

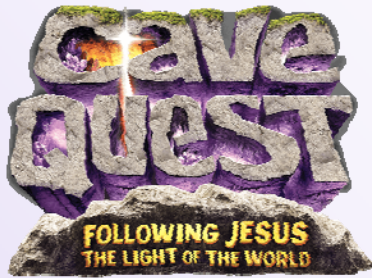


The Courier

May
2016

Cypress Lake Presbyterian Church

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



Register to Volunteer or Participate in
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2016.

Go to this website:

[https://www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/ez/
CLPCVBS2016/gpgs/Home.aspx](https://www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/ez/CLPCVBS2016/gpgs/Home.aspx).

Date: June 13 -Jun 17 Time: 5:30p- 8:30p.

VBS Prep Days (Fellowship Hall)

Saturday, May 28th-11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Saturday, June 4th-11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Saturday, June 11th-11a.m.-2 p.m.

Sunday, June 12th-11 a.m. (After 10 a.m. Service)



Summer Worship Schedule for CLPC 2016

There will be one service of
Celebration on May 29th which
is the Memorial Day weekend
at 10:00 AM

Beginning June 5th through August 28th, 2016
the Commitment to Worship Team is announcing
that there will be two services:

8:00 a.m. Prayer Service - held in the Chapel

**10:00 a.m. Worship Celebration in the
Sanctuary**

We are coming together as one in service
as we Celebrate God's gift to us all,
His Son, Jesus Christ.



MUSIC MINISTRY

Music Camp at CLPC

August 1st through August 4th, 2016

Monday through Thursday-- \$5.00 registration fee per
student. Bible Study, Music Theory, Chimes, Drama. A
special guest artist every day! The first camp was held
last August, 2015, with 15 students attending. Camp
Director is Rachel Carrier. Flyers will be available in the
Narthex or see Rachel for more information.

Voices in Bronze

Thanks to the Voices in Bronze for a wonderful season
of bell ringing! Those bell ringers are: Sara Shubek,
Amy Maneval, Amanda Johnson, Pam Simones,
Dee Stewart, Christina Johnson, Kay Hill, Becky Harris,
Cindy Basler, Elle Goff, Sharon Werner, and
Larry Johnson, III.

If you see them around church or in the City, please find
time to thank them for the music ministry that
they do as a TEAM!!!

New Bell Choir forming in May 2016

If you have never rung a bell or had only a little
experience with bell ringing, this will be the place to
get started! No experience is needed; guaranteed to
have some enjoyment and a feeling of accomplish-
ment when we end with a song to ring!

Please leave contact information with Rachel
Carrier; open 4th grade to 100 years old. Sign up
sheets will be available in the Narthex and in the
Choir Rehearsal Room on Wednesday evenings and
Sunday mornings. Ringing His Praises!!!

Angels Rock! News

The Angels Rock! will be ringing Chimes on May
8th for Mother's Day! This will be their last time to
present their music before School ends for
Summer Break. Thank you Angels for a wonderful
year of music!



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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.

Thank you all for the prayers for my son Tom. He is better and I'm sure it was your prayers that helped him get his health back. Also THANK YOU for the prayers for my nephew, Danny Green. He is better, but not out of the woods yet. Please keep him in your prayers as he has a long way to go. Danny has Guillain Barre.



*God Bless You All,
 Betty Ann Kelly*

A sincere "Thank You" to all for the cards and prayers I received following my recent surgery. They meant a lot and were most appreciated.



*Gods blessing to all,
 Jackie Sorensen*

Men's Breakfast

The Men's Breakfast will be meeting at the Sunflower Café at Summerline Square

May 10th at 8:00 a.m.

Chancel Guild

May 2016 Schedule

- 6th Judy Schulte
Dorothy Troy
- 13th Irene Thiessen
- 20th Irene Thiessen
- 27th Sue Chanofsky
Martin Chanofsky

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

**Irene Thiessen,
 Chancel Guild Dir.**

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON MEMORIAL DAY-5/30/16



**Calusa Musicale Presents.....
 CAVALCADE OF YOUTH
 Sunday, May 1st at 3:00 p.m.
 Cypress Lake Presbyterian Church**

Performing are participants of Clara Blood Scholarship Auditions
 Winners will be announced

FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

YOUTH GROUP CAR WASH will be on Sunday, May 1st from 7:30a.m.-11:30a.m. This will be the last Youth Car Wash until the fall. We are raising money to go towards Disney's Night of Joy in September. Ten percent of all money earned will be going towards Vacation Bible School.





While Amy and I were on vacation we had the distinct pleasure to visit Bok Tower and the surrounding gardens in Lake Wales. What an incredibly beautiful horticultural gem in the heart of Florida. But we also got to learn about Edward Bok, the man who built the tower and was the former

editor of *The Ladies Home Journal*. Oddly enough, Bok wrote a little essay about why he actually believed in poverty. He did so after some folks had complained that due to his affluence and position in life, he could never understand what an average “housewife” was dealing with financially, socially or personally.

Bok’s essay went on to point out how he came to the United States as an immigrant and that his family struggled from week to week just to eat. He goes on to discuss how this time of struggle taught him all kinds of values that he would use as an adult: loving your family and friends, the importance of education, the need for hard work, how to care for the gifts God has given you (no matter how meager), and much more.

In his essay, he actually implied that he felt rather sorry for the children who grow up in affluence, for they have not had the opportunity to really know the struggles of life and it is through those struggles that we learn. At many points I wanted to personally shout “amen” to Bok, having remembered my own childhood, growing up in the North Appalachian mining community of Knothole, taking our weekly bath on Saturday night (because we had a cistern that caught rain water...the well was contaminated by the local mine), and being the child of a mother that worked as a secretary (my dad died when I was 13, with no insurance or savings). Those struggles help make me (and us) the people that we became in later years.

Romans 5 actually speaks to this matter:

1 Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, 2 through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. 3 Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; 4 perseverance, character; and character, hope. 5 And hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

By the way, we must allow room for senseless suffering that we just cannot understand or explain. Why does a 2 year old suffer through cancer? Why are there horrible acts of violence against young women? Or even, the horrors of ISIS? There are times when it is hard to see any redeeming qualities in suffering. But scripture teaches us, that some suffering and struggle is actually healthy for it produces perseverance, character and hope.

Often we want those whom we love to not to have to struggle, but yet struggling is a part of life. Indeed, without it, we rob ourselves of the ability to truly grow. The struggle and even suffering can be seen in a marathon runner who trains daily, a medical student who burns the midnight oil, or an immigrant who works 60 hours a week at low wage

only to come home and clean the house and raise a family, never seeing a week of vacation let alone a trip to Disney.

Bok went on to write, “That is why I believe so strongly in poverty, the greatest blessing in the way of the deepest and fullest experience that can come to a boy. But, as I repeat: always as a condition to work out of, not to stay in.” Poverty is not a bad thing, it can actually help build future character, but it is also not something to be embraced nor to wallow in but rather to grow out of.

At CLPC we are working hard to help people who are suffering and struggling. We have the food pantry that is helping people during times of economic stress. We have an after school program that is helping children who are struggling (and some ARE suffering) with education. We are helping those who are suffering with faith crisis or who have lost someone they have loved. Much is happening to help those who struggle.

Edward Bok grew to appreciate what he had and gave back to the world as a result. On my end, I appreciate every single day and feel blessed beyond measure. This boy from Knothole never would have dreamed to have a wife, family (and grandchildren!), Florida home, church family and advanced degrees. But I do hope and pray that those of us who have been blessed with humble beginnings can remember them and remain appreciative for them. Similarly, I hope and pray for those struggling today, that they may be able to use their experiences to grow into the Christians that God has planned for them, and remembering that our ultimate hope lies not in our own accomplishments, but in the grace of our Lord, the Christ.

Blessings,

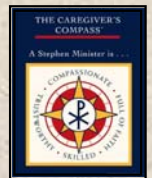
Pastor Clint

STEPHEN MINISTRY

Your CLPC Stephen Ministry continues to be alive and well. The Stephen Ministry team meets the first and third Thursday every month for continuing education and support. While some of our ministers do have care receivers, we do have trained ministers available to help you. Stephen Ministers care for those dealing with grief, divorce, job loss, hospitalization, financial struggles, loneliness, convalescence, terminal illness, and many other life difficulties.

We are here for you; to listen to and help you through life’s changes and challenges, offering Christ-centered care. Each Stephen Minister is matched with a hurting person—men are paired with men; women with women; and meet weekly with that person to listen, care, pray, and encourage. Confidentiality is of the utmost importance.

Call Pastor Clint or Ginny Canning for more information or a request for a Stephen Minister.





Flowers, Flowers, Flowers!!!

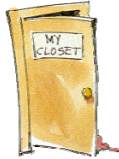
Every Sunday the Chancel/Church flowers are present to be surrounded with the message, the music, our prayers for each other and for the World. Have you ever wondered where the flowers go next? Sometimes the donor takes them home for a special event. For those left behind, our Deacons come on Monday morning and rearrange these beauties then transport them to someone who is in the hospital, nursing home facility, or someone who is just needing some cheering up! This is called MINISTRY OUTREACH.

The cost of these flowers is \$25.00 each vase, and that does up an arrangement for the Spanish Ministry. We are asking you, members and friends of Cypress Lake Presbyterian Church, to help all of us continue in this Ministry by signing up on the Flowers charts provided. (Charts are In the Sanctuary Hallway, where the water cooler is.) Please place your name as the donor, then add the information regarding the Dedication (in Honor or in Memory of); there are yellow envelopes provided to make out your check or CASH, place the envelope into the container provided. Your dedication will be noted in the bulletin when that time arrives. More importantly, you are helping the church continue to do its outreach ministry.

Thank you to those who do these flowers and know that your gifts are most appreciated. There is always room for more people to help with flowers. If interested, please call Rachel Carrier at the church office. The extension for Rachel is ext. 24, and you can leave her a message.

CLOTHES CLOSET ALLIANCE:

Thank you CLPC for your generosity this month!! The volunteers at the closet are singing our praises! During the month of May, clothing emphasis will again be "under clothes" for all ages. New, packaged 'undies', socks, undershirts for men, women, boys, girls are always needed. These items have to be purchased with the Closet's limited funds if not donated.



If you would like to donate monies for these items, please send the check to Faith United Methodist Church, 15690 McGregor Blvd., Fort Myers, FL 33908; Attn: Clothes Closet. Please note on the memo line Clothes Closet, specifically for 'undies'. Your check will be your receipt. The next Third Sunday gathering will be May 15th.

FLOWER GUILD-MAY 2016

May 1st	Judy Schulte
May 8th (Mothers Day)	Terry Miller
May 15th	Rachel Carrier
May 22nd	Jean Dodd
May 29th (Memorial Day)	Sally Fontaine



Birthdays Wishes

1 st	Steve Norris	16th	Harold Hayward James Brady
2 nd	Janet Serpe Alex Kiss	17th	Dave Moore Don Brose
3 rd	Carol Sarosik Carolyn Brose	18th	Steve Brown Hagard Bradley
4 th	Caulette Logelin	19th	Marcia Bruns
7 th	Jeannette Scullion Brian Granstra	20th	Bari O'Neill Gavin Dougherty
8 th	Philip Serpe Amy Maneval	28th	Nan Read Kurt Daume
10 th	Jeanne Gaub Ken Kendall		
11 th	Hawley Botchford Mark Gisse		
12 th	Judy Norris		
14 th	Harold Slusher		

Anniversary Celebrations

5 th	Pete & Judy Thomas Marty & Betty Serra
6 th	Lowell & Pat Hoffman
9 th	George & Beverly Westacott
16 th	Harold & Kay Slusher
17 th	Bob & Judy Hoschner
21 st	William & Mary Conner
23 rd	Rich & Sherri Badalaty
30 th	Robert & Mae Osborne



Presbyterian Women

May 2016

2nd	9:30 p.m.	Project Linus Blanket (CE1-Rms. 2&3)
	1:00 p.m.	Executive Board Meeting (Library)
10th	10:00 a.m.	Martha/Esther Circle (Fellowship Hall)
10th	6:30 p.m.	Eve Circle (Fellowship Hall)

Presbyterian Women Calendar Update

With two big PW events being held in April, The Mother/Daughter Tea (originally scheduled for May 7th) has been postponed until next year. Mark your calendars for May 2017 – plans are in the making for a wonderful "Ladies Tea!"