



The Courier

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

Cypress Lake
Presbyterian Church

September
2014

The next New Member Orientation and Luncheon will be **September 7, 2014**. The class will start after the 11:00 a.m. service. Call the church office at 481-3233 to sign up or email the church at mail@clpc.us.



Worship Schedule

Our Fall Worship Schedule will return on Sunday, September 7th.

- 8:00 a.m.-Prayer Service
- 9:00 a.m. - Praise Service
- 9:10 a.m. - Kids Worship
- 10:10 a.m. - Puppet Team
- 11:00 a.m. - Traditional Service
- 11:00 a.m. - Iglesia Presbiteriana



Blood Drive

The next Blood Drive will be Sunday, September 7th 8:15-12:45 pm.

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

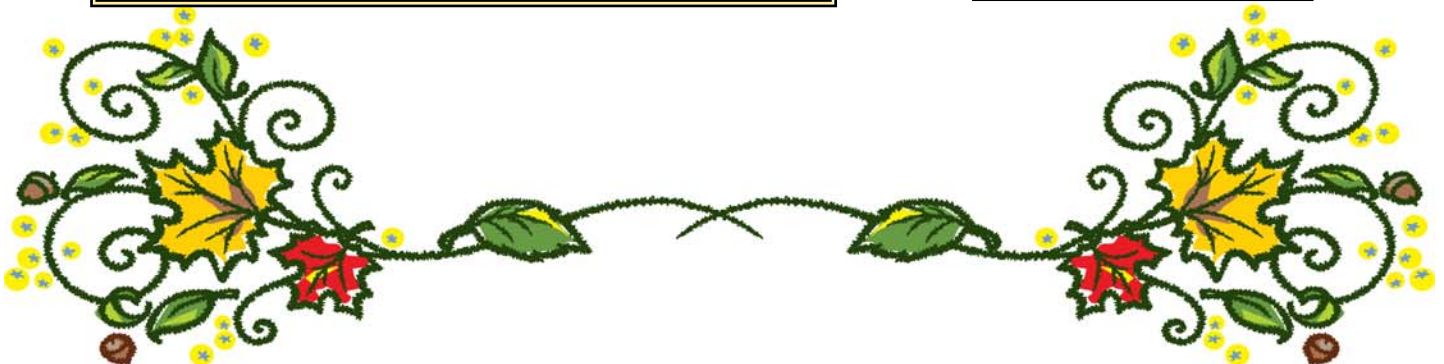
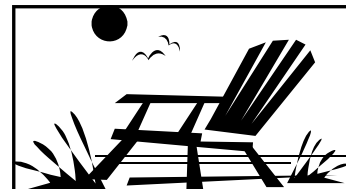


THE CYPRESS LAKE PUPPETS FOR CHRIST

Come on and join our team! Puppet rehearsals will begin on September 7th, five minutes after the praise service is over. We will meet in room 4. Anyone in grade 3 and beyond is welcome. For more information, please contact Chris Giesecke (239-850-4927) or Larry Johnson (239-220-9889).



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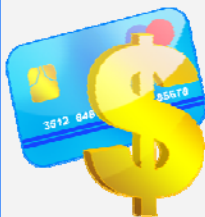
Church Office Hours

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.

SCRIP NOW

Going out to dinner, Lowe's or Walmart? The office now stocks a limited supply of "scrip now" certificates. They cost \$20 each and the vendors are donating some of the proceeds back to the church. You use them just like cash or a gift card, and they can be used more than once. Certificates are available for Applebee's, Chili's, Cracker Barrel, Darden (Bahama Breeze, Olive Garden and Red Lobster), Domino's Pizza, Papa John's, and TGI Friday's. We also have certificates for Lowe's Home Improvement and Walmart. To purchase a certificate, just stop by the office between 9AM and 3PM and see Karen May. Remember, this is a FREE way to help raise a LOT of money for your church family!



Thanks to all who helped support the Youth Car Wash on Sunday, August 10th. With your help, we raised \$350! Thank you; thank you!

Jessica

Tuesday September 9

Men's
Breakfast



7:00 am in Fellowship Hall



PROTEIN CAN COLLECTION

The South Fort Myers Food pantry needs your help! CANS OF PROTEIN are running low, so they are asking our church to help restore their stock. We will be collecting any kind of protein, like SPAM, canned chicken, or canned fish during the month of September. There will be a blue basket in the Narthex that we should fill up with cans. Watch for the sales and Publix two-for-one promotion. God has provided for us; now it is time for us to provide for those that are less fortunate.





This is the Day the Lord Has Made; Let Us Rejoice and Be Glad In It!

Those words from Psalm 118 have echoed across the centuries and call out to Jews and Christians alike to make the very best of each and every day. I have heard people speak of them in varying ways throughout my life. As a child, my mother scolded all of us kids when we would waste a day with complaints of “nothing to do” or when we would complain about work. I can still hear her saying, “Clinton, find a job that you love as you will spend 1/3 of your life doing it!” I have heard teachers, bosses, professors and theologians say essentially the same words, albeit in differing forms. And for me, one of my favorite pieces of advice for high school or college graduates is, “When looking for a career, find something you LOVE; and when you do, you will never work a day in your life!”

Okay, there must be some truth in advertising. EVERY job and life has its ups and downs. That is just a part of the reality of life. Look at every Biblical character from Adam to Ruth to King David to Jesus and Paul. All of them had ups and downs!!!

But as I write this article, I am celebrating 9 years at CLPC, entering my 10th year in serving the Lord by serving all of you. I happen to be writing from the worship center with the organ playing a variety of hymns and secular songs (unless you somehow consider “Oklahoma” or “Porgy and Bess” to be Biblical!!!). I have just prepared for worship tomorrow (I sneak in here most every Saturday to reflect and prepare). As I do this work every week, I can’t help but think how blessed I have been and how appreciative I am for every one of you. And the best part is, I believe I am doing not only what God has called me to do (to serve as pastor) but also have fun (most of the time)...and every Saturday, preparing for Sunday, I am truly excited... always.

Okay, again being honest, there are times when pastoring is NOT fun, for it is hard to watch loved friends get sick and pass away. When there are crisis or conflicts within the church family (like every family, we have them every once in a while) it takes a toll. And there are times, particularly when we are in the midst of season, that the body and spirit just need a break. But when I look around there is SO much to rejoice in and be glad about!

But as I grow a little older and reflect on the words of Psalm 118, I realize that a lot of our joy and happiness in life comes from *our* reaction to the world around us. I may have shared the story about Dottie Reed who told us about her move up North and that her family had packed about half of her clothes...and she didn’t know WHICH half. But she then added, “Whatever they packed will be just fine...it will just be GREAT!” Dottie found REASON to rejoice, not complain!

How are things going in YOUR life right now? Do you have reason to get up every morning and rejoice? What needs changed so that you CAN rejoice every day? Is it something on the outside, or perhaps, something that needs changed on the inside? If you are rejoicing, keep it up! Our God is good! And if you are finding struggles, may you find solace in the original *Serenity Prayer* that was written by Reinhold Niebuhr:

O God, give us the serenity to accept what cannot be changed, the courage to change what can be changed, and the wisdom to know the one from the other

Have a wonderful September, and may you have reason to rejoice each and every day!

Blessings,

Pastor Clint



Music Ministry Kickoff



Angels Rock!

The Angels are singing at the Colonial Country Club on Colonial Dr. on Saturday, September 20 for the celebration of Constitution week in Fort Myers, FL. We will be leaving from the church parking lot at 10:30 a.m. on the CLPC bus. Larry Johnson is our bus driver. This is open to the children, their siblings, and, of course, all of the parents. Our arrival time is for 11:00 a.m. as the program begins at 11:30 a.m. There will be a color guard from the Cypress Lake High School JROTC; following that, our Angels will be singing the National Anthem. Once the JROTC honor guard is dismissed, our Angels will be doing a 10 minute program of Patriotic music for the guests and dignitaries. Once they are finished, all children and those who accompanied them on the CLPC bus, will be dismissed for their drive back to the church. There will be a program beginning at 12:15 p.m., with many proclamations from the Florida Governor, Rick Scott; Ft. Myers Councilman, Frank Mann; and the guest speaker, the Hon. Josephine Gagliardi, Lee County Judge.

The Rehearsal Schedule for this event will be as follows:

Wed. August 20, 27, Sept. 3: all of these dates, rehearsal is from 5:30-6:15pm. Parents, please have children come directly to the rehearsal room, 5/6 in CE 1. Pick up will be in the same room.

Wed. Sept. 10, 17 All of the remaining dates, rehearsal is from **5:15-6:00 p.m.**

Beginning September 10, a child's meal will be offered for \$4.00. It will be the same meal each week, pizza, drink, dessert. This will be in Fellowship Hall. You do have the option to bring food for your Angel, and they can still eat with each other at 6:00 p.m.

GLORIA CHOIR REHEARSALS August has arrived and so has our rehearsal time together!

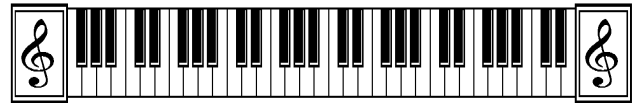
Rehearsals begin September 3rd, and every Wednesday from this date until December 24th, 2014. There will be rehearsal for the Gloria Choir from 7:00 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. We still meet in the choir rehearsal room in CE 1, room 5/6. If you are so inclined to do this, please remember that we have a refrigerator in which we can keep cold drinks and water. If you want to donate bottles of water, it would be wonderful!

We also share what is brought in to us.

Our first Sunday for us to sing, will be September 14th. We also have several new Anthems and exciting Christmas music!. If you are interested in joining this wonderful group of singers, we will warmly embrace you and welcome you into the fold!

There is always room for more voices to sing
God's Praises!

Rachel Carrier: 239-481-3233 ext. 24



Voices In Bronze

We are experiencing the loss of several bell ringers for the start of the year. Therefore, we will begin to practice on Tuesday, September 9th from 6:00 pm until 7:00 pm. We will meet in the church Sanctuary. In the mean time, please pray for speedy recovery for the following bell ringers: Pam Simones, Becky Harris, and Payton Hayman. We say goodbye to Denise Hostettler, who has moved to Bonita Springs. We wish Christian Cottrell the best as he enters his College Days at FGCU!!! We welcome Amy Maneval and Carol Walker as new members! During season, we will have all positions covered and, in the mean time, pray for all of us as we become creative in our participation in the music portion of the Worship Services. Interested in Ringing? Give Rachel Carrier a call at 239-481-3233!



Operation Christmas Child



CLPC will be sponsoring Operation Christmas Child again this year. We will be collecting shoe box gifts to be sent to millions of children all over the world who would have no Christmas otherwise. It's easy, start by picking up a pamphlet in the Narthex or just:

- Find an empty shoe box (standard size, please) or a small plastic container. You can wrap the box (lid separately), but wrapping is not required.
- Determine whether your gift will be for a boy or a girl, and the child's age category: 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14.
- Fill the box with a variety of gifts that will bring delight to a child--toys, school supplies, hygiene items. (No glass, liquids or war related items.)
- In a separate envelope, you may enclose a note to the child and a photo of yourself or your family. (If you include your name and address, the child may write back.)
- Please donate \$7 or more for each shoe box you prepare to help cover shipping and other project costs.
- Place a rubber band around each shoe box and lid and drop off at the Church the week of November 17-24.

We challenge you to get your neighborhood, your friends, and your families involved in this project. We're starting on this project early to collect a record number this year. Last year CLPC collected over 300 boxes. Watch for more details to come. Join us in making a difference in a child's life.

****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.



Eve Circle would like to welcome any woman from the congregation to join us in our study of 2 Corinthians. We will meet at Barbara Stewart's home at 7 p.m. on September 11th. For more information, please call Chris Giesecke (239-850-4927) or BarbStewart (239-481-0863).



Presbyterian Women


September 2014

2nd	9:30P.M.	Project Linus Blanket (CE1-Rms. 2&3)
	1:00P.M.	Executive Board Meeting (Library)
9th	9:30A.M.	Martha Circle (Fellowship Hall)
	12:30P.M.	Esther Circle (Fellowship Hall)
11th	7:00 P.M.	Eve Circle (OS)



Birthdays

- 9-01 *Tyler Hill, Jr.*
Lowell Hoffman
- 9-02 *Marietta Meacham*
- 9-03 *Hunter McAloose*
- 9-05 *Melissa Wisniewski*
- 9-07 *Jay Guy*
Cindy Basler
- 9-08 *Yvette Taubel*
- 9-10 *Leslie McGargle*
- 9-11 *Eleanor Bartoe*
Donna Phelps
- 9-12 *John Farman*
Steven Bishop
- 9-16 *Juan Albarran*
Diego Albarran
- 9-18 *Mary Ann Guy*
- 9-19 *James Wilson*
- 9-24 *Judy Schulte*
- 9-25 *Martha Bough*
- 9-26 *Otto Muller-Girard*
- 9-28 *Nancy Wheeler*
Harold Carrier
James Boles
- 9-29 *Jaime Hill*



FLOWER GUILD
SEPTEMBER, 2014

September 7th Sally Fontaine
 September 14th Terry Miller
 September 21st Judy Schulte
 September 28th Jean Dodd

CLPC Church Family,



When we found this church, we felt a connection immediately. We felt accepted and appreciated. We became involved in the church with Choir and VBS.

When I found out that something was wrong, I received immediate input from Clint and several of the women of the church. Then when I found out it was cancer, I received immediate support and love. The prayers poured in, not only from this church, but from the churches of family and friends. I felt surrounded by the love and support.

I want the church family to know how I love and appreciate all of you. Thank you for all of your prayers.

Love,
Becky & Paul Harris



Anniversaries

- 9-02 *Hawley & Joyce Botchford*
Michael & Jeanette Scullion
- 9-08 *Maliga & Raj Naidoo*
- 9-10 *Gavin & Hannah Dougherty*
- 9-24 *Harold & Marilyn Gerhardt*
- 9-29 *Jim & Dolores Warren*
- 9-30 *Glenn & Suzanne Matsumoto*

Among the many tasks the Deacons perform for the Church is the visitation of the hospitalized and/or rehab

member. Hospitalization, recovery and coping with health issues, etc., can be overwhelming at times. Your Deacon is here for you. How? You need only make a phone call, and a visit will be scheduled. Please call the church office, or Pam Smith and/or Kurt Daume, who are Deacons of visitation. We will be there bringing the love of our Lord, and the church, to you.



Pam Smith, Deacon

youth group

SCHEDULE

Youth Group (6th grade - 12th grade)

The Youth Group starts back up on *Sunday, September 7th* from 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. We will meet every Sunday at the same time unless otherwise stated. We are very excited to start the new school year and to see what God has in store for us. See you all there!

Jessica Osegueda
Coordinator of Children & Youth Disciplemaking



WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS COMING SOON!!

Our Wednesday programs begin on September 10th. Dinner will begin at 6:00 p.m. Papa Johns Pizza will be served every Wednesday. The cost is \$4 for children and \$5 for adults. The cost will cover pizza, drinks and dessert. Children's Class is from 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.



Chancel Guild

September 2014 Schedule

- 5th** Doris Houston
Becky Potts
- 12th** Sue Chanofsky
Betty Schaarschuch
- 19th** Irene Thiessen
Gail Wray
- 26th** Jackie Oestriech
Dorothy Troy

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

Irene Thiessen,
Chancel Guild Dir.



DON'T FORGET...

"WEIRD ANIMALS" RETURN **FOR OUR** **ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL**

SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 25TH
3:00-6:00 P.M.

Then.....

KIRKIN' OF THE TARTANS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26TH
10:00 A.M.

Creation's splendor

In Romans 1:20, St. Paul writes that God's powers are on display for all people through creation. Humans, he reasons, should conclude there's a God simply by observing.



What does creation's splendor and beauty reveal to us about God? Take a moment and stick your head out the window. It's amazing how colorful creation is. God isn't a boring God who sees only in black and white. He's a God of beauty with an amazing imagination. God creates with a splash of joy.

Every day this week, stop and ask, "What is God's creation revealing to me about his character?"

—Rev. Mike Paulson

Gin and other spiritual matters.....

I'm home, I'm home, I'm home!! Yeah...at least me, my dog, and my cats are glad I'm home...a couple friends have expressed that also.

It has been a very busy and rewarding summer. Worship leader at Cedarkirk; trip to Greece; and Stephen Leader Training Conference in Pittsburgh (yes, home of the Steelers).

What did I learn? 1) Children love to sing and dance in worship, and they do pay better attention when the leader sings and dances, too; 2) Following in the footsteps of Paul and John was awe-inspiring, and making new friends was just as special. And 3) Learning how to teach more of you to be Stephen's Leaders was very intense and exciting.

I'm getting back into the swing of things and gearing up for all the interesting and fun things we will be doing this fall. Remember, my new title is: Coordinator of Adult Disciplemaking. For those of you, like me, who are "still in the old school", that's "Person in charge of Adult Education."

We are starting a couple of new Adult Studies; there is the All-Church Retreat, and we will be building a "garden" on the 'south-forty'! Come along for the ride, fellowship, study, and probably occasionally food.

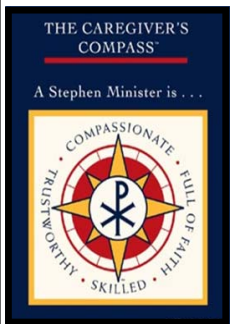


ALL-CHURCH RETREAT CEDARKIRK

**Friday, September 26-
Sunday, September 28.**

The word **ALL** means any age, any marital status, any anything. Adults without children will be staying in the Retreat House (cap. 15); those with children will be in Cedar Lodge. Jessica is planning the kids part of the retreat, and I will plan the adult part. We will eat together, canoe/kayak together, do all camp activities together...but try to have a time when the adults and kids do some "reflecting" each in their own group. Evening activities will be separate, except for campfires and hayrides. Adults...if you are a little hesitant, ask an adult who went last time: Helen & Scott Heffington, Marie Wiley.

Sign-up sheet and info is in the Narthex...please sign-up ASAP so Jessica and I will know if we have enough to make this work. If you have any questions, ask Miss Ginny.



THE CAREGIVER'S COMPASS
A Stephen Minister is . . .

COMPASSIONATE • FULL OF FAITH
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Here is the first in a series of articles about... **STEPHEN MINISTRY** It is named *Stephen* Ministry after the apostle Stephen. Read in the book of Acts 6:1-5a, 7-8 (Msg. Translation easiest to understand). Stephen was in the group of seven apostles chosen to care for the poor and needy. He had the same responsibilities as we all do, but had the hands of the other apostles laid on him, i.e. ordaining of our Deacons. **Stephen Ministers** are here to help anyone in need...*we listen*, when you are depressed; can't seem to 'get it together'; have lost a loved one, a job, a pet; have a medical problem, going through a divorce. You think of a time when you needed someone to walk with you, listen, be there. That's what **Stephen Ministers** do. Literature can be found on the 'green table' and in Slot #12 in the Narthex.