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MARK YOUR
CALENDAR

Epiphany Celebration

Jan 6

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Epiphany Celebration January 10th following 10:55 service

“The Epiphany (Manifestation) of the Lord (January 6), an even more ancient celebration among Christians than Christmas, originally focused on the nativity, incarnation, and baptism of Christ. Today we celebrate the coming of the three wise men (magi), who brought gifts to the Christ child. For this reason, in Puerto Rico and in most Latin American countries this day is observed as Three Kings Day or Dia de Los Reyes. It marks the end of the Christmas Cycle, which began the First Sunday of Advent.” *The United Methodist Book of Worship*, 1992 (Ninth Printing: 2005)

Traditionally the period between Christmas and Epiphany was a time for celebration and gifts: “The Twelve Days of Christmas”. There were parties, costumes, caroling, bonfires, dancing, and feasting. In the Middle Ages French and English churches created the Feast of Fools. Temporary “Bishops and Archbishops of Fools” were selected and they play-acted and reveled in jokes and general mischief. Later a temporary King for the season was elected; he was called the “Lord of Misrule”. The festivities on the days after Christmas and the “state duties” of the “King” ended on Twelfth Night, January 6. A “King’s Cake” was consumed on Twelfth Night and marked the end of the celebration. The King’s Cake was a rich fruit cake containing a bean or twig (or baby) and the person fortunate enough to find the baby in his/her slice of cake was assured good fortune in the coming year. In CLCC tradition, this lucky person will be the “king” at next year’s celebration. He/she will choose the queen for next year.

Join us for this year’s celebration with music, laughter, joy, and a simple meal: January 10, 2016 just after the regular worship service!

De-Decoration Day—January 9th

So many of you volunteered to set up for Christmas; please help us take down all the trimmings on Saturday, January 9th at 9:00 a.m." (Only the Angel Tree in the fellowship hall will be left untouched; it will be removed after the Epiphany celebration on the 10th.)

“Roxanne” by Jessie Landreth

I looked out the window and what did I see

A humming bird, a honey bee, oh my goodness he’s looking at me.

The clouds are rolling around and about.

Some are white, some are blue, wandering around and about.

On one of those clouds an angel is waving her hand.

It’s our dearest angel, her name is Roxanne.

This is a definite sign to us. Roxanne is now looking out for us.

Then another thought came into my thoughts.

Roxanne can float wherever she wants. Now she can take that vacation she planned.

To see the beauties of this beautiful land.

The Alamo was one of her things to see, in person the pleasure it brings.

The Grand Canyon all covered with mist was of the beauties at the top of her list. On her top list the Mississippi River that wanders so free. Really brought shivers, so awesome to me.

And I’m sure she shivered in her own wandering free.

To see the Golden Gate Bridge or maybe London or Paris.

Wandering free to see the beauties of this world.



NOTE: The family of Roxanne Neal (Darlene Fike, Wanda Neal, Jessie Landreth, and Kenny Neal) wishes to thank the entire Cherry Log congregation for their cards, visits, thoughts, prayers, and support throughout the past few months since Roxanne passed.

FROM MY HEART.....

TO YOUR HEART

The lights flicker and then the theater is dark. There is a recorded drum roll and the curtains part. But there is only a massive screen and with a recorded message from the theater manager, a few advertisements, coming attractions, and a reminder to cut off cell phones.

The screen retracts and the real curtain is raised. Instead of a set, like tables and chairs and lamps, the tables and chairs are printed or woven in the backdrop. If you want an outdoor scene you change the backdrop. It can be changed to winter with the flick of a switch. A Christmas tree or mountains or castles rise and fall based on the backdrop.

As I sat watching the drama, I began to chuckle. What if there was supposed to be a winter scene and someone accidentally dropped in a beach scene or a Christmas ballroom scene instead of a mountain cabin?

The backdrops of our lives change. Not only do the backdrops change from childhood to wisdom age, but from emotional backdrops of immaturity to maturity, and from differing stages of spiritual development.

What catches us off guard is that our backdrops change unintentionally, unconsciously and we are surprised and others are caught off guard. Our childish nature, which is good, shows up in settings where maturity is called for. And the reverse, we cannot turn off the mature adult for the child to rest and play and have fun.

In our head we want a spiritual walk that makes sense, that holds paradox and mystery lightly, yet the emotional side of us wants short answers and comforting words that do not match our growth in spirituality. I assume you are getting the gist of this and will fill in your own catalogue of backdrops.

As we enter a time of contemplating a new year, new resolutions and changes in our behaviors, the key is that we can control the switches for our backdrops and our responses.

We stand center stage in our own lives and have the ability to choose the sets, the lighting, and some of the supporting cast. We cannot choose all of our audience and critics who write their reviews.

But if the backdrop is God and the script is from God and the audience is God, would that change the way you thought about your life?



Voices OF CHERRY LOG

Good friends help you
find important things
when you have lost
them. Your smile, your
hope, and your courage.
- unknown



Shirley Brewer

"Country girl" born, raised, educated in Iowa; 3-year commercial art course coordinated and graded by Norman Rockwell; at age 25 moved to Palmetto, FL; with Cox Chevrolet 9 years; Rinker Concrete as district bookkeeper (20 years); met Chuck at Methodist Singles' Club (all 40 members married); with Chuck, designed and built 3 homes (ask her) Collects Ashton Drake dolls (google these), teddy bears, orchids and antiques; music (trombonist), vocal music competition and performances; always in chorales and choirs; qualifies as professional seamstress (writer's opinion) Founding members of Faith Presbyterian Church; came to CLCC because of proximity and neighbors attended; member of Chancel Choir; music committee



Cynthia Smith

Born Newnan, GA as a PK; left area for Presbyterian College, SC; BA English; taught 20 years then fulfilled lifetime dream with MA Library Science, GA State; media specialist (11 years) in Murray County; retired 2011. Married teacher 1984; 2 sons (one in Columbia Seminary, one in prelaw, UGA); husband trained as Army ranger in Dahlonga and both dreamed of mountain life from wedding day. Avid reader, loves writing and music, passionate about simplification of life; sews (creating from denim); rescue terrier, Dogmatix, "God sent"

Came to CLCC in 2012 recommended by pastor, a friend of Dr. Craddock; discovered much in common with other members.

Frabia Smith

Born Whitestone Beach, VA. Met Jimmy in high school and married before graduation. Graduated with Actor Burt Reynolds. Jimmy served as MP in New Orleans. After military service, moved to West Palm Beach with Jimmy in banking and Frabia in West Palm Beach Court Services (10 years). One son, Jonathan. After vacationing in mountains every summer, bought a home in Blue Ridge in 1994 (family members lived here), becoming full time 2001. Visited several churches, but as long-time Disciples, they were thrilled to find CLCC in the newspaper. Joined July, 2001. Frabia, "CLCC was like finding heaven." Dr. Craddock renewed wedding vows on their 50th. Ask Frabia about the "Obey" part of the vows.



Tim Anderson

Born and raised in Troy, Ohio. Sergeant in US Air Force and stationed at Pease Air Force Base in New Hampshire. Considers himself a "boxologist." Career in Materials and Supply management. Worked for Schindler Elevator Corp until retired in 2004. Tim is a Mason and past master of Temperance Lodge No 73 Sidney Ohio, also Eastern Star and Past Patron Pleiades. He is also a Shriner and worked with Scottish Rite all in Ohio. Tim and his partner Tab moved to north Georgia and when looking for a church found CLCC through their realtors. When asked what he liked about CLCC, he quickly said "the people."

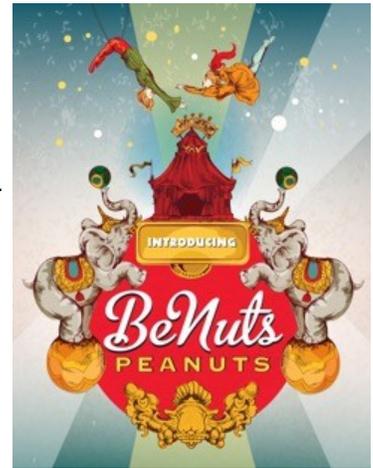
BeNuts Peanuts!

The verdict is in! People love BeNuts Peanuts! We have sold over \$10,000 worth of peanuts, with a profit of around \$5,000. Thanks to those of you who have brought, sold, packaged and ate peanuts. We've even been selling at Cornerstone Baptist Church, The Catholic Church Cookie Walk, and the Craddock Center's Appalachian Story Night.

As Always, a special thanks to Steve and Julie Pugh, one nutty couple who have been there every step of the way!

Remember this is an ongoing project. However, we will not set up every Sunday. We will have them on display the first Sunday of every month and Sunday's before special events such as Valentines Day. You can always ask Steve, Julie, Tim, Tab or Jane Griffin if you want to purchase at other times. David also has peanuts available in the office for your convenience.

Thanks again, to all who have made this project such a huge success!



The Sounds of Celebrate Early in Christmas and Advent

- January 3 "What Child is This?" Ida-Anne Clarke and Randy Wilbur, piano
- January 10 "As With Gladness" Men's quartet under the direction of Bob Clarke
Accompanied by Id-Anne Clarke
- January 17 "Let Us Break Bread Together" Robin Norsworthy and Charles Walls
Accompanied by Randy Wilbur
- January 24 "Jesus Loves Me" Soloist Emilyn Slemmons

It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
to sing praises to your name,
O Most High;
to declare your steadfast love in the morning,
and your faithfulness by night,
to the music of the lute and the harp,
to the melody of the lyre.
For you, O Lord, have made me glad by your work;
at the works of your hands I sing for joy.
Psalm 92:1-4

Dear Friends,

On behalf of each of the Personnel Committee members I want to take this opportunity to update you on a few key matters which have impact on our worship service.

The Personnel Committee takes its assignment very seriously and has met numerous times during the past six months. Our Church leadership staff has received an in-depth and personal evaluation, approved in advance by our committee. Our process has included anonymous and random surveys with over 100 responses, face to face meetings, feedback sessions, and follow-up coaching meetings.

After months of prayer and discernment I have met with Richard Lumpkin, our Music Director, and have accepted his resignation effective December 30, 2015. I have personally assured him that he will always be in the hearts and prayers of our Church.

In the interim Bob Clark and Randy Wilbur will serve in this important role. While this change is difficult, we are certain that we have the right leadership to carry on the rich tradition of music we all have grown to love during our time of worship and celebration.

Knowing the resilience and character of our church, we will all rally together as we explore the possibilities which are before us. That is what I know and continue to pray for.

We will remain forever grateful for Richard's 15 1/2 years of service to Cherry Log Christian Church.

In service of our common mission,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dan Pile".

Dan Pile

Chairman, Personnel Committee

Cherry Log Christian Church

Day of Service

Saturday, January 30, 2016
9 AM to 12:00 Noon



Day of Service – Saturday, January 30, 2016 9 AM to 12 Noon

Join us for our winter Day of Service. We will be working on the inside of the church. We need to do the following chores so we need everyone's help.

- Inventory the church furniture and belongings
- Clean storage areas throughout the church and organize
- Clean the kitchen cabinets
- Clean the classrooms – organize the shelves
- Clothes Closet – organizing

THANK YOU!!!!

Have you noticed how great the outside of our church looks? We are so very grateful to VIP (Value in Painting) Awas Elfaituri for doing an exceptional job pressure washing our church.

He even cleaned the steeple! David you are now off the hook!

Blessings and Happy New Year! Teresa Snow and the Property Committee



Jan. 02	Wanda Neal	Jan. 15	Beth Lipscomb
	Jim Stanley	Jan. 16	Donna Lehr
Jan. 03	Luke Riza	Jan. 17	Danny Johnson
Jan. 04	Nancy Blackadar	Jan. 21	Kenny Neal
	Emily Matthews	Jan. 23	Milly Hastings
Jan. 06	Nancy Brewer	Jan. 24	Sandy McCann
	John Garceau	Jan. 25	Zachary Lincer
	Conner Honeycutt	Jan. 26	Harriet Berman
Jan. 07	Sue Moore		Judy Wyndham
Jan. 10	Lynn Barrett	Jan. 27	John Morford
Jan. 12	Pam Young	Jan. 29	Ham Kimzey
Jan. 13	Diane Coleman	Jan. 30	Yvonne McNelley
Jan. 14	Jeffrey Vaughn		



January 18 Steve Stevens & Milly Hastings (36)
 January 26 Don & Feenie Midkiff (57)



November Treasurer's Report

General Operating:

Contributions: \$43,693.00

Expenses: \$34,222.00

Year to Date Contributions: \$431,657.00

Year to date Expenses: \$431,650.00

ATTENDANCE

	C. E. 8:25	10:55 Worship
Nov. 29	52	104
Dec. 06	50	118
Dec. 13	58	127
Dec. 20	42	131
Dec. 27	34	98

CELEBRATION FUND

The following donations were made in November:

In Memory of:

Frank Grice

In Honor of:

Bob & Ida-Anne Clarke

David & Jane Griffin

Linda Lowe

* Total amount deposited into Celebration Fund \$275.00