

# Voices OF CHERRY LOG

In this monthly space, get to know folks whose faces you've seen, but whose paths you haven't crossed. In so doing, we expand the links and strengthen ties to our CLCC family.



## Mike Smith

Born in Detroit, raised in Pittsburg (calls it 'home'), met Cathy in 6th grade square dance class, married much later in Florida. Researched the area entire summer and settled near Ellijay.

Education and Career: graduated in Education History at Stetson U in Florida. [Ask about baby-sitting a boa constrictor]. Taught social studies 20 years then 14 in administration in Orange County. Currently does "full-time" substitute teaching in Gilmer Co. Mike loves to teach.

Hobbies: Music is a passion: singing, playing ukulele and guitar and listening; photography; deep-sea fishing; 6 grandchildren.

CLCC: Found a good home here and in the choir. Began Celebrate Early to support the music and ENJOY it! "We easily developed a new community in this congregation.



## Lynn Starr

Born, raised and educated around Atlanta, and flew for Delta for 30 years. She and Sam kept one foot in the mountains for many years and eventually they built (literally) their home on Lake Blue Ridge.

Hobby: Stained glass

Passion: flat-coated retrievers, especially Quincy: breeding, training and showing—all champions with English origins. No longer breeds them, but trains for obedience, agility, personality and still shows Quincy, her remaining retriever. Shows and trains for other owners. Currently co-teaches training classes at Occoee. There may be a companion for Quincy in the future. Much more, but ask Lynn for the story.

Church: "The people [CLCC] have been my rock."



## Janet Tripp

Born, raised, educated in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Pierce Business School: Married and moved south to Lilburn in 1973. Settled in the mountains 2005.

Career: 32 years as church secretary

Hobbies: SPORTS: played basketball; currently, water aerobics, hiking. Three granddaughters; reads biographies, mysteries; cross-stitching; volunteers in CLCC office;

My Church: "When I entered this church 8 years ago I felt the presence of God... thru the love and support of each other as we pursue God's will in our church, community and the world... thru the Word shared by Pastor, Dr. Craddock, retired pastors and others... thru the small groups, the music (at the core of my existence)... thanks be to God for EACH of my church family!"

## Phillip Slemons

Born in Oakland, CA in a Navy family, then to Japan, Newport, RI, Conrad, SC, Jonesboro, GA.

Education and Profession: Civil Engineer graduate of Georgia Tech. Gave below ground support for construction of Marta and worked similar projects throughout the US. Founded his own foundation work company in GA in 1990. Moved to the mountains three years ago.

Hobbies: Being "Uncle Phil" to niece and nephews. Working on his "hot rods"—a 1931 Austin Phantom and a 1934 English Ford.

CLCC: "I was attracted to this church because it had more 'outside the church' work [ministry] than any church I've ever been in." Choir was "a great small group" to join.

