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Cypress Lake
Presbyterian Church

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Operation Christmas Child The Children are Special to God

Whether they are refugees of a civil war, survivors of a natural disaster, or victims of extreme poverty, the children of this world need to know that they

are special to God. Take an ordinary shoe box, fill it with toys and other presents, and you have an extraordinary gift for a child in need of joy and hope. Most of all, these shoe boxes provide wonderful opportunities to tell children and their families about the greatest gift of all—Jesus Christ. CLPC invites you to be a part of this mission ministry this year. Share in the joy by adding your shoe box gifts to the millions of boxes delivered all over the world. If you would like to make a box (or several), start by picking up a pamphlet in the narthex or in the church office. This is a great project to share with your children or grandchildren. It's also a wonderful ministry to share with your neighborhood group or card club. Boxes are to be dropped off at church the week of Nov 15-22. You'll make a difference in a child's life.

On November 22nd, following the 11:00 a.m. service, we begin our *Hanging of the Greens* in the Sanctuary and hopefully, our trees outside. Help is greatly needed as we have wreaths that hang from our ceiling lights and outside trees to decorate.



Thanksgiving Dinner Sunday November 22nd 6:00 PM-Fellowship Hall

Please come and join the church family as we celebrate Thanksgiving. The Cape Chorale will sing during and after dinner! Chefs Harold and Mark will again prepare a wonderful thanksgiving meal of turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes and gravy. They are asking that you help with the meal by preparing a dish to bring and share. This year, as we did last year, those whose names begin with A-F may bring a salad; G-M a side dish and N-Z, a dessert. If you remember, last year was such a success. We had to set up extra tables and almost ran out of turkey. We are preparing this year for a big crowd.



Nov. 2 All Saints Day at CLPC

Nov. 2nd, 6:30 p.m.
Ecumenical "All Saints Day"
Service, held at CLPC
This is a Monday evening
service held in the Sanctuary.



November 1st, 2015
Set your clocks back!!



Sunday, November 8th

The Youth Group is having a Car Wash from 7:30 a.m.-12 p.m. Our Youth Group will be giving 10% of all money earned to Operation Christmas Child!



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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.



SPECIAL OFFERINGS

There will no longer be requests for special offerings every Sunday. Many of those prior requests have been budgeted. You will be asked once each month by a Ministry Team member to help support their mission.

On **November 1**, you will find an envelope in your church bulletin for the Church and Community Ministry team. We provide the food for the church dinners, the all church picnic and other receptions. We also provide support for Blankets Plus, Peace and Global Witness, Christmas Joy Offering, Mission Peniel, Stephens Ministry, Fall Fest and community outreach. Please recognize all that is done by your Ministry Team when you are considering your support of this special offering.



New Horizons/Super Kids Club is up and running, Monday-Thursday every week from 2:30 pm – 5:00 pm. *Please join us for our ribbon cutting on Wednesday, November 18th at 4:30 p.m.* If you haven't signed up to volunteer to help kids with their homework, stop by the Fellowship Hall during the hours of operation and take a look at what a difference we are making. We'd love to have you join our team. Contact Jessica for more information: 239-481-3233 or Jessica@clpc.us.

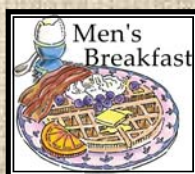


Yankee Candle Fundraiser is still active until the end of the year, please visit this website:

<https://www.yankeecandlefundraising.com/> and put in our code at the bottom right where it says, "Start Shopping." The code is 990084659. This will insure that CLPC gets the credit. Forty percent (40 %) of all purchases come back to CLPC. These funds will be going towards our **Super Kids Club**.



Men's Breakfast Fellowship Hall



Tuesday, November 10th
7:00am



Blood Drive!

The Lee Memorial Bloodmobile is coming on Sunday, December 13th

from 8:15-12:45 p.m.

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



This coming month we will be celebrating Thanksgiving, truly a joyous time. It is only fitting that we take time to stop our activities and think about the blessings God has given us, followed by giving thanks. Sadly, our culture has largely replaced the “thanks” part with football, turkeys or going to bed early in preparation of “Black Friday”. But at the core, it is THANKSgiving day!

On my end, this past month some of the gifts we take for granted were really brought home. Amy and I were on vacation, enjoying a cruise. We were talking to some of the crew who spend many months at sea. Most of the staff had young children (and were happy to share pictures). One in particular had just lost her father. The cruise line did allow her to fly home for the funeral, but the time lost with her dad had taken its toll. Yet, they were all glad to have their jobs.

In the midst of this, we learned that they no longer have chaplains on board. Indeed, there is no opportunity for hymn/praise singing, organized Bible study or anything else resembling Christian worship. Oh, they try. Sometimes they would cram into a small crew bedroom for worship or study. They had ONE music book to sing from, but in order to share it, they would take pictures of it with their cell phones. Some had Bibles only on their cell phones or ones that came from the Gideons. Most difficult of all, they work LONG days, often 12 or 16 hours; meaning that the only time they could gather for minimal study or worship was when everyone else was fast asleep (and they, in turn, would lose sleep to worship God).

As I mentioned in worship several weeks ago, I had the opportunity (along with Jim and Leah Barfoot) to attend a worship opportunity that we were able to put together as guests (the crew could not get the size room that we did). We met at 11:15 PM and did not get back to our staterooms until 1:00 AM. The worship was vibrant, the love of the Lord was quite evident, their prayers were heartfelt and the passion was there, even though they had worked long hours, and one actually gave up a night’s sleep.

As Christians in Fort Myers, we take so very much for granted. The ease of being a Christian is just a part of our life. A comfortable church for worship and study, a variety of Bibles, church staff and pastors, and times for worship that allow for rest and relaxation. Beyond that, we have even greater blessings: pure water, plentiful food, clean air, relative safety to move about, and the freedom to be Christian. Indeed, God has blessed us.

As you prepare for Thanksgiving Day by all means, enjoy the holiday. May you find your fill of Turkey and Pumpkin Pie. May your favorite team achieve the winning touchdown. If you choose to rise early, may you find splendid bargains on Black Friday. But through it all, may you and I never lose sight of the day: Thanksgiving Day. And may we take a little time this Thanksgiving to truly thank the Lord for the bounty He has shared with us.

Have a wonderful November and a most blessed and special Thanksgiving celebration!

Blessings,

Pastor Clint

Special Guest Artist: Reiko Niiya, Concert Master of the Southwest Florida Symphony, will be our guest for the November 15th Worship Service at 11:00 am. She will be accompanied on piano by another member of her trio. Please mark this date on your calendar as we look forward to this special time.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN NEWS!!!



Women's Group

Martha & Esther will have a combined circle meeting on November 17th, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.



Presbyterian Women

November 2015

2nd	9:30 a.m.	Project Linus Blanket Work Day (CE1, Room 2)
	1:00 p.m.	Coordinating Tm. (Chapel)
12th	7:00 p.m.	Eve Circle (Chapel)
17th	10:00 a.m.	Martha/Esther Circle Fellowship Hall

EVE CIRCLE

Eve Circle will meet Thursday, November 12th at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel.



Presbyterian Women's Bakeless Bake Sale A HUGE SUCCESS

As one lady commented ... "my kind of event!" A very special thank you to all the women who gave so generously to our CLPC PW Bakeless Bake Sale to support our mission work.



Our next two fundraisers; January 15, 2016, we

invite you to our **Lasagna Dinner** and March 5, 2016, join us at our **Attic Treasure Sale**.



Through the work of many women (and a few good men), we are able to support mission work within CLPC and many local organizations who help so many people in our community.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH!



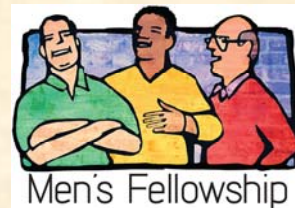
Angelic PW Gathering December 5, 2015

Ladies ... this will be a special Gathering with lots of surprises! Mark your calendars for Saturday, December 5, 2015 – 9:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. We will begin with a holiday brunch at 10 a.m. Bring your appetite!

Be an angel – join us December 5th ... AND ... be touched by an angel, our speaker is The Rev. Dr. Valerie Bell. More details will be forthcoming and a sign-up sheet will be in the Narthex during the month of November.

Calling all church men!!!

The Great Steak Out Returns!!!



Our guest speaker is none other than our own Marvin Birdt. Marvin flew for the U. S. Navy during the Korean War and has an incredibly compelling and powerful message of danger, risk, survival and the presence of God in his life. In addition to hearing his message, we will chomp down on some delicious steak and potatoes while enjoying fellowship. Here are the details:

When: Friday, November 6 @ 6:00 PM

Where: The Fellowship Hall

What: Steak, Baked Potatoes, Salad, Drink and Dessert and the best part of all, fellowship with each other as we here our guest speaker!

Cost: \$15.00 for Members, \$10.00 for Guests
(Why the difference? Guys...we are asking you to invite another man to come with you to hear about God's good work and to encourage the growth of the men's ministry, hence, the lower cost for guests!)

Deadline: We need reservations for the dinner NO LATER THAN October 30
(as we need to purchase the steaks)

How to Sign Up: Simply email our Office Manager, Karen May at karen@clpc.us, or see Rick Gow or David Radcliffe



Did someone say **Tiger Butter**?
Yes! Our Youth Group will be selling Tiger Butter again as a fundraiser during the month of December. These delicious candies mixed with white chocolate, milk chocolate and peanut butter, make for a perfect dessert and gift. If you would like to pre-order, please call or e-mail Jessica at 239-481-3233 or Jessica@clcp.us.
½ lbs. = \$7 and 1 lbs. = \$13
You pay when you pick it up.
Pick up dates are Sunday, December 6th and 13th, before and after each service.



The CLPC Deacons provided transportation for several members in October who were unable to drive themselves to various appointments. This is a much appreciated and needed part of our church. If you would like to help with this Ministry, please call the church office. Volunteers are always needed.

Office Volunteers Needed:

Do you have a few hours a week to spare? The church office is in need of volunteers to help answer phones, greet visitors, etc. We have an opening on Tuesdays from 9-12 p.m. and Thursdays 12-3 p.m. If you can help, please contact Karen at 239-481-3233 between 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.



NOVEMBER




Chancel Guild *November 2015 Schedule*

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

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

Irene Thiessen, Chancel Guild Director

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

5th Pat France
 8th Eleanor Goff
 Elizabeth Haidet
 11th Robert McFedries
 13th John Ernst
 14th Eileen Coe
 18th Chris Giesecke
 Carolyn Scullion
 19th Gina Ahluwalia
 21th Barbara Hess
 Dorothy Lias
 22th Becky Harris
 23th Donna Brown
 Christian Cottrell
 Wayne Auman
 24th Jeff Basler
 28th Al Hornung
 29th Jim Miller

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

5th Michael & Carolyn Hornung
 7th Larry & Darlene Harshbarger
 14th Larry & Christina Johnson
 19th Carlos & Milagros Vasquez
 20th Martin & Susan Chanofsky
 22nd Ron & Betsy Howlett
 29th Wayne & Elaine Auman



FLOWER GUILD NOVEMBER 2015



November 1st	Sally Fontaine
November 8th	Judy Norris
November 15th	Terry Miller
November 2nd	Jean Dodd
November 29th	Worship Committee



What love means in the eyes of 4-8 year olds

'Love is when you go out to eat and give somebody most of your French fries without making them give you any of theirs' Chrissy - age 6

'Love is what's in the room with you at Christmas if you stop opening presents and just listen.'
Bobby - age 7 (Wow!)

'My mommy loves me more than anybody; You don't see anyone else kissing me to sleep at night.'
Clare - age 6

'You really shouldn't say 'I love you' unless you mean it. But if you mean it, you should say it a lot. People forget.'
Jessica - age 8

'Love is when your puppy licks your face even after you left him alone all day.'
Mary Ann - age 4



Gloria Choir News

The following is an agenda for the Gloria Choir for the months of November and December, 2015

Nov. 2 Ecumenical "All Saints Day" Service, held at CLPC at 6:30 p.m.
We will be doing two Anthems: *Come, Serve the Lord* and *Kyrie*.
This is a Monday evening service held in the Sanctuary.

Nov. 22 - following the 11:00am Service

Hanging of the Greens will begin in the Sanctuary. We do need help from everyone as we have many outside trees that need to be decorated and wreaths to hang from our ceiling lights. The festivities continue on into the evening. At 6:00 pm, we have our annual Thanksgiving Dinner in Fellowship Hall. The Cape Chorale will be singing during and after dinner! This will be a joyous day in the life of the church. Please plan to attend and give thanks with your church family!!

Nov. 29 - 9:30 am Service

Our Angels will be ringing their Chimes.

Nov. 29 - 11:00am Service

Gale Wray, her sister Sharon and brother-in-law Bob will be our vocal guests, as well as the Gloria Choir.

This is the First Sunday in Advent.....remember the reason for the season. It is all about the gift that arrived as a baby, sent from God.



Teddy Bears and Other stuffed Animals

Beginning Nov. 29, the Gloria Choir will be collecting stuffed animals to take to children at the Glosiano Children's Hospital. Any new (**no used stuffed animals**), Teddy Bears or other stuffed animals will be greatly appreciated by the children who are spending time during the year trying to get well. A stuffy is such a great warm and cuddly companion for our children. Thank you in advance for your gift of kindness and love.

Angels Musical Schedule

The Angels are singing almost every Sunday during Advent. If your child is in the Angels, please post this schedule where you can remember to bring your child to church to sing and or ring their chimes.

November 29 - 9:30 am at CLPC

December 6 - 10:30 a.m.- Leave CLPC to travel to Fort Myers, Christian Church. This will be the 4th year that we have been asked to sing for this congregation!

Dec. 13 Christmas Musical - 4:00 pm This also includes the Gloria Choir and the Drama Troupe!! A cookie reception will follow. Musical time is for 4:00pm at CLPC. We are doing the story about Good King Wenceslas and the Feast of Stephen.

December 20 - 11:00am Angels Sing for our Spanish Ministry in the Chapel

December 24 - 6:00 pm Angels Sing for Christmas Eve at the Family Service



Gin and other spiritual things...

Brother, has this year gone fast! Christmas 2014 seems like only bout 6 mos. ago; Lent about 4 mos. ago; Easter about 2 mons. ago; Everest VBS about 1 mon. ago; beginning to get ready for fall classes and programs about a mon. ago (guess that one's about right); and now Fall Fest and Kirkin' of the Tartan are upon us. Soon will come Advent and then Christmas...my how time flies!!

There are many "firsts" in our year: New Year's Day, each of four distinct seasons, the "fiscal" year, "this year's vacation", the school year, and the beginning of the church year.

The church year begins with Advent. What a glorious, special, sacred, and fun time in our church family. A time to "get ready" for God's son (our Savior) and all He brings to us. A time to "get ready" for trees, lights, candles, presents (and all the sacred meanings they hold). There will be many special services, meals, times to do mission things, fellowship with friends (in and out) of our church family. Try to participate in as many of these events as you can. Being a part of a "church" family is as rewarding as being part of your "blood" family. Also, many of us have no "blood" family here or close enough for visitation. To paraphrase our pastor, "We'll save a place for you!"

Ginny Canning



FROM THE MUSIC CORNER:

As most of you probably know by now, we have had a significant upgrade to the sound system. We have come a LONG way since I arrived here two years ago. We obtained the in-ear monitors which meant taking away the large monitors taking up space on the chancel. We also obtained wireless microphones, so no more wires to trip over or make a mess. The most recent upgrade with new speakers, mixing board, etc. has given us a much greater capacity to fine-tune our services. Thank you to Gavin Dougherty and Brian Granstra who worked directly with Creative Sound to make this happen! As the Praise Team Leader, I cannot be more thrilled with all the upgrades we have made. THANK YOU CONGREGATION for supporting us to make this happen!

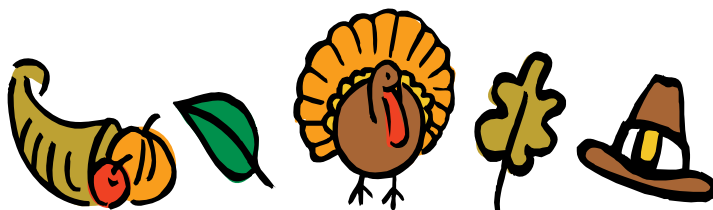
Because the equipment is expensive and somewhat complicated, the Worship Team (Ministry Team) created the position of AUDIO ENGINEER. We have designated Brian Granstra to fulfill the job. He will be in charge of:

1. Coordinating training for those that need training in the use of the sound board.

2. Work with the Director of Worship and Music to solicit volunteers and make assignments to operate the sound board during worship or other activities, as needed.
3. Be responsible for overseeing any permanent settings or changes to the sound board, microphones, monitors or other items associated with the sound system.
4. Coordinate with the Director of Worship and Music as well as the Chair of the Worship Ministry Team to replace, update or install new sound components.

Many thanks again to Brian and Gavin who helped make this happen; for Creative Sound for the fine job they did in installation and training us, and to all of YOU who gave to help make this happen.

Many Blessings,
Amy Maneval



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