



CERRYLOGUE



News from Cherry Log Christian Church

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Rev. Adam J. Bradley, Pastor

Harry Gilbert, Music Director

Easter Services

April 1, 2018 Easter Sunday, the Celebration of the Resurrection. Join us at 8:25 a.m. or 10:55 a.m. for worship.

2018 Easter Special Offering



The grace of God is overflowing in the gift we have in Jesus the Christ. God walked among us in the person of Jesus and God continues to give us treasures unbounded through the Holy Spirit. Our response to this great generosity of God is overflowing compassion, joy, faith, gratitude, and love.

Supporting the General Ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), by giving to the Easter Offering, is one of the many ways you share your response to God's generosity. The work of these ministries overflows "from our doorsteps to the ends of the earth."

Your gift to the Easter Offering helps bring life, love and learning through the general ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Ministries that receive funding from the Easter Offering include: the Center for Faith and Giving, Central Pastoral Office for Hispanic Ministries, Communication Ministries, Council on Christian Unity, Disciples Church Extension Fund / Hope Partnership for Missional Transformation, Disciples of Christ Historical Society, Disciples Home Missions, Disciples Women, Division of Overseas Ministries/Global Ministries, Higher Education and Leadership Ministries, National Benevolent Association, National Convocation, North American Pacific/Asian Disciples, and Treasury Services.

Vacation Bible School

CLCC Vacation Bible School will be held each Sunday in June 9:45am-12:00. Ages K-5th grade. The Theme-Finding God's Peace. What did Jesus say about peace? Who were the peacemakers in the Bible? What is God's Peace like? How can we make peace?

Vacation Bible School Volunteers NEEDED for everything from set up, arts and crafts, games and activities, Music, Story Telling/Lessons/Puppetry, and Drama. Plus, a "WISH LIST" of items like 24 oz or small clear glass or plastic containers with tops for a Sand Art Craft (VBS box in Fellowship Hall).

Please checkout the VBS Wish List and sign up sheet on the poster by Fellowship Hall.

Feel free to call VBS Director, Georgia Meyers 407-948-3025 Email: georgia1267@hotmail.com or Co-Director, Nancy Zimmerman 678-907-5707 Email: nzimm4@gmail.com

Legacy Partners Foundation



A contribution in honor of Bob Clarke's 92nd birthday has been received and forwarded to the Christian Church Foundation for our Legacy Partners Foundation account supporting future CLCC ministries. Our current total of gifts and unrealized gain/loss is \$27,161.50. CLCC will begin receiving annual distributions when our account reaches \$50,000.

Seekers Sunday School Class

Seekers class is embarking on a new study in April. We have at our table, a scholar of Julian of Norwich, the 14th century Christian mystic. Roberta Bondi frequently travels around the country speaking about Julian. It is for her a favorite topic on which she is a recognized authority.

We will be using a recently published translation by Mirabal Starr. It will be a new venture for this class to dive into a primary source, and we do so with a bit of trepidation, especially since that source is from the 14th century. However, we think we have a good guide and that now is the time.

We welcome others to join us. The book is *The Showings of Julian of Norwich: a New Translation* by Mirabal Starr.

Disciples Women

When Disciples Women meet at 10:30 on Saturday, April 21, the program will provide an answer to a recently raised question, "Do Disciples Have Missionaries?" All are invited. They look forward to hearing from Pastor Adam in May on Why I am a Disciple."

Several CLCC women recently attended "A Day of Blessing " retreat at the Regional Camp Christian near Gordon and shared in the service project of assembling hygiene kits for homeless shelters.



A Moment With Our Pastor...

Creation and it's wonder

Greetings Church!

We begin April in the throws of glorious celebration. It's NOT SO COLD!!!! Amen, Amen, Amen. And, of course, that Easter has finally come. Long was the lenten road, hard was the journey to the cross. And because we have been walking in the valley of the shadow of death, we now rejoice in the wonder of resurrection!! I look all around and the season of spring has sprung! That is how Ethan put it, actually. Quite appropriate indeed.

Our monthly worship theme in April shifts away from March's charged words of *Passion*, and refocuses, through Easter blessings, on a new life and the hopefulness of forever. We will explore the theme of "Creation: Made in the image of..." throughout this month. It seems appropriate, as we are remembering the resurrection event again, to ask our deepest questions about who and *whose* we are - created in God's own image. Death does not mean what it once did, remember friends. For as Christians we must remind one another that we live in a post-resurrection time. Christ rose.

So I look forward to asking some important questions this month, such as:

What does it mean to be created in the image of God? (Genesis 1:27)

What does it mean to be charged as stewards of God's own Creation? (Genesis 2:15)

How much of God is in nature and how much of nature is in God? (Job 12:7-10)

What does Jesus mean when he teaches us to pray, 'On Earth as it is in Heaven'? (Matt 6:10)

One way we will celebrate God's own *creation* this month is at the Garden for Others Festival on April 28th, from 2p-4p. We're getting dirty for Jesus, y'all! This event has invited community partners who are also concerned with addressing local food insecurity. The festival will include games and entertainment (including me in a dunk tank), with the intention to create some excitement around gardening and service for the children who will be in attendance (we expect a good number). I hope the members/partners of CLCC will make it a point to come out April 29th and celebrate our own *Garden for Others*.

I also wanted to share what a pleasure it was last Sunday to attend a reception for new members and newly-frequenting visitors, hosted by the Membership Committee. There were about six new families represented in the room. We sat and shared some of our stories with one another. Ate some cheese cubes. And we shared some of our hearts too. These are folks that have found what the rest of us have found in this sacred place - the Holy Spirit, and a people who are lead by the grace of God. So be aware that we are growing friends!! Maybe some of your friends have been coming, thanks for inviting them. Maybe your new best friend just walked in the door of the sanctuary to check out what is happening at Cherry Log Christian Church. Rejoice!! Hallelujah!! This is the day the Lord has *made*, let us rejoice and be glad in it!!

I would encourage you to focus this month on remembering how it is that God welcomes you into this life. Spend time reminding yourself what it means *to you* to be created by a living God - a God that inspires and reveals and invigorates your passions. And in that remembering, try to extend the same creative welcome to those new faces that have and will appear in our church in the coming months and years. Growth is a conscious choice. A choice to step into the welcome which the gospel provides. We extend an open invitation at our table each week, because we know that we have been invited by Christ with the same openness and mercy. Let us be a church that celebrates our growth with Easter-like joy and gracious thanksgiving. Let us learn to make room for everyone. For we are created in the image of God...and so, we are Holy.

Blessings in Christ, Pastor Adam

February Revenue of \$37,819 was \$121 less than expenses of \$37,940. As a fan of horseshoes, I'll count this close enough to call it breakeven. Revenue for January and February have both exceeded revenue for the same months last year. Keep in mind that some people give annual, semi-annual and quarterly lump sums. This typically inflates first quarter giving. Even with the caveat this is an encouraging start for 2018.

An email was sent March 28 reporting that the meeting with Rick Reisinger, Board of Church Extension went very well. If you missed that email, it said, "Our mortgage negotiating team (Caroline Carder, Ted Minick, Bill Groce, Malinda Geers and Adam Bradley) met with Rick Reisinger, Board of Church Extension Tuesday, March 27. I am happy to report that we consider the meeting to be very successful. Rick continues to exhibit a good understanding of our church and continued willingness to do everything possible to help us achieve our potential.

Rick will be promptly moving forward with required approvals within Church in Church Extension. Rick will soon be sending us the detailed numbers, but the concept discussed is intended to put in place a long term mortgage (one that will not have to be renegotiated every three years) with a payment structure within our current means. We are expecting to complete this process by the end of June or earlier. We will, of course, provide you with periodic updates of our progress. The negotiating team felt very good about the meeting and believes we are on track to put our mortgage on a sound trajectory."

Green Chalice News

Many people are now trying to live as stewards of the earth. We at Cherry Log wash dishes instead of sending countless paper and plastic plates and cups to the landfill. We recycle. We minimize our power usage. No doubt we are also responsible stewards at home as well. Recycling has become a part of our practice, and I see more people at the grocery stores bringing their cloth bags to avoid plastic.

Another way to think about responsible stewardship is to think about our point of purchase decisions. Are you a recreational or therapeutic shopper? Do you overbuy because of the ease of online purchasing? Are you guilty of over-gifting grandchildren with stuff?

If we can begin to shift our focus about buying more stuff to the value of those purchases and their impact on others and on the planet, then decision-making at point of purchase actually becomes a spiritual discipline.

- Is this something I really need or want?
- What is it's lifespan? A momentary need, a fleeting desire, or something of long-lasting value?
- What is it's real cost in terms of health and well-being of others?
- What will happen to it when I no longer need or want it, or when the gift receiver discards it?

We might also move toward giving gifts of time and experiences rather than material objects. Some people are gaining considerable satisfaction from creative ways of giving gifts to benefit people in need rather than people who already have so much. Children can be included in decisions about giving to others and grow in compassion as they make these decisions.

What are the benefits of having less stuff? Let's all think about it.



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Voices OF CHERRY LOG

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

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Pam Colvin

“Product of Atlanta”; from Georgia Southern earned EdD (doctor of education) with emphasis in Educational Leadership; taught K-5 then most work as principal; honored as one of top 10 principals in GA; currently employed by Kennesaw State, both on line and on site, instructing in Education Leadership mentoring 10 graduate students; married to Tom 40 years; 2 sons, “2 wonderful daughters-in-law” and 3 grandchildren

Enjoys her work, reading, outdoor activities, walking, spending time with family and friends

Grateful to the McCanns for bringing them to CLCC and about the church, “Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place!”

Tom Colvin

Born and raised in Brunswick, GA; ROTC graduate of UGA with degree in Public Relations then commissioned to Air Force; after birth of 2 sons, chose civilian career rather than raise sons in military, beginning at St. Simon’s; brief tenure at Epworth-by-the-Sea then sales manager to the military with SeaPak Seafood Company until retirement; always drawn to mountains which led to Ellijay (via Canton).

Enjoys gardening of all kinds, photography, big-time cook (bar-b-q) and is a “fellowship golfer”

Sandy & Charlie McCann [multiple connections with them] brought them to CLCC, “I can’t describe the ‘feel’ we experienced when we walked in the church the FIRST time.”



Wendy Carwell

Wendy was born and raised in LaGrange and married David 14 years ago. Two sons, Joshua and Jacob are separated by 8 ½ years. She worked in medical records for 13 years before moving to Ellijay and is currently pursuing a career in surgical technology at Chattahoochee Tech, both on location and on-line.

Wendy chuckled when asked about hobbies, so watching movies and travel are on her bucket list.

Mother-in-law, Jane brought them to CLCC, “and I couldn’t make it without Jane”. As Kitchen committee chair she enjoys being with the people who work with her, and “[CLCC] doesn’t care who you are, background, religion, etc.”



David Carwell

David was born, raised and educated in LaGrange, GA. He met Wendy at a Christmas party and married April, 2005. They have two boys, Joshua and Jacob. He has pursued a career in retail and owns a moving company plus an on-line furniture company. They moved to Ellijay from LaGrange two years ago and Mom, Jane Carwell, is responsible for bringing them to CLCC.

“Extracurricular” activities include little league baseball coach, assistant scout master, assists Joshua’s wrestling team, drives church bus when needed with plans to teach/train bus drivers at church. Commenting on CLCC, “this church won’t turn it’s back on anybody.”



Youth Book Sale



The Youth Book Sale has been the recipient of books from the libraries of two well-read members as they downsize for moving. Barbara Ferrer has donated a number of books by writers like Borg, Crossan, Chopra and Lamott. Most of those are now on the book sale shelf. Larry Weiss was a collector of books on a wide range of spiritual topics and also on writing. He donated some ten boxes of books which have been sorted and either given to the church library or stored for gradual inclusion in the youth book sale.

If you are a lover of books, this is a great opportunity to acquire some wonderful ones. It would be worth your time to check the shelves every week as old books are cycled out and some of this new trove is brought out.

All books on the youth book sale shelves are \$1, self serve.

An English Tea

An English Tea Party is planned in honor of Craddock Center founder, board member and friend, Mrs. Nettie Craddock. The tea party for Mrs. Craddock will be held Saturday, May 5, 2018 from 11:00 am until 1:00 pm at The Craddock Center, 186 Fred Craddock Drive, Cherry Log, Georgia. For more information contact the Craddock Center at 706-632-1772.



Spring Day of Service

Cherry Log Christian Church
Day of Service
Saturday, April 14, 2018
9 AM to Noon



We are so grateful to all those that joined us on March 24th. Due to the weather we worked inside the church. We were able to complete our lighting project, replace worn out door stops, cleaned pews, wash all the windows in the Education wing, and do a general clean-up in the church.

On Saturday, April 14 at 9:00 a.m. we will have a workday to complete our outside projects. Come lend a hand!

Georgia Regional Assembly

168th Regional Assembly
of the
Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Georgia
April 27 - 28, 2018

HOSTED BY:
Central Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Columbus
Keynote Speaker: Rev. Terri Hord Owens
For more information or to register go to:
<http://www.gadisciples.org/news/RegAssm/RegAssembly.asp>

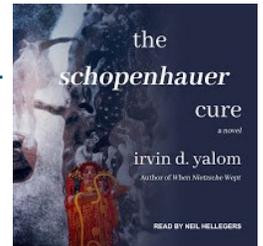
"Getting Back on
the Main Road"

Acts 2:1-4

Faith in Fiction

Faith in Fiction book discussion group meets monthly on the second Friday at 11:00 am. Each month we focus on a book selected by the group for its literary merit and its interest for discussion. We choose books that speak of human values and the human condition. Our name, Faith in Fiction, reflects faith that good fiction expands our knowledge of the world and our understanding and compassion for people other than ourselves.

The April selection is *The Schopenhauer Cure* by Irvin Yalom. It features a psychiatrist who has been given a terminal diagnosis and is reexamining his life work, particularly his failure with a patient who claims to have been cured by the pessimistic teachings of the German philosopher Arthur Schopenhauer. It brings together philosophy, psychiatry and literature in a story of the human search for meaning. Yalom himself is professor emeritus of psychiatry at Stanford University.



The book club is a diverse group of readers who have in common a love of good books. About half of us are members of CLCC, and others are of different faith backgrounds, different education and professional backgrounds, and different life experiences. We value diversity of opinion and welcome anyone who has read the book to join us.

Cherry Log Christian Church, DOC
Garden - 947 Cherry Log Street, Cherry Log

GARDEN FOR OTHERS FESTIVAL
April 29, 2018 - 2 PM to 4 PM

An illustration of five different types of vegetables and their roots. From left to right: a green leafy vegetable with a thick orange root, a purple and green leafy vegetable with a pink root, a green leafy vegetable with a thick orange root, a green leafy vegetable with a pink root, and a green leafy vegetable with a thick white root.

Fun Games Treats Info

**Cherry Log Clothes Closet
Open House**
Sunday, April 15, 2018
12:30 PM - 1:30 PM



Thank You for Your Special Gifts



In February you contributed \$364.00 and over 400 cans of soup to Fannin & Gilmer food pantry's.



On March 24th your generosity gave \$775 to the Local Benevolence Fund and \$1,500 to the Kenya Mission Trip Fund.



- Apr 2 Del Pamplin
- Apr 6 Diane Ridgely
- Apr 7 Jim Bailey
- Apr 11 Bev Cranston
- Apr 14 Bill Groce
- Apr 20 Debbie Coburn
- April 24 Joshua Carwell
- Nancy Williamson
- Apr 28 Chuck Zimmerman



- Apr 3 Don and Nancy Brewer
- Apr 5 Ray and Sue Moore
- Apr 13 Jim and Dee Tingle
- Apr 14 Becky and Stan Vallely
- Apr 15 Roberta and Richard Bondi
- Apr 22 Hal and Ann Doster
- Apr 22 Ron & Kay Zimbrick
- Apr 24 David & Wendy Carwell



February Treasurer's Report

General Operating:

Contributions: \$37,819.00
 Expenses: \$37,940.00

Year to Date Contributions: \$78,954.00
 Year to Date Expenses: \$73,956.00

CELEBRATION FUND

The following donations were made this past month:

In Memory of Jessie Landreth

In Honor of Ted Minick

ATTENDANCE

	8:25 C. E.	10:55 Worship
March 4	51	113
March 11	36	105
March 18	50	132
March 25	44	121

Attention RV Enthusiasts!

Are you aware that Christmount has full hook-up RV sites on their grounds? Did you know that you could stay there free of charge this summer in exchange for volunteer hours? Sound interesting? Find out more at www.christmount.org/work-volunteer or e-mail rvvolunteerinfo@christmount.org.



May 20th Homecoming
 One service 10:00 a.m.

August 4th Church Picnic
 10:00 a.m. ETC Pavilion

October 5th & 6th
 Church Yard Sale