



The Courier

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

Cypress Lake
Presbyterian Church

October
2015



Kirkin' of the Tartans
Sunday, October 25th, 2015

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.

Operation Christmas Child



It is time for the OCC Packing Party! We will meet in Fellowship Hall on **Oct.18th at noon** for a time to pack boxes, pray for children around the globe, and share some lunch. We will provide cake and soft drinks for all.

FALL FESTIVAL

Saturday, October 24th, 2015

3:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Out of my Hands" Performance!
Firetruck! Games! Food/Latin Food!
Candy! Crafts! Face Painting! Bounce House
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.



Men's Breakfast returns to Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, October 13th at 7:00 a.m.



FLOWER GUILD
OCTOBER, 2015



October 4th Sally Fontaine
October 11th Terry Miller
October 18th Judy Schulte
October 25th Jean Dodd



YANKEE CANDLE FUNDRAISER



for the Super Kids Club. This started in September and runs through October 14th. 40% of proceeds go to the Club. You can buy online until the end of the year. It would be a good time to buy a little bit of Christmas and help the children. More information to follow.



Presbyterian Women

October 2015

5th 9:30 am **Project Linus Blanket Work Day**
(CE1-Rms. 2&3)
1:00 pm **PW Coordinating Team Mtg.**
(Chapel)
8th 7:00 pm **Eve Circle** (Chapel)
13th 9:30 am **Martha Circle** (Fellowship Hall)
12:30 pm **Esther Circle** (Fellowship Hall)

Bad Girls of the Bible-This is an interesting topic for learning, discussion, friendship and fellowship. Please join us in our mission to include all CLPC women.



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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.

She knows how Christmas feels



The 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 15-22.



New Horizons Super Kids Club

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED! Have you ever helped children do their homework and wished the teacher were there with you so you could ask questions? Super Kids club is designed to provide homework help to "at risk" kids in our area, but with the added bonus of having a certified Lee County School teacher present to clear up those questions and enable ANYONE to do the job without frustration. CLPC will be hosting the New Horizons Super Kids Club beginning this October, and we need your help. Just 1-2 hours a week can make a difference to a child who is not able to get the help at home.

With the food pantry, we are able to give a meal to those in need; but with the Super Kids Club, we can give hope to children and put them on a road to success. Won't you please help? You can go to the web site at www.newhorizonsofswfl.org and simply click on VOLUNTEERS to complete an application, or pick up an application in the Narthex. If you have any questions, please call Jessica Osegueda at 239-481-3233 or email her at Jessica@clpc.us.



CHRISTIANITY & ISLAM

That is the title of the Adult Bible Study for the Fall here at CLPC.

The two religions share many common beliefs and practices, but the combination of cultural differences and the hostilities of governments have often fostered hatred instead of tolerance.

Join us on Sundays or Wednesdays and learn about our commonalities and differences. The classes will be led by Ginny Canning, Steve Norris, and The Rev. Brenda Harcourt.

Class schedule: Sundays @ 8:45-9:20 am; and 10:10-10:45 am Weds. @ 10:00-11:00 am; and 5:45-6:30 pm.

CLASSES CONTINUE THROUGH SUNDAY, 12/13 and WEDNESDAY, 12/16



As I look around my neighborhood I must admit, I am bit anxious, no, worried. All of our homes were built about the same time, in the mid-1990's. The

contractor at the time was building them en masse and was using "builder's grade" supplies meaning that they met the standards of the day but, well, they weren't the highest quality. So what has me a bit anxious? Blue tarps! And where there are no blue tarps, there is either a brand new roof or one that is going to be new sometime in the near future. And as you can guess, mine is one of those that is going to be new one day...and we are trying to save money now to get ready. But at well over \$20,000 for the roof, it is not going to be fun! Yet, there is no choice...that train is on the track and heading our way!!!

The church is no exception. Air conditioners are kept going through band aids (and are terribly inefficient), the lighting in the sanctuary needs replacing as does the carpet, and the well needs replacing (very, very soon). We need to put some money into the playground while spending money on outreach to grow the children's ministry of the church, and reconnecting with the families in the community. On my end, I personally have been suggesting that we also need to put some money away for the summer, so that we don't have to borrow money (be it from designated funds OR a bank) just to get through the summer. All of these things are just something that a church has to do from time to time.

The good news is, over the last few years we have taken care of some big ticket items that should carry us for many years. The roof is new, there are hurricane shutters on the worship center, the parking lot has been repaired and sealed, and we are in the process right now of updating the sound system in the worship center as well as the chapel and fellowship hall. Yet, a lot still needs to be done.

Your Session has been working very hard to look at options and will soon be presenting an opportunity for all of us to work to prepare CLPC for the next 10 or 20 years. Like my roof, we can put it off, but sooner or later, the work needs to be done. And on our end, if we take good care of God's house right now, we will save the church greater and unexpected expenses later, AND leave the church in a better position for the next generations.

So keep your eyes and ears open as we prepare to begin a campaign to preserve our beautiful campus AND grow the ministries of the church!!! This will be an exciting time and when we are complete, the campus will look like new and prayerfully we will be welcoming new people to our midst!

Thank you for all that you do in serving the Lord and have a wonderful October...culminating in the fun of Fall Fest and the annual Kirkin of the Tartans, a day not to be missed!

Blessings,
Pastor Clint

October Chancel Guild 2015 Schedule

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| 2nd Doris Houston | 9th Sue Chanofsky Martin Chanofsky |
| 15th Irene Thiessen | 23rd Judy Schulte Dorothy Troy |
| 30st Doris Houston | |

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

Coffee Hour resumes the month of October, 2015. Coffee and treats will be placed on a movable cart and brought over to the Sanctuary Narthex. **Coffee Hour responsibilities:**



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| Oct. 2015 | Esther Circle |
| Nov. 2015 | Martha Circle |
| Dec. 2015 | Men's Prayer Group |
| Jan. 2016 | Presbyterian Women |
| Feb. 2016 | Disciplemaking Ministry Team |
| Mar. 2016 | Church and Community Team |
| Apr. 2016 | Eve Circle |
| May 2016 | Gloria Choir |

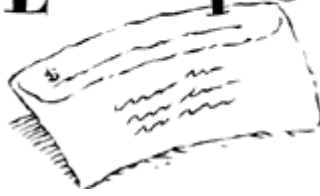


Deacons Bereavement Committee

The Deacons will coordinate a reception following a funeral or memorial service. Refreshments and/or light lunch may be provided at the family's request.



Offering Envelopes



Oh My Gosh, A Change is Coming at CLPC!

Traditionally new church members receive a box of pledge envelopes with their own number printed in the corner. Every year the

church supplies a new batch of 52 envelopes with the magical number. In the past that number assured the proper tracking of your donations to the church. Well, today with computers, electronic giving, and a wide variety of giving methods we began to consider are the numbers now obsolete? As we studied this issue we recognized that even though members received a box of 52 envelopes many only used a few if any! Not everyone gives weekly. Some members give monthly, some quarterly, some annually, and some never use their envelopes because they give electronically. Obviously many envelopes are being wasted.

Now here's the real kicker. The numbered envelopes are costing the church about \$1,000 a year for our current membership. With all the above being considered we began discussions with our Office Manager on what would happen if we discontinued the numbered envelopes. Karen welcomed the idea, endorsed it totally, and assured us that all she needs is a name and amount of donation. That is how she tracks donations in the computer.

Therefore, beginning with 2016 we enter a new era of utilizing the Pew Envelopes (much, much cheaper) already supplied in the pew racks. Remember I said Karen tracks your donation by name? So really if you are using a check with your name imprinted on it for your donation you don't have to use any envelope unless you feel the need. If you use a Pew Envelope for your donation, cash or check, just print your name and the amount of your donation, on the front and you'll get the credit. Simple as that! Now if you intend for a particular donation to cover more than your weekly pledge, just note that in the memo space right on your check or on the envelope.

As we get closer to the end of our current year I'll remind you of the pending changes but please don't be looking for your box of envelopes in December because you are helping your church save a lot of money. So who said Presbyterians resist change? To save CLPC a \$1,000 dollars? Bring it on!

Hawley Botchford, Chair
Stewardship and Investment Team



Birthday Wishes

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| 2 nd | Dorothy Troy |
| 3 rd | Melanie Vasquez |
| 4 th | Tracy Wilson Suzanne Cramer Denise Hostettler Sara Dustin |
| 5 th | Amy Cottrell |
| 8 th | Karen Grabia |
| 11 th | Todd Adams Wendy McCabe |
| 12 th | Nancy Schiller |
| 14 th | Mary Conner |
| 15 th | Thomas Wilson Jeanne Moore Susan Chanofsky |
| 17 th | Lee Bombaars |
| 18 th | Taylor Kiss |
| 21 st | Doug Soles |
| 22 nd | Spencer Hornung Betty Henderson-Jones |
| 24 th | Matilda Wilson Marlena Wilson Sarah Johnson |
| 25 th | Cadence Hill |
| 27 th | Jim Barfoot |
| 31 st | Ronald Cramer |

Anniversary Celebrations

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