



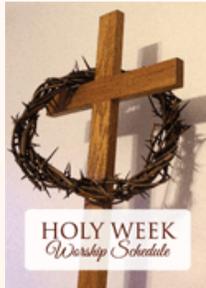
# The Courier

March  
2018

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

Cypress Lake  
Presbyterian Church

**Maunder Thursday Service**  
March 29th - 6:00 p.m.  
(No Meal)



**Good Friday - March 30th**  
Open for Prayer  
Noon until 3:00pm  
Office Closes at Noon

**Easter Egg Hunt**  
March 31st - 10:00 a.m.

**Easter Sunday Services - April 1st**

- 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  
Brass Instrumental Group

**Monday, April 2nd—Office Closed**



## LENT BEGINS

### ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT!!

Our Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be on **Saturday, March 31st at 10:00 a.m.**  
Volunteers are needed from 8:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.  
Please contact Amy Cottrell if you are interested in helping at 239-481-3233 or [Amyc@clpc.us](mailto:Amyc@clpc.us)



We will start collecting candy for the hunt on Sunday, **March 5th.**  
A basket will be out in the Narthex. Thank you in advance.



**Daylight Saving Time Begins**  
**March 11th**  
Remember to set your clocks "ahead" one hour!





## The Courier

Cypress Lake Presbyterian Church  
8260 Cypress Lake Drive  
Fort Myers, Florida 33919  
Phone: (239) 481-3233  
Fax: (239) 481-5198  
E-mail: [mail@clpc.us](mailto:mail@clpc.us)  
Web site: [www.clpc.us](http://www.clpc.us)

### Pastor

The Rev. Dr. Clinton C. Cottrell  
[clint@clpc.us](mailto:clint@clpc.us)

### Pastor

The Rev. Miguel Estrada  
[Miguel@clpc.us](mailto:Miguel@clpc.us)

### Director of Traditional Worship

Rachel Carrier  
[rachel@clpc.us](mailto:rachel@clpc.us)

### Director of Praise Worship

Amy Maneval  
[amy@clpc.us](mailto:amy@clpc.us)

### Director of Disciplemaking

Amy Cottrell  
[amyc@clpc.us](mailto:amyc@clpc.us)

### Office Manager

Karen May  
[karen@clpc.us](mailto:karen@clpc.us)

### Clerk of Session

Gordon Coffman

### Presbyterian Women Moderator

Mary Gisse

### 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.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

### SAVE THE DATE!!!

June 11 – June 15

5:30p-8:30p



This event is completely free to the children in the community.

Kids who are ages 4– 5th grade are welcome.

Games, Singing, Food, Puppets, Bible Adventures, Crafts!

We need all hands on deck for this event. Starting in April we will be having scheduled days to organize, craft and get it all together!!!

Please sign up in the Narthex or contact Amy with any questions:

[AmyC@clpc.us](mailto:AmyC@clpc.us) or 239-481-3233.



## BLOOD DRIVE SUNDAY, MARCH 4TH

The Lee Memorial Bloodmobile is coming on Sunday, March 4th from 8:45-12:45 p.m.

Please call Tim Baldwin at 937-369-6069 to set up your time to donate and help save a life!

### March 18, 2018:

#### Special one-person Drama

Matt Zawisza will be our Drama Guest for Sunday, March 18<sup>th</sup> for the 9:30 and 11:00 am Worship Services. He will be in full costume as he presents a spiritually moving portrayal written specifically for our time during Lent.



There will be special envelopes at both services for contributions to support his ministry.. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend one of the Services!



### NEW MEMBER CLASS

The next New Member Orientation and Luncheon will be **Sunday, March 11th, 2018**. 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](mailto:mail@clpc.us).



# Priorities!



Many years ago when I was learning to drive I remember Mr. McLaughlin, my high school driving education teacher, telling us in class of the importance of priorities when driving an automobile. The first one being, staying on your side of the road. After getting my learners permit and going out on the road with Mr. McLaughlin at first that seemed SO very hard as there were SO MANY distractions (and this is long before the day of cell phones, although the click of the 8 track tape could distract us). But gradually, it became easier and easier to keep that priority straight. Now, many decades later, it is second nature, stay on your side of the road!

This very same lesson would apply to other parts of my life. As a pilot I was taught from day one, “just fly the airplane.” Sounds basic, but it is easy to forget that simple basic when working with a radio, navigating or handling an inflight problem or emergency. Eastern Airlines flight 401 crashed into the everglades PRECISELY because the pilots forgot the basic priority: first fly the airplane.

In medicine, in law, in teaching, in cooking or baking, finances, etc., etc., priorities are essential. There are just some things that must come before others. Get them out of order and bad things happen, sometimes with disastrous outcomes, some even fatal. Priorities are an essential part of life.

We are now 2 weeks into Lent and marching toward Easter. During Lent we often turn our attention inward to look at the challenges that we may be facing as we wrestle with what God would have us do. We try to make it so very complex, and there are authors who have made dollar after dollar on books, cd's, dvd's and more, trying to tell us what the Bible has been saying for millennia. But, it is NOT complex.

What/who is the FIRST priority in our life? The answer is simple: if we are Christians, that can be none other than God through Christ. And if God really truly is first in our lives, then we need to follow what He teaches us through Scripture...and that puts everything in order...everything! Just consider:

*Finances:* Scripture teaches us to have no interest bearing debt. Yes, it CAN be done!

*Relationships:* Love one another as Christ has loved you.

*Marriages:* Love is patient, love is kind, it is not arrogant, boastful or rude, does not insist on its own way...

*Health:* Our bodies are the Temple of the Holy Spirit; eat well, avoid the sin of gluttony. Avoid anything that can damage the Temple, such as alcoholism, drugs, sedentary lifestyle, etc.

*Rest:* Remember the Sabbath and keep it holy (and I would argue, WHOLELY!)

*Material Happiness:* Do not covet what someone else has...God provides for our needs!

And much, much more

If we can keep our priorities straight, life really, truly becomes healthier. I have watched as people have come to know Christ and began to follow the Bible's teachings. I have watched as alcoholics and addicts broke the chain of addiction. I have seen people with depression over finances not only get out of debt but break free of depression, focusing on what REALLY mattered. Marriages have not just been saved but have thrived after husbands and wives followed the teachings of Paul in 1 Corinthians 13. Life can be oh so much better!

As you wind your way through Lent toward Easter I invite you (and all of us) to work toward putting our priorities in order. Jesus summed it up by saying, 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.'<sup>1</sup> -This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' (Matthew 22:37-38)

Have a most blessed Lent and March!

Pastor Clint



## **PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN**

### **KNIT ONE, PRAY TOO**

Please join us on Thursday afternoons from 12:30-2:30 pm in CE-1, Rooms 2&3. We are an informal group of women that love to knit, crochet, do needlepoint & cross stitch; or want to learn. See Pam Smith or Mary Gisse for details.

### **LASAGNA DINNER**

This event was a success again this year with nearly 100 tickets sold! A huge Thank You to all that joined us for dinner or had Take Outs. Thanks to ALL the volunteers that make this fundraiser better and better, year after year! All monies go back into our community in support of our missions.

### **AFTERNOON TEA & FASHION SHOW BY ANTHONY'S:**

Our next Gathering is set for March 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am. The ladies will make beautiful and tasty desserts, savory tea sandwiches and, of course, specialty teas. This year it's a fundraiser for our Mission Work. All women are invited to join us for this affair. Tickets are \$15 and available at the door.

### **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES:**

"Who is Jesus" This Bible study will be held on Tuesday, March 13th in the Fellowship Hall at 10:00am

### **PEACE RIVER ANNUAL GATHERING**

Held February 17, 2018

We brought 14 ladies to the Annual Gathering in Punta Gorda. What a wonderful day the Presbyterian Women of Burnt Store put together for us to enjoy! They have given us information to help our women plan the next Peace River Annual Gathering coming in February of 2019 right here at CLPC.

It is time to start gathering supplies for **Vacation Bible School!** It is a **Shipwrecked Theme** this year! Please start saving paper towel tubes, toilet paper tubes, brown paper bags, wrapping paper tubes, and boxes (folded down). Other supplies we will need are:



*Pool noodles - Rope - Silk Tropical Plants - Old trunks - Wooden Crates  
Netting - Old Lanterns - Grass Mats  
Bamboo fencing - TIKI HUT!!!!*

Please Contact Amy C. at the church 481-3233, or [AmyC@clcp.us](mailto:AmyC@clcp.us) if you have any questions!

THANK YOU!



Project Linus wants to say a big thank you to all who attended our Make A Difference Day in January. We collected 209 blankets and had 6 speakers from the agencies we serve. They received 110 blankets to take back with them. We want to thank the church for letting us use Room #2 to collect and store blankets and also for using Fellowship Hall for our annual meeting. We are helping many children here in Lee County that are in crises and we do make a difference. Please come and join us on Monday February 12th at 9:30 or the first Monday of each month in Room #3 at 9:30 A.M.

Thank you again,  
Matilda Wilson  
Lee County Coordinator.



Dear Friends and family,

Greetings from Rwanda. As we move into the second month of this new year, God's grace is at work answering prayers. My colleague Juvenal Rwamunyana, who serves as a lecturer and the chaplain for the Protestant Institute of Arts and Social Sciences (PIASS) and as president of Kigali Presbytery, has been praying for three years for the opportunity to do his PhD studies in pastoral counseling. The doors seemed closed. In August 2017 he was accepted at a university in Kenya, but without the money to support him. He searched for that support but it was not forthcoming and he had to write to the university and ask for a delay of admission. He prayed and more diligently sought finances. I have been supporting him in prayer for this



Juvenal, his wife and their three youngest children

pursuit. Last week, he knocked on my gate after we had both finished our teaching for the day. He seemed nervous. When I asked what I could do for him, he smiled shyly and said he had news about his studies. A partner from Europe who had been approached about funding his studies had agreed. There were two great points of rejoicing. This partner has only funded programs and projects, never individuals, and yet they had agreed to fund his studies. This is even more amazing, realizing that Juvenal is 53. Most benefactors want to invest in younger candidates who have longer to use their education. But God has made the way for this 53-year-old man to be funded by a group that has only sponsored projects. We praised God!

But there were some challenges. He would have to leave within the week to begin his studies and needed to make arrangements for all of his responsibilities at PIASS and with the presbytery. The presbytery was not a problem since he has a capable vice president to assist him. But PIASS presented hurdles. He could rearrange his teaching schedule to complete all his courses before he left and after he returned in May, but he needed to find a substitute as chaplain. That was why he came to see me. He asked if I would take the responsibilities as acting chaplain in his absence. As we talked, it was clear that the timing would work. He would be back from his first term of studies in late May and could resume his role while I was in the States from late June to the end of September. He will have to leave in late August to resume his studies, but classes will be in recess until the beginning of October, so there is not much to do for that month we will both be out of the country, so I was able to say yes. Two days later, I was presented to the students and faculty as the acting chaplain and that afternoon Juvenal left, to travel to Kenya the next day. So I am now responsible for all the campus worship services, overseeing the choirs and doing pastoral counseling. This small role on my part enables Juvenal to accept God's answer. We rejoice that our God is an answering God!

I pray that you are experiencing God's answers to your deepest needs and desires. One of my prayers is for the time I will have in the States this summer. I have heard from several of you about visiting your churches. My deep desire is to thank as many as possible of you in person for your support and to share what God is doing through that support for God's work in Rwanda. I look forward to hearing from you as I set plans.

Yours in Christ,  
Kay (Cathie to the family)



*Have you ever wondered what happens to the beautiful chancel flowers? Each Sunday a Deacon delivers the rearranged flowers to a member in the hospital or rehab, or to the homebound. The flowers have been a part of our Sunday worship and are shared to show the love of Christ to those who are sick, lonely or in need.*



*Thanks to all who donate and share the love of Christ.  
Pam Smith*

# THE SOUTH FORT MYERS FOOD PANTRY COALITION, INC.

MISSION STATEMENT: TO FEED THE NEEDY OF SOUTH FORT MYERS.

8260 CYPRESS LAKE DRIVE, FORT MYERS, FLORIDA 33919

<http://www.southfortmyersfoodpantry.org>

A 501C3 NOT FOR PROFIT CORPORATION

239-628-3191

## *Newsletter* Fourth Quarter 2017

*We served **1,669** individual clients  
Totaling **5,410** family members fed*

*We distributed approximately **158,207** pounds of food this quarter  
(This does not include products from food drives or weekly baked goods from  
Publix at Gladiolus Gateway or the Bagel Factory)*

## 2017 Totals

*We served **6,975** individual clients  
Totaling **22,646** family members fed*

*We distributed approximately **585,338** pounds of food in 2017  
(This does not include products from food drives or weekly baked goods from  
Publix at Gladiolus Gateway or the Bagel Factory)*

*None of this would be possible without the gifts of time, talent & treasure that we receive  
from our supporters and volunteers.*

*March 10, 2018  
Annual meeting of the South Fort Myers Food Pantry Coalition  
&  
Volunteer appreciation luncheon*

*In accordance with federal law and US Department of Agriculture policy, the South Fort Myers Food Pantry Coalition is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, sex, age, color, national origin, disability, religion or sexual orientation when recruiting volunteers or distributing food.*

**A COPY OF THE OFFICIAL REGISTRATION AND FINANCIAL INFORMATION MAY BE  
OBTAINED FROM THE DIVISION OF CONSUMER SERVICES WEBSITE  
WWW.FLORIDAConsumerHELP.COM OR BY CALLING TOLL FREE (1-800-HELP-FLA (435-  
7352) WITHIN THE STATE. REGISTRATION DOES NOT IMPLY ENDORSEMENT, APPROVAL OR  
RECOMMENDATION BY THE STATE.  
REGISTRATION #CH49856**

# *Salerno Update*

## *13th February 2018*



### **PRAYER AND PRAISE FROM SALERNO**

February 15th will mark one year of living in Salerno, Italy. It has been wonderfully hard letting God lead me in this transition. Your prayers over the last year have had a huge impact in our university ministry, and those whom we have developed relationships with. I am excited to see what God has for this new year, and where he will lead me and our ministry. Thank you for being apart of the work that God is doing in Salerno.

- **The process of the back surgery and the removal of the stitches is complete!!**

Praise: God provided the people, the resources, and all that I needed to get through this time.

Praise: The recovery time provided opportunities for me to be able to get to know people in our church better along with relationships that I am developing as they reached out in wanting to help.

Praise: A good time to be able to spend with God, growing in faith through a deeper love for his word.

- **God is providing opportunities for me to minister to those who work at Bar Caffe Diaz 19 and those who frequent the bar.**

Please pray for open hearts and opportunities to meet with these people consistently to get to know them and read the Bible together.

- **Our University Team is in a time of strategically planning how to engage more students on campus, and how to go deeper with each relationship.**

Pray for God's will to be done and his perfect timing.

Pray for wisdom, direction, and creativity in how we do that.

Pray for endurance and encouragement, when we face close doors, and feel discouraged.

- **Please pray for these three students to have open hearts to wanting to join our new Bible Study, Gruppi Biblici Universitari.**

Paola

Ernesto

Maria

*Thank you for being prayer warriors with me to see the Gospel advance in all of Salerno.*

*Love Cammie*



- 1st Beth Anne Watson
- 3rd Gayle McKinney
- 5th Bob Hoschner
- 9th Kayley Bishop
- 12th Pete Thomas
- 14th Tim Baldwin
- 15th Donald Siemon  
Christina Johnson
- 17th Pat Hoffman
- 19th Charles Hayman
- 20th Donna Kerkesner  
Milagros Vasquez  
Nancy Keil
- 21st Audrey Hayward  
Savannah McAloose  
Mary Burbach
- 23rd Aman Ahluwalia
- 26th Audrey Coe
- 27th Deborah Wingerson
- 28th Gregory Bradley  
Harry Limons
- 29th Ginny Canning
- 30th Walt France
- 31st Gregory Giesecke



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

### Shrimp Boil- March 17, 2018



Dinner will include 1/2 lb. of wild caught gulf shrimp, coleslaw, roll, cocktail sauce, beverage and dessert.

Tickets will be sold in advance and will be available beginning Sunday, March 4th.

Take-out available from  
5:30-6:00pm.  
Dine In from 6pm-7pm  
Adults: \$13 Children: \$7

**CLOTHES CLOSET:** Thank you for your generous response to our "KISSES FOR KASH" fundraiser! All of the monies will go to needed items which must be purchased new. (Underwear, school uniforms and kids shoes when not available). Our neighbors in need are so appreciative when they receive 'new to them' clothing for their children and themselves. Thank you for sharing the love of Christ through clothing!

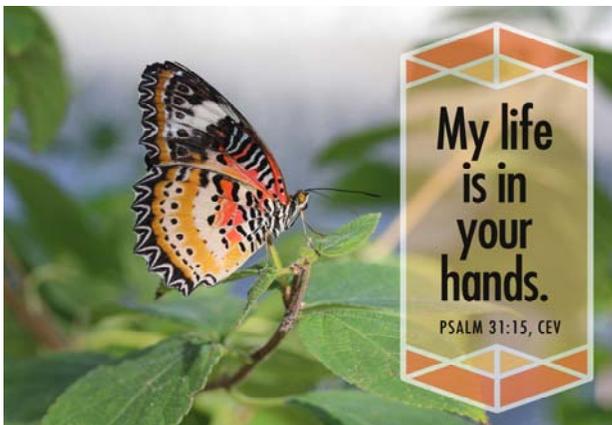
### Chancel Guild

#### March 2018 Schedule



- 2nd Judy Schulte  
Dorothy Troy
- 9th Judy Schulte  
Dorothy Troy
- 16th Sharon & Richard Werner
- 23rd Sue & Marty Chanofsky
- 30th Sue and Marty Chanofsky

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



### FLOWER GUILD MARCH, 2018

- March 4th Sally Fontaine
- March 11th Carolyn Hornung
- March 18th Judy Schulte
- March 25th Terry Miller  
(Palm Sunday)

