



The Courier

Cypress Lake
Presbyterian Church

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

September
2017



**CLPC will be
celebrating
Fall out of Summer
September 10th
at noon**

The celebration will take place in the fellowship hall with a pot luck luncheon starting after the 11:00 a.m. service. There will be displays set up to kick-off all fall programs: children, youth, and adult. Sign-up sheets will be available.

Come enjoy the Pot Luck, fellowship with friends, and see what opportunities God has waiting for you.

Looking forward to seeing you there!



Blood Drive

The next Blood Drive
Sunday, September 10th
8:45-12:45 p.m.

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



**OFFICE CLOSED
SEPTEMBER 4th**

Fall Worship Schedule

**Our Fall Worship Schedule
will return on
Sunday, September 10th**

8:00 a.m.-Prayer Service

9:30 a.m. - Praise Service

11:00 a.m. - Traditional Service

11:00 a.m. - Iglesia Presbiteriana-(time changes
to 10 a.m. on Sept. 17th)

DON'T FORGET...

ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, OCTOBER
28th; 3:00-6:00 P.M.

Then.....

KIRKIN' OF THE TARTANS

SUNDAY
OCTOBER
29TH
10:00 A.M.



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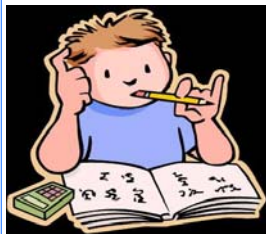
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Church Office Hours

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.

New Horizons Super Kids Club



Super Kids Club started again on Monday, August 21st from 2:30 p.m.-5p.m. Volunteers are always needed! Super Kids Club is an after school tutoring program designed to help "at risk" youth with their homework and teach them about the love of Jesus Christ. The program operates Monday-Thursday in the Fellowship Hall, and volunteers work from 2:30pm-4:30pm. If you are able to give your time for one day a week, we would greatly appreciate your help. We thank everyone who has been a part of this program the past 2 years, because without you, this program would have not been possible. If you are interested in volunteering, you may pick up an application and manual in the Narthex, or visit the New Horizons webpage: www.newhorizonsofswfl.org (click on "Volunteers", and be sure to select the Cypress Lake Presbyterian Church location). If you fill out a paper copy, please return it to Monica in the church office. If you have any questions please contact Monica at 239-481-3233 or monica@clpc.us.

Coffee hour will begin again on September 17th. 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

COFFEE
FELLOWSHIP



Join us!

PROJECT LINUS BLANKET



Come one and come all on Monday, September 11, 2017 at 9:30 A.M. in CE1, Room #2 for a get together to knit, crochet, sew or just make some new friends and chat. We make blankets to be given out to new babies and children that are in crises up to the age of 18 years old. We serve 14 different agencies here in Lee County and have given away 2030 blankets so far this year. They go to the Golisano Children's Hospital, Healthy Start for new mother's, ACT and Children's Home Society.

Thank you to those who have made and given us blankets for Project Linus of Lee County. On Wednesday, August 10th, we were able to deliver 190 blankets to 4 agencies here in Fort Myers. They were all received with much love. Thank you and please continue to bring your blankets to our church office. Remember we take care of children who are in crises.

So please come and join us. Call Matilda Wilson, Lee County Coordinator at 239-489-3582 for more information.



**FROM OUR
PASTOR**

New Start to a New School Year!

We are now approaching the end of summer, days are beginning to grow shorter and our children are back in school. Another school year is upon us and beyond that, soon we will see the return of our seasonal guests. Change is again in the air. But there is a NEW change happening in our midst!

To understand that change, we need to first understand that CLPC is blessed with a LOT of children. Sadly, we may not see them on any given Sunday, but we have OVER 40 children and youth (infant through 12th grade) in our congregation THAT WE KNOW OF! We KNOW that there are more that are not in our database both from the English and the Spanish worship.

A lot is changing at CLPC and we pray for the better. As you know we have welcomed Monica Perez to our staff as the new Director of Disciplemaking (and she is also the new director of the Super Kids Club and Super Girls Club). Monica is INCREDIBLY talented and brilliant. She comes to us with a master's degree, years of experience in tutoring, life counseling of teens and leadership of a dual enrollment program with a university (working with high school students who attend both high school and college). She is fluent in FOUR languages (English, Portuguese, Spanish and Dutch). Furthermore Monica has a deep faith and a desire to share that faith.

Monica, Terri Bergmann, Christina Johnson and the Disciplemaking Team, have been HARD at work renovating the children's ministry. This fall we are hoping to launch the Pioneer Club on Wednesday nights. This "club" has an INCREDIBLE curriculum that is easy to follow and rewards children as they progress through their Christian studies. It DOES take some volunteer work, but it WILL build up both the children AND the teachers!

At the same time, we are going to relaunch Sunday School. Working closely with the Spanish worship team (which is proposing to change its time of worship) we will be combining ALL of our children into Sunday School classes (nearly all of the children from the Spanish worship speak English and if they don't, they are in the process of learning English).

Even more, following the advice our consultants, *Ministry Architects*, we have formed a "Renovation Team" that will work closely with the Ministry Team, Session and Monica to implement the changes that were recommended. We have also hired a mentor to help Monica as she moves into her position, guiding her in making good decisions as we work to build a healthy and sustainable children, youth and family ministry.

But more is needed... *we need you!* As a background, whenever we baptize a child the congregation makes a very serious promise, that being to help nurture our children in the knowledge of Christ. It is very easy to say, "I have done that before, it is someone else's turn" or to say, "I am too busy with X, Y and Z" but in the meantime our children go unled. We need YOU! And what do we need:

1. We need Sunday School teachers for nearly every age group ranging from preschool through the teens. We have wonderful curriculum that make the preparation fast and easy, but we need two teachers who will love and care for our children.

2. We need Pioneer Club teachers for Wednesday night. Again, there is an incredible curriculum that makes preparation a breeze. Yes, preparation IS needed, but the curriculum walks you through every step and has LOTS of resources.
3. We need helpers! People who can serve as a substitute when a teacher is away. We need folks to help with snacks or meals. We need others to help set up and organize.
4. We also need prayer partners. More than just folks to pray for the program, we need folks who will agree to pray for a specific child. Perhaps down the road that can grow into more of a mentoring relationship. But for now, we need people to SERIOUSLY covenant to be in contact with and pray for the children. This is a PERFECT opportunity for someone who is physically unable to do more.

Friends, the Christian faith in North America is in free fall decline. It is a fact that we cannot change the whole world, but we CAN make a difference in this world and on the future, one child at a time. Please think of how you can help. And when someone approaches you and asks for help, please give it prayerful consideration and find a way to say, "YES!" The only thing that is needed for evil to flourish is for good people to do nothing. Let us make a difference starting with the children, youth and families right here at CLPC!

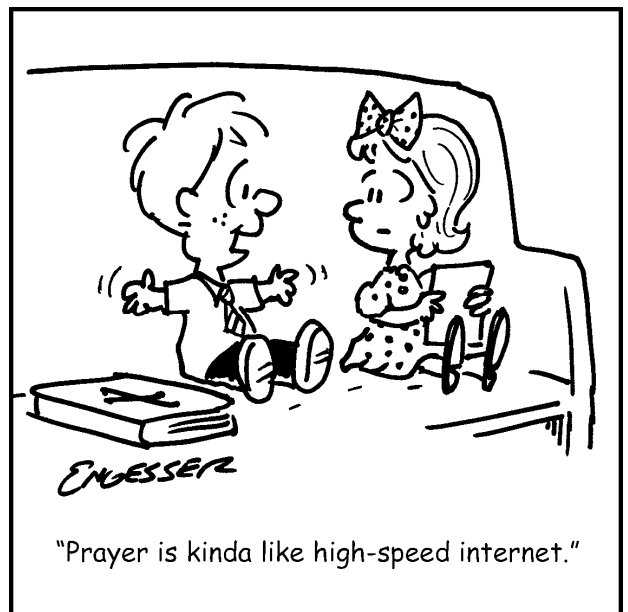
Blessings and peace,

Pastor Clint



KIDS WORSHIP

Kids Worship resumes on
Sunday, September 17th
at 9:45 a.m.
CE1- Rooms 2&3.



"Prayer is kinda like high-speed internet."

Music Information for 2017-2018

Gloria Choir members and an invite to new singers!

The Gloria Choir will resume their Wednesday practices in the Choir Room (CE1, rooms 5/6). The rehearsal is from 7:00 pm until 9:00 pm beginning August 23rd. I am looking forward to having the choir together and if you are interested in singing for the Lord in a wonderful and loving environment, please come on any Wednesday and we will help get you involved! Looking forward to an exciting year of music!



Voices in Bronze (intergenerational Bell Choir)

This Bell Choir rehearses on Tuesdays in the Sanctuary from 6:00—7:30pm. There are currently 12 ringers and a substitute list: ringing Level 3+ Bell music. This bell choir rings about every 4-6 weeks, Christmas Eve, Palm Sunday, Easter, and occasionally does accompany the Gloria Choir Anthems. If you have had previous ringing experience and want to come and check out this choir, please feel free to attend one of the rehearsals or come and visit with us as we work on new anthems.



Celestial Ringers

This Bell Choir was created in June 2016 for new / potential handbell ringers. No Experience is required to join in on the ringing of both bells and chimes. This is an Intergenerational group and we always have openings. If you are able to pick up a bell, use your arm to ring the bell, and can count to 4.....you are the perfect member! Youth who have studied piano are welcome for a first time experience and Adults who have NO Music background are encouraged to come!! This Bell Choir practices on Tuesdays in the Sanctuary from 5:00 pm to 5:45pm. If interested in joining, contact Rachel Carrier.

Angels Rock!

Practice for this group will begin on Wednesday, September 20, 2017 meeting in the Choir Rehearsal Room (CE 1, rooms 5/6). NEW TIME!!!! 5:20 pm-6:00 pm. We learn songs and ring Chimes. Angels Rock! is open to any child who can take direction and sit in a chair for some of the practice. Ages 5 through 5th grade are welcome. High School Youth helpers are needed for this year and if interested, contact Ms. Rachel. Angels Rock! will be singing / ringing chimes about every 4-6 weeks. We will also be working on a Christmas Carol play titled "Scrooge in Bethlehem". This Christmas play will be presented in December. Great opportunities are available for our children/youth. We are looking forward and anticipating a GREAT year of music!!



CLPC Drama



The CLPC Drama troupe will be returning and learning some new ways to enhance our Worship Services. Please contact Ms. Rachel is you are interested in being part of our church dramas throughout the year.

Contact information: Rachel Carrier - 239-481-3233 ext. 24

I am available on Sunday mornings, Tuesday and Wednesdays Only!!
You may leave a message on the extension and I will get in touch with you.

Thank you for your contributions to God's Ministry as we all sing, ring,
act out our love for His Son, Jesus Christ.

You are the love and blessing that this church needs.

CLOTHES CLOSET FUND RAISER



Thank you so much for your donations to 'Kisses for Kash'! All of those coins, bills and checks added up to \$349.76. Your generosity helped buy school uniforms for children in need. On the Tuesday before school started, we helped clothe 98 'neighbors', adults and children, for the coming school year.

"The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'" Matthew 25:40



The Deer

The deer symbolizes safety in God's care, as seen in David's praise of God for delivery from enemies: "[The Lord] makes my feet like the feet of a deer; he causes me to stand on the heights" (2 Samuel 22:34; Psalm 18:33, NIV).

The deer also represents faithfulness and eager devotion: "As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, my God" (Psalm 42:1, NIV).



The next New Member Orientation and Luncheon will be **September 17th**. 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.



STEPHEN MINISTRY

WHAT IS A STEPHEN MINISTER?



Stephen Ministry is a Christ Centered caregiving relationship ministered by specially trained lay members who are bound by confidentiality. The care-receivers have regular one-on-one attention by a Stephen Minister for as long as is necessary. God is the Healer and curer while Stephen Ministers listen, empathize and pray. Positive results do happen!

HOW THE REFERRAL WORKS

A member of our congregation may be hurting and in need of Christian Care. This person may contact the Pastor, the referrals coordinator, or the referral may be made by a friend. After the need is assessed and the program is explained, the Stephen Referrals Coordinator will match the Care-receiver with a caregiver. These two will begin weekly meetings and develop a trusting relationship. The Stephen Minister will provide distinctively Christian care maintaining strict confidentiality.

**FOR QUESTIONS AND REQUESTS
CALL ON US.....
PASTOR CLINT OR
GINNY CANNING,
REFERRAL COORDINATOR, 239-247-1042**



- 9-01 *Tyler Hill, Jr.
Lowell Hoffman
Karen Clifford*
- 9-02 *Marietta Meacham*
- 9-03 *Hunter McAloose*
- 9-05 *Melissa Wisniewski*
- 9-07 *Cindy Basler*
- 9-10 *Leslie McGargle
Judy Thomas*
- 9-11 *Eleanor Bartoe
Donna Phelps*
- 9-12 *John Farman
Steven Bishop*
- 9-16 *Juan Albarran
Diego Albarran*
- 9-19 *James Wilson*
- 9-24 *Judy Schulte*
- 9-25 *Martha Bough
Sandy Karr*
- 9-26 *Otto Muller-Girard*
- 9-29 *Jaime Hill
Audrey Renn*
- 9-30 *Shaiel Tovar*



- 9-02 *Hawley & Joyce Botchford
Michael & Jeanette Scullion*
- 9-10 *Gavin & Hannah Dougherty*
- 9-20 *Brian & Chari Granstra*
- 9-28 *Jim & Leah Barfoot*
- 9-29 *Jim & Dolores Warren*
- 9-29 *John & Myra Harris*

FLOWER GUILD SEPTEMBER, 2017



- September 3rd Carolyn Hornung
- September 10th Sally Fontaine
- September 17th Judy Schulte
- September 24th Terry Miller
- Judy Schulte—Flower Guild Chair



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, September 12th in the Fellowship Hall at 10:00am and at 7:00pm.

"Cloud of Witnesses" This Bible study will be held on Thursday, September 14th in the Fellowship Hall at 10:00am.

Bakeless Bake Sale

This sale helps support our PW organization and mission work. Many of our ladies have commented "This is my kind of event". The letter asking for your donation will be mailed out beginning October 1st. Thank you, in advance, for your continued support in making this a HUGE success!

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.



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 including shampoo and bath gel, 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 \$9 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 12-19.

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 1200 boxes. Watch for more details to come. Join us in making a difference in a child's life.



The following programs are starting soon!!

- Adult Bible Study – The Wired Word – Sunday mornings at 8:45-9:25 AM in Fellowship Hall starting on September 17th.
- Children's Sunday School (CE 1-2)– The Gospel Project – Sunday mornings at 10:30-11:30 AM starting on September 17th.
- Pioneer Club – elementary youth group – Wednesday evenings – Dinner (Fellowship Hall) 6:00-6:15 PM – Club (CE 1-2) 6:15- 7:40 PM starting on September 20th.



Please sign up for these fall activities at "Fall Out of Summer Day" on Sunday, September 10th in Fellowship Hall.



Deacon News

The new Church Year began in July. The Deacons have three new members and are ready to serve our church. We visit homebound members, hospitalized members and those in rehab; deliver sermons on Kindles, share Sunday service flowers, coordinate memorial receptions, manage Clothes Closet donations and fund raisers, transport members to medical appointments and church services and help our congregation in the event of a disaster/hurricane. We are a busy group! We are always ready to share Christ's love by helping YOU. Please let us know when and how we can 'be there' for you.

Chancel Guild

September 2017 Schedule

3rd	Judy Schulte Dorothy Troy
10th	Judy Schulte Dorothy Troy
17th	Sue & Marty Chanofsky
24th	Sue & Marty Chanofsky

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

Dear Friends and Family,

Greetings from Rwanda. While you are in the midst of summer activities, our theology students are just finishing their academic term. This is the last week of finals. As is common in most African countries, and especially in Rwanda, there must be formal farewells. This includes all the organizations of the school and the church. That means that I have been to five farewell parties this month, many for the same people but in different organizations, including the seniors' party for themselves, two choirs, the student leadership organization, and the English chapel.



While the emphasis of the parties has been different, the format has been much the same. There is a charming mixture of the casual and the formal. The casual usually includes the starting time. With each invitation, there is a clear beginning and ending time, but these are really “suggestions.” Not one of the events has begun when announced. There are always good reasons. In the event of the church farewell, the worship service, scheduled for noon began at 2:30 because President Kagame was speaking in Huye that day and we could not begin until he was finished with his rally. The ending time is anyone's guess, since there is usually music and dancing – not couples, but jumping and praising God. The formal involves protocols that must be observed: seating arrangements, welcoming speeches that identify each person present, a guest of honor, who is not one of the students begin recognized, a scriptural meditation, and speeches by key guests. Prayer begins and ends every event.

Just as in the States, no party is complete without food. In these cases, that means an entire meal, usually prepared by some of the same people who are being honored. When cooking for a group, it is done over an open fire and in large pots. Quantity is important; everyone should be able to eat his fill, so some of the plates are stacked high with food, as one of my friends observed, “to match Kilimanjaro.” That is part of the joy of the event.

But the core of all of this is the appreciation that is expressed. Each of these events was marked with sentiments of thanksgiving for the contributions of those who are leaving, a recognition of their individual gifts and an offering of blessing for the future. The sincerity of this breaks through all the protocol and tradition to the hearts of those involved, making each celebration unique and important.



As I reflect on this, I wish I could give a party for you, one to celebrate your partnership with me in this ministry, not as a farewell, but as an appreciation. I wish there were a way, beyond words, to thank you for your prayers and your financial support, a way of letting you know how precious you are to me and how significant you are to the ministry that is happening here. Just as these parties celebrate the people and their contributions, I want to celebrate you. I could not be here, experiencing all of this, were it not for you. “Thank you” is too small. I want to offer you a “Kilimanjaro” portion of gratitude for partnering with me and my students. Please continue with me on this adventure of faith.

Instead of a party, I offer prayer and deep gratitude for each of you. I pray that the ending of summer brings you joy and refreshing as you prepare for the autumn busyness. I pray for your churches and your families. You bless me. May you be blessed and strengthened in all you are doing.

Yours in Christ,
Kay (Cathie to the family)