

ClaytonPres Press

Clayton Presbyterian Church
Fred DiMaio, Pastor

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Anagram

Rearrange the
letters in
PRESBYTERIAN

Look what you get
Best in Prayer

The Pastor's Pen

We have completed yet another exciting year in the life of our church. Thanks to your continued support, many improvements and upgrades have been successfully implemented. Once again thanks go to those members and friends who stepped up to assist in those jobs that need to be done. Without committee membership, your church, its worship services and activities would not move ahead. Please say yes, when you are asked to help out or join. Remember that our commitment to the Lord does not cease at a certain age nor does it end when a specific job is completed. There is always work to be done in God's name.

Your new session members have been active already. We have scheduled another 'game night' for March 15. That is the week after the time changes, so it will not be quite as dark as a week before. Come out and join in the fun and fellowship.

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Welcome Phil and Gwen Kempin!

Illinois was the home state of Phil and Gwen. Gwen was from Rockford and Phil was from Kewanee.

Phil graduated from Monmouth College (a Presbyterian College) in IL after high school with a degree in psychology. Upon completing his degree, a friend told him that the radio station he worked for was looking for a copywriter. Phil claims he wasn't qualified for the job, but after interviewing the owner offered him the job. Phil worked at the station in Kewanee, then moved to stations in Galesburg and finally to Rockford. Phil's work at the radio stations included producing audio for radio and TV spots for about eight years.

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Welcome continued

After high school Gwen attended the Beauty College of Rockford. Gwen was working as a beautician in Rockford downstairs from the radio station when a mutual friend introduced her to Phil. Two years later, in 1962, they were married.

They have one son, 3 grandchildren, 2 step grandchildren, and 2 great grandchildren. Their son now lives back in Rockford, recently relocating from Tampa FL. They also have two kittens, Jasmine and Prissy. They moved to Tampa, FL when Phil and a friend went into business together opening their own recording studio. They produced the demo recording for Snoopy and the Red Barron and Abraham, Martin & John. Both recordings were finished in New York. When they closed their business, Phil went to work for General Telephone Company at their tele-communications center. It was here Phil wrote and produced three screen, 35 mm slide shows. Later he opened his own recording studio.

At age 46 Phil learned he had PXE, a disease of the eye, related to macular degeneration and thus began his life of declining vision. At this time, Gwen's life as a homemaker took a turn and she went back to work. Gwen took some classes and ended up working in Burdines as a Clinique technician. This work was more than gratifying for Gwen. Many of her clients were cancer patients that needed cosmetics to camouflage scars and skin abnormalities caused from cancer treatments. Gwen said watching the transformation from pale skin and sad faces of women coming to her and leaving with big smiles and grateful thanks for their new look was personally gratifying!

Phil's brother saw an ad for a vacation spot in Tiger in 1992, the first-time Gwen and Phil would visit this area. They eventually moved here in 2000. They attended services at two other churches before visiting Clayton Presbyterian per a

suggestion of a friend. Gwen said she knew the first time they visited CPC this would be their new church home. She said the congregation, Fred & Carol were the friendliest, and warmest people they ever met! Thanks for such kind words Gwen! We are so glad you came to check out CPC! We are blessed to have you as new members!



Gwen and Phil Kempin

- If you can always be cheerful, ignoring aches and pains...
- If you can resist complaining and boring people with your troubles...
- If you can eat the same food every day and be grateful for it...
- If you can take criticism and blame without resentment...
- If you can conquer tension without medical help...
- If you can relax without alcohol...
- If you can sleep without the aid of drugs...

Then you are probably the family dog.

Welcome Suzanne Holcomb to Clayton Presbyterian Church!

Suzanne was born in Dallas, TX. She attended ten (10) different schools in twelve (12) years due to her father being employed by the Oil Company of Texas, later known as Texaco as they moved/transferred employees frequently. Suzanne graduated from high school in Indiana and thus entered Indiana University as a journalism student. Situations arise and life changes as did Suzanne's. She married and had a son, Jeffery before graduating.

Suzanne lived in the Atlanta area for many years but knew Clayton well as they had a vacation home in the area. While in Atlanta, Suzanne was an attorney's private secretary for many years and later worked for Marcoin Inc.

Suzanne was a Biblical newspaper columnist for Community Newspapers, Inc. which included the Clayton Tribune. She worked 19 years at this job. She still does free-lance writing to this day.

Suzanne was later married to LaMar Holcomb. LaMar developed Lewi bodies dementia and passed away about a year and a half ago. This form of dementia lasts for four years and Suzanne was his care giver. As a result, she became the co-counselor at a dementia support group for care givers in Rabun County. It is the only such organization in all of NE Georgia. She frequently speaks to groups and organizations on how to start such groups and what the work entails.

Suzanne's son Jeffery is a CPA and works in Atlanta for a European company. Michael, her grandson, is also a CPA and works at the same company as his dad. Suzanne's granddaughter Sharon is an RN and also works in Atlanta.



Suzanne resides in Clayton with her beloved cat, Sarah who is an orange and black Calico. Sarah is quite spoiled her mom tells us, but that is just fine with her.

Thank you for visiting Clayton Presbyterian, we are so glad you are one of our newest members!

Pastor continued

Hopefully you have also seen and used the new church picture directory. These have been sent to our friends who live farther away and only attend when they are in the area. So be sure and smile when you enter the narthex. You never know who will show up on a Sunday morning.

The Lord continues to work in our part of this beautiful country. We have welcomed new members and said goodbye to others. All the while we continue to share the love and grace that is showered upon us by our Savior. Carol and I are left speechless many times with your care and support for our ministry. But we are here for you and with God's help for years to come. Continue to love each other and share the good times and fellowship that is the hallmark of this congregation.

Blessings
Pastor Fred

Women's Word

The Presbyterian Women enjoyed a busy December working together to decorate (and un-decorate) our church for the Christmas season, and of course enjoyed the fellowship and food that seems naturally to go together with our projects.

Speaking of projects, gathering information for year end reports we were able to report that our group gave more than \$1600 to a number of missions over the past year, as well as nearly \$2200 towards maintenance, repairs, and supplies for our church. Most of our project fund comes from the annual yard sale which is coming up in April or May. This is a wonderful win-win for us all - clean closets (and garages), great deals for the community, and funds for worthy missions and church projects. Start putting aside your yard sale items!

February's lesson, Chapters 6 & 7 of *Worshipping God With Our Lives*, will be led by Carol DiMaio. March's lesson, Chapters 8 & 9, will be led by Janice Elliott. Looking forward to seeking God's will together...

Susan Smart

Sharon Spivey

Treasury Report

January – December 2016

Receipts	\$88,656
Expenses	\$90,472
Fund Balance	\$68,969

Jan. 1 – 27, 2017

Receipts	\$6,221
Expenses	\$4,676
Fund Balance	\$70,514

My husband gave me a beautiful anniversary card that had lovely art and heartfelt verses. Wiping away a tear, I said, "This is the sweetest card I've ever received."

"Really?" he said, grinning broadly. "What does it say?"

Reader's Digest, February 2017

Birthdays

February

- 1 – Bella Murphy
- 2 – Betty Anne Griffin
- 13 – Brenda Shirley
- 13 – Joye Stonestreet
- 23 – Nancy Ferguson

March

- 10 – Judy Williams

Anniversaries

February

- 4 – Ken and Jo Bonnette

March

- 23 – Sam and Mary Chalton

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Elder of the month – Nancy Ferguson			1	2 Choir 5:00 NA group 7:00	3 Open for Personal Prayer	4
5 Bible Study – 9:30 Worship – 11:00 Souper-Bowl Dinner	6	7 Presbyterian Women 10 AM	8	9 Choir 5:00 NA group 7:00	10 Open for Personal Prayer	11
12 Bible Study – 9:30 Worship – 11:00 Rev. Blant Ferguson preaching	13 Session - 4:00	14 	15	16 Choir 5:00 NA group 7:00	17 Open for Personal Prayer	18
19 Bible Study – 9:30 Worship – 11:00	20	21	22	23 Choir 5:00 NA group 7:00	24 Open for Personal Prayer	25 Presbytery Meeting in Augusta
26 Transfiguration Bible Study – 9:30 Worship – 11:00	27	28				