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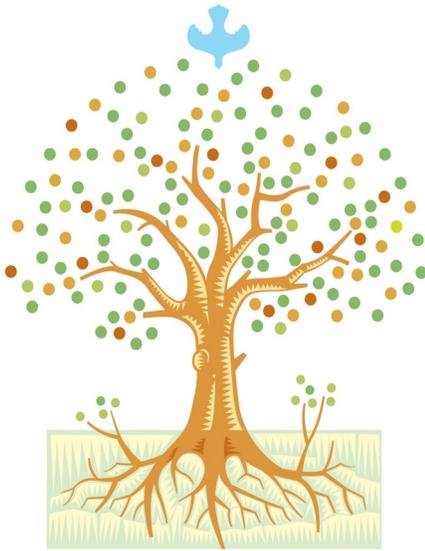
Dr. J. David Griffin, Senior Minister

Dr. Fred B. Craddock, Minister Emeritus

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## LEGACY GIVING

**December is the month many of us gave and received gifts. How many of us gave a gift that really meant something special?** Recently, in a stewardship discussion, Bill Groce told the story of how he felt on Christmas. He said it was nice to receive packages from the family, but the feeling of receiving could not touch the emotion he felt when he watched his kids and grandkids open the packages he and Barbara gave them. The big eyes and smiles on their faces topped anything he felt from receiving....even **if** he had received a bass boat. His point was that joy in seeing the kids at Tower Road at Trunk or Treat night, hearing how our help touched Amber Twigg's family, and watching our ministries grow are tremendous emotional dividends from the gifts we give to the church. We now have the opportunity to continue this ministry for many years into the future.



**LEGACY PARTNERS**  
FOUNDATION

Building a solid, permanent, financial foundation that will enable the church to continue to extend its ministry is the goal that drove the Board and Congregation to approve the Cherry Log Endowment Fund. Over time our gifts and bequests to the Endowment Fund will create a permanent fund that will generate annual income to supplement CLCC ministry. Gifts to the Fund can benefit the donor as well as the church. People who participate in this will be part of the Legacy Partners Foundation. Through planned gifts those of us who love the church will be able to extend our support far beyond our lifetime. Rabbi Harold Kushner once said, "***What cannot be achieved in one lifetime will happen when one lifetime is joined to another***" Legacy giving will enable us to have multi-generational impact.

Last year the Congregation approved a policy that established a permanent endowment fund for CLCC. Legacy Fund Administrators have been elected (Ida Anne Clarke, Hal Doster, Harry Doss, Bill Groce, and Rusty Coleman). The Administrators are working now to develop plans and materials to begin the process of reaching and informing members the advantages to both the member and to the church of end of life planning. You will soon begin to see details about how you can benefit and participate. Keep watching this space for news about the Legacy Partners Foundation.

## Stewardship Moment

As we start the new year, many of us made “resolutions”. Maybe a good new practice for the new year would be to take advantage of the Cherry Log Christian Church website. I encourage each of you to keep up with and track our financial progress this way. We post our current month and year to date totals so you can see where we are at any time. In addition, if you click on the Membership tab, you are taken to a secure area where you can track your own personal giving. If you do not have a sign-in for this area, please call Malinda in the office and she will help you get one established. This area is secure and only you can see your personal account. Looking across the top of the website, we have added the Giving tab. If you click on this tab, you will be taken to a page with a variety of ways you can give to the church. Many people have asked for on-line giving options for when they are away. This should be the answer for you. When we voted on the budget in December, we knew it would be a challenge. Help us keep our ministry going and growing. Let us keep the “fruits” of our spirit growing in 2013. Look at the Photos of our recent outreach efforts. It is obvious we are changing the lives of people.

## Lenten Bible Study

It's hard to believe that Lent is just a little over a month away. Ash Wednesday is February 13<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in taking part in a six week Lenten Bible Study during the days leading up to Easter, contact Cindy Avens at *The 7 Last Words of Christ*.

## Volunteer Callout

We are looking for a few good people who are available to volunteer in the nursery, help teach Sunday School or play with our Little Lambs (toddlers and waddlers). If you can help one or two Sundays, please contact Judy Wyndham at

## Prayer Labyrinth Update

Work on the CLCC Prayer Labyrinth is now beginning! You can view the site, near the Garden for Others, by the 60' diameter ring that has been staked out. This area will include the 45' diameter Chartres-style labyrinth and a path for walking around the labyrinth. We need your help to collect the many rocks that will be needed to construct the paths for the labyrinth. The rocks should be approximately 6 to 12 inches in size, although some larger ones can also be used. There is a designated place near the labyrinth site to leave the rocks. If it's difficult for you to take them there, another place is at the corner of the church parking lot close to the road and the little white house. The goal is to construct the prayer labyrinth in March so that the church and the community will have the opportunity to practice this form of walking prayer during Holy Week. Please help us meet this goal by bringing as many rocks as you can!

## From the Adult Education Committee

Dr. Fred Craddock will teach a series of lessons, beginning January 6, 2013, on “Confessions of Faith in the New Testament.” This will be an eight week series and I know many of you will want to attend. This should give us a good look at the theology of the early church and how it developed. The Lectionary class will meet with Dr. Craddock during this period. The new teacher for the Lectionary class will start as soon as Dr. Craddock's class ends.

After Dr. Craddock's class ends in March, we will also begin a study of the Gospel of Luke. We are intentionally trying to do more “Bible study” for those who might like more in-depth reading and study of particular books.

Our Wednesday night dinners will start again on January 16<sup>th</sup>. Dr. David Griffin will lead us in discussing the book, *Falling Upward: A Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life* by Richard Rohr. We will return to alternating potluck and catering. At this time we anticipate the first dinner being catered.

## FROM MY HEART....TO YOUR HEART

Another year is drawing to a close. That has different meanings to each of us. For some, it is just another day. Yet for others it is the hope that next year will be different than 2012. The calendar for the church is also changing. We are moving from the celebration of Christmas into the season of Epiphany.

The name "Epiphany" comes from the Greek word *Epiphania*, and means, "to show, make known, or reveal." The celebration originated in the Eastern Church in AD 361, beginning as a commemoration of the birth of Christ. Later, additional meanings were added - the visit of the three Magi, Christ's baptism in the Jordan River, and his first miracle at the wedding in Cana. These three events are central to the definition of Epiphany. It is a time of healing and fellowship, where the Church comes together in the covenant of community to love one another as Christ commanded.

Our Epiphany task is to reveal Jesus. During the season of Epiphany and on into Lent I want to draw us into this radical Jesus that we are to reveal. So during Epiphany I will be using worship to focus on the aspects of Jesus that makes us uncomfortable, or should make us uncomfortable.

The Christmas story and the story of Epiphany are bold and radical. After hearing that story, we should be like the three wise men, who wrote T. S. Eliot, "returned to our places, these Kingdoms, / But no longer at ease." If we hear the message of Christmas, we do return to our daily lives "no longer at ease."

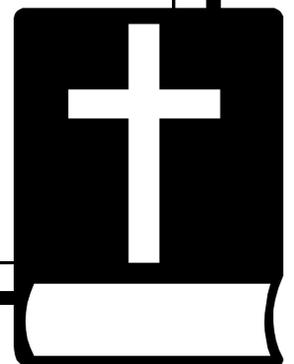
So during Epiphany I will turn to Matthew's gospel and lift up the radical nature of Jesus. When all is said and done, the authenticity of our Christian faith lies not in the authority of the ancient texts but living Christ in our lives.

Jesus announced, lived, and inaugurated a new social order that is an alternative to the "normal" political power, economic power, and religious power to which we are so accustomed. Jesus offers us a different world-view as well as a different God-view. When we experience God as Jesus experienced God, our world-ordered is turned upside down. Jesus' view of God is that God is present now. In that God is present, love is present. When we love we are relating to God. We are not to love just those who acknowledge and return our love. A part of Jesus' radical message is that we are to love those who do not love us and to love those who do not even know love.

So as we enter the season of Epiphany, I want us to hear again the radical message of Jesus our Savior.

Peace,

David



## Spiritual Practices for Today's Disciples

With the coming of the New Year, we begin a new four month series on different ways to read the Bible. Ranking just below losing weight and regular exercise is the resolution many make: *I'm going to read the whole Bible*. This is not a bad resolution. In fact it's a worthwhile goal. But somewhere around Leviticus or Numbers, many well intentioned disciples fall by the wayside and give up. This is totally understandable... unless you remember a few pointers or find some helpful resources, or knowledgeable guide.

The first thing to remember in reading the Bible is that the Bible is not just one book, but many books. In fact the Protestant Bible has 66 different books. So think about the Bible more like a library. In this biblical library you will discover some stories told more than once, many hard to pronounce names and interesting places. There are different sections or genres in this: The Law, Narrative, Parable, History, Wisdom Literature, and Apocalyptic Writings to name a few. You might remember learning in High School Lit class that you read different genres in different ways. The same is true for the Bible.

Secondly, when you are reading that many different writers wrote over thousands of years, not in English, but in Hebrew (OT) and Greek or Aramaic (NT). Before printing presses and copy machines, monks copied the manuscripts by hand. To top it all off, the whole Bible was translated into Greek, Latin and then middle English. So just to be clear, Jesus did not speak in the language of the King's James version of the Bible.

Third, perhaps the biggest things to remember is that the Old Testament (Hebrew Bible) is NOT written in chronological order. The Old Testament was arranged by types of genre. So when you begin in Genesis, you will read 2 different versions of Creation because the tradition felt that they were both important. When you get to Leviticus it starts getting confusing because you find a bunch of rules and regulations and might ask yourself, how does this apply to me today.

Here's where having a good resources is important. The Adult Education committee will be having Bible classes in the coming months. Another resource that has been helpful to many is a little book recently re-issued called, *The Chronological Bible*, published by Thomas Nelson. The FYSH youth group studied the Bible this way. You can find a few copies in the church library. This book takes the Books of the Bible and arranges them in chronological order suggesting what you might read first, second and so forth. It also tells a little about the history, politics, geography, and artifacts in each epoch of history. In other words, not only does this book help you read in order, it also sets the context for each of the books of the Bible. Also, don't forget about Wikipedia (on line). Type in the name of the book you are studying or the name of the character or place and you will get more than you probably want to know. Finally, remember that there are people at CLCC who could be a guide or help with a question. I for one would be glad to help – Julie Johnson [holycreek@aol.com](mailto:holycreek@aol.com)

### A Moment with the Moderator

Dear Friends,

First of all, I want to thank each of you for believing in me enough to make me your moderator. You are my church family, and it means a lot when you have come up to me to offer support, love, encouragement, and advice in the past few weeks. What an amazing church family we have.

I look forward to this coming year as we continue to make a difference in this community. We have great folks serving as chairs this year and many wonderful members serving on committees. Thanks to each of you for stepping up to serve our church and our community.

Our church has many challenges this year both in our community and around the world. I am asking for your help and support. I know that times are still tough for many folks, but we can make a difference. I believe in this church. I believe this is our time to bring light to those around us. Please join me as we build stronger relationships with each other, with our community, and with our Lord.

CLCC Worship Volunteers -January 2013

	Liturgist	Welcomer, Offertory Statement	Elder	Congregational server	Greeter (arrive 25 min ahead)	Communion prep	Choir Server	Soundboard	Narthex	Sunday School (9:30-10:30am or noon)
Sunday, Jan 6, 10:55 AM	Hal Doster	Jennie Penymen	Ann Doster - B Dan Pile - C	Tim Anderson Thomas Bonhard Edward Boye Julia Purcell Peggy Cleveland Bill Harrison Alan Slemmons Jim Tingle (sub)	Kerrie Gilbert Myra Kibler (sub req) Betsy Sheppard Becky Walls	Chuck Zimmerman Nancy Zimmerman	James Weiland Judy Weiland	Ralph Heller - Primary Sharon Meek - Secondary Sound	Lisa Weir	Maureen Hicks - GPG Jane Kirmzey - EL Beth Lipscomb - EG Mac McRoberts - Y
Sunday, Jan 13, 10:55 AM	Sarah Cox	Susan Pleasant	Paul Porter - B Nancy Porter - C	Nancy Blackadar Tom Mitchell Kathy Knox Teresa Snow Sydney Goss Daniel Partish Jerry Johnson Trisha Senterfitt	Darlene Fike Katie Griffin Frabia Smith Lynn Starr	Jane Murray John Murray	Frazier Coffie Richard Lumpkin	Bill Cox - Primary Sound Zachary Cox - Secondary Sound	Betty Gardin	Kristi Mulchahey - GPL Judy Wyndham (sub) - GPG Jane Kirmzey - EL Sandy McCann - EG Mac McRoberts - Y
Sunday, Jan 20, 10:55 AM	Byron Wynddom	Teri Slemmons	Ann Doster - B Dan Pile - C	Peggy Cleveland Bill Harrison Mary Beth Shepard Cheer Shepard Edward Boye Julia Purcell Barbara Ferer Alan Slemmons	Kerrie Gilbert (sub req) Hugh Lake Fran Lake Betsy Sheppard (sub req)	Jackie Lumpkin Carolyn McGinness	Nancy Midkiff Jack Westbrook	Bill Cox - Primary Sound Ralph Heller - Secondary Sound	Beth Lipscomb	Kristi Mulchahey - GPL Judy Wyndham (sub) GPG Jane Kirmzey - EL NOT FILLED - EG Mac McRoberts - Y
Sunday, Jan 27, 10:55 AM	Nancy Brewer	David Griffin (sub)	Janet Tripp - B Sharon Meek - C	Caroline Carder Jane Carwell Amado Grabel Jim Tingle (sub) George Barrett Jennifer Mills Nancy Porter Paul Porter	Katie Griffin Bill Harrison Myra Kibler (sub req) Lynn Starr	Darlene Fike Roxanne Neal	Sandy McCann Mac McRoberts	John Garceau - Primary Sound Don Brewer - Secondary Sound	Charlie McCann	Kristi Mulchahey - GPL Maureen Hicks - GPG Jane Kirmzey - EL Dave Cherry - EG Mac McRoberts - Y

JANUARY 2013						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 8:25 AM - 9:30 AM Celebrate Early Service 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM Sunday School 10:55 AM Worship Service	31 Office Closed	1 New Year's Day Office Closed	2 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM Guitar Pickers 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM Bridge Group 4:00 PM - 5:45 PM Centering Prayer Group	3 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM Clothes Closet Log Consort Emotions Anonymous 5:00 PM Men's Chorale 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal	4 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Friday Prayer Group 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM into Action (AA)	5
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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Jan. 02	Wanda Neal	Jan. 15	Beth Lipscomb
Jan.03	Luke Riza	Jan. 16	Donna Lehr
	Nancy Shoemake		Jill Wolleat
Jan. 04	Nancy Blackadar	Jan. 17	Arch Cowan
	Emily Matthews		Danny Johnson
Jan. 06	Nancy Brewer	Jan. 20	Ferris Leslie
	John Garceau	Jan. 23	Milly Hastings
	Conner Honeycutt	Jan. 24	Sandy McCann
Jan. 07	Sue Moore	Jan. 26	Bette Jensen
Jan. 10	Lynn Barrett		Judy Wyndham
Jan. 12	Larry Hansen	Jan. 27	John Morford
	Pam Young	Jan. 29	Ham Kimzey
Jan. 13	Diane Coleman	Jan. 30	Yvonne McNelley

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

January 18	Steve Stevens & Milly Hastings	(34)
January 26	Don & Feenie Midkiff	(55)
January 31	John & Dorothy Morford	(14)

## SAVE THE DATE



**2013 Vacation Bible School  
July 9-12, 2013**

### November Treasurer's Report

**General Operating:**

Contributions: \$31,111.00  
Expenses: 27,680.00

Year to Date Contributions: \$305,340.00  
Year to date Expenses: \$319,406.00

**Building Fund:**

Contributions: \$12,880.00  
Expenses: \$12,932.00

Year to Date Contributions: \$220,590.00  
Year to date Expenses: \$171,257.00

\*December not reported because January Cherylogue is printed prior to the end of the month. A full detail of the church's finances are located on the members page of our website.

## CELEBRATION FUND

The following made donations in **December**:

In Memory of:

**Warren Coleman** by Rick & Sue Strickland, Hugh & Fran Lake, Ronald & Nancy Midkiff, Cheer & Mary Beth Shepard, Glenn Cornell, Thomas & Marlo Demos  
**George F & Frieda Barrett** by George & Judy Barrett  
**Lucas Robert Barrett** by George & Judy Barrett  
**Larry Tanguay** by George & Judy Barrett

In Honor of:

**Jaklyn Janelle Treat** by Ronald & Nancy Midkiff  
**Lynn Barrett** by Byron & Judy Wyndham  
**Bob & Ida-Anne Clarke** by Betty Carmack  
**John Garceau** by Sue Green

**Debt Reduction Contributions:**

\* Total amount deposited into Celebration Fund \$585.00

## ATTENDANCE

	Celebrate Early	Worship
Nov. 25	57	127
Dec. 02	44	140
Dec. 09	34	142
Dec. 16	29	139
Dec. 23	41	130
Dec. 30	27	120

**A Happy New Year wish  
from the Poetry Small Group!!**

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youthful  
yearnings.

By Nancy Brewer, December, 2012

Happy Holidays from the Poetry Small Group  
Barbara Groce, Facilitator, 678-571-1214

# FAMILY NIGHT DINNERS

We will resume our Family Night Dinners on Wednesday, January 16, at 5:30 p.m. Our menu will begin with dinners that will warm us on the cold nights in January. We will publish the exact menus as the time gets closer. The cost of the dinner will be \$5.00 or maybe even less per person and a maximum of \$15.00 per family.

Not only will the food be great – Nicole never disappoints us – so will the smorgasbord of programs. Actually we will be offering two options.

John Sugg will continue to discuss the weekly events occurring in the world and our nation. The focus of these discussions is centered around social justice. Maybe another way of saying this is that everyone gets a fair chance or an equal chance. Yet, in countries where there is fighting, where terrorist lie in wait, where prejudice abounds, where the poor are being taken advantage of, and authorities care about their own success, there is no social justice. So we have to talk about politics, health care, taxes, and military power.

The other option will be a study of Richard Rohr’s book, *Falling Upward: A Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life*. In the first half of life we are preoccupied with achieving and fulfilling what we think is our identity. But as we grow older, we have other challenges: acknowledging our mistakes, losing control, and other issues that knock us out of our comfort zones. Richard Rohr offers us a different insight in growing older: how our failings can be the foundation of our spiritual growth. This study will be shared with David Griffin, Jim Tingle and Larry Weas.

Please join us for great food, good fellowship, and insightful discussions.

## THANK YOU!

I would like to say “Thanks” for all the thoughts, prayers, words of encouragement and sympathy, all of the cards, and all of the hugs. Last month was a very rough month with the passing of my Dad and my sinus surgery coming back to back. Diane and I feel very blessed to be part of such a loving and compassionate church family. I appreciate everything that was said and done.

Rusty Coleman

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*Richard Lumpkin, Minister of Music*  
*Birdie Towle, Accompanist*  
*Malinda Geers, Admin. Assistant*  
*Tammy Davidson, Custodian*