

ClaytonPres Press

Clayton Presbyterian Church
Fred DiMaio, Pastor

August - September 2021

Saturday



September 11th
8:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Treasury Report

Jan. 1 – July 31, 2021

Receipts \$58,050

Expenses \$53,961

Fund Balance \$155,998

PATOR'S PEN

As we have transitioned back to regular worship service, we are thankful to all who continue to work behind the scenes. The committees and church members who assist with worship, the flowers, offering, communion set-up. And let's not forget getting after-service refreshments and dinners. Those who check on the lights and sound system, heating and cooling, greeters and dish washers. The Presbyterian Women's group who supply paper goods, coffee, and all things needed for our fellowship times. And you thought these things just appeared??? Not exactly.

We will be electing new elders in a few short months. If you are asked to serve, please consider it an honor, a blessing, not a chore.

Remember the Yard Sale scheduled for Saturday, September 11. Many hands are needed that week, especially Saturday morning.

As we look to the fall and winter, the covid variant may indeed cause us to rethink church worship as it did in 2020. But your Session will once again consider what is best for this congregation. Be in prayer for them as they take up this challenge as well as others that come up.

Continue to pray for our friends and members who suffer health issues.

May God bless and keep you,
Pastor Fred

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CAN YOU EXPLAIN FAITH?

Have you ever tried to have a conversation with anyone about accepting Christ? It isn't unusual for family members to not be ready to know Jesus. They may say they 'know there is a higher power' but are not receptive to learn anything in-depth about Jesus. They seem to fear totally accepting Him, or releasing some sin in their own life.

Life has a way of (sooner or later) bringing all of us to our knees. Accidents, illness, death of loved ones, loss of employment...the list can be long and scary. While you are remembering your own personal journey towards giving your life to Christ and as you have weathered life's storms, the most important element you will always need is trust in your own relationship with the Lord coupled with love and concern for the one you are going to be talking with.

Don't start out with Luke 2, the birth of Jesus. There must be needed preparation before the birth of our Savior can be fully understood.

The one you are witnessing to must understand 'WHY' our Lord came among mankind. Understanding we are all sinners and yet that is the exact reason our Lord left paradise to save us from ourself. "And the grace of our Lord was exceeding abundant with faith and love which is in Christ Jesus." (I Titus 1:14).

He is a friend in good or bad times. He wants us to lay our fears and worry at the foot of the cross, knowing that He hears our every cry, every plea, and every blessing.

There is amazing strength in leaning on His cross. The cross that represents what we would have had to endure if Jesus hadn't taken that punishment for us. And all He asked was that we love Him and believe in Him. "For the Father himself loveth you, because ye have loved me and have believed that I came out from God." (John 16:27). We want family and friends to know the peace we feel when we turn to Him and accept His word as truth.

There is an old Indian saying, "You cannot wake someone who pretends to sleep." In other words...until they are ready they will not open their eyes.

When they understand 'why' He came then they will rejoice at the news of His birth. Jesus Christ is the offering of eternal salvation: "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life." (John 6:47).

Rejoice indeed!
Suzanne Muir

Birthdays

August

1 – Janice Elliott
16 – Mary Chalton
26 – Sharon Spivey
30 – John Jenkins

September

11 – Lindi Newman
15 – Jennifer Randall
17 – Fred DiMaio
21 – Suzanne Muir
22 – Gene Roberts
23 – Bettye DiMaio
24 – Linda Farr
25 – Kerstin Dreher
27 – Bob Mott
30 – Patty Ball

Anniversaries

August

3 – James and Elizabeth
Chestnut
17 – Frank and Judith
Holden
23 – Bill and Linda Farr

WEDNESDAY



OCTOBER 13, 5 PM

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Janice Elliott Bible Study – 9:30 Worship – 11 AM	2	3 James and Elizabeth Chestnut PW 10 AM Caregivers Noon	4	5 Choir 5 PM NA group 7 PM	6 Session – 2 PM Open for Personal Prayer	7
8 Bible Study – 9:30 Worship – 11 AM	9	10 Caregivers Group Noon-2	11	12 Homemakers 10-12:30 Choir 5 PM NA group 7 PM	13 Open for Personal Prayer	14
15 Bible Study – 9:30 Worship – 11 AM	16 Mary Chalton	17 Frank and Judith Holden Caregivers Group Noon-2	18	19 Choir 5 PM NA group 7 PM	20 Open for Personal Prayer	21 NEGA Presbytery meeting
22 Bible Study – 9:30 Worship – 11 AM	23 Bill and Linda Farr	24 Caregivers Group Noon-2	25	26 Sharon Spivey Choir 5 PM NA group 7 PM	27 Open for Personal Prayer	28
29 Bible Study – 9:30 Worship – 11 AM Fellowship Dinner at Black Rock	30 John Jenkins	31 Caregivers Group Noon-2	Elder of the month – Sam Chalton The Church YARD SALE is Saturday, September 11, 8 am to 2 pm.			