

# ClaytonPres Press

Clayton Presbyterian Church  
Fred DiMaio, Pastor

June – July 2017

## The Pastor's Pen

### Treasury Report

Jan. 1 – May 26, 2017

Receipts \$34,016

Expenses \$26,187

Fund Balance \$77,715

Summer is practically upon us. The trees and bushes have arrived in full bloom. Grass needs to be mowed and weeds whacked. Members and friends who traveled during the colder months have returned. The birds are back at the feeders. It is a beautiful time in this part of God's country. The Presbyterian Women's yard sale was a great success. The bad weather held off just enough. Many of us are already gathering "stuff" for next year. Thanks to all who contributed and worked on this endeavor.

As I look at our weekly prayer list, many names remain. Keep all in your prayers and, if possible, visit those homebound or at nursing facilities. The Outreach and Membership committee is charged with that challenge, as well as your pastor. But it is everyone's responsibility to nurture and show loving concern for our members and friends in the congregation. You will be better for it!



The Lord gave us some difficult challenges over the past few months. Losing friends and loved ones is never easy. But His promise remains, "I will never leave you." Draw strength from the Scriptures and the words of encouragement found there. Our church fellowship and love is also a source of continued power that the Lord shares with us. There is always someone here to lean on and offer support.

If you have a problem that perhaps another member of the congregation can assist you with, please let a Session member or me know about it. Perhaps something around the house, or a question about a loved one. We have many knowledgeable and handy folks here.

We all look forward to beginning our monthly fellowship meals at Black Rock State Park the last Sunday in June. Mark your schedule for the Worship Service and Dinner held there the last Sunday of July.

Blessings, Fred

## Choir News

Our choir is blessed to have several new members joining us. We also thank Rhett for singing and playing guitar when he is in Rabun County. I appreciate the fellowship within our choir and we hope our music brings you joy and inspiration.

We hope to see our church family joining choir members at Toccoa Presbyterian Church at 6:00 PM on June 4<sup>th</sup>. There will be a soup, salad and dessert supper, followed by a combined choir anthem and hymn-sing.

Carol

## Women's Word

The annual Yard Sale was a huge success, raising the most funds ever! We also had the largest support not only from our church, but from friends, neighbors, and community. A big thank you to all who gave so generously of their items, and time, and talents, and of course, the buyers! Wow, so many cheerfully helped with sorting, pricing, packing, moving, delivering, cashiering, bagging, clean up, and providing food that it felt like a party going on!

Talking about parties, seven of our group, along with ladies from Wiley attended the Birthday Gathering hosted by Rabun Gap Presbyterian Women. This year's birthday offering will support First Hand Aid Rural Clinic Development Initiative in Cuba, The Family Justice Center Safe Haven for Domestic Violence in South Carolina, and Navajo Water Project in New Mexico.

The Presbyterian Women's group will have their last meeting before the summer break on June 6th at 10am. Miriam will be leading Lesson 12, Living for His Glory. We will resume Bible Study September 5th.

Hope everyone has a wonderful summer.  
Sharon and Susan



## Birthdays

### June

1 – Skylar Spivey  
9 – Carol DiMaio

### July

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

## Anniversaries

### June

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

# Clayton Presbyterian Church June 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Elder of the month – TC Williams</b>				1  Choir 5:00 NA group 7:00	2  Open for Personal Prayer	3
4 Bible Study – 9:30 Worship – 11:00  Dinner & Hymn Sing at Toccoa 6 PM	5	6  Presbyterian Women 10 AM	7	8  Choir 5:00 NA group 7:00	9  Open for Personal Prayer	10
11 Bible Study – 9:30 Worship – 11:00	12  Session – 10 AM	13	14	15  Choir 5:00 NA group 7:00	16  Open for Personal Prayer	17
18 <b>Father's Day</b>  Bible Study – 9:30 Worship – 11:00	19  RCFM Food Delivery 8:30 AM	20	21	22  Choir 5:00 NA group 7:00	23  Open for Personal Prayer	24
25 Bible Study – 9:30 Worship – 11:00 Fellowship Dinner at Black Rock	26	27	28	29  Choir 5:00 NA group 7:00	30  Open for Personal Prayer	