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Don't forget
to
SPRING
forward on
March 8th

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Lent 2015

Worship during Lent

During the Sunday of Lent we will focus on scriptures that will support and challenge us to give up our pride and successes as measures of who we are and instead focus on serving and being disciples.

The texts for Lent will be:

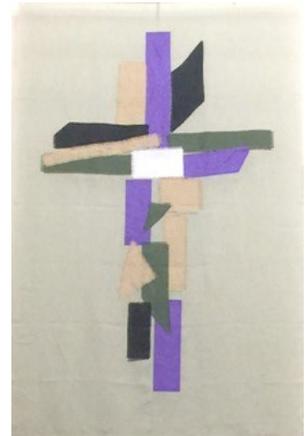
March 8 – 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

March 15 – Ephesians 2:1-10

March 22 – John 12:20-33

March 29 – Philippians 2:5-11 (Palm Sunday)

April 5 - Acts 10:34-42 (Easter Sunday)



Special Services

On Sunday evenings Paul Porter will be leading Lenten Vespers. The Sunday Evening Vespers will be at 6:00 pm in the choir room. This year we will have hymns and scripture readings from John's gospel. The focus will be on the "I AM" sections of John's gospel. There will be time for meditation, discussion and prayer.

The Maundy Thursday Service will be at 6:30 pm on April 2nd. Maundy comes from Latin which means in our Christian context, to love with humility. The choir will give meaning to the evening with special music. We will observe communion by intinction – the congregation coming forward.

Good Friday will be observed at noon on April 3rd. This year we will have readings from John 16 – 19, as well as appropriate prayer time. We will close the service with the Lord's Supper using the scripture passage for the sixth chapter of John when Jesus feeds the multitude. It will be followed with a funeral luncheon of soup and bread provided by the Friday Prayer Group. No reservations are required, come and celebrate this event with us.

Lenten Services and Easter at Cherry Log Christian

Myra Kibler

Lent is the period of preparation for the death of Christ on Good Friday and his resurrection on Easter Sunday. It covers a period of 40 days, minus Sundays, beginning February 22. Cherry Log Christian Church will observe Lent with a full calendar of worship services.

Vespers at 6 pm. will be held in the choir room each Sunday of Lent (Feb. 22-Mar. 29). These services will have hymns, scripture readings related to the "I AM" passages in John's Gospel. There will be time for reflection on the scripture passages and for prayers by those present.

Palm Sunday, March 29 On Palm Sunday Jesus rides into Jerusalem like a king, yet on a donkey! "Hosanna. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!" For those who were looking for a Messiah to eradicate Jerusalem of foreign dictatorship, then this Jesus is that Messiah!

Theologically, however, Jesus Christ enters Jerusalem with a whole different message. The Christ in the Philippians passage (2:5-11) we read this Sunday relives and reinterprets power and weakness, living and dying.

Then there is our response to Palm Sunday, a day of high and low emotions. This is called Passion/Palm Sunday. We enter into Holy Week reinterpreting power, weakness, dying, and rising.

Maundy Thursday, 7 pm. April 2 The Chancel Choir will present "**On the Passion of Christ**" by David H. Williams, a significant and highly regarded cantata for Holy Week. Your journey through Holy Week to Easter will be greatly enhanced when you experience this emotional depiction of Jesus' final week on earth. The full chancel choir and soloists: Soprano: Robin Norsworthy; Baritone: Bob Clarke; and Tenor: Phil Miller will sing for and to the Glory of God.

Good Friday, 12 noon, April 3 You are invited to meet around the tables in Fellowship Hall as we remember Jesus' crucifixion. We will read the Passion Narrative from John's Gospel. There will be communion. After worship you are invited to stay for the funeral luncheon of soup and bread provided by the Friday Prayer Group. Come and witness the crucifixion through the eyes of John.

Holy Saturday, 1 pm. April 4 A contemplative service invites worshippers to turn inward. It will honor the role of Mary Magdalene whose presence at the cross and the tomb from crucifixion until the resurrection models the prayerful presence of the contemplative, holding space for the divine within. As the church and the world turn dark during the three days after the crucifixion, we will sit in silence, remembering, symbolically witnessing and reenacting that inward alignment that Mary Magdalene exhibited.

The contemplative service will feature some scripture readings and chanting, but will observe significant periods of silence.

At 2 pm., weather permitting, those who wish may do a guided walk of the labyrinth in observance of the journey into death and darkness and back again, symbolic of life and resurrection.

The contemplative service will be held in the choir room for its intimate space. Those who wish to participate should come a few minutes early to be seated and silent by 1:00.

Easter Sunday, April 5 Easter Sunday is a celebratory finish to the Lenten season, but we remember, we must remember The Last Supper, the trial and denials, the crucifixion, and the burial of Jesus. "He is risen!" is a brief emotional high if we forget the darkness of the week. We do proclaim, "He is risen!"

The text from Acts (10:34-42) is an account of Peter preaching to a gentile assembly. Peter proclaims the Gospel but also proclaims what it means for us Jews and gentiles) to be raised from our own tombs. We, too, are raised from the darkness in this life.

Palm Sunday and Easter are about Jesus, but also about us, about the risen Christ and transformed humanity. May you experience through these services and in your heart the fullness of this special time.

FROM MY HEART... TO YOUR HEART

David Griffin

Dance of the Ashes

He was a foolish old man,
or a priest dancing a sacred dance.
he mouthed a mantra, lips forming words,
the same words over and over, words that I could
not hear,
was not suppose to hear.

The mound on which he was performing
was circled by lilacs and irises,
Queen Anne's lace and blue day lilies,
those surround by crepe myrtles,
and then circled with red oaks,
each circle defined by broad, lush carpeted grass.

In my mind's eye it appeared to be a perfect altar
for a proposal, a wedding or yoga.
It was a centered place, peaceful.

The old man was laughing – or crying?
He walked, danced, and knelt.
He stood alone, yet as if he were not alone.

Pulling a bag out of his satchel,
he lifted it up as a sacrifice or blessing.
Reverently he bowed.
Yes, it was a dance.
Like a whirling dervish he lifted the bag and |
moaned,
swirling into universal oblivion
and slowly back to this sacred moment.

He dropped to the ground facing the Almighty Sun.

Wanting to quickly move and take his pulse
I knew I should not.
It was not my dance.

With directed purpose he opened the bag
and tossed some of the contents upward.
The dirt fell directly in his face.
Wiping the dirt into his face, he looked black, like
a warrior.
Not caring how he looked he laughed, then
mourned.

Stumbling in rising,
making sure not to spill the bag's contents,
again he raised the bag to the sky,
slowing turning in a ring,
then as if dancing the figure of two interlocking
rings.

A small handful he tossed wildly into the air.
Then another slowly into the air making sure
He was coronated by – oh my gracious –
coronated by the ashes!

Suited with blackness, he sprinkled some ashes
on the irises, lilies, lilacs and lace.
Then, making sure he was in the exact center,
a little to the left, a step back
he looked into the invisible eyes,
and whispered,
“I love you – forever.”

I want to think he passed by me intentionally,
stopping briefly to explain that which did not
need definition.
“My wife and I were married in that very spot
sixty-one years ago today.”
“I know,” said I, though I did not.
“We danced there that day
And we danced again today.
Our dance will never die.”

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



Nancy Porter

Born Louisville, KY; preschool Churchill Downs; UNC-Chapel Hill, BA double major Medical Sociology & Psychology; Master of Public Health; driving force women's health and how communication impacts/aids healing

Experience: coordinator infant mortality program; Assist. Dir. of Health Fairs WRAL-TV, Raleigh; Clinical Research Scientist in pharmaceuticals (AZT and Wellbutrin), International Medical Services - technical trainer; medical writer of literature for cardiovascular coagulation diagnostics

Hobbies: reading, writing, beaing, sewing; civic activities; certified professional photography; shares with Paul 7 children, 18 grands and 13 great grands (always a priority); built 2 houses!

CLCC: met Paul in triad group; served as deacon, elder, Stephen Minister



Ron Midkiff

Born and raised in Mt. Airy N.C.; BA Berry College (married Nancy); MEd/DEd., UGA; 7; Rome City Schools, English consultant, director Linguistics Research Center 7 yrs; Columbia College 7 years; Carson-Newman U, Dean of International Studies 23 years; multiple tours to British Isles; teaching in China after retirement, sabbaticals in Japan and Hong Kong; year in Korea (ask about bell); built on My Mountain 2000

Currently: bead weaver; teaches John Campbell Folk School, CLCC; reads voraciously; gardening (recently deck gardening); cooking; one daughter, 2 grands, 3 great grands; one cat (Prccious)

CLCC: “It’s our family and community. Wouldn’t be anywhere else.” Has ‘worn most every hat’

Lisa Weir

Accidentally born in Newport News, VA; raised in Atlanta area; avid sports participant; started golfing age 11; golf scholarship to Troy State University, journalism degree; worked part time in floral design. Back to Atlanta and into financial services industry; drawn into floral design industry including management; back to marketing in the corporate arena; moved to mountains 1999

Tennis is new passion! Enjoys cooking, decorating; hiking; owns Blue Ridge based wholesale aroma therapy business; mother of Peyton and Parker (12 & 13); animal lover. 2 cats, 2 dogs

CLCC: While vacationing in mountains began attending church on the hill 1997; became her community



Robin Norsworthy

Born El Paso, raised LA; studied West Texas State; moved to Jackson, GA; accountant Snapper Power Equipment; married Lindsey who said, “do what you love”. Result, ministry: youth work, church pianist, pastoral assistance – leading to Mercer U, BA Christianity; McAfee School of Theology, MDiv; Columbia Theological Seminary, DMin; discovered preaching as first love. Pastored Kansas City, MO, Montevallo, GA, University Cooperative Baptist; health crisis (Lindsey) brought to Carter’s Lake near children; hospice chaplain; qualified as DOC minister

Loves all outdoor and water activities (kayaking!); beading, crochet +....: Shares 5 children, 6 grands, 7great grands

CLCC: Searched for open church and found it; now serving as CLCC Volunteer Associate Minister

**CLCC CHILDREN AND YOUTH CAMP CHRISTIAN INFORMATION. CHECK OUT
WWW.GADISCIPLINES.COM**

CAMP CHRISTIAN Power Up! Living in the Spirit is not just “learning about” but more “learning how” — how to live as a follower of Jesus Christ powered up by the Holy Spirit!

This summer’s camp curriculum offers a wonder-filled opportunity for campers:

- To experience Christian community and discover its source—the Holy Spirit!
- To claim the gift of a new spirit within and to bear fruit as they choose living in the Spirit for themselves!
- To realize they are never alone—Jesus’ gift of the Spirit is always with them!

To live with grace and forgiveness, unity and courage, joy and peace—powered up by the Holy Spirit!

The Holy Spirit is not a New Testament phenomenon. Throughout the Hebrew Scriptures are references to both God’s Spirit and examples of faithful people who lived by the Spirit. To acknowledge and celebrate the constancy of God the Sustainer throughout all of time, the age-level Daily Plans have incorporated psalms into worship (Express) and some narratives and examples of biblical characters from the Old Testament into various Bible studies (Explore) and learning activities (Experience).

**Camp Christian Registration Deadline May 29, 2015
After April 15 rates go up \$15
Late Registrations after May will be accepted if camps are not full.**

CLCC YOUTH & CHILDREN NEWS

Parents of YOUTH: FYSH will NOT meet March 1st, it has been changed to March 8th next month. AWESOME FYSH EVENT – *The Compassion Experience: Georgia Tour* (www.compassion.com/change)- March 8th and PLEASE put it on the calendar. If you would like to join the youth, please let us know asap. The Event will fill up quickly. Also, please let us know if your youth plans on attending. Additional drivers may need to be arranged. Contact Teri Slemmons or Georgia Meyers.

Youth Assembly/Alapalooza 2015

Keynote Speakers Kyle Brown and Sarah Brown (Ministers from KY) were awesome this year with the theme being Reflect, Refresh, and Rejoice. CLCC Youth participated with enthusiasm and fantastic attitudes that represented us well. Check out their pictures at www.gadisciples.org Youth Assembly. Peyton Peugh is on the front page!



Children’s Sunday School and Children’s Worship Hour

The Multiage Class will hear stories from the New Testament of Jesus’ appearances to the Disciples after the Resurrections and the ways in which Jesus’ friends and followers shared the good news of God’s love. With weekly titles that begin with the words “no Need”, we move through the Easter season reflecting on what it might be like to no longer be captive to things that restrict us from being lively, loving people, in lively, loving, thriving communities; to put aside all that holds us captive - fear, prejudice, dishonesty, greed, anger, self righteousness; and to take up those things that set us free — love, kindness, patience, justice, peace, and joy.
Woodlake Publishing-Seasons of the Spirit

Musical offerings for March 10:55 Service

Richard Lumpkin

As we begin March we are already one week into the season of Lent. Lent and Advent are the two Penitential seasons in the church year. This season of Lent is often used as a time of preparation for the approaching season of Easter. Also, mark your calendars for Thursday April 2nd. On Maundy Thursday the chancel choir will present "On the Passion of Christ" by David H. Williams.

March 1

Anthem - Loving Savior, Hear My Prayer by G. Faure Hymns - How Firm A Foundation, My Faith Looks Up to Thee, Hasta Tu Altar, Spirit of God Descend Upon My Heart, The Lord Bless You and Keep You

March 8

Anthem - Remember Me by R. Lau

Men's Chorale - Come Christians Join to Sing and There Is a Balm Hymns - Lift High the Cross, Hasta Tu Altar, When I Survey the Wondrous Cross, The Lord Bless You and Keep You

March 15

Anthem - I Have Longed For Thy Loving Kindness by W. Byrd Prelude - St. Anthony's Chorale Music During Communion - In Remembrance Hymns - Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven, Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us, Hasta Tu Altar, It is Well With My Soul, The Lord Bless You and Keep You

March 22

Anthem - A Time to Watch, A Time to Pray by H. Helvey Hymns - Now the Green Blade Riseth, Beneath the Cross of Jesus, Hasta Tu Altar, Ah, Holy Jesus, The Lord Bless You and Keep You

March 29 Palm Sunday

Anthem - Cherry Log Consort selections from J.S. Bach Prayer Anthem - O Sacred Head Now Wounded by K. Morrison Hymns - All Glory Laud and Honor, Hasta Tu Altar, Ride On, Ride On In Majesty, The Lord Bless You and Keep You

April 2 Maundy Thursday

On the Passion of Christ by David H. Williams

Farewell to Jenni!

David Griffin

March 8th will be Jenni's last Sunday as Director of music for the Celebrate Early Service. Jenni will be moving to Florida in the coming week.

Jenni has been so instrumental in helping us to plan, initiate, and sustain the Celebrate Early Service. She has been such an integral part of that service. I (JDG) have thoroughly enjoyed planning music with Jenni and as well as our exchanges and affirmations throughout the services. While Jenni has been here, she has added additional instruments to the service, such flute and oboe, Native American Indian flute, drums, and singing bowls. Jenni formed a choir for the service, The Celebrate Singers, a group of ten, has sung in the service approximately twice a month. Also Jenni has offered her own voice in praise to God.



Health Ministry

Emily Matthews

The Health Ministry Committee has planned several interesting programs for the coming months. The first program will be March 3rd b/10:30A-12:30P.

Join us for a “Pizza Party”. We will meet in the conference room and then head to the kitchen to create a healthy way to bake a pizza pie. You will be surprised how easy it is to be on the healthy side of life.

Other surprises will await you during this session.

Don't miss it!!! See you then.

BETTER EATING --- LONGER LIVING

CLCC Drummers

Myra Kibler

African drumming continues with a small but dedicated group of djembe drummers. The djembe is that hour-glass shaped hollowed tree trunk with a goat skin stretched across the top. We are working on basic rhythms from specific places in Africa, learning proper techniques for drumming and how to hold a rhythm against a complimentary rhythm. It is very good exercise for brain flexibility, for balance, for healing, and for community building. It is our hope that we will build stability into our group and be able to do community service with drumming, eventually.

Anyone who wants to try their hands on a djembe is welcome to come and play with us at 10:00 am on the second Friday--arrival at 9:45 please. Let Myra know so that there can be extra drums available for newcomers. myra_kibler@yahoo.com.

FAITH IN FICTION

Myra Kibler

The Faith in Fiction group reads worthwhile fiction and discusses a chosen title each month on the second Friday at 11:00. In March we will discuss **Running the Rift**. Naomi Benaron makes a social justice issue real for us in the story of young man caught in the divide between Hutus and Tutsis in Rwanda just as he has the opportunity to represent his country in long distance running in the Olympics.

For April, we delve into a family saga by Ann-Marie MacDonald, **Fall on Your Knees**. It will take us from Cape Breton, Nova Scotia to New York City in five generations of a family, shifting in time and exposing family secrets.

Anyone who wants to read and discuss good books is welcome to join us. We believe that good fiction helps us to walk in the shoes of another, to travel and see a wider world, and to build empathy and compassion. For further information, contact myra-kibler@yahoo.com.

Happy Anniversary!

March 15 Ronald & Nancy Midkiff (58)
 March 24 Bert & ReLeah Lent
 March 26 Jim & Betty Willis (61)

Happy Birthday

Mar. 01 Karen Kennedy	Mar. 10 Becky Vallely
Bob Matthews	Mar. 12 Lynette Nelson
Mar. 03 Jerry Johnson	Mar. 13 Jennifer Mills
Mar. 04 Cindy Avens	Mar. 14 Bob Clarke
Jan Mitchell	Mar. 16 Paula Miller
Mar. 06 Hal Doster	Cheer Shepard
Mar. 07 Sandie Reed	Mar. 24 Jim Self
Zachary Cox	Cheri Thompson
Mar. 08 Carolyn McGinness	Mar. 26 Walter Boleman
Mar. 09 Peggy Cleveland	Amber Twiggs
Reid Honeycutt	Mar. 28 Judy Weiland
Carolyn Lakes	Mar. 29 Sally Pamplin
Mar. 10 Hugh Lake	Mar. 30 Thomas Smith
Larry Lipscomb	
Trisha Senterfitt	

CELEBRATION FUND

The following donations were made in February:

In Memory of:

Barbara Groce
 Del Woods
 Milt Hunt
 Viola Kipling
 John Griffin

In Honor of:

CLCC Bead Weavers

* Total amount deposited into Celebration Fund
 \$680.00



January Treasurer's Report

General Operating:

Contributions: \$34,954.00

Expenses: \$43,405.00

Year to Date Contributions: \$34,954.00

Year to date Expenses: \$43,405.00

ATTENDANCE

	Celebrate Early	Worship
Feb. 01	45	113
Feb. 08	49	136
Feb. 15	44	106
Feb. 22	42	99

We welcome two new members who join in January. Please take a moment to put their information in your contacts, and better yet, get to know them!

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Note: ADDRESS CHANGE

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