CHERRYLOGUE

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Dr. J. David Griffin, Senior Minister **Dr. Fred B. Craddock, Minister Emeritus**

Mark Your Calendar!

All Saints Day
Sunday, November 2nd

Fist Sunday of Advent
Sunday, November 30th

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Rabbi Rami Shapiro will be our guest preacher (and rabbi) on November 9th at both of our services.

Rabbi Rami is an award-winning author of over two dozen books on religion and spirituality. He received rabbinical ordination from the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, and holds a PH.D. from Union Graduate School. A congregational rabbi for 20 years, Rabbi Rami currently co-directs One River Wisdom School (oneriverwisdomschool.com), blogs at rabbirami.blogspot.com, writes a regular column for Spirituality and Health magazine called Roadside Assistance for the Spiritual Traveler, and hosts the weekly Internet radio show, How to be a Holy Rascal on Unity On-line Radio (www.unity.fm/program/howtobeaholyrascal). His newest book is Perennial Wisdom for the Spiritually Independent (SkyLight Path). You also might be interested in The Divine Feminine in Biblical Wisdom, The Sacred Art of Lovingkindness (Art of Spiritual Living, and Minyan: Ten Principles of Living a Life of Integrity.

In a blog Rabbi Rami was asked if a rabbi was to make Jews Jewish. He responded, "For me, Judaism is a means, not an end, and being a rabbi isn't about making Jews Jewish, but about using Judaism as a tool for making meaning and discovering wisdom."

Make your plans now to attend Regional Assembly! CLCC is entitled to 5 delegates; registrations to be reimbursed by the church. Contact Cheri Thompson, Denominational Relations Chair, or Sharon Meek, Board Chair if you are interested in representing our church!

165th Regional Assembly

http://www.gadisciples.org/news/RegAssm/RegAssm2014.asp

First Christian Church, Sandersville
(Sandersville 204 S. Smith St. Sandersville, GA 31082, MAP)

Co-Hosted by
First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Sandersville. and
Bethesda Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) , Tennille

We will gather to hear the Rev. Dr. Mary Donovan Turner, an ordained Disciples minister and the Carl Patton Professor of Preaching at Pacific School of Religion, Berkley. Mary will lead our hearts and minds into an imaginative dialogue with scripture that challenges us as a Community of faith and inspires us, as listeners to actions of love and service in the world.

Simplify

Robin Norsworthy

Simplify: to make something less complex or complicated, easier to do or understand, to diminish in scope.

Can you name the ways we've sought to simplify our lives, yet complicated them in the long run? We use chemicals to easily fertilize or kill weeds, but sacrifice our environment in the process. Our lives travel down miles of smooth, clean asphalt, wreaking havoc down-stream when the rains have no place to go. My kitchen contains cost saving appliances developed to save time, energy and money, until a part goes bad and water covers the floor. We build, throw out, replace and dream of new, when maybe……with a little creativity and energy…..we might refurbish or simply do without.

Join us on a journey of simplification: making our lives less complex and complicated – at home and in our church, in order to pay more attention to God. Then join us for a simple celebration on "New Beginnings" Sunday, December 7, committing our energy and resources to Cherry Log Christian Church – a place of worship, committed to paying attention to God and God's work in God's world.

FROM MY HEART…

TO YOUR HEART — David Griffin

Arapahoe, NC, is one of two camp sites for the Christian Church in NC. I spend at least one week every summer at Camp Caroline. At camp I made friends, crabbed, and snuck out at midnight for moonlight strolls on the river. It was at this camp in my senior year in high school, early on a Friday morning, that I made my commitment to serve God as a minister.

We had had a night of silence in preparation for a sunrise communion service. My minister and camp keynote speaker, Tom Youngblood, asked after communion if anyone felt called to ministry. I stepped forward making a commitment to ministry. Later I learned Tom wrote my parents a letter encouraging them to support this call. He also noted that ministry has its difficult times. My Dad, an elder, knew this more than I was aware. I have kept this letter in my files.

Three years later I was sitting on center campus at Atlantic Christian College contemplating seminary. It was yet another step in my call to ministry. Did I really want to commit not only three years in seminary, but also a lifetime in ministry? I imagined being in a local church and since I only knew of one local church – Hillyer Memorial Christian Church – I thought of the struggles I knew that church was having. Tom, the minister, had been called to Hillyer after a traumatic split in the church. My imagination ran away with images of the struggle and pain in ministry. I dozed off on center campus, awaking throughout the night in a cold sweat. Everything within me screamed, "No!"

Yet, I had made a commitment. My prayer at that sunrise was asking for help to complete that semester and to take one semester at a time, each year at a time, and one church at a time.

Why? Why am I remembering these events now? I came across the following quote (I just love quotes):

"Imaginary obstacles are insurmountable. Real ones aren't."

Barbara Sher

Ah, this is where we are going! It is directed personally to the reader! What is it that you are imaging that seems insurmountable?

And one step further: What is in that the church is facing that you imagine is insurmountable? **Real obstacles are surmountable**

Voices
OF CHERRY LOG

"A friend is one of the nicest things you can have, and one of the best things you can be."
~Douglas Pagels

Lynette Nelson

Born and raised in Soperton, GA; business school in Macon plus extensive insurance education; married, had 2 daughters (one now deceased) and moved to Amelia Island, FL; Owned and operated private Insurance Agency and Real Estate business 30+ years; Family owned cabin in Saute and learned to love mountains; moved to Ellijay 2009

Hobbies: playing bridge; reading for entertainment. fiction and autobiographies; loves cooking; following lives of 2 grandchildren; ask her about "My Girl"

CLCC: Looking for bridge group and found the church (via Ruth West); is now Stephen Minister; currently serves on Finance Committee and Board of Trustees; board member for Craddock Center.

Carolyn McGinness

Born Dallas, TX; age 8 moved to Santa FE, NM; after high school, married, then to Decatur, GA; studied at Atlanta Area Tech, employed by Porter Paints as house planner and decorator; she and Dan share 5 children, 10 grands, 1 great grand
Has enjoyed quilting (15-20 quilts); most crafts; avid reader; travel: 2 exchange students prompted visits to Sweden/Brazil; Italy, Australia & NZ , Caribbean, Germany, Czech Rep., Thames and Seine River cruises.

Charter member CLCC: Lifetime Disciple; Bob Clarke "raised" her 2 in Decatur Christian Church; long time mountain residents; invited by Dr. Craddock to establish CLCC; elder, deacon, VBS, DW.

Joan Pettit

Born and bred St. Paul, MN; moved to Clinton, Iowa; Graduate of St. Luke's School of Nursing, Cedar Rapids; met and married John (Jack) 1957; Asst. Dir. Surgery; moved to Columbus, OH 1965; pediatric and surgical nursing; retired after 40 years to Coosawattee 1996

Interests: historical fiction; quilting (earlier); passionate about ALL sports; swimming (synchronized);
3 boys and 4 grands

CLCC: Had not found a church in 10 years; Janet Tripp invited them on Christmas Eve; "…a divine service." Observed diversity, simplicity and love toward children's nativity and a 1-finger piano solo, "it was amazing!" This was it; enjoyed Centering Prayer; Disciples Women.

Harry Doss

Born and bred, Bruswick GA; BA History/Christianity; Law degree, Mercer U.; Army, VA and Germany; Master of Law (contractual emphasis) George Washington U; 1973, general law practice in Blue Ridge; Judge of Superior Court 4 years; currently finds fulfillment in Juvenile Court (primarily infants); 31 years Army Reserves – retired as Full Colonel.

Hobbies: Passionate study of WWII (avid about Russian front), War between States; World politics (ask him); 6 children; he and Lynn share 4; 3 grandsons.

CLCC: Did closing on Dr. Craddock's cabin; heard him preach; asked him to baptize Belle, Philip and Evelyn (with Methodist Bishop's permission); followed him to CLCC.

YOUTH NEWS

Georgia Meyers

Thank you CLCC Congregation. The Youth Fund Raiser was a huge success $500 profit. The monies will go towards Youth Assembly and other Youth Activities throughout 2014-2015.

Youth Registration for 2015 Youth Assembly Epworth-By-the-Sea, St. Simon's Island, Georgia forms (Registration Form, Emergency Release Form, and Community Covenant) need to be turned into Malinda or Georgia by November 9th with an $80 check written to the order of CLCC. The event will be held February 6-8, 2015.

The FYSH Youth Meeting is held the first Sunday of each month following the 10:55am Worship Service. November 2nd will be the next meeting. Teri Slemons will meet you in the FYSH Room following the 10:55am Service. Please bring $5.00 to go towards lunch and drinks that will be provided. RSVP so we can plan lunch please: georgia1267@hotmail.com

A Gem of a Sale……

Barbara Ferer

Thanks to generous support of CLCC ers the "Clean Out Your Jewelry Box Campaign" netted well over $1700 !!! As one committee member stated - ask anything of this church and you are overwhelmed by the results - and we were. Gail Dennis worked with Andy's Jewelry and Lamar's Jewelry in Blue Ridge and found we had some valuable pieces. Thanks to Frances Carson, Karen Martin, Robin Norsworthy, and Becky Walls each piece was cleaned and shined up before the October 4th Sale. Our sales force of Lynette Nelson, Jane Kimzey,, and Fran Strickland sent many buyer home gem happy. We even had our own Rent-a-Cop, Tom Mitchell watching over the goods!!!

Now here's the best part ----
Sunday November 30th and December 7th you will be invited to purchase that special Christmas gift of jewelry for some lucky person - and donate whatever you like to CLCC's holiday fund. We will even box and gift wrap it for you. You'll be astonished by the selection.

Thanks CLCC for your generous and gracious support of this church fund raiser.
You are loved,
Barbara Ferer

Singers and Ringers Wanted

Richard Lumpkin

Bob and I are looking for singers and ringers who are interested in singing or ringing for the holiday season. We are just beginning rehearsals for Advent and Christmas. These can be some of the most beautiful and meaningful services of the year. I know there are some more music people out there.

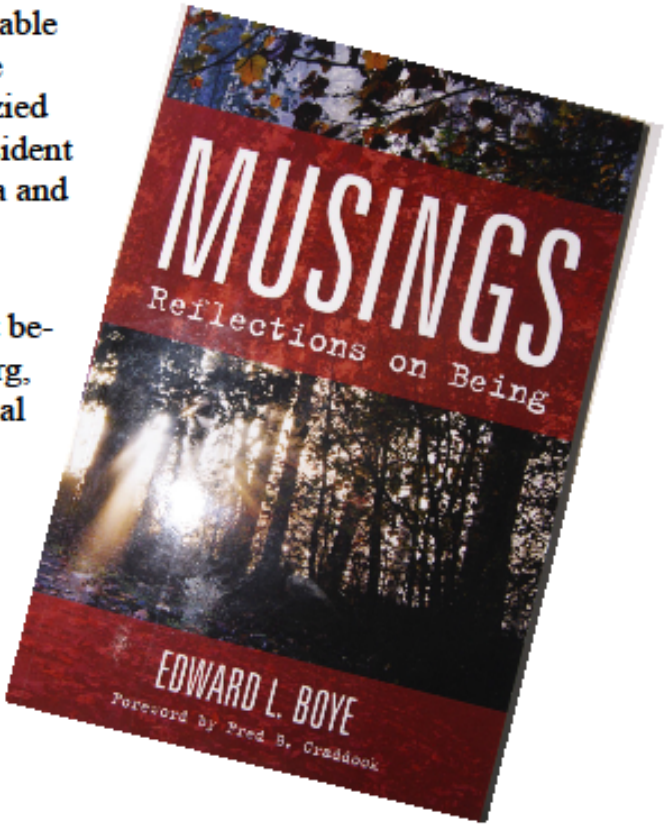
Contact Richard or Bob if you are interested in joining one of our groups.

No experience, don't worry we train.

Book Signing

Dr. Edward L. Boye
Author of
Musings: A Reflection on Being

"These gentle reminders of how valuable quiet reflection can be are a welcome counterbalance to our much too frenzied lives." –James T. Laney, former president of Emory University, Atlanta Georgia and former Ambassador to South Korea



"These 'musings' are short hints about being more fully alive." –Doug Oldenberg, former President, Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, Georgia

"Ed Boye's *Musings* allows us to see life through the eyes of one who views the world as something to be experienced, not just observed." –Jody Seymour, author of *Lost but Making Excellent Time*

"...He invites us to live life fully, thoughtfully, and joyfully…" –Helen Matthews Lewis, Sociologist and author of *Living Social Justice in Applachia*

Place: Cherry Log Christian Church
Date: Sunday, November 2, 2014
Time: 12 P. M. (Fellowship Hall)

Worship Music

Richard Lumpkin and Jennie St Clair

8:25 Celebrate Early Service

The Celebrate Early service will be offering several special musical anthems during the month of November.

Hopefully, these musical selections will enhance the worship experience for everyone.

The service on November 2 will open with Native American drumming and flute; music offered by Jenni St. Clair and Cheryl Star on piano and flute, respectively, will also add to the worship experience.

The Celebrate Early singing group will present the following anthems:
November 9 Be Thou my Vision, a favorite hymn arranged by Heather Sorenson
November 16 Follow Me to Jordan, an anthem in the spiritual tradition

We are also looking forward to the Christmas season by preparing a Christmas Suite arranged by Mark Hayes;
his will be presented on December 21 at the Celebrate Early service.

10:55 Worship Service

November a Month of Celebration

November is a big month in the Christian calendar because it includes a number of holidays. The month begins with All Saints Sunday. On All Saints Sunday we celebrate the memory and influence of the various saints in our lives. The fourth Sunday in November is Christ the King Sunday and is the last Sunday of the Christian year. The next Sunday, the fifth Sunday, is the first Sunday of Advent. The first Sunday of Advent marks the beginning of the Christian year. Hope to see you in worship during this exciting month.

"Musical Offerings for November"

November 2 - All Saints

November 9 - Ladies Ensemble
The ladies will sing Schubert, Palestrina and a Scottish melody.

November 16 - Handbells
Prelude - Trust and Obey
Music during Communion - Here I Am Lord

November 23 - Christ the King Sunday
CLCC Consort - An ensemble who play recorders and rehearse at CLCC every week. The recorder is a flute like instrument popular in medieval times.

November 30 - The first Sunday of Advent
Chancel Choir - Advent Hymn

Health Ministries

Karen Martin

A Health Ministry is a team within a church dedicated to providing opportunities to equip and encourage their congregation to experience healthy living in body, mind and spirit.

Health consists of five dimensions-physical, social, emotional, mental and spiritual. An individual is considered healthy when all of these dimensions are working in harmony as a whole. The church can be a natural point of reference for promoting healthy living and disease prevention. It can also accompany those dealing with chronic disease or disability.

The Health Ministry Team was recently revived and we had our first meeting with Karen Martin, Emily Matthews, Lin Wright, Tab Bomhard, Nancy Porter, Sue Green, Leslie Murphy and David Griffin in attendance. We talked about promoting wellness in such areas as an exercise/walking program, nutrition classes and resources for handling stress. We hope to provide health screenings for early detection and to share resources and advocacy including finding opportunities for us to help those experiencing acute or chronic illnesses.

We would also like to send out a congregational survey to help us identify the health needs and interests of our members. We hope you will respond and join us as we reclaim the Biblical understanding of health as "wholeness".

Thanks for who you are and all you do,

BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE LEGACY PARTNERS….

Ida-Anne Clare

Besides enjoying a good lunch of kale salad, mulligatawny soup (recipe in the Disciples Women's cookbook, The Table is Ready) and homemade ice cream, the Legacy Partners' first annual luncheon attendees were treated to a preview of coming events open to all church members.

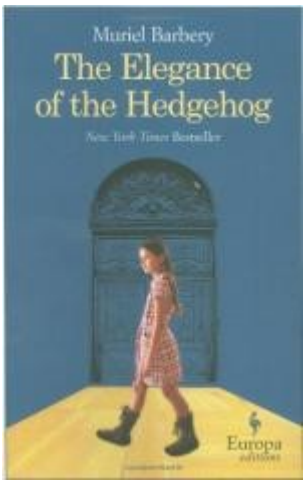
Julie Johnson is inviting us to gather monthly in 2015 (February-November) to learn about a process that encourages you to collect your stories, wisdom and blessings as you create your Spiritual Legacy/ Ethical Will. This is a way to give a meaningful gift to loved ones. A clip from the movie "The Ultimate Gift" was part of the video presentation Julie provided. This movie is on order for use at a Wednesday night supper in January. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Ida-Anne Clarke (706-632-0113, or idaanne-clarke5@gmail.com).

In addition to loving Cherry Log and having made plans to contribute financially to its ministries beyond our lifetime, we learned of another path toward this goal. Ann Thompson was a dear CLCC member when we were at the church on the hill. At her death, her relatives chose to give her sculpture of a bird (by Donn Smith, noted artist) to the church.

The sculpture will be appraised and offered at auction, proceeds to be invested with Christian Church Foundation (CCF) as the initial contribution for our Legacy Partners Foundation. CCF has a decades' long positive return record. When our investments total $100,000 we will receive an annual interest dividend to be distributed according to our board approved stipulation. You see, tangible goods of value are yet another way to re-

Faith in Fiction

Myra Kibler



Faith in Fiction book group meets at 11 am. on the second Friday of each month. On Nov. 14 the discussion will be on **The Elegance of a Hedgehog**, by Muriel Barbery. In December we will be reading our second book by Michael Gruber, this one **The Valley of Bones**.

Faith in Fiction is a book group made up of lovers of literature who share a belief that stories are important ways of exploring our world and our humanity. We choose books for their contribution to our understanding. We welcome newcomers who have read the book being discussed.

For further information or to be added to our email list, contact myra_kibler@yahoo.com.

Volunteers Needed for 10:55 Worship

Jane Murray

We are in need of a couple more teams of two to prepare and clean up communion for the second service. Any willing volunteers? Here is what it takes. Volunteers come about 10:00 and prepare the communion and put it out then after the service they pick it up, take it back to the Sacristy and put everything away (this takes about 20 minutes). You would only be asked to volunteer no more that once a month or less. Jane Murray will be there to work with you the first time and more if you need it. Please respond to Jane Murray by email or phone to say "Yes" to this opportunity to serve. janemurray1944@yahoo.com or phone 706-455-9192.

Thanksgiving for Others

Remember to watch grocery ads and buy items for our Thanksgiving Baskets. Typical items in the baskets are a turkey, canned fruits and veggies, turkey gravy, stuffing, cranberry sauce, and dessert items. (We don't need rolls or bread. We get these from the bread store at a much reduced price.) Last year we added extra's like peanut butter, jelly, eggs, American cheese, cookies, spaghetti sauce and pasta, soups and canned meat products. Starting in November we will have designated place for you to put your items.

Socks are still needed!

All colors and sizes to keep toes warm. Remember it's for kids and they love colors!!!! Bring your socks to fellowship hall and put them in the big box. Thank you for all you do!

November 01 Gary Tomblin & Jean Rose (17)

November 09 Danny & Cathy Johnson (11)

November 10 John & Jane Murray (25)

November 25 Doyle & Caroline Carder (33)

November 28 Dell & Sally Pamplin

November 29 Max & Sheryl Holstein (39)

November 30 Richard & Yvonne McNelley (41)

ATTENDANCE

	Celebrate Early	Worship
Oct. 5	66	113
Oct. 12	38	123
Oct. 19	41	116
Oct. 26	54	124

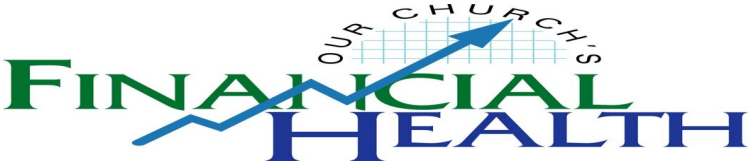
CELEBRATION FUND

The following donations were made in **October**:

No donations made in memory or honor of in the month of October.

* Total amount deposited into Celebration Fund $100.00

Nov. 01 Patty Crowl
Nov. 03 Dee Craddock
Nov. 04 Sarah Cox
Nov. 05 Ted Murphy
John Pettit
Nov. 06 Jane Carwell
John Murray
Ruth West
Nov. 8 Tim Anderson
Barbara Wilson
Nov. 09 Kathy Knox
Nov. 11 Ellen Grant
Nov. 12 Terry Healy
Nov. 13 Marsha Kipling
Nov. 14 Jane Kimzey
Nov. 15 Murray Wood
Nov. 16 Maureen Hicks
Max Holstein
Phillip Miller
Bill Thompson
Nov. 17 Ed Grant
Nov. 19 Roberta Bondi
Birdie Towle
Nov. 21 Lynn Starr
Nov. 22 Caroline Carder
Jim Willis
Nov. 23 Bruce Granger
Nov. 26 Richard Bondi
Nov. 27 John Griffin
Nov. 30 ReLeah Lent
Eileen McRoberts



September Treasurer's Report

General Operating:

Contributions: $42,912.00
Expenses: $42,182.00

Budgeted Income $46,130.00

Year to Date Contributions: $397,272.00
Year to date Expenses: $411,364.00

Welcome New Members:

Marcus Crowe
64 Second Street
McCaysville, GA 30555
678-997-6322

Barbara Wilson
25 Buena Vista Drive
Ellijay, GA 30540

Who will be the next "Featured Artist" at CLCC?

The CLCC Art Guild is currently featuring paintings by Donald Midkiff in the Fellowship Hall. The Art Guild invites painters, illustrators, crafters, jewelry makers, quilters, photographers and other creatives to be "Featured" in a gallery style display. Check the church calendar for gatherings like the Bead Weavers and the Paint Group who meet on the 2nd Tuesday of every month; Jill's Quilts and the Prayer Shawl Knitters meet on the 4th Tuesday; and the Camera Group meets on the 2nd Friday. Bring a project you're working on or start a new one. Come share your artistic hobby in creative fellowship with others. All are welcome. Contact the Church Office to have your name or group added to the Art Guild's list.