



June/July Messenger

Cypress Lake
Presbyterian Church

Our Vision: We strive to live Jesus' charge to love one another and lead others to a growing relationship with God.

June/July
2022

Communion Sundays June 5th & July 3rd



Veterans Day Presentation— We Need Your Help

Veterans Day will be celebrated this year on Sunday, **November 13, 2022**. The Worship Committee would like to do a screen presentation of pictures of our Veterans who have served and to do this, we need your help! Please look for those Veterans pictures and bring them in to the Church Office to have them scanned or email them in to office@clpc.us.

We will return your Veteran's picture to you and begin to format the presentation with music for that Sunday morning.

You have lots of notice to look for those pictures and we look forward to your help in completing this presentation to honor those who have served.

Thank you in advance!



The next Blood Drive
will be held on
Sunday, July 3rd
8:45am - 11:45 pm at CLPC
Give the gift of Life!!



Clothes Closet Needs Your Gently Used Clothes

Your donation may be just what someone needs. Through referrals from agencies, nonprofit organizations, churches and schools: **FREE** ready-to-wear clothing, shoes, and accessories are distributed to individuals, local nursing homes, infants, support programs, Community Development Associations, and schools.

Looking for: New Underwear, Socks, Bras, Toiletries and Infant Supplies (diapers, blankets, sheets, etc.)

Please bring donations to the Narthex on Sundays or bring to the church office during the week, Monday-Thursday 9am-3pm. Our neighbors in need are so appreciative of your generosity.

10 a.m. Blended Service will be available In-Person in Sanctuary, or broadcast in your car in church parking lot on 89.1FM during service times. Live streaming of Service also available on YouTube. Visit clpc.us website to watch live or after service



I love birthdays! I love the cards, the balloons, the birthday meal, the singing of the birthday song, the presents, and most of all the vanilla cake with butter cream icing. The first Sunday in June (June 5) we celebrate a rather important birthday for us as a community of faith – Pentecost – which is the birthday of the church.

Recall, at the Day of Pentecost the early church experienced the birth as the Spirit of God filling the Apostles. Today, that same Spirit fills our church universal giving it power and purpose. Yet, has anyone ever seen the Spirit? No! Yet, we experience evidence of the Spirit's presence. To be frank, the Spirit is somewhat elusive. Many of the early church desert fathers talked of the spirit as breath or wind. Acts offers us the image of flames of fire. For us to understand God's Spirit and what God's Spirit does, we must use poetic words: Spirit of Gentleness; Spirit of restlessness; whispering Spirit in the silent places; Spirit of vision; Spirit of justice; Spirit of peace; Spirit who creates; Spirit who heals.

Pentecost's origins are rooted in the Hebrew community before the Bible was written. In the beginning, the "Spirit of God" moved over the face of the waters adding form and shape to the formless and void. The ancient Hebrews celebrated the beginning of their harvest season with this Pentecost festival, rejoicing over the fertility of the land. After the deliverance from slavery in Egypt, the harvest festival was replaced with the Passover Feast. But the harvest motif remained in place with the celebration of the *conclusion* of harvest in the "week of weeks" on the fiftieth day after the Passover, thus "Pentecost" in Greek simply means "the fiftieth day" after Passover. Thus, the Day of Pentecost is forever connected with our Jewish brothers and sisters' Passover celebration.

The Hebrews later added new meaning to Pentecost by associating it with the giving of the Law of God to Moses at Mount Sinai. This event is the highpoint of the Old Testament and defines the Jewish people as "People of the Law."

The Acts of the Apostles records that on Pentecost, God's Spirit filled the Apostles with a **power** not known to them before, they began to carry out what Jesus instructed them to do. They built up a new community of faith - "the body of Christ" or commonly called the one holy, catholic (i.e., universal) and apostolic church. What lies at the core of Pentecost? Let me use three "C" words that are descriptive of how Pentecost challenges and changes us.

Community, communication, and communion are three words that share the same root: the Latin word *communis*. These three words describe a church. The word's intent is to facilitate communication and connection in our community.

We are a community. In other words, despite all the various parts and varied membership, we are all one body. Through the Spirit we are individual members, we are one body! Paul uses this organic nature of a body to remind us how important we are all to one another and no one part is greater than another. If something affects one part of us, the whole body is affected.

We are also in need of good communication. At the Tower of Babel, the world was dispersed by God and languages divided us from each other. Yet, at Pentecost's moment everyone gathered in Acts heard and understood one another in their language. In Acts 2:9 we read: "Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia" gathered in one place to celebrate the moment and rejoiced in being able to finally understand one another. What was divided at Babel was rejoined that important day. Thus, we are to remember to listen to one another and rejoice in our unity.

We also are to be in communion with each other. The Lord's table celebrates our connection with God and with each other. We eat with one another and share with each other as reminders of the great feast Gods' prepared for us through the body and blood of our Lord.

In this season of Pentecost, we celebrate the Holy Spirit, whose initial manifestation was to guide and assist the apostles, the first Christian community, in connecting a community with each other, communicating unity with one another, and the communion of believers in Christ. Together let us seek God's help in a new way to share Gods word and Gods love among ourselves and others.

Shalom,

Eddie Bellis, pastor Cypress Lake Presbyterian



Cuba Update (Email to Chris Geisecke)

“Dear Christine, I am very happy to be able to write to you and share about the life of our churches.

In the last month I have been studying and preparing for the exams for my commission to ministry as pastora.

Finally, last Thursday, together with two other candidates, we were examined and satisfactorily.


It has been a very intense time between studies and pastoral ministry. But also of great blessing, our congregation continues to grow, and new spaces are organized that benefit community life and our diagonal work.

Here I share some photos!


Greetings and blessings.”



June 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 9am PIP 10:30-11:30am Book Study 12:30-3pm Faithful Women 7pm Scouts	2 12:30-2:30pm Knit1-Pray2	3 Office closed	4 Faith and Family Night at the Mussels Baseball Game 6pm
5 Communion Sunday 10am Blended Service	6 7-8pm Men's Group (Chapel)	7 11am Mission Team Meeting	8 9am Partners in Prayer 10:30-11:30am Book Study 12:30-3pm Faithful Women	9 12:30-2:30pm Knit1-Pray2	10 Office Closed	11
SuperKids 7:45am - 12:30pm						
VBS M-F 5:30-8:30PM						
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June Birthdays	
1st	Bud Haidet
2nd	Wanda Bishop
2nd	Heriberto Santiago
3rd	Sally Fontaine
3rd	Terri Bergmann
5th	Monica Tovar
5th	Elaine Auman
9th	Dick Sims
10th	Sonia Santiago
12th	Marie Wiley
17th	Joyce Botchford
17th	Matilde Quevedo
18th	Damon Pappalardo
18th	Gordon Coffman
20th	Pat Clark
21st	Nick LoPresti
23rd	Pamela Smith
25th	Carson Brown
29th	Barbara Pappalardo
29th	Bruce Aquizap
30th	Dianne McFadden



HAPPY <i>Anniversary!</i>	
June Anniversaries	
15th	Walt & Pat France
18th	Bruce & Audrey Renn
22nd	Jim & Lynn Miller
26th	Tim & Linda Baldwin
29th	Jim & Marge McFadden
30th	Nick & Connie LoPresti
July Anniversaries	
9th	Kevin & Dianne McFadden
10th	Heriberto & Diana Santiago
10th	Larry & DeAnna Steward
16th	Karen Clifford & Keith Schneider
20th	Jeff & Cynthia Basler

July Birthdays	
2nd	Linda Baldwin
3rd	Sharon Bright
8th	Larry Harshbarger
9th	Peyton Hornung
10th	Olivia King
12th	Larry Steward
13th	Becky Limons
15th	Haley King
17th	Marty Serra
17th	Aaron Charles
23rd	Carlos Vasquez
24th	Jean Hersh
25th	Bill Otey
25th	Austin Hayman
25th	Bryce McFadden
26th	Tom Kowa
28th	Gale Wray
28th	James Huffman
29th	Kathy Huffman
31st	Kelly Hayman



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Editor's Note: Some articles may be edited for space.



"I'll come to VBS, but can you take the word 'school' out of it?"

Our Mission: Led by the Holy Spirit, we joyfully reach out to the community and the world in faithful love and service as we mature in Discipleship and share the Good News of Jesus Christ.