



The Courier

Our Vision: This is the place where you will experience Christ.

Cypress Lake
Presbyterian Church

February
2009

We Need Your Help!!! ATTIC TREASURE SALE

Saturday, February 28, 2009
7:00 am to 1:00 pm

Fund raiser sponsored by
Presbyterian Women of CLPC



Attic
Treasure Sale

Start saving your "Treasures"

Please save your appliances, lamps, dishes, linens, toys, jewelry, clothing, and furniture. All items must be clean, in working condition and have all the parts. The trailer will be open on Saturdays from 9:00 am-noon and Sundays from 8:00 am until noon for you to bring your items. We will set dates later to collect LARGE items like furniture. Please watch your bulletin for those dates. For more information call Betty Ann Kelly at 481-6412 or email her at bakelly01@comcast.net or call Sandy Thornburg at 466-9574.

CLPC January Concert Series



Jennifer Rose

Please join us for our next concert featuring a Concert of Appalachian Hymns and Folk Songs on Sunday, February 8th at 4:00 pm.

Martha Circle will meet at the home of Dee Cords on February 10th. Carol Sarosik will be the co-host. Please call Dee at 454-4932 for directions.



As coordinator of volunteers, I've had the privilege of working with volunteers who are dedicated to feeding the poor. As more and more Americans lose their jobs, we have seen an increase of 1st time

Food Pantry



residents who come to the Food Pantry. If you are interested in volunteering, come by and see God's work in progress. CLPC's turn to run the food pantry is always the second Monday of the month; 9:30-1:00 mornings and 6:00-8:00 in the evenings. *Mornings are especially important because we receive deliveries.

Daniela Valmer-466-9687



ATTENTION LADIES! Get ready for the first of many "Chick Flick" nights. Leave the men and children at home and join us on **Friday, February 6th at 7pm at Amanda Kraus's house** for fellowship, fun, and food! We will be watching "My Big Fat Greek Wedding" while we enjoy some yummy desserts. After the movie, look forward to a great discussion including Bible verses that relate to the story. Please let Amanda, Pastor Samantha or Amy Cottrell know if you'll be joining us. Call or email Amanda for directions to her house: 822-6888; mandece2@aol.com We can't wait to see you there!

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Moderator of Deacons

Jeni Nance

Church Office Hours

Monday-Friday 9:00-3:00 pm

Editor's Note: Some articles may be edited for space. Some are left intact by request of their authors.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

February 2009

2 nd	9:30 am	Project Linus Blanket Work Day
	1:00 pm	Executive Board Meeting
7 th	9:00 am	Peace River Presbyterian Women 19th Annual Gathering Host: First Church, Sarasota
10 th	9:30 am	Martha Circle
	12:30 pm	Esther Circle (<i>Fellowship Hall</i>)
	7:00 pm	Eve Circle
18 th	10:30 am	Presbyterian Women Gathering 11:15 am Program-Sweet Sioux, Music Group 12:00 pm Luncheon-Hosted by Esther Circle
23-27 th	9:00 am-?	Attic Treasure Sale Set-up
28 th	7:00-1:00 pm	Attic Treasure Sale

The third of four gatherings of the Presbyterian Women's Association will be held on Wednesday, February 18th, 2009 at 10:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. Our guest will be the music group Sweet Stoux, a barbershop singing group.



Women's Gathering

All women in the congregation and their guests are welcome to enjoy the music and stay for lunch which will be provided by Esther Circle.

Top 10 Predictions for 2009

1. The Bible will still have all the answers.
2. Prayer will still be the most powerful thing on Earth..
3. The Holy Spirit will still move.
4. God will still honor the praises of His people.
5. There will still be God-anointed preaching.
6. There will still be singing of praise to God.
7. God will still pour out blessings upon His people.
8. There will still be room at the Cross.
9. Jesus will still love you.
- 10...Jesus will still save the lost when they come to Him.

Isn't It Great to Remember Who Is Really in Control,
and that; "the Word of the Lord endures forever."
(1 Peter 1:25)



Every February a most important day sneaks up in the middle of the month, Valentine's Day. Gentlemen, think it is unimportant? Just try skipping Valentine's Day one year and a special someone will be quick to remind you of just HOW important Valentine's Day has become! It is a day we celebrate our love for one another. But what does it mean to "love?"

In this day and age we bat around "love" like it was something trivial. We "love" baseball or hockey. We "love" chocolate or pizza. We "love" vacation or a day at the beach. But does this kind of love really compare with our love for one another, or for our husbands, wives, parents or children?

In the New Testament there are at LEAST three kinds of love. There is the "brotherly love" (c.f., Philadelphia...the "city of brotherly love") or the way we love our neighbors, perhaps even the way we love our family. It can be very deep and very special, but it DOES have its limits.

There is the physical love that a husband and wife share. Regretfully, the media has often portrayed physical love as something shallow, that can be easily shared. Still other media has portrayed "love" as something for sale in the red light district. But the Bible sees it quite differently. This kind of love is something that is supposed to be for a lifetime, as quoted in Matthew 19, "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh. So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."

But then there is the perfect, ideal love; the love that comes from God. Agape love is the ideal love that knows no end or limits. In 1 Corinthians 13, Paul nails it when he says, "Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth." In Christ, God's love is so complete that there is no limit to what He will forgive or do for us.

This month, take someone special out for Valentine's Day. If your someone special has passed away, take time to celebrate the love that you had for one another. But while you celebrate your love for another, celebrate one more love this year, the love that God has for you. And that, is something worth celebrating 365 days of the year!

Blessings,

Pastor Clint

Chancel Guild

February 2009 Schedule

6th Jackie Oestrich
Dorothy Troy

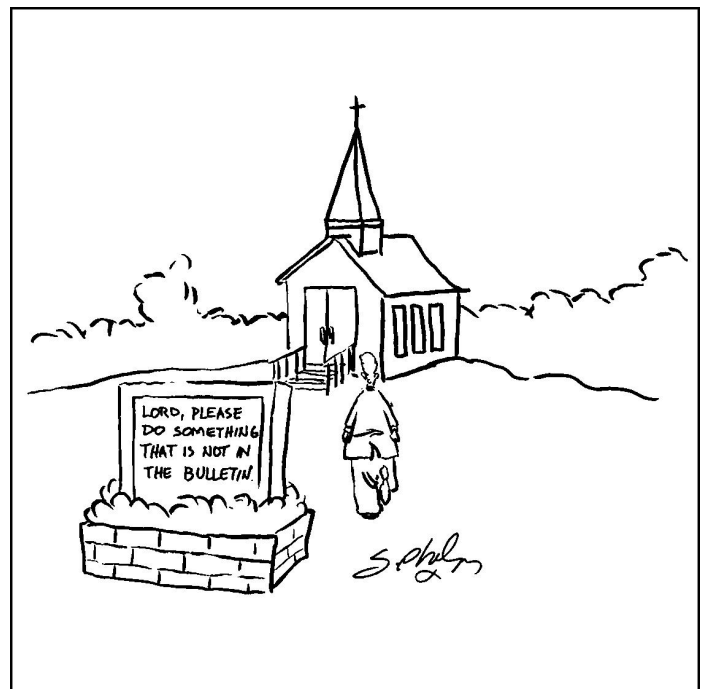
13th Doris Houston
Rebecca Potts

20th Gerry White
Hazel Robinson

27th Audrey Wilson
Irene Thiessen

If you can't work your day, swap with someone or call me. Thanks for your continued help.

Irene Thiessen, Chancel Guild



Sunday

Celebration Times
8 & 11 am Traditional
9:30 am Praise
9:30 am K4J Kids Service
11:00 am Sunday School
12:00 pm Puppet Team
12:00 pm Sr. Youth Group

Monday

February 2009

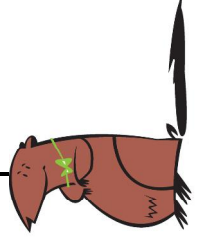
Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday



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Youth Chili & Bake Sale

2 9:00 am Habitat/Humanity
9:30 am Project Linus
10:30 am Staff Mtg.
1:00 pm PW Board Mtg.
6:00 pm Praise Team
6:30 pm Safe Haven Board
6:30 pm Voices in Bronze
6:30 pm Drama Read Throughs

Food Pantry 11-1 & 6-

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Scout Sunday

10:30 am Staff Mtg.
6:00 pm Praise Team
6:30 pm Voices in Bronze
6:30 pm Drama Read Throughs

Jennifer Rose Concert 4:00 PM

Share Registration

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Food Pantry 11-1 & 6-

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6:30 pm Drama Read Throughs
7:00 pm Deacons Mtg.
7:00 pm Ministry Teams

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7:00 am Men's Breakfast
9:30 am Martha Circle
12:30 pm Esther Circle
6:30 pm Drama Read Throughs
7:00 pm Eve Circle
7:00 pm Condo Association

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6:30 pm Drama Read Throughs
7:00 pm Session Meeting

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7:00 pm Food Pantry Mtg.

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9:00 am PIP
10:00 am Bible Study
10:30 am Children's Chapel
5:00 pm Rockin' Angels
6:15 pm Pioneer Club
6:15 pm Middle Sch. Youth
6:45 pm Choir
7:00 pm Boy Scouts

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Ash Wednesday Service 7:00 PM

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4:00 pm The Clappers
6:30 pm Drama Read Throughs

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10:30 am Safe Haven Cooking
7:00 pm Chick Flick Night

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7:00 am Real Est. Bkfst.
10:00 am Pittsburgh Theological Luncheon

Everblades Game

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10:30 am Safe Haven Cooking

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10:00-3:00 Lithuanian School
1:00-4:00 Organist Practice

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1:00-4:00 Organist Practice
5:00 pm Valentines Dinner/Dance



21

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1:00-4:00 Organist Practice

Share Distribution 9:00 am - 11:00 am

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Attic Treasure Sale

Attic Treasure Sale 7:00 AM—1:00 PM

ATTIC TREASURE SET-UP

Birthday Celebrations

- 3rd Clair Robinson
4th Lila Lewin
6th Sylvia Merrill
Michael Scullion
Emily Logelin
7th Bruce Jamieson
Diane Jordan
8th Clara Davis
Elaine Brock
Grace Baker
9th Griffin Peters
11th Heather Miles
12th Betty Ann Kelly
Gordon Emerson
16th Ken Sneed
Cody Waldrop
17th Bobbie Bibby
18th Rod Herrick
Jay Giesecke
19th Harry J. Warren
20th Merlin Osborn, MD
Muriel Meszaros
21st Harold Riser
Nate Burley
22nd Daisy Graf
Gracie Soots
23rd Maxine Miller
Ethan Peters
25th Amanda Kraus
Zachary Wilson
27th Juanda Galberach
Hewitt McCloskey, Jr.
28th Katherine Burley

Anniversary Celebrations

- 7th Morris & Eleanor Bruns
9th Merlin & Ruth Osborn, MD
12th Donnie & Tracy Miles
14th Dilman & Patricia Thomas
16th James & Gale Wray
19th James & Jackie Oestrich
Dwayne & Marcia Bruns

What Can We Do To Help!

Living God's Presence through Love and Service. The mission statement of CYPRESS LAKE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. It is on our front sign. Please don't hesitate to ask for our help at anytime!

People really are having a difficult economic time. It is a proven that there is more alcohol, drug and child abuse, when parents are stressed! We need to be aware of the opportunities to try and help families. We are very grateful to have the SHARE PROGRAM and the FOOD BANK here at our church! We really need to assist with resources at our disposal! I would like to give you some numbers that might help anyone with some solutions. You can always call United Way at 211 for 24 hour information to referral services.

PARENT HELPLINE 24 hour parent help line 1-800-FLA-LOVE offers an immediate assistance to parents and other primary caregivers who are feeling overwhelmed, stressed, or who have specific questions about their children or their behavior. Call day or night to talk with a trained, caring counselor.

You are not alone. There are wonderful caring people all around. There is one number that never fails. It's called PRAYER!

God Bless you and your families. We will survive this with God's help!

Chris Shields
SAFE HAVEN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
Ministry of Cypress Lake Presbyterian Church



CLPC Operating Funds Fiscal Year to Date December 31, 2008



	<u>Church</u>	<u>Safe Haven</u>	<u>Total</u>
Income	\$254,280	\$74,395	\$328,675
Expense	270,972	85,547	356,519
Income (deficit)	(16,692)	(11,152)	(27,844)
Transfer Requests			
From Building Fund*	62,000		62,000
Net Surplus (deficit)	45,308	(11,152)	34,156

*Several members requested that their donations to the Building Fund be transferred to operations. Session approved these requests. With these funds, all debts of the Church have been re-paid.



Elders & Deacons

Elders

Irene Thiessen
 Jim Sharpe
 Doris King
 Tim Baldwin
 John Nance
 Rob Coe
 Harold Carrier
 Gordon Coffman
 Brian Granstra
 Amanda Kraus
 Julie McFadden
 Jim Wray
 Nate Burley
 Kirk Charles
 Ken Kendall
 Walt France
 Cammie McQuilkin

Deacons

Dee Cords
 Jaime Hill
 Jenifer Nance
 Hazel Robinson
 Cathy Young
 Barbara Pappalardo
 Michael Sneed
 Jackie Oestrich
 Anne Burley
 Daisy Graf
 Daniela Valmer

MINISTRY TEAMS

COMMITMENT TO WORSHIP

Chair - Brian Granstra
 Member - Irene Thiessen
 Member - Doris King
 Member - Kirk Charles
 Support Staff - Rachel Carrier

CHURCH & COMMUNITY

Chair - Harold Carrier
 Member - Nate Burley
 Member - Jim Sharpe
 Support Staff - Chris Shields

DISCIPLEMAKING

Chair - Amanda Kraus
 Member - Cammie McQuilkin
 Member - Ken Kendall
 Support Staff - Samantha Keller

FAITH SHARING

Chair - Rob Coe
 Member - Tim Baldwin
 Member - Jim Wray
 Support Staff - Rachel Carrier

SUPPORT

Chair - John Nance
 Property - Walt France, Jim Wray
 Treasurer - Mike Scullion
 Disaster, Prep. & Response - John Nance
 Personnel - Julie McFadden, Jim Wray
 Bldg. Chair - Rich Meacham, Gordon Coffman
 Support Staff - Karen May

11:00 AM Usher Teams

Please pick up your monthly schedule in the Narthex. "Even months" are in slot #20 and "Odd months" are in slot #21. Thank you for your continued service.



Jackie Oestrich - 590-6464

SHARE 2009



LAST DAY TO ORDER

February 8th
 March 15th

PICK-UP DATE

February 21st
 March 28th

Last order date is approximately two weeks before distribution day. Last orders are taken in Fellowship Hall on Sunday between 9-11 am.

Pick-Up Date is SHARE Distribution Day. Distribution Day is in Fellowship Hall on Saturdays between 9-11 am.

Tuesday
 February 10th



MEN'S BREAKFAST

7:00 am in Fellowship Hall





Valentines to give your children

- Acceptance – Teach kids that you love them for who and what they are. Give this gift with a kiss.
- Self-confidence – Help children understand that they can trust themselves. Give this gift with a hug.
- Life without needless fears – Don't let your kids see you as a worrier. Give this gift with laughter.
- Appreciation – Help children acquire a spark of gratitude and enjoy all of life. Give this gift as they go out the door.
- Faith – Introduce your children to God, the best friend they'll ever have. Give this gift by taking them to church every Sunday.