

# Voices OF CHERRY LOG

Do you know the four faces on this page? If not, meet them today, and if so, you may learn something new. Each month our CLCC family ties grow stronger.



## Maureen Hicks

Atlanta born, raised and educated (West Georgia and UGA), and speaks with a soft, crisp and clear voice with no trace of a southern drawl. The reason: 31 years as a teacher and speech therapist. An educator family: husband Daniel, teacher/principal; 2 daughters, committed teachers.

Found mountain property through the internet.

Hobbies: Quilting is sanity saver; avid reader; loves nature walks by Carters Lake; 'Mom' to one "naughty Chihuahua."

Attracted to CLCC's numerous ministries and is active in Tower Road Ministry, Craddock Center, Godly Play. "I felt welcomed, everyone is friendly and I loved the way people treated each other."



## Karen Kennedy

Origins: Born, raised and educated (College of Mount St. Joseph) in Cincinnati, OH. Worked in Consumer Finance and Accounting with GE. Moved to Atlanta in 2005 after 3 months working with Katrina victims. Christian service is her passion. (As a child, Mom 'pegged' her as a preacher).

Hobbies: Piano (play for fun), and reading mysteries/suspense.

Presbyterian as an adult and served as a Stephen Minister and elder. Moved to Cherry Log, searched for a mission oriented church and found CLCC. Karen and Mike prepare 4th Sunday Celebrate Early breakfast. Karen is now an elder. "I lead my life by [being] an example".

Employed by H & R Block and currently preparing intensely for Enrolled Agent exam.

## John Murray

Born in NC; calls Indiana 'home'; US Marine Corp veteran.

Profession: Telecommunications Engineer with 50+ education diplomas; career transitioned into computerized world, much with IBM. After 24 years, married his high school sweetheart, Jane.

Hobbies: trout fishing; wood work—currently with lathe; occasional golf game.

Passion: 12 grandchildren, 8-months to seminary graduate.

CLCC: First visit, Christmas Eve, 2010, "That was it. It's like when you walk in here the church just wraps its arms around you." "Mowing the grass [at CLCC] is my thinking time with God."



## Steve Martin

Origins: Born and raised in Toledo, OH; Graduated from Bowling Green State U in graphic design partnered with psychology (a serious interest).

Moved to Atlanta in 1978 and established his own graphic design business in 1980. Fell for the mountains while riding ATVs on logging roads and trails and moved here in 2000. Mercier's ads, labels, and Blue Ridge Chamber of Commerce are Steve's clients as is most of CLCC's publicity, banners.



Passion: Artist (as in canvas). "Sacred nature informs my ideas [for paintings]." (Check photo background). Maybe a show soon?

CLCC: Friends: " 'you ought to check out this church', and we did." He and Amado "bonded [with the church] instantly and love it."