

# 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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## Michael Kilpatrick

Born in Panama City in Air Force family; extensive travel including 4 years in Italy; finished high school in West Cobb; studied accounting; Iron Mountain marketing group 7 years; 13 years with CDM Smith engineering field, marketing, graphic designs; extensive travel Middle East, Jordan, Egypt, with humanitarian projects providing water, sanitation, etc., currently maintains office in Goose Island. Michael sees art in everything, numbers, Easter bunny (ask him); met Kirk 20 years ago; married 2015.

Unchurched in early years: "...had faith, but resented the church." At CLCC, "Adam's sermon connecting art, history and religion together was the catalyst that kept me coming. I felt a connection...was accepted as ME...like the small community...I can grow with the church."

## Kristin Boynton



Born in Evanston, IL; grew up on farm in Warrens, WI where work ethic was formed with 5 siblings; finished high school in Madison, WI; AA in business, then married; CA; worked with International Typographical Union while studying Sociology Social Deviance at UCC; life-changing car accident ended rock climbing, propelling, physically active life; found fulfillment in meditation, holistic medicine; introduced computing for Williams Sonoma agency; back to Green Bay, WI; reached peak of business career with Consolidated Capital investment company; married long-time friend, John (with Tyco) from Acworth; completed degree in Human Services; moved to Cherry Log 2018 and found CLCC: "Joy, Giving, Caring and...Adam's preaching! [My] faith is everything to me!" (much more story to share—ask Kristin)

## Teresa Suarez



Army Dad married So. Korean Mom: born in Italy, lived in Italy, So. Korea, VA & Maryland; settled in Nashville age 14; Middle East Studies, George Washington U; BSEco and Political Studies, Belmont U; headed for law school; Instead, 1 year Princeton School of Theology then Harvard School Theology for ThM; "woke up happy"; 20 years Peabody College Faculty; administration programs for HS principals; 8 years United Methodist Church; have served as lay leader, preaching, SS teaching; met Paul on line! married in this church and home is now Ellijay.

Enjoys reading, learning to cook and to be domestic (smile).

## Jennille Martin



Born, raised, educated Rome, GA; BS, MS Math, UGA; met and married Carroll (CSX Railroad man) there; W. VA, earned Specialist degree in

Math and Computer Ed, Marshall U; taught computers for gifted students, technology director, high school director in Annemarie Roeper School; worked as grant writer for U of MI; in Jacksonville, FL, math leader, supervisor of grant writing, and data management for National Science Foundation; one daughter, one grandson; retired with Carroll to Lucius Road 2004; Carroll passed away 2019, resides in Blue Ridge with Holly, her "terrorist" pup;

An avid quilter and reader; urged by niece, Caroline Carder, first came to CLCC outreach group; [I was]"looking for peace – and found it!"

## Dianna Neimeic



Born, raised and educated in Columbia, TN; self-described rebel who hitch-hiked to Atlanta at age 14 (soon returned home); married a CA (San Diego) man soon after high school and moved there; a stay-at-home mom of 2 girls: school volunteer, etc.; returned to Atlanta with girls, 8 & 11; manager of coffee shop and other jobs, then 9 years with Vision Works in Canton; master baker; lives in McCaysville

Unchurched 40 years; friends, knowing Dianna's remarkable, difficult, victorious life story, said CLCC was a perfect fit for her— "and it is! a genuine place and people, welcoming;" involved with clothes closet, Tower Road, loves her flock; Dianna shares her story freely to encourage others; **ask her.**

## Steve Pedlow



Navy brat; first 10 years on west coast, then to Indianapolis; worked HS newspaper with Emily; 4 years in Marines including Viet Nam; married Emily and earned BA English at George Mason U while working with Levitz Furniture, Operations Manager, 7 yrs; earned MBA at SFU while with Leaders Casual Furniture, Pinellas Park, FL, as expert in computerization of the business; after 9/11 worked with operational computerization of auction business, "fun job";

Led to faith by writings/words of Norman Vincent Peale; started small church in Clearwater; earned MDiv at Asbury Seminary (part time); prolific writer with 2 blogs; poet (check fb); enjoys reading theology AND sharing it; CLCC? "just LOVE it!"

## Emily Pedlow



Born in Milan, IN, grew up in Indianapolis; studied at Ball State U, Muncie, IN; married Steve; 10 years later moved to FL; earned BA Edu at USF; taught middle school special ed in Penellas Co. for 10 years then trained teachers in restorative practices and use of resources; 2 daughters, one son; retired to the mountains and became full-time quilter; enjoys historical fiction; 7 grands ages 4-27

Life-long Methodist; both very active in Methodist church in Florida; found CLCC on line; "We came here and instantly knew it was the right place... greeters love you to death." "It's the people." Quickly involved with clothes closet and quilters.