



The Courier

Cypress Lake
Presbyterian Church

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

October
2017



Kirkin' of the Tartans
Sunday, October 29th, 2017
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.



Daylight Savings Time
ends November 5th

Church and Community - Upcoming Activities

Coffee hour will begin in October. Plan to visit with others and enjoy a cup of coffee in Fellowship Hall. It will be available from 9-11 a.m. each Sunday.

Our next trip to Mission Peniel is October 13th. If you'd like to come and help out, the bus will depart at 1:00 pm. Chris Giesecke is no longer able to take the lead as she is now helping with New Horizons. We are looking for more volunteers and for someone who usually goes to step up and take the lead. It is even more critical after the devastation of hurricane Irma in Immokalee. Please contact Joyce Botchford 239-839-4143 or e-mail joyce@botchford.com.

We are going to be doing a new church family pictorial. Life Touch has a new style of book that is updatable every year. We will schedule dates in the fall and winter so that everyone will have the opportunity to participate.



FALL FESTIVAL
Saturday
October 28th, 2017
3:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Fall Fest is coming!!! We plan to use all of the campus and have more activities for children. We came up with a long list of activities. Marietta agreed to get volunteers for Fall Fest again this year, so please contact her if you would like to help with an activity. We will put out the caldron for candy (individually wrapped) donations and the Fall Fest Tree in the Narthex by October 1st. (Cupcake donations will be requested on the tree.)

PUPPETS FOR CHRIST

Come and join our team!
Puppet rehearsals are held on **Sundays, from 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.** We will meet in Room 4. Anyone in grade 3 and beyond is welcome. For more information, please contact Chris Giesecke at (239-850-4927).





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Monday-Friday 9:00-3:00P.M.

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She knows how Christmas feels



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. Fill the box with a variety of gifts that will bring delight to a child--toys, school supplies, hygiene items. **{NO glass, NO liquids (including shampoo and bath gel), NO TOOTHPASTE, NO CANDY, NO war related items.}**

HOSPITAL AND REHABILITATION VISITS



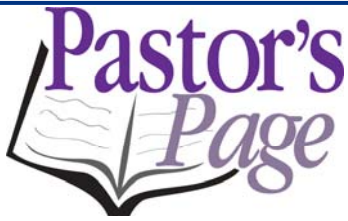
The Deacons of CLPC are here to serve our fellow parishioners. One of the many ways we do this is by visiting you in the hospital and rehabilitation facility when you are having health issues.

Please let the Church office or pastor know when things are difficult for you. We are here for you.

FLOWER GUILD OCTOBER, 2017



- October 1st Judy Schulte
- October 8th Terry Miller
- October 15th Sally Fontaine
- October 22rd Carolyn Hornung
- October 29th Judy Schulte



Matthew 9:35-38

³⁵ *Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness.* ³⁶ *When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.* ³⁷ *Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few."* ³⁸ *Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. (NIV)*

Walk into most churches in the United States (or in the Western hemisphere) and one thing will be obvious, there is a LOT of grey hair and precious few young families. There ARE exceptions but the national statistics are telling. The church is seeing a true exodus of children, youth and families. Cypress Lake is no different. We continue to struggle to attract and retain children, youth and families. Period.

Get into any group with others from the church and people will have all kinds of comments. They may complain about leadership, about the parents, about the curriculum, society, or more. They may offer all kinds of ideas but nearly always the ideas focus on what someone else can do (or not do) to "fix the problem."

The last 6 weeks we have made appeals for help from the congregation as we look to rebirth our children, youth and family ministries. But out of that appeal we have only had a small handful of people step forward to help. If we are to build our children and youth ministry, and more importantly, if we are to build the body of Christ for the next generation, it takes caring and engaged Christians from this generation. But the challenge is far from new.

Jesus was with his disciples and was working hard to spread his good news. Yet even Jesus noted that while the "harvest is plentiful" the "workers are few." Fact is, the younger generation is SEARCHING for an answer... perhaps even pleading. Just take a look at the shelves

of books on spirituality in Barnes and Noble. The harvest is still plentiful. BUT the Christian message is getting drowned out by the media, contrary advice from humanists, and a society that has largely rejected anything to do with the good news of Jesus.

So the answer is simple, it is going to take all of us to make a difference. IF we are to grow a truly vibrant children and youth ministry, it means everyone needs to help in some way be it as a teacher, as a substitute, as a helper with supplies, with the youth group or even as a prayer partner for the children. But it takes all of us for the harvest is still plentiful but the workers are still few. Yet the fact is, the future of our church rests not in what others can do, but with what we can do to pass on a core message:

"Jesus love me this I know, for the Bible tells me so!"
Have a great October and join in the excitement as we share the love of Jesus with the next generation!

The next Blood Drive is Sunday, November 5th

8:45-12:45 pm.

Please call Tim Baldwin for
an appointment at
937-369-6069.
Give the gift of Life!!



Chancel Guild

October 2017 Schedule

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| 1st | Judy Schulte
Dorothy Troy |
| 8th | Judy Schulte
Dorothy Troy |
| 15th | Sue & Marty Chanofsky |
| 22nd | Sue & Marty Chanofsky |
| 29th | Sue & Marty Chanofsky |

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

Sue Chanofsky
Chancel Guild Director



Birth Wishes

2nd Dorothy Troy
3rd Melanie Vasquez
4th Tracy Wilson
Suzanne Cramer
Denise Hostettler
Gabriela Martin
5th Amy Cottrell
11th Todd Adams
Wendy McCabe
12th Nancy Schiller
15th Thomas Wilson
Jeanne Moore
Susan Chanofsky
17th Lee Bombaars
18th Taylor Kiss
21st Doug Soles
22nd Spencer Hornung
Betty Henderson-Jones
24th Matilda Wilson
Marlena Wilson
Sarah Johnson
25th Cadence Hill
27th Jim Barfoot
31st Ronald Cramer

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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'S CHRISTMAS BAZAAR November 11, 2017

Dear Members and friends,

Our Bazaar was a big hit last year. If you'd like to sell your craft, please ask Mary Gisse for a contract; only \$25 for a 8 ft. table.

If you're not crafty, but would like to start your Christmas shopping, put this date on your calendar!



Presbyterian Women

Knit One, Pray Too

Please join us on Thursday afternoons from 1pm-3pm in rooms 2&3.

We are an informal group of women that love to knit, crochet, do needlepoint & cross-stitch or want to learn. Bring your projects that need to be completed or start one of our many patterns. We will be crafting prayer shawls, afghans, lap robes, making chrismons, etc. for friends, family, CLPC members and also for the missions we support here in Lee Co. See Pam Smith or Mary Gisse for details.

Women's Bible Studies

"Who is Jesus" This Bible study will be held on Tuesday, October 10th in the Fellowship Hall at 10:00am and at 7:00pm.

"Cloud of Witnesses" This Bible study will be held on Thursday, October 12th in the Fellowship Hall at 10:00am.

Bakeless Bake Sale

Beat the heat; stay out of the kitchen! Look in the mail for the letter asking for your monetary donation. This sale supports our PW mission work. Thank you in advance for your financial assistance.

Save the Date

Our first Gathering is October 21, 2017 at 10:30am. Our guest is Dorothy Saviste from Trades of Hope. She will tell how women from around the World come out of poverty to sustain a business making jewelry and other crafts. Come hear how their stories have changed from pain and struggle to Hope. Also, Christmas is just around the corner and Dorothy will have a display of items available to ORDER to help support this effort.