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Our Vision: To become known as the Church where you experience Christ.

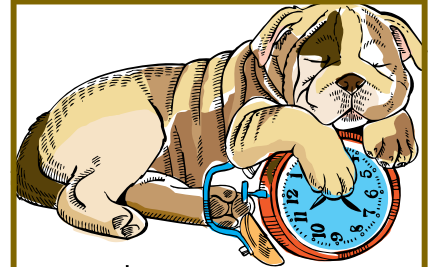
Cypress Lake
Presbyterian Church

October
2014



Kirkin' of the Tartans
Sunday, October 26th, 2014
One Service at 10:00am
Special guests:
Lee County Pipes and Drums

Please join us in this one service as we have our annual Kirkin' of the Tartans, (blessing). Please bring something from your family, such as the family Bible, Tartan, and yourself to receive the Blessing to keep you safe in God's holy Word. We will have a Pot Luck Luncheon after the service, so please bring something to share.



Daylight-Saving Time Ends

November 2, 2014

**Please welcome our newest
members to CLPC**

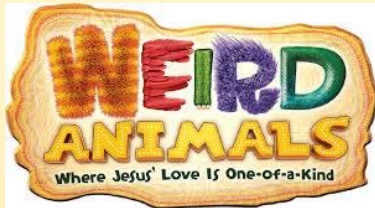
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FALL FESTIVAL
Saturday
October 25th, 2014
3:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Food! Fun! Music! Crafts!
Candy! Bounce House!
Face Painting! Puppet Show! Games!
Mini Golf! Stilt Walker!

Special Appearance by WAYFM

Volunteers and individually wrapped candy are needed to make this year's Fall Fest a success! Baskets will be set up in the Sanctuary to drop off your candy. Please email Jessica@clpc.us, or fill out a Volunteer Sign-Up Sheet located on the Narthex table and return it to Jessica. Grab your treat bags and come join us for a fun-filled evening.





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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.

She knows how Christmas feels



A twelve-year-old girl shyly peeked under the lid of her shoe box and then clapped her hands and smiled in wonder and delight as she saw all the gifts packed inside. An orphan, abandoned by her older sister, now lives in a children's home and never before had received a Christmas present.

Now she knows how Christmas feels, along with millions of children all over the world who are receiving Operation Christmas Child shoe box gifts from Samaritan's Purse. The child smiled lovingly at the photos of two sisters about her age, who had packed her gifts more than 8,000 miles away.

"What this means to children like her," said the manager of the Children's Home, "is that, 'Somebody out there loves me.'" This message—at the heart of the Christmas story—is being shared with millions of children who are hungry for hope.

Here at CLPC, we invite you to share in this 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 16-23. ****If when you are shopping, you find some excellent deals on school supplies, hygiene items, or small toys, bring the "extras" into the church office for use when our "Kids Worship Service" children make their special boxes.



Thank you VERY much to everyone for your amazing Prayers for my brother, Billy! I know most, if not all, of you do not know why you were praying for him. He was in a horrific motorcycle accident in May, 2012 and after countless surgeries and therapy is just now walking again on his own. We all know Prayer works, and Billy is another example of Gods' Grace. Thank you again! ☺ Connie Gralton



COFFEE HOUR IS BACK!

Coffee hour is served every Sunday in Fellowship Hall from 8:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.
 Stop over and join the fellowship!

Where is Pastor Miguel?

Recently, someone saw Pastor Miguel on the church campus and asked why he and his family no longer came to worship at our church! Miguel mentioned he just had to laugh, and then explained that for over a year and a half, he has been leading the Spanish speaking worship every week. Oh, he is very much here, just not in the English worship celebration! When talking about this with others, some of our Elders were dismayed that folks in our church had somehow missed a rather major outreach that is happening within our church.



On my end, I learned something long ago. Amy and I were members within a small church in Western Pennsylvania (we had about 90 members and an average of about 60 in worship on any given Sunday). Often our 2 children were the only children in worship!!! This was a small church. It was a wonderful, loving Christian community; but we had real limitations because of our size. There is only so much that 6 or 7 people can do in a choir. Session had to be 6 or fewer members, and there were no Deacons. We couldn't even afford to buy an answering machine, when they first became available, let alone THINK about a computer. We were a loving, caring community, but our size created limits to the ministry that we could do. Yes, there WERE benefits (relationships ran very deep), but the limitations were huge!

In that small community, everyone knew everyone, and often, everyone knew everything that everyone was doing. Well, sort of! But even in that church with the close knit community, the newsletters, the announcements on Sunday and more (this was in the days prior to email or even answering machines), folks sometimes didn't hear everything that was happening in our little church community.

Shift to Cypress Lake with 150 or so in the summer and often 500 or more in season, 4 worship celebrations (8, 9, English at 11 and Spanish at 11). Food pantry feeding hundreds every Monday, multiple women's circles, Wednesday night activities, several choirs (voice, praise, children and bells), and more, it is easy for things to get missed. Oh my, we try to get the word out. We put informational items in the weekly newsletter that is sent by email, potentially reaching over 500 people. We have the monthly newsletter, the weekly bulletin, the website, announcements on Sunday and, of course, word of mouth. But even with all of those means of communications, at times, things are just missed by some.

But of particular concern with a church the size of Cypress Lake, is the risk of developing separate churches within one church. We could EASILY become an 8:00 AM vs. a 9:00 AM vs. an 11:00 AM English church vs. an 11:00 Spanish speaking church. But are we separate bodies? God forbid, for we are all one in Jesus Christ. Separately, we would each be a small church; but like that little church in Western PA, that would very much limit what we could do as a church family. What is the answer?

On a regular basis we try to bring the whole church family together for worship. We do this several times a year, often on the "slow days" such as Memorial Day or Labor Day, and often on the "High Days". Two of those "High Days" in the life of the church are about to happen. October 5 is World Communion Sunday, a day set apart to recognize that, "Red yellow, black or white, we are precious in His sight." Under the leadership of none other than Pastor Miguel, we are going to celebrate this special day with one large celebration of worship! Kind of like a "bookend" at the end of October, we will come together for the annual Kirkin of the Tartans; and as an added treat, the 500th anniversary of the birthday of John Knox, the leader of the early Presbyterian Church in Scotland. It will probably be months before all come together for one worship celebration, but these two are really a time to celebrate.

But in the midst of the celebration and the combining of the worship is something that is very, very important. We as one church are coming together to worship God. And together, we can do so very much more for the Lord than we can separately. So enjoy our time together. Enjoy seeing some faces you may not see every week. Enjoy some NEW faces of new members or folks that may even speak a different language. But most, at the foundation to it all, enjoy gathering together to worship a wonderful Lord in Jesus Christ!

Blessings,

Pastor Clint

FROM THE CHURCH & COMMUNITY TEAM

Volunteers are needed for the Hospitality Team! Coffee Hour will begin in September and takes 2 volunteers each week. One person to set up at 7:45 a.m. and another to clean up after 11:00. The team will be giving "lessons" if you are planning to help out. There will be a sign up sheet in the Narthex for volunteers to choose the Sunday they will be available. The lessons will take place on any of the September Sundays at 7:45 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. We will show you where everything is located and explain what needs to be done. The coffee will be set to plug in and cookies will be available in the freezer. Of course, you may bring something fresh if you so desire, but it is not required.

Hospitality Team



FALL FESTIVAL Saturday October 25th, 2014

Looking for Volunteers

Needed: 15-20 volunteers for the kitchen. You will be needed between 1 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. If you aren't able to stay the whole time, please indicate on the sign up sheet the hours you are available to work. Thank you!

Kirkin' of the Tartans will take place on October 26th with one worship service. Following the service we will have a pot luck luncheon in Fellowship Hall! Please bring a dish to share and put it in refrigerator/warmer prior to the service. We will probably have cupcakes left from the Fall Fest in case you are thinking of desserts.



THANK YOU: Thank you for your prayers during my brain surgery. There is much radiation and chemotherapy to go, and your prayers, support & friendship will continue to give me strength. Thank you. JIM WRAY



Courier deadline for the November issue October 15th



Ushers Needed

Want to get involved in your Church??

A good way is to sign up as an usher or greeter on Sundays. We need help with both the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services.

Please call Betty Ann Kelly at 239-481-6412. If I don't answer, leave your name and number and I will call you back. Hope to hear from you.



Church World Service

Blanket + Program

They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor,
their righteousness endures forever.

Psalm 112:9

CLPC generous donation of \$1,286.00 to the Church World Service Blankets + Program tells people in crisis, "You're not alone. Someone cares."

Families who have lost their homes to tornadoes, floods, earthquakes and other disasters are getting help with blankets, emergency food and shelter - and with rebuilding their lives and livelihoods.

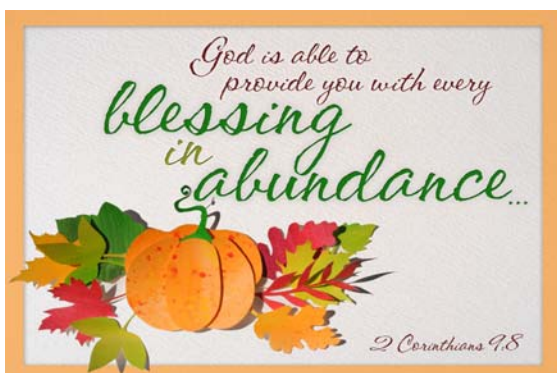
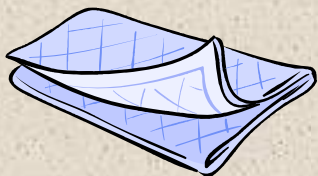
People struggling against crushing poverty and harsh climates are learning sustainable farming practices that will help them keep food on the table - and take it to market.

Vulnerable children have access to clean, safe water and the nutritional food essential to growth, development and life itself.

The following shipments of CWS blankets were made during 2013:

International shipments - 120 heavyweight blankets to Cuba

Domestic shipments - 2,790 heavyweight blankets; 2,430 lightweight blankets; and 140 baby blankets to 14 states (Colorado, Indiana, Kentucky, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, New Mexico, New York, Ohio, Oklahoma, Utah, Washington and West Virginia)



Birthday Wishes

- 2nd Dorothy Troy
Rachael DeBolt
- 4th Tracy Wilson
Suzanne Cramer
Denise Hostettler
Sara Dustin
- 5th Amy Cottrell
- 11th Todd Adams
Wendy McCabe
- 12th Nancy Schiller
- 14th Mary Conner
- 15th Thomas Wilson
Jeanne Moore
Susan Chanofsky
- 18th Taylor Kiss
- 21st Doug Soles
- 22nd Spencer Hornung
Betty Henderson-Jones
- 24th Matilda Wilson
Marlena Wilson
Sarah Johnson
- 25th Cadence Hill
- 27th Jodi Waldrop
- 31st Ronald Cramer

Anniversary Celebrations

- 2nd Mark & Mary Gisse
- 8th Jim & Matilda Wilson
Dick & Ann Sims
- 15th Dave & Jeanne Moore
Mike & Pushpa Ahluwalia
- 17th Steve & Judy Norris
- 20th Don & Carolyn Brose
- 24th Philip & Janet Serpe
- 29th Steve & Donna Brown
- 30th Ronald & Suzanne Cramer



Presbyterian Women

October 2014

6th	9:30 am	Project Linus Blanket Work Day (CE1-Rms. 2 & 3)
	1:00 pm	Executive Board Mtg. (Chapel)
9th	7:00 pm	Eve Circle (Homes)
14th	9:30 am	Martha Circle (Fellowship Hall)
	12:30 pm	Esther Circle (Fellowship Hall)
18th	10:30 am	Presbyterian Women Gathering
	11:15 am	Program
	12:00 pm	Luncheon-Hosted by Eve Circle



October Chancel Guild 2014 Schedule

3rd Doris Houston Rebecca Potts	10th Sue Chanofsky Betty Schaarschuch
17th Irene Thiessen Gale Wray	24th Jackie Oestrich Dorothy Troy
31st Doris Houston Rebecca Potts	

Please feel free to call me about anything or if you need help. Thanks so much for helping out in our beautiful sanctuary.

Irene Thiessen
Chancel Guild Director

FLOWER GUILD OCTOBER, 2014

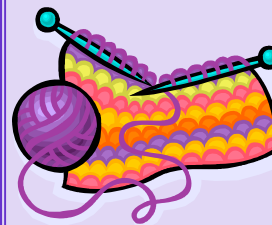


October 5th	Jean Dodd
October 12th	Judy Schulte
October 19th	Sally Fontaine
October 26th	Terry Miller

God bless him for the stars of hope
 He sets in each one's sky;
 For the encouragement he gives
 That causes folk to try...
 With stronger faith to press ahead,
 With courage for a mate,
 And reach for goals, and build anew,
 And smile and challenge fate.
 God bless his laughter and his song
 That drives dark clouds away
 From troubled minds, and paints instead
 A rosy-tinted day.
 God bless the soul with sunny heart
 Who's found in life his place,
 And serves his God and fellow man
 With humble, gentle grace.
 The World has need of such a man
 Who lifts the heart from gloom,
 And in life's barren places plants
 Sweet flowers of love to bloom.
 He may serve as some men serve
 With fame or high degree...
 But his good deeds will ever shine
 Throughout eternity.

Poet, Beverly J. Anderson

CALLING ALL LADIES who like to knit, crochet or sew. We are looking for you to come and join Project Linus



blanket. We make blankets for babies and children in crises. If my granddaughter Marlee, who just learned to knit at age 10, can make a blanket, I am sure you can do the same. Will you come and join us on the 1st Monday of each month at 9A.M. to 11 A.M. in Room #2? If you have any questions, please call Matilda Wilson at 489-3582 or Pat France at 561-3085.



CLPC Music Opportunities



Gloria Choir: middle school through 100 years old.
Meets on Wednesday from 7:00—8:30 pm Room 5/6 CE 2
We need Bass voices!!! We can always use Altos, Tenors, and Sopranos too.
Choir sings for the 11:00 am worship service every Sunday. Contact: Rachel@clpc.us

Praise Team: must meet with the Praise Team Leader, Amy Maneval, for an audition
Meets on Wednesday from 5:15—7:00 pm Sanctuary
Praise Team leads Worship for the 9:00 worship service every Sunday
Amy's contact information: amy@clpc.us



Angels Rock! : ages 5 through 5/6th grade
Meets on Wednesday from 5:30-6:10 pm. Room 5/6 CE 2
Choir sings every 4-6 weeks for either the 9:00 or 11:00 am Worship Service
Contact: Rachel@clpc.us

Voices in Bronze (Adult Bell Choir)

A few openings and a need for some substitutes
Meets on Tuesday from 6:00-7:00 pm in the Sanctuary
Rings about every 6 weeks and for Christmas Eve, Easter, Kirkin' of the Tartans
and other High Church days.
Contact: Rachel@clpc.us



Deacon's Transportation Committee

The transportation committee is happy to welcome a new member, Gloria Long. She will assist the committee in finding drivers for persons in need of a ride to doctor's appointments or therapies.

Unforeseen circumstances occur in all of our lives. If you have a need, please call the church office and they will contact the Deacons.

The Deacons serve our church members and friends, sharing our faith and commitment to the church community in the name of Jesus Christ.

Driving someone who needs a ride is just one of the many ways our deacons support the ministry of CLPC.

Leslie McGargle

I KNOW NOT WHY

*I know not why in mercy
He has kept me till today:
I know not why His blessings
Rich have fallen o'er my way.*

*I know not why each passing day
He sweetly cares for me
nor why in faithfulness
He guards my footsteps
constantly.*

*But this I know,
He will complete
that which He has begun,
For all I am or hope to be
depends upon His Son.*

STEPHEN MINISTRY

I have heard that there may be a misconception about the problems that Stephen Ministers will handle. No problem is too big OR too small. Neither is it too early or too late in the problem to get a Stephen Minister. If you have a situation/problem that is disrupting your everyday life, a Stephen Minister may be just the person you need. Small problems are as important as the large ones. They can be just as disruptive, just as nagging, just as overwhelming. Sometimes we can handle the "elephants"...it's the "gnats" with whom we have the most trouble.

Another misconception is that we wait until things get "kinda' unmanageable" before we ask for a Stephen Minister. You may have a loved one or friend that is having treatment for cancer, beginning treatment for an illness, seeing trouble beginning with one of your children or parents, or the boss says he may have to let you go in a couple of months. These may seem like small problems or "things I can handle" at this time. If you and a Stephen Minister begin talking now, there may be ways to keep "your head above water" when the going gets tougher. Stephen Ministers may have resources you haven't heard of, or alternate ways of coping.

We are here to help. Fill out one of the cards on the green table at the back of the sanctuary or in Slot #12 in the narthex. Let us help, please!

Ginny Canning

THE CAREGIVER'S
COMPASS™

A Stephen Minister is . . .



And the
peace of God,
which surpasses
all understanding,
will guard your
hearts and your
minds in
Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:7, NRSV

Gin and other spiritual matters.....

My daily devotions have their ups and downs. Some weeks/months I am very faithful...you know, don't miss a day. Other times in my life I seem to drift. Is it because these devotions are a "have to do" or "need" to do at the time? I have no answer. I do know that I have trouble with the still, small voice...you know, letting the Lord speak to me and being quiet long enough to hear him.

I also have trouble "letting go and letting God." That's probably because I want God to adjust his timetable to mine. And we all know that is not going to work...ever. He will do whatever needs doing when HE thinks the time is right.

I'm going to have to work on both of those foibles.

I do know, however, that "nothing can ever separate us from the love of God." This gives me strength to keep working on those weaknesses in my life. It also gives me the joy I have in my life which helps me to "keep on keeping on." Thanks for listening!!

Ginny Canning