



CERRYLOGUE



News from Cherry Log Christian Church

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Rev. Adam J. Bradley, Pastor

Harry Gilbert, Interim Music Director

Easter Offering

"I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing." – John 15:5 NRSV



As Disciples, we all benefit from the fruit, the gifts of our general ministries. These fruits are made possible only through the connections and support that grow in collaboration with our regions and congregations. This Easter, let us reflect on the transformative ways that we have been impacted by those ministries, and by the fruits of our shared work.

Our general ministries provide critical resources to Disciples congregations, like stewardship campaign materials, loans and financial services, and space for community building around shared values and traditions.

Our ministries can bear these fruits because of our shared root system. We are rooted in Christ. As one branch of our vine grows, we can share more fruit with more people, from our doorsteps to the ends of the earth.

This Holy Week let us give of our own fruits to tend to the whole. Our ministries grow through your tending, nurturing, and caring. Your gifts to the Easter Offering can transform our shared work.

Holy Week Happenings

April 14: Palm Sunday
8:25 am & 10:55 a.m.

April 18: Maundy Thursday Service
7:00 p.m.

April 19: Good Friday Service
12:00 p.m.

Led by Paul Porter and
Friday Prayers Group, soup
lunch served after
ward.

April 19: Good Friday Open House
4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Sanctuary open, candle
lighting station, prayer and
song every half hour.

April 20: Holy Sat. Labyrinth Walk
1:00 p.m.

April 21: Easter Sunrise Service
7:00 a.m.

On lawn in upper lot, Break
fast will follow.

April 21: Children's Easter Egg Hunt
10:00 a.m.

April 21: Easter Worship Service
10:55 a.m.



A Moment With Our Pastor...

The weather is starting to warm. The Leaves are sprouting across the hardwood canopy. The bugs are awakening, and the daylight is lasting longer now. New *life* is at hand. Resurrection abounds.

We as a congregation are experiencing new life as well. As we are learning to **be** in the ways which keep us on the path Jesus has set in front of us (*BeLove, BeStill, BeGentle, BeGrace*), we are finding that new life keeps growing and thriving and blessing us all - week-in and week-out.

Our missional identity to *BeLove* is resonating in our surrounding communities and neighborhoods. It is catching on through our Online Sanctuary as well. Almost 100 people tune in to our service throughout each week via the Online Sanctuary. In person and digitally, we are welcoming newcomers to worship – praise be to God! The word is being spread more and more widely that CLCC is the place to practice our Christian loving.

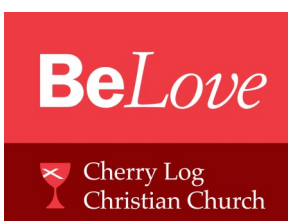
We are living good news. The harvest is plentiful, but as Jesus once told his disciples, the laborers are few. There is certainly too few Christians in this place proclaiming the gospel of God's loving presence as we have experienced it here at CLCC. I thoroughly believe that God's Love abounds, it is just sometimes hard for folks without a community of faith to see. Life is too challenging, too heartbreaking, too painful at times to remember and notice God's presence all around us. That is why the world needs us to bear witness to Christ-by-our-side.

That is why our mission is more than serving the needy, or fundraising for the hungry, or clothing the naked – our mission is fundamentally to help shift the minds and hearts of all we encounter towards a life in love with the ways of Jesus. Our mission is to grow our congregation so to increase the grace and peace that is known in this place through our Christian witness. Often the method of our ministries are acts of service which help us all to better notice the daily miracles of this life, but the primary goal is always to help folks to envision living into better spiritual versions of themselves. This is the calling to *BeLove*.

Our new life is rooted in welcoming in the people of God. We here are stewards of an experience of faith that is life-giving, and restorative, and rejuvenating, and transformational. It isn't something that we can keep only for ourselves. So many people need the kind of church we are. We create space for the Spirit to move in the life of those who call this church home. We are learning together, and serving together, and leading together, and praying with one another – we make each other better. And ***that*** is something the world needs.

As we move into the warmer half of the year, let the Spirit of God in Christ warm up your heart. Let yourself be joyful, be inspired, be the church! Invite your friends, your grocery store clerks, your mail delivery person to come see what Cherry Log CC has to offer. Don't be bashful about letting folks know you have found meaningful worship and fellowship opportunities here – not simply because you might help the church grow, but because that person might really need to be invited by you to this place.

If not us, who? If not now, when? Praise be to God!



From the Moderator...

This will be my last letter as Moderator of Cherry Log Christian Church. I started this Journey four years ago, serving as Vice Moderator under Jerry Johnson. It has been an eventful journey, and the ending is bittersweet.

In my tenure as Moderator we have said goodbye to our Interim Pastor, Rev. Paul Pryor and welcomed our new Pastor, Rev. Adam Bradley. We are live streaming our 10:55 service, we have a new interactive web-based communication system, *Realm*, installed an updated sound system, and implemented a new marketing campaign. We were also able to acquire a mortgage with a payoff date. Also, before my term expires, we will have a Capital Campaign with hopes of paying our debt down even earlier. These things are huge, but they are not what Cherry Log Christian Church is about.

Cherry Log is about what we do. Cherry Log Christian Church answers Jesus' call to be his hands and feet. The Mobile Classroom is on the road. The Clothes Closet is expanding its mission to *deliver* items to those in need, and we are trying to acquire funds to secure an expanded storage/workspace for this ministry. Volunteers are making at least 100 dresses to be distributed by the mission team going to Kenya again this year. The Garden for Others is getting ready for planting to feed our community. I don't have room here to list all the things that continue to happen at CLCC. I don't have room to imagine what will be happening in our future, but I know it's going to be BIG!

So, as I say goodbye to this position, I am sure I will find something else to do. This place and you people will keep me focused on what is good in this world. Together we can do so much more than we can alone.

Thank you for allowing me to serve.

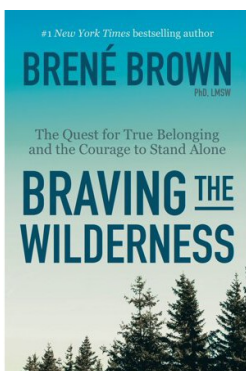
Peace to you, Church!

Caroline Carder

“Christ has no body now but yours. No hands, no feet on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes through which he looks compassion on this world. Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good. Yours are the hands through which he blesses all the world. Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, yours are the eyes, you are his body. Christ has no body now on earth but yours.”

— Teresa of Avila

Seekers Class



On April 7, the Seekers Adult Education class will begin an 8-week study of Brené Brown's book, *Braving the Wilderness: The Quest for True Belonging and the Courage to Stand Alone*.

Each week's discussion will be facilitated by a different member of the class. So grab a copy of the book, or pick up one that will be available in class, and join us each Sunday morning at 9:30 in the Seekers' classroom.

Everyone is welcome!

Capital Campaign - The Path to our Future: Free to Be the Hands and Feet of Christ

Last year, CLCC renegotiated its mortgage with Church Extension, which is a part of the Disciples of Christ denomination. As approved by the CLCC congregation, the renegotiated loan terms for the first time gave CLCC a roadmap to financial freedom. Those loan terms called for CLCC to conduct a capital campaign during the spring-summer of 2019. Early this year, a committee was formed to begin that process. The Core Leadership Team for the Capital Campaign is composed of:

Chairman: Ted Minick

Chair, Spiritual Committee: Rev. Phil Miller

Chair, Communication committee: Rev. Adam Bradley

Chair, Faithful Donor Committee: Bill Groce

Chair, Events Committee: Beth Roberts

Chair, Follow-up Committee: Caroline Carder

Administrator: Pam Colvin

The Chairpersons of the respective committees have and will be enlisting the participation of others within the congregation to assist in carrying out the campaign. With the consultation of Church Extension (which has considerable experience in conducting capital campaigns), we have done significant planning and preparatory work. The campaign will kick off on Sunday, May 12 (Mother's Day) and will culminate with Pledge Sunday, June 16 (Father's Day). More details will be forthcoming as we roll out the campaign.

All of the net proceeds of this campaign (there will be some out of pocket costs attributable to the campaign) will be applied to the PRINCIPAL of the mortgage and a new, lower payment schedule and more favorable payoff date will be set. This campaign thereby presents CLCC with the opportunity to secure its future financial freedom, enabling us to concentrate upon and expand our core missions. Indeed, the slogan for the campaign is: FREE TO BE THE HANDS AND FEET OF CHRIST.

Our goal is to raise \$400,000, payable over three years, so the potential positive impact on CLCC's future is readily apparent. This congregation consistently steps forward to support our missions. The Capital Campaign represents a real opportunity to do so in a way that puts CLCC on the path to even greater outreach. We have every confidence that the congregation will rise to this occasion.

Ted Minick

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United Community Bank

THE SECOND ANNUAL FRED B. CRADDOCK CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT
Friday, May 03, 2019
8:00 a.m. Registration / 9:00 a.m. Shotgun Start

WHITEPATH GOLF CLUB
1156 Shenandoa Drive
Ellijay, Georgia 30540

Proceeds to Benefit
The Craddock Center

Cash Prizes—Closest to the Pin—1 Mulligan
Tournament Format—two person scramble.
\$75.00 per player.

To register or for further information visit our website at:
www.craddockcenter.org or call: 706-632-1772
Whitepath Golf Club : 706-276-3080

Legacy Partners

In the last issue of the *CherryLogue*, the Legacy Partners advised of a policy change to clarify that end of life gifts could either be directed to the permanent Legacy Fund or go directly to Cherry Log Christian Church with a designation to be used for a particular purpose, like mortgage reduction. That article also include the first four of 15 frequently asked questions (FAQs) about the Legacy Partner Program. Copies of the revised policy and FAQs have been available in the Narthex and will continue to be available this month.



For this issue we are publishing FAQs #5-8 which provides general information about the Legacy program and Legacy Fund:

How are Legacy Partners recognized?

The church maintains a list of Legacy donors in the Church Library/Conference Room. Each Partner also receives a Legacy Partner Pin. Partners are urged to display their pin as a way to encourage others to participate. Periodically, Legacy Partners are invited to a lunch or dinner to show appreciation and receive helpful planning information.

How many Legacy Partners are there?

As of November 2018, there are 54 Cherry Log Christian Church (CLCC) Legacy Partners. The program was introduced in 2010. CLCC has been recognized by our denomination, in 2017 at the General Assembly, for the rapid growth of our program. Over time this participation indicates our Legacy Fund should attain a meaningful level that will help assure the financial health of the church.

How is the annual income from the Fund spent?

The Legacy Policy specifies how the distribution is spent. 10% will go to the Disciple Mission Fund, 10% toward facility maintenance/improvements, 10% to local outreach, 30% for ministry and 40% toward mortgage reduction.

Why is the spending fixed by policy?

When people commit to an end-of-life gift to the Fund, most want to be sure the distribution from their share of the fund will be used appropriately for the benefit of the church. The current policy uses the annual distribution to benefit the range of uses donors currently support. Being fixed by policy helps assure a donor their gift will continue to broadly support the mission of the church. The policy can be changed if the church's circumstance should change dramatically. The change process is difficult enough to assure broad membership support of the change.

Behind the Scenes: Legacy Partner Member Activity

We gratefully report 2018 unsolicited gifts by some Legacy Partners to our Legacy Partners Foundation account with Christian Church Foundation's Beasley investment account for CLCC's future. Many thanks to Philip Slemons, Sharon Meek, Marsha Kipling and Ida-Anne Clarke.

ADDITIONALLY, in November, two new Legacy Partners (wishing to remain anonymous, and bringing our total membership to 54) also gave a gift to the Cherry Log's LPF account. Although these unanticipated gifts brought our account to top the \$50,000 total required to qualify for an annual distribution to CLCC, the market went south and our account total fell below the minimum required.

Bill Groce undertook updating our Legacy Policy and developing a 15 point explanation of Frequently Asked Questions. These massive tasks bring clarity about common Legacy Partner Foundation fund misunderstandings: specifically the ability of donors to direct their donation to church debt reduction and/or to contribute to future CLCC ministries and growth. This issue of the *CherryLogue* carries the second of three installments of these FAQs. **Many Thanks Bill. Well done!**

Prayer Labyrinth Walk

Prayer Labyrinth Walk: Saturday, April 20, 1 p.m.

On Holy Saturday, the dark time between the crucifixion on Good Friday and the resurrection on Easter Sunday, we will gather together at 1 p.m. to walk our CLCC prayer labyrinth as a symbolic journey into the darkness of death that precedes the light of new life. At this time, we will reflect on the faithful discipleship of Mary Magdalene, who according to the Gospels remained with Jesus throughout the time of his death and resurrection.

Mary Magdalene was present at the crucifixion (Matt. 27:55-56; Mark 15:40; Luke 23:49; John 19:25) and at the tomb where Jesus was laid for burial (Matt. 27:61; Mark 15:47; Luke 23:55-56.) All four Gospels claim that Mary Magdalene was a witness to the resurrection (Matt. 28:1-10; Mark 16:1-11; Luke 24: 1-11; John 20:1-18.) The Gospel according to John says that it was Mary Magdalene who, following the instructions of Jesus, announced to the other disciples, "I have seen the Lord!" On this basis the early church gave Mary Magdalene the title "Apostle to the Apostles."

Mary Magdalene can serve as model of trust and devotion for us as we participate as faithful disciples in the events of Holy Week. When we walk the labyrinth on Holy Saturday, we will follow her way by maintaining a prayerful presence during this day of darkness that comes before the resurrection of Jesus Christ.



Feed Fannin's
Bowls of Hope
 Help us fill the bowls of the hungry in Fannin County



Saturday, April 27, 2019 • 12-3 pm

Willow Creek Falls and Vineyard, Blue Ridge, Ga.

**Take home a beautiful bowl made by
 our local potters.**

Sample delicious soups, breads, and desserts from our local restaurants.
 Enjoy live music by talented local musicians.
 Shop at our fantastic silent auction.

Tickets are limited, so get yours early from:

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United Community Bank

Fannin County Chamber of Commerce

Cost is \$30 per person. (Kids are free!)



For more information, visit FeedFannin.com or call 706-946-1001 ONE COMMUNITY, ONE SPIRIT

CLCC Yard Sale Volunteers Needed

Thank you for spreading the word about our annual yard sale. Even though the sale is not until October we have filled a storage unit and have begun filling up the Sam Starr trailer. Keep spreading the word! Our goal is \$10,000.00 this year, so tell your friends, neighbors and co-workers. You never know you may be doing some spring cleaning.

We need volunteers to begin sorting and pricing items that are coming in for our yard sale. We could meet once a month to begin the process and then when we get closer we would need to meet more often. If you can help with this project please contact Malinda in the church office.

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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Larry Rogers

Larry was born and raised in Thomsville, GA (Sandy McCann was a 1st grade classmate). He has a Biology degree with environmental emphasis, Valdosta State U; 34-year career with GA Dept. Natural Resources, Environmental Services; Regional Manager SE Region of GA

Larry enjoys carpentry, gardening, boating, fishing and shares cooking with Anne. He divides time between his home on St Simons Island and his mountain home in Cherry Log. Larry and Anne have been married 41 years

Larry and Anne joined Cherry Log Christian Church in August, 2018. They were drawn to CLCC by Adam and Michelle, the fellowship, the very diverse and knowledgeable people, the preaching, having communion every Sunday, the music..., and also drawn in by the Colvins – 30+ years as close friends and the McCanns – literally grew up with Sandy.

Anne Rogers

Anne was born and raised in Waycross, GA. She has a masters degree in Early Childhood Education and course work for doctorate from Valdosta State U and Armstrong University.

Her teaching career spanned K-grade 5, followed by Assistant Principal, Principal of 2 schools, and Curriculum Development in Glynn County, GA. She and Larry have 2 children and lost a daughter at age 20. Anne and Larry moved to St. Simons Island in 1985, and they have a vacation home in Cherry Log.

Anne enjoys crocheting, knitting, canning, making jams and jellies, and cooking (which she shares with Larry). She is a former Stephen Minister and is interested in music.

When asked about Cherry Log Christian Church, Anne said, “I am sad that it took us 3 years to find this church. It is so service oriented and is such a giving church.”



ATTENDANCE

	8:25 C. E.	10:55 Worship
Jan 6	33	134
Jan 13	37	88
Jan 20	26	100
Jan 27	36	102
Feb 3	36	113
Feb 10	40	116
Feb 17	40	121
Feb 24	27	101
Mar 3	30	137
Mar 10	35	96
Mar 17	28	121
Mar 24	34	118
Mar 31	24	123

CELEBRATION FUND

The following donations were made in February and March:

In Memory of:

Chuck Brewer
Jan Mitchell
George Fordham

In Honor of:

Ted Minick

* Total amount deposited into Celebration Fund \$ 725.00



April

April 2 Dell Pamplin
April 6 Diane Ridgely
April 7 Jim Bailey
April 11 Beverly Cranston
John Grubb
April 12 Anne Rogers

April 14 Bill Groce
April 17 Monica Ledford
April 20 Debbie Coburn
April 24 Nancy Williamson
April 27 Susan Hollows
April 28 Kim Mason
Chuck Zimmerman

April

April 3 Don and Nancy Brewer
April 5 Ray and Sue Moore
April 15 Richard and Roberta Bondi
April 22 Hal and Ann Doster
April 22 Ron and Kay Zimbrick
April 24 David and Wendy Carwell

May

May 1 Betty Hemrick
May 9 Don Hyatt
May 11 Rolf Meinhold
David Carwell
May 12 Victoria Bailey
Linda Mosier
May 14 Alan Slemmons
May 17 Betty Schaefer

May 23 Ben Encinias
May 24 Charles Walls
May 26 Nettie Craddock
Myra Kibler
Mark Meyers
Michael Kilpatrick
May 27 Teri Slemmons
May 30 Larry Rogers

May

May 8 Zachary Kincer and Marcus Crowe
May 23 Mike and Sus Hrijac
May 25 Ted and Cindy Minick
May 29 Phil and Paula Miller

June

June 9 Philip Slemmons
Tom Colvin
June 10 Wendy Carwell
June 13 Barry Vincent
June 16 Martin Titus
June 18 Jim Weiland
Myra Gaban
Lin Wright
June 20 Miles Slemmons
June 21 Bill Cox

June 22 Anne Williamson
June 23 Paige Peugh
June 24 Grace Pleasant
Sherry Brown
Karen Martin
June 25 Joyce Dakis
June 27 Kathie Grubb
June 29 Jason Casale
Lisa Weir
June 30 Kristi Johnson

June

June 7 Dan and Maureen Hicks
June 9 Mac and Eileen McRoberts
June 10 Jim and Shirley Colwell
June 12 Larry and Lynn Chapman
June 12 Ben and Mary Encinias
June 12 Tom and Pam Colvin
June 14 Barry and Cathy Vincent
June 17 John and Linda Jarrard
June 18 Paul and Nancy Porter
June 20 Jim and Judy Weiland
June 21 Amado Grabiell and Steve Martin
June 24 Dave and Bobbie Cherry
June 22 Rusty and Diane Coleman
June 28 Bob and Ida-Anne Clarke
June 28 John Baird and Russell Gremilliam

On June 28, 2019 Bob and Ida-Anne Clarke will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary, join them after the 10:55 service in the fellowship hall for cake and fellowship.