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Treasury Report

Jan. 1– May 31, 2018

Receipts	\$35,179
Expenses	\$29,464
Fund Balance	\$92,588

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The Pastor's Pen

Summer is once again upon us. The proof is in the rains we have experienced lately. Leaves have filled the trees and blooms are out.

We have had a busy past few weeks. The 65th Anniversary Celebration on the last Sunday of April was followed quickly by the Presbyterian Women's annual yard sale. Those two events were made possible by hard work and diligent attention by many of our members and friends. We have also welcomed back our traveling members who winter in Florida. Now, others of our number will take time off during the coming weeks and months of summer.

As always, we pray for everyone's safety and are thankful when all are back to join in worship on Sundays.

There has been a fair share of medical issues among us as well. Hospital and doctor visits, surgeries, and outpatient procedures have run through the congregation. Then we have had three member families relocate locally!! That is a lot for our small number. Housewarming wishes go out to Blant and Nancy, Renee` and Jim, and Helen and David. They barely missed a Sunday!!!

All of these things strengthen our church family dynamic. Caring about and concern for one another is a hallmark at Clayton Presbyterian Church. Please continue to keep all in your prayers, but especially those members and friends who struggle more on a daily basis. Try to call or visit. Send a card. Don't wait for "someone else" to do it. "We" are that someone else.....

May the grace of our Lord be with you.

Blessings,
Fred

Women's Word

Presbyterian Women's last meeting before the summer break is June 5th, Chapter 12, *Balancing Work and Waiting*. We will resume meeting on September 4th. Hope to see you there!

What does the Presbyterian Women's Group of Clayton do?

- Foremost, we study God's Words for guidance in serving Him. Together we pray, reflect, share, praise. Often we laugh and sometimes we cry.
- We support local charities as well as far reaching organizations:
Sid Weber Memorial Cancer Fund, Veterans' Appreciation, Richard's Kids, Victory Home, Thornwell Home for Children, NE Georgia PW Mission Fund, NE Georgia Birthday Offering, Presbyterian Home's Mothers' Day Offering, Thank Offering, Heifer International, Sole Hope, and The Joseph School of Haiti
 - We maintain a Blanket Ministry, and provide our church with paper goods, supplies and other needs.

How do we do all this?

Our biggest (only) fund raiser is the annual yard sale. It is amazing how many pitch in to make this event successful. Thank the Lord, because it is a lot of work! Yet we manage to have fun, laughter, and fellowship scattered amid the generous accumulation of donated items.

The community cannot wait for the yard sale, asking weeks ahead of time for the date because they don't want to miss it,

and showing up as soon as they see us busy as bees getting ready. The morning of the yard sale many are there before we are! We get comments like 'your sale is the best', 'ya'll have the best stuff and the best deals', 'you're better than Kohl's', 'I get all my clothes here'. And many generously donate their change; one fellow purchased .50 worth of ball caps, handed me a five and said "keep the change it's still a great deal!" And they already want to know when the next one is. Um, we have to get over this one before we can even think about that. Whew.



And we do more...

Made 30 birthday favors (Pattern for Joyful Living)

Hosted Rabun County's Presbyterian Women for the annual Birthday Gathering

Made 55 pair of shoe sets for Sole Hope

Decorated & un-decorated for Christmas

Support one another as Prayer Partners

Support and lend a hand for church events (especially when there is food involved)

Thank you ladies, and CPC you are the best!

PERSONAL GROWTH OPPORTUNITY AVAILABLE!!!!

The 65th Anniversary Celebration illuminated a need here at Clayton Presbyterian Church. It has been quite a while since we had a "church historian". It is our hope that someone will volunteer for this extremely interesting opportunity. It would be a shame to lose the continuity that we gained from the hard work of folks who worked to assemble the pictures and information that we enjoyed being displayed.

Won't you please consider this as a personal church opportunity to use your talents??

Let me know if you are interested by making an appointment or stop by on a Thursday or Friday in the next couple of weeks.

Blessings

Fred

Medical and Emergency Policy

If the Pastor observes any member in distress, he will alert the Elder of the Month to call 911. The EOM should have phone at their side and be ready to call in an emergency. EOM can sit anywhere.

Those members on the left side of Church (as seen from front) exit through door closest to bathroom. Those members on right exit through main door.

Right side members, if possible, will assist members that need help on both left and right and exit through main door.

August 17, 2018, 7:30 pm – Jeanne Robertson, a comedian, will be in Franklin. Tickets are \$26 plus tax. See TC if interested.

Remember to recycle greeting cards for St. Jude's Children Hospital. Give them to TC.

Coupons for Troops: Manufacturer's coupons are sent to service men and women overseas to use.

Walmart receipts less than 7 days old are used to look for a lower price with competitors. If a lower price is found, the difference is credited to a gift card that is used to purchase paper products for the church. Each has a box in the narthex.

Volunteers needed - to help paint the ends of church pews. If interested contact Anne Spearman.



Birthdays

June

1 – Skylar Spivey
9 – Carol DiMaio

July

8 – Miriam Risher
8 – Ryan Spivey
13 – Helen Santana
15 – Jase Spivey
16 – Mira Branden
19 – Wendel Craker
20 – Tad Myers
23 – Jim Reynolds
30 – Dan Randall

People come up with more creative solutions when they listen to happy, upbeat music than when they sit in silence, according to researchers from the Netherlands and Australia. It may be because music improves your brain's flexibility or because it relaxes you enough for the creative juices to flow. But don't play the music too loudly; research also has found that moderate volume provides the creativity sweet spot.

-Reader's Digest, June 2018

Anniversaries

June

2 – Fred and Carol DiMaio
15 – Jef and Ginny Fagen
16 – Tad and Pat Myers
24 – Dan & Jennifer Randall



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Elder of the month – Henry Newman					1 Open for Personal Prayer	2
3 Bible Study – 9:30 Worship – 11 AM	4	5 Presbyterian Women 10 AM NA group 7 PM	6	7 Choir 5 PM NA group 7 PM	8 Open for Personal Prayer	9
10 Bible Study – 9:30 Worship – 11 AM Hymn Sing & Dinner at Toccoa PC - 6 PM	11 Session – 10 AM	12 NA group 7 PM	13	14 Choir 5 PM NA group 7 PM	15 Open for Personal Prayer	16
17 Father's Day Bible Study – 9:30 Worship – 11 AM	18	19 NA group 7 PM	20	21 Choir 5 PM NA group 7 PM	22 Open for Personal Prayer	23 Memorial Service for Frederick Myers – 3 PM
24 Bible Study – 9:30 Worship – 11 AM Fellowship Dinner at Black Rock	25	26 NA group 7 PM	27	28 Choir 5 PM NA group 7 PM	29 Open for Personal Prayer	30