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MARK YOUR
CALENDAR

Music Fest 2016

Saturday, July 30th

**Hot Dog Lunch and
Ice Cream Sundaes**

Music at 1 PM



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Saturday, July 30, 2016

Festivities begin at 12:30 PM

Hot Dog Lunch and Ice cream Sundaes

Music begins at 1 PM

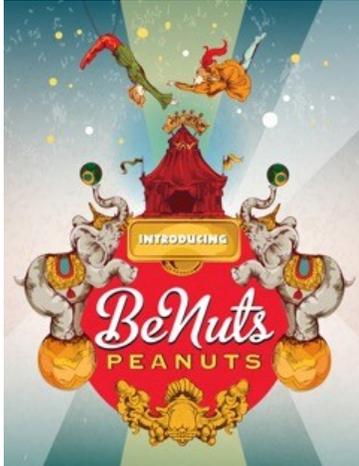
**Including: All types of music,
drum groups, and more**

Donations at the door:

**Proceeds go toward funding wells in
Kenya to provide clean water to chil-
dren and families.**

BeNuts Update!

BeNuts sales are going strong. We are selling nuts by the bag full so get your supply while they are available. BeNuts has revamped its website and added more information. Take a look: <http://benutspanuts.org>



FAITH IN FICTION

The Faith in Fiction book for July 8 is Thirteen Moons by Charles Frazier, author of Cold Mountain. This work of historical fiction is set in our neighborhood! The narrator gets to be 100 years old and so can tell a lot that happened in these mountains. This book counts as relaxed reading for the summer. It would be a good entry point for anyone who wants to jump into the discussion. The group meets every second Friday at 11:00a.m. and then usually goes to lunch.



More Than You Know

“More Than You Know” happens to be the song that is playing on the “Beautiful Instruments” channel right now _ so I will start with that.



More than you know, I appreciate the wonderful luncheon held for me. To say I was a bit overwhelmed is putting it mildly _ to even be given a luncheon _ and then the number of people who came, and spoke, and the mountain of cards _ very humbling. I still smile whenever I think about it.

More than you know, I felt and continue to feel really honored and touched. Thanks to all who made this happen _ especially Ted and Cindy Minick and Steve and Julie Pugh _ love you guys.

More than you know, I have been happy at CLCC. The mountains of Georgia has been a beautiful place for David and me to start our life together and the CLCC community has made it even more special for us.

More than you know, I will cherish my memories of times spent with you and the relationships we have made here. I will miss you, dearly _ more than you know.

Jane Griffin

**THANK YOU DAVID AND JANE
FOR YOUR MINISTRY!
The congregation of CLCC**

[Click to view photos of celebration.](#)

Moment with the Moderator

Moving On

In the back page article for the bulletin on June 26 I quoted from Ecclesiastes 3:

- ¹ *For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:*
² *a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;*
³ *a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up;*
⁴ *a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance;*
⁵ *a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace,*
and a time to refrain from embracing;
⁶ *a time to seek, and a time to lose...*

Lose

As we recognized on that Sunday, our loss is David and Jane and Griffin. But our loss is somewhat ameliorated by the inspiring worship service and the wonderful farewell luncheon. I hope you were there. After that event I feel better about letting David go. On behalf of the congregation I want to express sincere thanks to the staff and the Pastoral Relations Committee and all their helpers who made the day special in so many ways. A perfect ending and a loving farewell!

Seek

As we move on we are beginning to seek a new future and new leadership for our church. In the coming months we will experience a period of transition and a new beginning. It will start in July and August with our Interim Associate Minister Robin Norsworthy taking on new responsibilities for pastoral care and leadership. Robin's job description has been altered temporarily to make use of her gifts of leadership, caring, administration and planning. We are compensating her for the additional responsibilities she is taking on, though her title will remain unchanged.

In terms of preaching in the two worship services each Sunday, the plan for the next two months is to have supply preachers from our own congregation. Robin has been seeking preachers and has established the following schedule for July:

July 3	Robin Norsworthy
July 10	Charles Walls
July 17	Mac McRoberts
July 24	Bill Thompson
July 31	Don Brewer

The church officers formed an Interim Search Task Group and working with our Regional Minister, Denise Bell, have sought and found an Intentional Interim Minister. They unanimously recommended and the Board has unanimously approved the selection of Dr. Paul C. Pryor, a professional intentional interim minister with twenty-six years of ministerial experience. He has completed his most recent interim in San Diego, California and will start with us on September 1. He is a graduate of Texas Christian University. It was there that he became acquainted with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) which resulted in his long career with the denomination. He received his Master of Divinity and Doctor of Ministry degrees from Brite Divinity School, a DOC seminary, and has served churches in Texas, Indiana, Illinois, Oregon, Virginia, Montana and California. He has expressed his excitement as he anticipates coming to Cherry Log. We are looking forward to his ministry with us.





Garden for Others

GROWING SEASON

The Garden continues to produce vegetables to feed our community. This past month we harvested squash, zucchini, purple pole beans, onions, garlic, and banana peppers. We are sending to Gilmer and also taking some to Tower Road. Cindy and Ted Minick put in a water hose holder for our hoses and thanks to Jim Bunnelle we have enough hose to reach the entire garden. Thanks to all who continue to help in the garden. Remember, if you like to play in the dirt, give Sharon a call and she will put you to work!



Follow our progress by viewing our photo gallery online. [Click here to view the photos.](#)

LET'S CAN HUNGER—WE FILLED OUR CART IN JUNE FOR GILMER—NOW LET'S FILL OUR CART FOR FANNIN IN JULY

The Outreach Ministries of the church is collecting meat in a can such as Chef-Boyardee Ravioli, can spam, can salmon, can tuna, Beanie Weenies, etc. This food drive goes all summer so start collecting your cans and bring them to Church. Let's fill our grocery cart.



Outreach Council Report

The Garden for Others continues to produce many vegetables for the Fannin and Gilmer Food Pantries. Thanks to all those who have worked so hard to raise this food. Sharon sends out requests for workers most weeks. If you are interested in volunteering, please call Sharon or just show up and work in the garden.

Thank you so much for the generous giving for the Widows Houses. The board of Life for Children Ministry and Michael are very appreciative. Our next Kenyan project is to raise money for a well to provide clean drinking water. The cost will be \$10,000 which will be matched to a \$5000 grant. We will begin our fundraising efforts with a Musicfest and hot dog lunch on Saturday, July 30. The lunch will begin at 12:30 with the music beginning at 1. We have lined up several groups from our church and are working on others from the community. After the music is done, we will have an ice cream sundae social. Donations will be accepted and given to the well project. Please mark your calendars and join us for food, music and ice cream!



Looking forward to seeing everyone on July 30th.

Jane Carwell



Cherry Log Church Picnic along the beautiful Coosawatte River at The ETC Pavilion

August 6, 2016 - 9 AM to 3 PM

There is a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall on the table by the serving window.

Write your name and the number of guests you will be bringing.

This is just to give us an idea of about how many to plan for.

There is also a sign up sheet for help.

This is a covered dish carry in. We also need drinks.

Since the play last year was a hit, we would like for someone to coordinate some kind of entertainment.

Please get with Tim Anderson so he can help answer any questions you might have.

Looking forward to sharing with the Cherry Log family

Voices OF CHERRY LOG

Our Family is a circle of strength; founded on Faith, Joined in Love Kept by God, Together forever.

- unknown



Betsy Sheppard

Betsy was born in North Georgia and spent most of her younger years living in different parts of the state of Georgia. One town she lived in when she was a child was Statesboro. After high school Betsy knew she wanted to return to Statesboro and attend Georgia Southern University. Betsy earned a degree in Communications/Public Relations. She started her first company at age 26 and has had a thriving career for the many years servicing those companies who specialize in the housing industry. Kerrie and Betsy work together in Gilbert & Sheppard and several years ago moved up to north GA and have never looked back. They were introduced to CLCC by Judy Hardy. Betsy said that Cherry Log is about love and compassion. Betsy is involved in several activities at the church such as Legacy Partners, Art Guild, and Communications and she is actively involved in many non-profit organizations in Gilmer county.



Cindy Avens

Born in Schenectady, NY and moved to Ormand Beach, FL when she was about 10 years old. Cindy graduated from the University of Florida in Psychology and went on to get a Masters in Counseling and Psychology. She worked for many years at Daytona Beach Community College where she met Dick Zelley, who taught Humanities, music and world religions at the same college. They spent many summers in north Georgia on property that Dick had purchased in 1979. In 2007, they moved up to this area full-time. They were introduced to Cherry Log through Tom Mitchell and Cindy said that when they walked in the doors, they felt a spirit that she had only experienced in large cathedrals. They found a spiritual community in Cherry Log and love the people. Cindy and Dick are involved in the Labyrinth Keepers, the CLCC Consort, Centering Prayer, and other activities around the church.

Bob Matthews

Born and raised, Hartford CT; BSc Finance and Insurance; married Emily after college; 3 daughters, 5 grandchildren; career with GE (financial planning/management); Portland OR, 6 yrs; Schenectady, NY, 7 years; Atlanta (GE Capital) 23 years; retired and formed Paladin Associates consultancy, 15 yrs. and current.

Primary interest is work, but enjoys woodworking: built vacation home in Maine; cabin on Cherry Log Mountain 15+ years ago; permanent home 2006; ask about 2 daughters and clarinets

CLCC: attended pavilion and church on hill occasionally; after permanent move, tried several churches; people made them feel at home and for the first time "...provided a vehicle for involvement.."; currently chair of Finance and Deacon



Cheri Thompson

Born Sweetwater, raised Greenville, TN; BA elementary education, East Tennessee State U; married Bill 1966; MEd Education Specialist, Georgia Southern; followed preacher-husband and always involved in church work and taught school (33 years) wherever they lived, ending in Valdosta 16 years; "Teaching is very rewarding."; one son, one daughter; 7 grandchildren



Genealogy hobby resulted in a book; enjoys travels: Hawaii, New Zealand, Peru, Baltic, Alaska, Danube, Netherlands, Belgium...and counting..

Connected with CLCC through Fred Craddock, Wyndhams, Morfords, Dosters and Clarkes; "...so many friends here and so much involvement...library, youth books project; clothes closet, choir, strategic planning..."; "My faith has always been my guiding star."

CHERRY LOG WOMEN IN RETREAT!

We will not retreat very far before we start forward again! At Toccoa, Georgia, in these North Georgia mountains, Disciples women from across Georgia will retreat on September 23-25, to "Come and Seek Wholeness in a Broken World." Since each of us who is a part of Cherry Log, the invitation is for us all!

Our retreat leader will be Rev. Khalia J. Williams, a Disciples minister who was recently appointed Assistant Dean of Worship and Music at Candler School of Theology of Emory University.

A young mother and liturgical artist, she is a candidate for Ph.D. in Liturgical Studies from the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, CA, focusing on worship, theology, and dance performance. Rev. Williams is a professionally trained classical and modern dancer who answered her call to the ministry of worship and the arts at age 9. Khalia has a passion for empowering women and seeking justice for marginalized communities. We anticipate a time of creative worship, rich exploration of the issues confronting our lives, and a weekend full of fun and fellowship with sisters in Christ.



Eight Cherry Log women attended last year. A "first-timer," Becky Vallely, writes: "As a fairly new member of CLCC I was invited to the retreat of 2015 and can only say that my heart overflowed with the spirit of love and compassion just being in the presence of all the wonderful women and speakers. If you have the need to feel this spirit of love and to strengthen your own love for Christ, please join us at this year's retreat."

Watch for word in the August Cherrylogue on when and how to register. Meanwhile, can you put this on your calendar and "retreat" with your sisters on September 23-15.

Happy Birthday

July 2	Ashley Weaver	July 13	Bert Lent
July 3	Janet Elder		Amado Grabiell
	Jane Murray		Wendy Cox
July 4	Michael Brunson	July 19	Tambra Logan
	Glenda McCumbee	July 20	Jean Rose
July 5	Russell Gremillion	July 24	George Barrett
July 6	Betsy Sheppard	July 25	Tom Mitchell
	Tab Bomhard	July 29	Nancy Midkiff
July 11	Ray Moore		
July 12	Robin Norsworthy		



July 1	Cheer and Mary Beth Shepard
July 6	Mike and Cathy Smith
July 8	Charles and Becky Walls
July 8	Ashley and Dale Weaver
July 19	Ed and Ellen Grant
July 22	Bob and Leslie Lewis
July 28	Tony and Susan Carruth
July 28	Lucie and Frazier Coffie
July 28	Kristi and Julie Johnson



CHURCH PICNIC
August 6, 2016
3rd ANNUAL

CHURCH YARD SALE
October 1, 2016

OUR CHURCH'S FINANCIAL HEALTH

May Treasurer's Report

General Operating:

Contributions: \$41,296.64
 Expenses: \$36,824.48



Year to Date Contributions: \$179,687.09
 Year to date Expenses: \$187,378.77
In the RED: \$7,691.68

ATTENDANCE

	C. E. 8:25	10:55 Worship
June 5	60	119
June 12	53	151
June 19	45	98
June 26		229

CELEBRATION FUND

The following donations were made this past month:

In Memory of:	In honor of:
Chris Livingston	David and Jane Griffin
Lindsey Norsworth	

* Total amount deposited into Celebration Fund \$370.00

THANK YOU!

Thanks to everyone who helped weed the church property in June. The grounds look wonderful!

The Property Committee

