



ClaytonPres Press

Clayton Presbyterian Church
Fred DiMaio, Pastor

October – November 2018

Birthdays

October

- 12 – David Baughman
- 12 – Colin Muir
- 15 – Nancy Bickley
- 17 – Elizabeth Chestnut
- 22 – Ron Spearman
- 24 – Judith Holden

November

- 1 – Susan Smart
- 1 – Ken Bonnette
- 16 – Anne Spearman
- 27 – Phil Kempin

Anniversaries

November

- 7 – Dan and Bobbi Miller
- 10 – Phil and Gwen Kempin
- 19 – Henry and Lindi
Newman
- 25 – Richard and Shirley
Boyle
- 30 – Gene and Helen
Roberts

The Pastor's Pen

Although Fall has officially begun, it still looks and feels like Summer. We managed to avoid the potential heavy winds and rain of Hurricane Florence. Our friends to the east still have hard going as they recover from flooding and associated issues. Continue to be in prayer as they set to remaking their lives.

As the apostle Paul traveled to establish churches and then maintain congregations, so, too, do we travel and meet new churches and their members and friends. These short times together can make lasting relationships. Or they can impact our thinking when we consider our local church life. This has been the case when Carol and I spent two weeks in California. We took special note of our personal contacts and interactions. Suffice to say that, just as happens here, those contacts were varied, interesting, sometimes challenging, but always informative. Those church people that we met, either during a worship service or just in conversation, always were interested in our hometown; why we were in California and were we enjoying ourselves!! It was a blessing to share a love of our Lord when we had the chance. We were invited to events, a dinner, even a concert!! And all were happy to show us their house of worship.

It is my hope that, while you may be traveling this year, you will meet folks that will share their faith journey.

And that you will share yours with them.

Blessings,

Fred

Is It Loss or Luck

There once lived a farmer who took pride in only two things in life – his son and his horse.

One day his horse kicked out the stall door of the stable and ran off. When the neighbors heard of what happened they said to the man, “What a loss,” and, “What bad luck.”

The man contemplated these words and asked the question, “How do we know this is a loss or bad luck?”

Most people were confused by this response until a few days later. The horse returned trailed by a dozen wild stallions. The man now had thirteen magnificent horses.

“What good luck you have,” the neighbors remarked.

To which the man said, “How do we know this is good luck?”

No sooner had the neighbors began to mutter about this strange remark when the man’s son was trampled while attempting to corral one of the wild stallions. His injuries were severe but not fatal. The young man would need surgery and a long recovery. In time he could resume his life.

“How horrible,” the neighbors said. “Such bad luck.”

“How do we know it’s bad luck?” asked the man.

By now the neighbors were beginning to grumble. The son was the star football player at the local university. He was expected to go pro after graduation. Now he’d have to create a new future for himself.

Though the man never thought of his son’s injuries in terms of loss or luck, the prevailing opinion was otherwise.

Until...

There was a horrible accident on the interstate involving the bus carrying the members of the university football team. No one on board survived. It was a tragedy mourned by the entire town.

The man sat at his son’s bedside. The young man grew stronger with each new day while his father felt grateful for the mysteries of life and also its blessings.

-Good News Journal, Sep/Oct 2018

Alzheimer’s and Dementia Caregiver Support Needed--

There is a shortage of caregivers for patients suffering from these difficult diseases. If you know of someone who is willing to volunteer for a couple of hours to give time off to a current caregiver, please let the church office know, or contact Suzanne Muir.

Schedules and hours are flexible and can be worked out to fit the needs of all involved. Ongoing support and some training are available.

Treasury Report

Jan. 1 – Sept. 30, 2018

Receipts \$90,351

Expenses \$58,270

Fund Balance \$117,971

Received gift from the estate of Carolyn Stainback of \$20,000

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Presbyterian Women 10 AM NA group 7 PM	3	4 Choir 5 PM NA group 7 PM	5 Open for Personal Prayer	6
7 Bible Study – 9:30 Worship – 11 AM	8 Columbus Day	9 NA group 7 PM	10	11 Choir 5 PM NA group 7 PM	12 Open for Personal Prayer	13
14 Bible Study – 9:30 Worship – 11 AM Congregational Meeting Flu Shots	15 Session - 10 AM	16 NA group 7 PM	17 GAME NIGHT at David and Helen's home Carpool from church at 5 PM	18 Choir 5 PM NA group 7 PM	19 Open for Personal Prayer	20
21 Bible Study – 9:30 Worship – 11 AM	22	23 Presbytery meeting at Oconee PC NA group 7 PM	24	25 Choir 5 PM NA group 7 PM	26 Open for Personal Prayer	27
28 Reformation Sunday Bible Study – 9:30 Worship – 11 AM Fellowship Dinner	29	30 NA group 7 PM	31	Elder of the month – Sharon Spivey October 14 - Congregational meeting October 14 – Flu Shots by CVS October 14 – Piano recital 3:30 pm		