

Voices OF CHERRY LOG

“A friend is one of the nicest things you can have, and one of the best things you can be.”
~Douglas Pagels



Joyce Dakis

Born, bred Detroit; German & Swiss-Methodist preacher grandfathers; pursued arts degree Ann Arbor; met and married (45 years) Yani (Greek engineer); Mass, NC, GA; 21 years in Doraville; Sociology degree (GA State) at age 53

Lifetime volunteer: tutoring; hospital volunteer program at Grady; literacy action in Atlanta; Trinity Methodist secretary; hospice; Meals-on-wheels; Methodist choir; moved to mountains 1984; lost “my Greek man” Yani 1996; extensive travel because of Swiss/German/Greek origins

“Outdoor family”; hiked/camped the mountains; huge gardens; bridge; 4 daughters, 4 granddaughters, 12 great grands (4 grandSONS)

CLCC: Followed Dr. Craddock and became Charter Associate member; attends Methodist early service/Sunday School then 11:00 CLCC service.



Dick Zelley

Born Germantown, PA; military dad (WA OK CA WA AZ MD); Montclair, NJ; BA Northwestern University, BAMus; Rutgers ABD musicality; U of Central FL/FL Atlantic, DEd; Three Hierarchs Seminary; Orlando, Daytona, FL

Multifaceted career – Music Coordinator, K-12; Seminary Dean; Orlando Junior College Music Chair; Dayton State College, adjunct music; Dayton Community College – birthed Learning Community Movement (google); practicing Orthodox Priest

Hobbies: woodworking; avid reader; jazz piano; drumming (high school dance band!) He and Cindy (27 years) share 4 children, 7 grands, 1 great grand (soon to be 2); love of recorders brought them together

CLCC: “didn’t want a church” until fellow community volunteers brought them here

Ruth West

Born Akron OH, bred Sparta, TN; married math prof at TN Tech (Hoyal-54 years); Berry College (34 years), 3 sons, 1 daughter; BA and Masters in Home Economics, Childhood Development; Director of children’s work and schools in 3 churches.

Retired to Cartersville and found passion for architecture and construction; built 4 homes—Thomas Jefferson house, country French style, salt box and log, then current log home in Coosawattee; would love to build another.

Painter; stained glass artist; stone mason; bridge player; pet lover (Bailey and Moe.)

CLCC: found in local paper; knew of Dr. Craddock and found the accepting church they wanted.



Bert Lent

Born White Plains, NY; bred Baton Rouge; LSU; Navy 4 yrs. (Viet Nam); UWF; environmental science, psychology; Bay Co. Dept. Environmental Protection (18 yrs); Tyndall Air Force Base (environmental work) 11 yrs; as volunteer, helped birth “tree watch” for state of FL; moved to mountains about 2005.

Hobbies: hiking, woodworking, antiques, gardening – “frontiersman, mountain man at heart”; he and ReLeah (married 20 years) share 4 children and 4 grandchildren.

CLCC: varied church background and not looking for one; working as volunteer at Feed Fannin, nudged by colleagues to come and still here.