



# The Courier

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

Cypress Lake  
Presbyterian Church

September  
2013



## What's Cooking?

Cypress Lake Presbyterian Church Fund Raising Dinner To benefit Mission Peniel and the Spanish speaking Ministry of Cypress Lake Presbyterian Church!!!

**Benefit Dinner: \$15.00 pre sold tickets only**  
Chef Harold's Barbeque Chicken Dinner

**DATE: Sunday September 29, 2013 from 4:00-6:30 pm**  
**Entertainment: World Renowned Christian Comedian MUTZIE, who has appeared in National Comedy Clubs as well as on the Carnival Cruise Lines.**

Entertainment begins at 7:00 pm in the Church Sanctuary. There will be a free-will offering to support the ministry and to thank Mutzie during the performance. You must have a ticket to attend both the dinner and the entertainment as this is a **BENEFIT EVENT**.

*Church Elders and Deacons gratefully thank you for supporting this Mission!*



**RETURN TO  
REGULAR  
SCHEDULE**

**Our Fall Worship Schedule will return on Sunday, September 15th.**

- 8:00 a.m. - Prayer Service
- 8:30-11 a.m. - Coffee Hour
- 9:00 a.m. - Praise Service
- 9:15 a.m. - Kids Worship
- 10:10 a.m. - Puppet Team
- 11:00 a.m. - Traditional Service
- 11:00 a.m. - Iglesia Presbiteriana

## REPORT FROM PROJECT LINUS BLANKET



The Project Linus was started in December, 1995, by Karen Loucks who made a blanket for a neighbor's child in Denver Colorado Cancer Center. There are now over 500 local and worldwide chapters.

The Project Linus program at Cypress Lake Presbyterian Church will start again on Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 A.M. in CE1-Room 2. If you knit, sew or crochet, please come out and visit with us. Make blankets for children in crises in many Lee County agencies like the Golisano Children's Hospital at Healthpark. The blankets can be many sizes; the smallest would be 36 inches by 36 inches up to 60 inches by 48 inches for teens. We suggest bright colors, new materials, and yarns that are the best things for our children.

The project at our church was started in 1999, and after many years, had been able to provide blankets for several thousand children. This past year, the group from our church has given about 500 blankets. The blankets go to agencies here in Lee County; such as, A.C.T., Fort Myers Police Department, Guardian Ad Lithium, Beds for Kids, and others.

Come out and join us for fellowship in helping children in crises. If you would like to donate new yarn, or new material, or funds to purchase these products, call Matilda Wilson at 489-3582 or Pat France at 561-3085.



**THE CYPRESS LAKE PUPPETS FOR CHRIST** are getting ready for fall and need some additional members. Third graders and up are welcome to join, as well as adults. I hope you will prayerfully consider joining our ranks as we are in need of help with costumes, props, script writing, and puppeteers.

We will rehearse at 10:10 a.m. in the Puppet Room (CE1-Rm. 4) every Sunday beginning September 15th.

Please contact Chris Giesecke, at [crallybernardes@comcast.net](mailto:crallybernardes@comcast.net) for details.

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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.

## STEPHEN MINISTRY

CLPC is a Stephen Ministry church which now has a trained Stephen Leader who is qualified to train lay persons to be Stephen Ministers. Now, all we need are volunteers to attend a 50 hour class for the training of new Stephen Ministers. The class will begin in early November, 2013, and finish the second week of January, 2014.

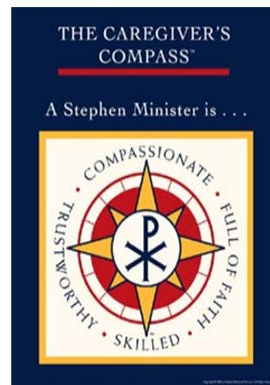
So what is Stephen Ministry all about?

**Stephen Ministry** is a distinctively Christian, caring ministry in which clergy and laity work together to provide quality one-on-one care to meet the needs of people experiencing a wide range of life circumstances or crises.

The **Stephen Series** is a complete system for training and organizing lay people to give distinctively Christian care to people in need, both in the congregation and the community.

**Stephen Ministers** are lay people who have been trained in the theology of caregiving and in specific caregiving skills.

If you are interested in becoming a Stephen Minister and need more information, please contact Mr. Kurt Daume at 239-225-0927.



The Caregiver's Compass is a common thread throughout the training and service of Stephen Ministers. The symbol in the center of the compass is a *Chi-Rho*, an ancient symbol for Christ. This reminds Ministers of the Christ-centered nature of their caring ministry. The four points of the compass, guide Stephen Ministers to be compassionate full of faith, skilled, and trustworthy.

The next New Member Orientation and Luncheon will be **September 1, 2013**. The class will start after the 10:00 a.m. service. Call the church office at 481-3233 to sign up or email the church at [mail@clpc.us](mailto:mail@clpc.us).



# Tuesday September 10

Men's  
Breakfast



7:00 am at the Sunflower Cafe

FROM  
THE  
PASTOR



The Story begins (or more accurately, continues) starting this month! Starting on September 15 we will be launching a 31 week Bible study called *The Story*. Essentially, this will run from September through November, we take a break over Christmas, then start back up in early January and run through May. But what makes *The Story* different than any other study???

Today when we read the Bible, which is very much God's word to us, SO VERY MUCH has changed since when it was first passed from person to person. Two thousand years ago there were no chapters or verses. The Greek didn't even have periods or commas or even small letters (everything was capitalized!!!). On the Hebrew side, there weren't even any vowels! But even more astounding, most of the Bible was originally passed from mouth to ear as a story...the story of God and God's people.

Our study cannot completely recapture what they did 2,000 years ago when learning about God, but it WILL help us to read, hear and study the Bible as it was first given to us...as a story of God, a story of God's love, and a story of God's people. And furthermore, it isn't just someone else's story...it is OUR story! It is YOUR story!

We are in the process now of finalizing opportunities for you to not only read the story, but to study it with others. There will be groups meeting on Sunday, during weekdays, on Wednesday nights, around choir or praise team practice, all over. The children will be studying it on Wednesday nights, as will the Youth Group. We are prayerfully hoping that the whole church family will take 31 weeks to hear God's story, our story, your story.

It is going to be an exciting year as together we learn more about God and what it means to be a Christian!  
Blessings,

*Pastor Clint*



Monday, September 2  
Labor Day  
Office Closed



**WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNERS**  
**COMING SOON!!**


Our Wednesday night "All Church Dinners" for the entire congregation will be held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m. Our first dinner will be Wednesday, September 18th. The cost is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children. Kids' meals will be provided every Wednesday.



**Regular Celebration Times  
Starting September 15th**

8:00 am Prayer Service  
8:30 am Coffee Hour  
9:00 am Praise Celebration  
9:15 am Kids Worship  
10:10 am Puppet Team  
11 am Traditional Celebration  
11 am Iglesia Presbiteriana

# SEPTEMBER

| Sunday  | Monday   | Tuesday  | Wednesday  | Thursday  | Friday   | Saturday                  |
|---|--|--|--|---|--|---------------------------|
| <b>1</b><br><b>One Combined Service</b><br><b>10:00 a.m.</b><br><b>Kids Worship 10:15 am</b><br><b>New Member Luncheon</b><br><b>11:15 a.m.</b>   | <b>2</b><br><br><b>Office Closed</b><br>Food Pantry 11-1 & 6-8 pm | <b>3</b><br>1 pm PW Board Mtg.<br>6 pm Voices in Bronze<br>7 pm Ministry Teams Mtg.  | <b>4</b><br>9 am Partners in Prayer<br>6:45 pm Gloria Choir<br>6:15 pm Praise Team<br>7 pm Boy Scouts  | <b>5</b>  | <b>6</b>   | <b>7</b>                  |
| <b>8</b><br><b>Prayer Service</b><br><b>8:00 a.m.</b><br><b>Summer Worship</b><br><b>10:00 a.m.</b><br><b>NO KIDS WORSHIP</b>   | <b>9</b><br>9:30 am Project Linus<br>12 pm Staff Mtg.<br>Food Pantry 11-1 & 6-8 pm   | <b>10</b><br>7 am Men's Breakfast<br>9:30 am Martha Circle<br>12:30 pm Esther Circle<br>6 pm Voices in Bronze<br>7 pm Deacons Mtg. | <b>11</b><br>9 am Partners in Prayer<br>5:15 pm Angels Rock!<br>5:30 pm Youth Group<br>6 pm Wonderful Wed.<br>6:15 pm Praise Team<br>6:45 pm Gloria Choir<br>7 pm Boy Scouts | <b>12</b><br>7 pm Eve Circle                        | <b>13</b><br><b>NIGHT OF JOY AT DISNEY</b><br>7 am Real Estate Breakfast | <b>14</b>                 |
| <b>15</b><br><b>NIGHT OF JOY</b><br>8 am Prayer Service<br>8:30-11 am Coffee Hour<br>9 am Praise Service<br>9:15 am Kids Worship<br>10:10 am Puppet Team<br>11 am Traditional<br>11 am Iglesia Presbiteriana<br><b>Courier Deadline</b> | <b>16</b><br>12 pm Staff Mtg.<br>Food Pantry 11-1 & 6-8 pm   | <b>17</b><br>6 pm Voices in Bronze<br>7 pm Cypress Lk.<br>Homeowners Assoc.  | <b>18</b><br>9 am Partners in Prayer<br>5:15 pm Angels Rock!<br>5:30 pm Youth Group<br>6 pm Wonderful Wed.<br>6:15 pm Praise Team<br>6:45 pm Gloria Choir<br>7 pm Boy Scouts | <b>19</b><br><b>OVERLOOK DR. SEALED &amp; LINED</b> | <b>20</b><br>6 pm Chick Flick  | <b>21</b>                 |
| <b>22</b><br><b>Three Cents A Meal</b>  | <b>23</b><br>12 pm Staff Mtg.<br>Food Pantry 11-1 & 6-8 pm   | <b>24</b><br>6 pm Voices in Bronze<br>7 pm Food Pantry Mtg.  | <b>25</b><br>9 am Partners in Prayer<br>5:15 pm Angels Rock!<br>5:30 pm Youth Group<br>6 pm Wonderful Wed.<br>6:15 pm Praise Team<br>6:45 pm Gloria Choir<br>7 pm Boy Scouts | <b>26</b>   | <b>27</b><br>7 am Real Estate Breakfast<br>5 pm Wedding Rehearsal        | <b>28</b><br>4 pm Wedding |
| <b>29</b><br><b>Fundraising Dinner</b><br><b>4:00-6:30 p.m.</b><br><b>Mutzie the Comic</b><br><b>7:00 p.m.</b><br><b>Five on the Fifth</b>  | <b>30</b><br>12 pm Staff Mtg.<br>Food Pantry 11-1 & 6-8 pm   | <b>PARKING LOT SEAL COAT &amp; STRIPE</b>  |  |   |  |                           |

# 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*  
*Kayla Cottrell*  
*Steven Bishop*
- 9-16 *James Giesecke*
- 9-18 *Mary Ann Guy*
- 9-19 *James Wilson*
- 9-22 *Kimberlee Gross*
- 9-25 *Martha Bough*  
*Sandy Karr*
- 9-26 *Otto Muller-Girard*
- 9-28 *Nancy Wheeler*  
*Harold Carrier*
- 9-29 *Jaime Hill*

# 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*



**COFFEE FELLOWSHIP**

Join us!



**COFFEE HOUR**

Coffee hour will return to the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, September 15th from 8:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Stop over and join the fellowship!



**Does the church have your correct contact information?**

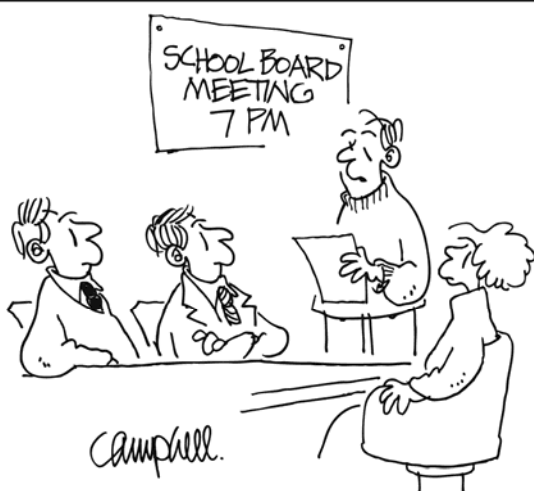
The Deacons are preparing a list of information for our church members to use when there is a hurricane or other disaster. If you need to update any information such as address, phone number, etc., please call the church office at 481-3233.

**MARTHA CIRCLE:**

Martha Circle will meet on Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. at the home of Pat France. Please call Pat if you need directions at 239-561-3085.



Women's Group



"The driver education teacher requests an exemption from the ban on prayer during school-sponsored activities."

**GIN... and other "spiritual" matters,**

The summer of 2013 is over. Even though we haven't had the "Final Summer Holiday", Labor Day, vacations are ending. Cedarkirk summer camp season is over, the teachers/children/youth have gone back to school, and we are "gearing up" for our new season of activities here at CLPC.

By now you must all have heard about the fantastic journey we are about to take through *The Story*. It should be phenomenal, phantastic, and phun!! Sorry, couldn't resist.

Other things are happening. We are back to 3 worship services, plans for all church phund, oops, fund raisers, continued youth activities, men's breakfasts, PW Circles and Gatherings, Chick Flick night, Fall Festival, Kirkin' of the Tartan Sunday, Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter, Pentecost, and back around to summer. Where does the time go?

Through all that time and all those activities, there is one constant - GOD! He is with us 24/7, all the time...each day...each month/season...each year...ALL THE TIME! Whatever we are doing, He is here. When we begin to feel overwhelmed by all the demands of home, school, work, or church let's just remember the big job God has watching over all his earthly creatures.

See you all in church and any of the activities in which you participate. We need you, CLPC needs you and God definitely needs you to be involved in your church. Remember, Christians are **ACTIVE** people "living God's word through love and service."

An elementary student from our congregation was given a paper bag one of the first days of school. The assignment was to put five things in the bag that showed who he/she was. This student got four things into the bag and then said, "I need a Bible to show I'm a Christian."

Folks...God's message is alive and well at CLPC and will continue to be so if we all "jump in with both feet" and joyfully, openly, cheerfully and willingly "live God's word through love and service" every day of our lives, no matter where we are.

Ginny Canning  
CE Director

## Kids Worship Schedule

Kids Worship has been prominent all summer with the helping hands of Pam Simones, Ginny Canning, Sarah Otenti, and Amy Cottrell. These great teachers have led the worship and crafts in a rotation schedule all Summer.



The children will be meeting on September 15th in CE1-Rms. 2&3 on Sunday mornings following the reading of the Scripture in the Worship Service, then leave with their teachers for their message that is based on the same topic that Pastor Clint is presenting to the adults in the regular worship. This past year, the children worked on Bible verse memorization, and indepth study on the Lords' Prayer, sang Praise Songs, did crafts and worksheets based on the message, and earned points towards a special Bible.

These children will be awarded their Adventure Bibles at the 9:00 am Praise Service on Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>. This is a Bible that will continue to be read and used as they come on Sunday morning and as they continue their studies in their homes.

## Fall Schedule for Kids Worship

Sept. 1-10:15 am

**Sept. 08 - NO KIDS WORSHIP** Packets provided in the back of the church...there is a children's bulletin, work sheet, crayons, pencil, and a clip board for their use. At the end of the worship, please return the entire bag and contents to the plastic bin. Your child may keep the bulletin and the worksheets, stickers etc.

**SEPTEMBER 15<sup>th</sup> Return to the three services and Kids Worship will be at the 9:00 am Praise Service!!!**

**Ages for this are age 4 through the 5<sup>th</sup> grade.**

**If you have a child age 0-3 years old, there is a Nursery attendant available in CE-2 where they can do a video and color a picture and just play with each other.**

*God Bless our children and those who feed them!*



Ages 5 years old through the 5<sup>th</sup> grade.

We will practice on Wednesdays beginning September 11th in the Fellowship Hall in Room 1. Arrive at 5:15pm-6:00pm. On this first night, please bring your own "sack dinner" and drink. We will provide dessert. Beginning Wednesday, September

18th, we will return to kid-friendly meals.

Look forward to seeing you all back again and welcome to our new children.

## Blood Drive Success!

On August 18th, 21 people went to the bloodmobile, which is a record for us as a church!! That represents more than 10 % of attendees that Sunday, between the 2 services!! On behalf of our greater Lee County community, many thanks for giving the continuing gift of life!! Start saving up for the next one in 10 weeks, on October 27th!



I was shocked, confused, bewildered  
As I entered Heaven's door,  
Not by the beauty of it all,  
Nor the lights or its decor.

But it was the folks in Heaven  
Who made me sputter and gasp--  
The thieves, the liars, the sinners,  
The alcoholics and the trash.

There stood the kid from seventh grade  
Who swiped my lunch money twice.  
Next to him was my old neighbor  
Who never said anything nice.

Bob, who I always thought  
Was rotting away in hell,  
Was sitting pretty on cloud nine,  
Looking incredibly well.

I nudged Jesus, 'What's the deal?  
I would love to hear Your take.  
How'd all these sinners get up here?  
God must've made a mistake.

'And why is everyone so quiet,  
So somber - give me a clue.'  
'Hush, child,' He said,  
'they're all in shock.  
No one thought they'd be seeing you.'

JUDGE NOT!!

Remember...Just going to church doesn't make you a  
Christian any more than standing in your garage makes you a car.

Every saint has a PAST...  
Every sinner has a FUTURE!

Ronald Thomas

## September 2013 Schedule

|   |  |
|---|--|
| <b>6th</b> Doris Houston<br>Rebecca Potts | <b>13th</b> Irene Thiessen<br>Betty Schaarschuch |
| <b>20th</b> Pam Smith<br>Irene Thiessen   | <b>27th</b> Jackie Oestreich<br>Dorothy Troy     |

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 Dir.



## Presbyterian Women

### September 2013

|      |                         |  |
|------|-------------------------|--|
| 3rd  | 1:00 p.m.               | Executive Board Meeting<br>(Library)     |
| 9th  | 9:30 a.m.               | Project Linus Blanket<br>(CE1-Rm.2)      |
| 10th | 9:30 a.m.<br>12:30 p.m. | Martha Circle (OS)<br>Esther Circle (FH) |
| 13th | 7:00 p.m.               | Eve Circle (OS)                          |



### Christian Education Current Events

**Great "Economic News"...**since we are doing *The Story* for our whole church, we do not need our regular Cokesbury Curriculum for our Wednesday church school. This will save the Disciplemaking Team about \$886 this year. Hooray!!! This also means we can pay for the supplies for the children's/youth study of *The Story*.

**Wonderful Wednesday** will begin again on Sept. 11th. That Wednesday will be our "introductory/opening" evening. Angels Rock will meet at 5:15 pm in their usual room (FH #1). At 6:00 p.m., we, ALL children, and youth will meet in Fellowship Hall for dinner. What are we having? Get ready for **BYOD&D!** That's "Bring Your Own Dinner and Drink". That first Wednesday we will have "sack dinners", and you will bring one for each child in your family. Please bring your food **AND** drink. We will provide the dessert.