

# CHERRYLOGUE

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DR. PAUL PRYOR  
INTERIM SENIOR  
MINISTER

DR. ROBIN  
NORSWORTHY,  
INTERIM ASSOC.  
MINISTER

MARK YOUR  
CALENDAR

**Celebrate**

**Robin**

**January 8**

**12:30 PM**

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## Thank you Robin!

### Epiphany, January 8, 2017

### Celebrating Robin!

Join us after the second worship service (January 8<sup>th</sup> around 12:30 PM) for a celebration and thank you for Robin Norsworthy's service to our church. Central Christian Church in Fairmont, West Virginia will welcome their new minister Rev. Dr. Robin Norsworthy on January 22, 2017.

We will have soup and sandwiches.



## From Pastor Paul

No it really wasn't a joke! I really did find someone who is willing to put up with me. For those of you who were not here last Sunday (Jan. 1) I announced that Tibbey Parker and I were married over the Christmas break. We went to Las Vegas and were married in the Graceland Wedding Chapel complete with an Elvis impersonator. It was so much fun! And to top it off two of my daughters and a granddaughter flew out to surprise us and share in the moment. For those of you who were here Sunday, thank you for your warm reception to our news. Tibbey and I look forward to being here in Cherry Log as we continue through the process of transition.



Speaking of transitions, the Steering Committee has been hard at work and thus far we've been able to get a pretty accurate picture of the current situation of the church and have identified a number of skills and characteristics we believe will be helpful for the search committee when they begin looking for the next settled pastor. The Steering Committee is not quite ready to make a full report, but it will be coming shortly. As we continue now we are looking at process for gaining insights from the whole congregation and will be announcing that in the near future as well. Please continue your prayers for the Steering Committee, the church, and for God's guidance in this process.

See you in church,

Pastor Paul

## Volunteer Opportunities:

Soon we will be scheduling volunteers to be the liturgist, give the offertory, greet, serve communion, prepare communion, sit in the Narthex during the service, man the soundboard and work in the Sunday School area for February through April. If you are new to our church and would like to start volunteering this is your opportunity. If you used to volunteer but have been sitting out for a while, this is your chance to start volunteering again. We need all the volunteers we can get and would love to add your name to the list.



If you would like to serve in one of the areas above please let Jane Murray know by January 10th. You can reach her by calling 706-455-9192 or emailing [janemurray1944@yahoo.com](mailto:janemurray1944@yahoo.com).

## Dear Friends,

Happy new year to each of you!

I want to take a brief moment to inform you that Randy Wilbur has offered his resignation as our Director of Music.

As you may know, Randy has been on a short term work agreement to help us work through the transitional period we have experienced as David retired and Paul came as our interim. While we had hoped his service would continue until a new pastor was selected, Randy was steadfast in his commitment to lead our music ministry through the end of this year.

Randy has raised our music ministry to an all-time high. The energy he has brought to our worship has been a real blessing. I have heard from several choir members that Randy helped them realize hidden talent which they never knew existed. He expresses his sincere gratitude for the many blessings he has received while with us. Randy plans to pursue other opportunities and life experiences which lie before him.

Randy will work through the month of January which will allow us some time to select a new leader. Mac McRoberts and our music committee will be conducting a search for Randy's replacement along with at least one representative from the personnel committee.

Please let Randy know how much his leadership has been appreciated.



Dan Pile

Chairman, Personnel Committee



## THANK YOU!

A sincere and comprehensive "thank you" to all of you who helped plan, prepare, and implement all the wonderful programs, events, and worship services of this past Advent and Christmas Season. We would not have had such a joyous season without the help of all who decorated (and de-decorated), prepared food, planned special feasts and celebrations, and gave so very generously of your time and energy. Continue to celebrate this season of Epiphany with eagerness and thanksgiving, as we look ahead to Lent and Easter. Peace.

The Worship Committee

## OUTREACH MINISTRIES

### Chris' Comfort and Joy Group

The prayer shawl group has named the group in Chris Livingston's memory "Chris' Comfort and Joy Group". We will always remember her and her joy and dedication to others. The prayer shawl group makes lap robes and prayer shawls for those who need comfort for illness, surgery, loneliness or any other reason. They are also given as gifts from us for other reasons. We also provide Joy to children with hats. We welcome all who know how to knit or crochet or who would like to learn. We do this to the Glory of God.



### NEW FOOD DRIVE STORAGE BINS

**Thank you Ted Minick** for building Cherry Log Christian Church new storage bins for our food collections. These new storage bins are designed to hold the cardboard milk cartons and make it easier for us to deliver our food to the food pantries. **What a gift!**

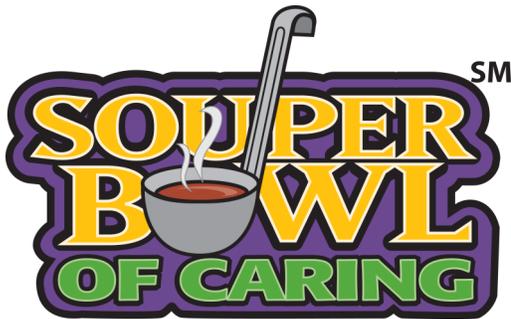


## THANK YOU CONGREGATION!



### REVERSE ADVENT FOOD BOX

Cherry Log Christian Church collected over **60 boxes** of food that we divided between both the Fannin and Gilmer Food Banks.



### Souper Bowl Sunday is February

**5th**—Donate money to help local food banks. Also, we are collecting 1200 cans of Chunky soup again this year before the end of February to give to both Gilmer and Fannin Food Banks. Help us with our GOAL!

### THE BeNUTS ARE HERE FOR THE WINTER DAYS AHEAD!!!

BeNuts are at it again! We have ordered more peanuts so we will have plenty ready - packaged and wrapped for those Super Bowl Get Togethers and of course Valentine's Day. Are you nuts for your Valentine? Get your orders in today. Remember that gift wrapping is available. Also like us on Facebook.

Julie Pugh and the entire CLCC BeNut team

***Remember - BeGiving and we will BeGrateful!!!***



# Voices OF CHERRY LOG

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

- unknown



## Carolyn Lakes

Grew up in Northern Indiana. Graduated from Univ of Cincinnati – Elementary Education/ Early Childhood Special Education. Before retirement, worked as Developmental Therapist/ Early Intervention Specialist with children with special needs. Last 10 years worked as a member of an eligibility determination team. Caroline has 1 daughter and 1 son and is blessed with 5 wonderful grandchildren (Nothing like sitting around a warm fire, overlooking the mountains roasting marshmallows). Met David on first day of summer classes in college and married a year later, June 1, 1968. Interests include hiking and this past year becoming a CASA volunteer, working with foster children and the court system . CLCC: Visited several churches before finding CLCC. Their first Sunday, felt they had found their new church home. Loves inspiring messages from the pulpit, beautiful music, knowledge gained in Sunday school classes, and amazing people they have gotten to know and love.

## Ben Encinias

Born and raised in Prince George County just outside of Washington, DC. Oldest of 6 kids. Ben was baptized Catholic, confirmed Presbyterian, and Ordained as a deacon in the Methodist church. In the Air Force for 10 years and went to Vietnam. After Air Force attended many colleges and universities – loves learning.. Has a degrees in Educational Psychology, Guidance Counseling, and Christian Education. Helped start the first Head Start program in Washington, DC. Worked for many years in schools in Florida as a counselor. Ben has one son, Benito, who is married with 3 children. Met Mary at a Play Therapy Workshop. In later years, Ben studied with the Jesuits to become a Spiritual Director. Teaches Yin Yoga in Blairsville and is getting involved with Puppetry for the Gilmer Arts Association. Loves to create.



## Emmie Lee

A genuine Georgia Peach, (great, great, grandfather delivered mail on horseback in Fannin County); born raised educated (Clayton University, business related degree), and lived in Atlanta area; work career began with several years with the IRS, followed by Lassiter Properties beginning 1982 and still working; met and married Johnnie through church music connection; one daughter, one granddaughter and another on the way. Avid reader of everything, especially mysteries; enjoys travel, music (played clarinet in band); loves their cabin on a creek CLCC: from Decatur Disciples church so knew of CLCC: “..it’s a passionate, hardworking [church]..just love it, especially the Sunday School; the warmth, friendliness, community outreach, music...”



## Mary Encinias

Born and raised in small town Elyria, OH, west of Cleveland. Youngest of 6 kids. Raised Catholic. Born with genetic disorder called “osteogenesis imperfecta” or more commonly called Brittle Bones. Has had many broken bones over the years. Mary graduated from Kent State in the early 70’s and was very much into “social justice.” Involved in the Catholic worker movement and was a missionary in Mexico, Charlotte, NC and Pensacola, FL. She received a degree in Counseling and worked in child welfare and in the schools in Pensacola, FL with students with mental health disorders. Met Ben at a Play Therapy Workshop. Mary co-parented Ben’s son Benito and now shares 3 grandchildren. Moved to Georgia and bought a cabin in 2012. Found CLCC through the labyrinth and recommendations of several members. Mary loves writing and participating in Blue Ridge community theater. Mary enjoys Centering Prayer Group.





- Jan 2 Jim Stanley  
Wanda Neal
- Jan 4 Emily Matthews  
Nancy Blackadar
- Jan 6 Nancy Brewer  
John Garceau
- Jan 7 Sue Moore
- Jan 10 Lynn Barrett
- Jan 12 Pam Young
- Jan 13 Diane Coleman
- Jan 14 Jeffrey Vaughn
- Jan 16 Donna Lehr
- Jan 21 Kenny Neal
- Jan 23 Milly Hastings
- Jan 24 Sandy McCann
- Jan 25 Zachary Kincer
- Jan 26 Bette Jensen  
Harriet Berman
- Jan 29 Ham Kimzey



- Jan 18 Steve Stevens and Milly Hastings
- Jan 26 Don and Feenie Midkiff



## November Treasurer's Report

### General Operating:

Contributions: \$34,478.29

Expenses: \$39,448.03

Year to Date Contributions: \$395,655.57

Year to date Expenses: \$414,437.59

## ATTENDANCE

	C. E. 8:25	10:55 Worship
Dec 4	28	119
Dec 11	42	130
Dec 18	42	113
Dec 25		93

## CELEBRATION FUND

The following donations were made this past month:

In Memory of:

Dot Brunson



## Souper Bowl of Caring

The whole month of February. Help us meet our goal of 1200 cans of chunky soup.