pastor Clint

June Anniversaries

10th Doug & Tracy Wilson
11th David & Katherine Welsh
15th Walter & Patricia France
20th Ken & Mary Burbach
Howard & Nancy Wheeler
24th Harold & Audrey Hayward
26th Tim & Linda Baldwin
29th Jim & Marge McFadden

Chancel Guild

June 2014 Schedule

6th Jackie Oestriech **20th** Sue Chanofsky
Dorothy Troy Betty Schaarschuch

13th Doris Houston **27th** Irene Thiessen
Rebecca Potts Gale Wray

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

June Birthdays

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
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



Did you ever wonder where the beautiful flowers that adorn the sanctuary go? Well, that's a job of the Deacons. Every week one of the Deacons will deliver a bouquet of flowers to a person in need of "cheering up". The assigned Deacon will get a member's name from Pastor Clint or the church office, will tag the flowers with the following note, and be on their way to a home, nursing home or hospital.



These flowers have been in the chancel – they have heard the songs that have been sung, the prayers that have been offered, and the sermons that have been preached. Now they come to you and, in their silent way, are telling you of God's love and healing power, and the wish of the members of your church family that you share in the faith, hope, and blessing of God.

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Reaching out and doing God's work with a smile, some flowers and conversation is a great way to extend God's love to our church family every day.

If you know of someone who is ill or who would appreciate a visit and some flowers, please call the church office.

Deacon
Judy Norris



Presbyterian Women

Schedule for June-August 2014

Martha Circle meets socially for breakfast every Tuesday at 9:30 A.M. at Bob Evans – Call Pat France at 561-3085 for details.

Esther Circle meets socially the second Tuesday at 12:30 p.m. Call Doris King at 481-0242 or Jackie Oestriech 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. Call Matilda Wilson at 489-3582 or Pat France at 561-3085.