

# ClaytonPres Press



Clayton Presbyterian Church  
Fred DiMaio, Pastor

August – September 2017

## The Pastor's Pen

### Treasury Report

Jan. 1 – July 28, 2017

Receipts \$49,848

Expenses \$36,253

Fund Balance \$83,848

As summer reaches its hottest days we look forward to the first small signs of fall as September approaches. Clayton Presbyterian has had a busy last few months, the yard sale, game nights, special worship service events. Members and friends have had vacations and family visits. Illnesses, recoveries and memorials for loved ones have also taken place. We thank God for joys as well as pray for strength to overcome difficulties of life. Participation in church Adult Sunday School is at an all time high. Congregational involvement in church activity is constant and regular.

Do not let your enthusiasm wane. The work of God's kingdom is never done. When we work together with love and commitment the load is both lighter and easier. Prayerfully consider your answer if you are asked to serve on the session, or on a committee. You are important to the life of our congregation.

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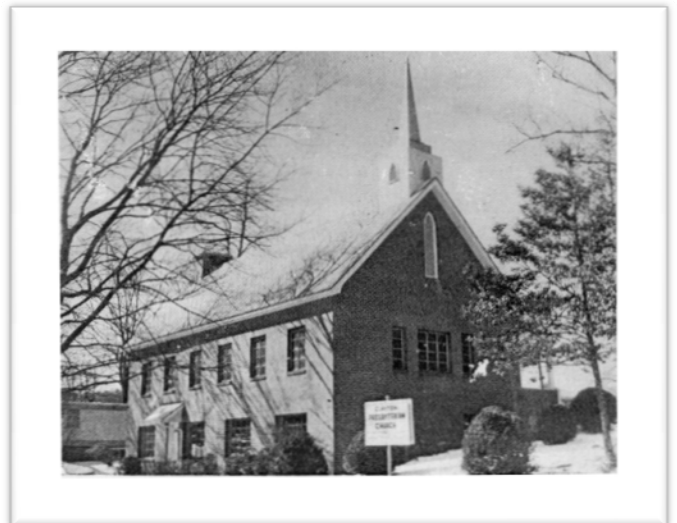
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In February of 2018, Clayton Presbyterian Church will celebrate its 65th Anniversary. The session has chosen to recognize this in both February and then have a dinner celebration in late April. Hopefully more of our members and friends can attend in April. We realize many are away during the winter months.

As well as the potential of a weather cancellation in February. To that end, Judy Williams, Brenda Shirley, Phyllis Murphy and Ginny Fagen have agreed to be the Anniversary Celebration Committee.

**Please mark your calendars for those Sundays, February 25 and April 29, 2018.**

Blessings, Fred



## Are You a Leader?

When asked if you have ever 'lead' anyone to Christ, perhaps that wording is puzzling.

How does a person lead another? Dragging, protesting, demanding, ordering or shaming? No, I think the whole purpose is to lead by example.

Today so many fads become the norm because people want to make that experience their own. Not that the fad looks good or is economically wise...just because it is new and we want to be like others.

Traveling on our own spiritual journey will often be quietly and with the private urge to seek knowledge of our Lord. Within time that serene fulfillment begins to govern our thoughts and actions. Our home, speech and values will reflect the giving of our life to Christ. When this overtakes your life, others will see the desire to serve the Lord IN you. This will truly be leading by example.

Have you led anyone to Christ? Have you planted a seed - thought of desire to know Christ better? It helps to understand and have a clear vision of the Beatitudes in Matthew 5:3-12. Our Lord gave us these guidelines to cover the needs and actions within the world, and outlines the qualities of an ideal believer.

Today a standard saying is 'walk the walk and talk the talk', in other words through knowledge comes acceptance. By being a true follower you can be ready to be a leader.

Suzanne Holcomb

## Women's Word

The Presbyterian Women's Group will resume meetings on Tuesday, September 12th at 10am (delayed a week because of Labor Day). Sharon will be leading Chapter One - The Juggling Act - of the Bible Series, Leading a Life of Balance.

The group enjoyed a busy summer break but were happy to meet at Susan's home in July to prepare the material for fifty pair of shoes going to The Sole Hope Project, helping to protect Uganda children from foot related diseases.



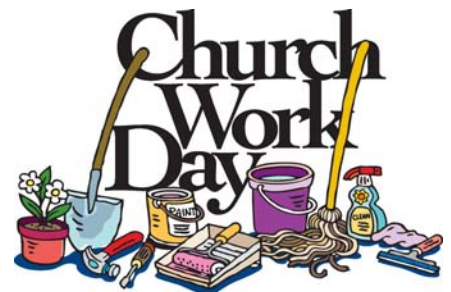
CVS will be giving free flu shots here at the Church one Sunday in October. More details as the time draws near.



Hymn Sing at Toccoa Presbyterian in June

Volunteers  
needed

Saturday  
September  
16th



## Another Serenity Prayer

*James Martin, S.J.*

God, grant me the **serenity** to **accept** the people I cannot change, which is pretty much everyone, since I'm clearly not you, God. At least not the last time I checked.

And while you're at it, God, Please give me the **courage** to change what I need to change about myself, which is frankly a lot, since, once again, I'm not you, which means I'm not perfect. It's better for me to focus on changing myself than to worry about changing other people, Who, as you'll no doubt remember me saying, I can't change anyway.

Finally, give me the wisdom to just be quiet whenever I think that I'm clearly smarter than everyone else in the room, that no one knows what they're talking about except me, or that I alone have all the answers. Basically, God, grant me the wisdom to remember that I'm not you. Amen.

## Birthdays

### August

1 – Janice Elliott  
5 – Bill Smart  
16 – Mary Chalton  
23 – Rhett Bickley  
26 – Sharon Spivey  
30 – John Jenkins  
31 – LeRoy Norvell

### September

11 – Lindi Newman  
15 – Jennifer Randall  
15 – Bill Elliott  
17 – Fred DiMaio  
21 – Suzanne Holcomb  
22 – Gene Roberts  
23 – Bettye DiMaio  
24 – Linda Farr  
25 – Kerstin Dreher  
27 – Bob Mott

## Anniversaries

### August

3 – Wendel and Norma Jean Craker  
3 – James and Elizabeth Chestnut  
7 – Jim Reynolds and Renee` Ramsay  
17 – Frank and Judith Holden  
23 – Bill and Linda Farr

### September

13 – Bill and Janice Elliott  
20 – Guy and Peggy Ritter

## Clayton Presbyterian Church

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Elder of the month – Nancy Ferguson</b>		1	2	3 Choir 5:00 NA group 7:00	4 Open for Personal Prayer	5
6 Bible Study – 9:30 Worship – 11:00	7	8	9	10 Choir 5:00 NA group 7:00	11 Open for Personal Prayer	12
13 Bible Study – 9:30 Worship – 11:00	14 Session – 10 AM	15 Presbytery Meeting in Athens	16	17 Choir 5:00 NA group 7:00	18 Open for Personal Prayer	19
20 Bible Study – 9:30 Worship – 11:00	21 RCFM Food Delivery 8:30 AM	22	23	24 Choir 5:00 NA group 7:00	25 Open for Personal Prayer	26
27 Bible Study – 9:30 Worship – 11:00 Fellowship Dinner at Black Rock	28	29	30	31 Choir 5:00 NA group 7:00		