



The Courier

March
2016

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

Cypress Lake
Presbyterian Church

Good Friday - March 25th
Open for Prayer
Noon until 3:00pm
Office Closes at Noon



Easter Egg Hunt
March 26th - 10:00 a.m.

Easter Sunday Services - March 27th

- 7:00 a.m. ****Sunrise Service-Outside by the Fellowship Hall**
- 8:00 a.m. Prayer Service
- 9:30 a.m. Praise Service
- 11:00 a.m. Traditional Service
(includes Spanish Ministry)
Gloria Choir/Voices in Bronze
Guest Organist, Ron Hagemeyer
Invitation to sing the Hallelujah Chorus at the end of the service

***Easter Breakfast—There will be a continental breakfast following the Sunrise Service. A love offering will be accepted.*

Monday, March 28th—Office Closed

Maundy Thursday Service March 24th - 6:00 p.m.

There will be a meager meal on this Thursday preceding the Maundy Thursday service. The meal will begin the entire evening of preparation at 6:00 p.m. Meal will be soup, salad and beverage. A Love Offering will be taken for the meal. You will then be guided to the Sanctuary for the service where the Gloria Choir will be part of the service.



Sunday, March 13th Highlights!!!!



Rick Strickland in Concert

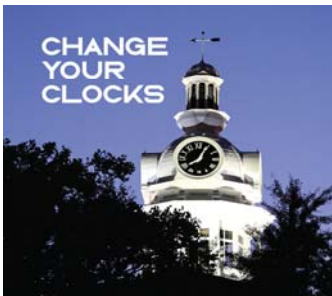
Rick Strickland, Gospel Music Hall of Fame, returns for his 5th year at CLPC. He will be our special Guest at both the 9:30 a.m. and the 11:00 a.m. Worship Services at CLPC.

He has a magnificent voice, and he is quite the showman. Please mark your calendars now for March 13th for this wonderful day of song, as we all celebrate Rick Strickland's accomplishments, and give thanks to God for such a great instrument in his voice. There will be a Free Will Offering.

Guest Speaker is Heather Drake
Message: Christ in the Passover
Sponsored by Jews for Jesus.

Sermon presentation for the 9:30 and 11:00a.m.
Services: Great opportunity for a Wonderful Sunday!

The Legacy Singers from McGregor Baptist Church will be at CLPC to present in concert: *Irish Gold*. Performance will begin at 4:00 p.m. in our Sanctuary There will be a love offering to help out their music mission. Please join us and ask a friend to **come too!**



Daylight Saving Time Begins
March 13th
Remember to set your clocks "ahead" one hour!





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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.



It is hard to believe, but I have heard that a few people (only a *very* few people) have occasionally (of course, only *very* occasionally), have gotten behind in their *Year of the Bible* readings. Since Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy are as gripping as any thriller novel, I can find this hard to imagine, but reliable informants have said that it has occurred!

What can you do if you're behind; I mean, REALLY behind? Well, don't give up! The best thing to do is to jump ahead and pick up the readings for the current day. That way, you will be with the rest of the group, and the various aspect of our congregational life (like the sermons!) will be more meaningful. Then, each day, try to add a little of the material that you've missed. You will be surprised how quickly you can catch up.

Do you have questions about your readings? That is GREAT! Throughout the week we have Bible studies where you can bring up your question and trust me, there is NO such things as a dumb or silly question! The purpose of the classes is to help all of us in our walk with the Lord and with the *Year of the Bible*. By the way, it is never too late to join a class as they all are pretty much at the same place, following our readings. Also, if you can't attend a class on one day, feel free to visit one on another day as again, we are all pretty much on the same path together!

Now to all of you dedicated stalwarts who are reading the Bible in the year...congratulations and keep it up! For those of you who are behind, start fresh today! And for those that are just now joining our journey, pick up one of the *Year of the Bible* booklets and hop on board for the journey of a lifetime! Now it is time for me to go back to my readings...just like everyone else throughout CLPC!!!

Blessings,

Pastor Clint

ATTIC TREASURE SALE: 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 is now in the parking lot. We are 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 8-11 a.m. on Sundays. 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 that they are replacing and the church has very limited storage.



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.

**Presbyterian Men's Appreciation Breakfast
Saturday, March 19th, 10:30 a.m.
Fellowship Hall**

The Presbyterian Women would like to show our gratitude for all the wonderful help and hard work that the Presbyterian Men have done throughout the year for us. Sign up in the Narthex or contact the office.



ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT!!

Our Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be on **Saturday, March 26th at 10:00 a.m.**

Volunteers are needed from 9:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Please contact Jessica if you are interested in helping at 239-481-3233 or Jessica@clpc.us.



We will start collecting candy for the hunt on Sunday, February 21st. A basket will be out in the Narthex. Thank you in advance.

NEW MEMBER CLASS

The next New Member Orientation and Luncheon will be March 13, 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.



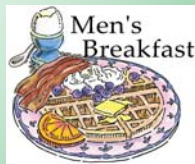
**Chancel Guild
March 2016**

- 4th** Irene Thiessen
- 11th** Judy Schulte
Dorothy Troy
- 18th** Doris Houston
Irene Thiessen
- 25th** Sue Chanofsky
Betty Schaarschuch

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

Irene Thiessen
Chancel Guild Director

**Men's Breakfast
Sunflower Cafe**



**Tuesday, March 8th
7:00am**



Women's Circles

Martha & Esther Circle will meet on March 8th at 10 a.m. in Fellowship Hall.

Eve Circle will meet on March 10th at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

I would like to thank CLPC for letting us have our Make A Difference Day for Project Linus Blanket on Saturday, January 30th in Fellowship Hall. We had 30 people present with 4 of the agencies we donate the blankets to in Fort Myers. as speakers.

I also want to thank Pastor Clint and our office manager Karen for letting us use the church office for a drop off point to collect blankets from all over.

If anyone is interested in making blankets or quilts, please stop in Room 2 on the first Monday of each month at 9 A.M.. If you have any questions, call Matilda Wilson at 489-3582 or jamesww551@aol.com



Dear Cypress Lake Presbyterian Church,

Thank you so much for your donation of teddy bears to our children and families here at Golisano Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida. Your donation helped put a smile on our patient's faces and made their hospital experience a more positive one. It also helped bring extra comfort and allowed our patients and families to cope and enjoy a time that can be rather difficult.

Thank you from all of our staff here at the Golisano Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida. We greatly appreciate your kindness and generosity and support of our patients and families.

Sincerely,

The Child Life Department
The Golisano Children's Hospital
Of Southwest Florida



Anniversary Celebrations

- 4th Steven & Wanda Bishop
- 12th Jake & Dee Hahn
- 15th Tyler & Jaime Hill
- 22nd Kirk & Gayla Charles
- 23rd Rick & Martha Gow
- 24th Bill & Barbara Stewart
- 25th Bud & Beth Haidet



Birthday Wishes

- 1st Beth Anne Watson
- 5th Bob Hoschner
- 9th Kayley Bishop Hill
- 10th Art Carver
- 12th Pete Thomas
- 14th Tim Baldwin
- 15th Donald Siemon
- Dorothy Wilson
- Christina Johnson
- 16th Leanne Logelin
- 17th Pat Hoffman
- Cindy Carver
- 19th Charles Hayman
- Byron J. Lovell
- 20th Donna Kerkesner
- Milagros Vasquez
- 21st Audrey Hayward
- Savannah McAloose
- Mary Burbach
- 23rd Aman Ahluwalia
- 26th Audrey Coe
- 27th Deborah Wingerson
- 28th Gregory Bradley
- 29th Ginny Canning
- 30th Walt France
- 31st Gregory Giesecke



FLOWER GUILD MARCH, 2016



- March 6th Judy Schulte
- March 13th Terry Miller
- March 20th Jean Dodd
(Palm Sunday)
- March 27th Sally Fontaine

EASTER (There will also be extra flowers around the Table from the Worship Committee)

FLOWER SIGN-UP: Our 2016 Flower Chart still has many openings. Flowers are in Honor or Memory of loved ones. The cost is \$25 per arrangement. The flower chart is located at the north end of the Narthex (by water fountain). The instructions are listed on the wall next to the chart. For further information, please contact Kirk Charles at 239-910-7758.



POTS & PANS NEEDED!!

We have a member of the church who is in need of some pots and pans. If you have any "used" pots or pans, or perhaps you've bought new ones and don't need the old; please call Karen in the office at 481-3233.

Presbyterian Women

March 2016



- 6th The Gifts of Women Sunday
8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. & 11 a.m.
Services to be led by women of the Congregation
- 7th 9:30 am Project Linus Blanket Work Day
1:00 pm Coordinating Tm. Mtg. (Library)
- 8th 10:00 am Martha & Esther Circle (Fellowship Hall)
- 10th 6:30 pm Eve Circle (Fellowship Hall)
- 19th 10:30-1 pm Recognition of PW Men (Fellowship Hall)
- 29th-1st **Attic Treasure Sale Set-Up**
Fellowship Hall 9 a.m.-?? Each day
- 2nd 7-1 pm **Attic Treasure Sale**