



Red Clay Creek Presbyterian Church Life at the Creek

February 25, 2018

An Update from Kristen on the Y.A.V. Program

Hey Red Clay!

I hope all is well in Delaware. I've been keeping up with Life in the Creek and know that Red Clay is going through a huge transition right now. I just wanted to say thank you for all you've done to support me in my year of service in New Orleans. The members of Red Clay are the ones who taught me about faith and inspired me to do the YAV program, and I just wanted to take a moment to thank you and to show you what your support enabled me to do.

I have been living in New Orleans for over 6 months now, and I am more than half way through my 11 months of service. And I love it here. I work nearly 40 hours a week split between two sites, and both sites are churches.

Mission is a huge aspect of my job here in NOLA. At Lakeview Presbyterian Church, I work to recruit out of state groups to visit New Orleans for a week-long mission trip, just as I am recruiting Red Clay to visit! Mission groups stay at the Lakeview church, visit different work sites each day, and learn about the impact Hurricane Katrina had on the city.

When I'm not working with mission groups, I'm working with the Lakeview congregation on their mission projects. They participate in a local mission project each month. Through this church, I have been involved in a month-long Habitat for Humanity build project where 1 house was completed in just 12 days. I also participate in a weekly homeless service that invites homeless into a church every Wednesday morning for warm coffee, a short service, a Salvation Army voucher, bus tokens, clothes, and a bagged lunch. I have also participated in dropping off gift bags to a juvenile

prison, putting together Christmas food baskets, blessing bags for homeless, and providing 20 plus children a joyous Christmas through the Angel Tree Mission. The Lakeview congregation reminds me a lot of the Red Clay community. They are loving and supportive of my work here in New Orleans.

The second church I work at is Church of Christ at Carrollton. My job here is to work at an after school tutoring program. The students are all from a Charter school across the street from the church. Most of them come from a predominately Hispanic background but most speak English beautifully. Monday and Tuesday I work with elementary age kids and Wednesday with middle schoolers. We pick the children up from school, give them a snack and time to play outside, and then help them with their homework and any other skills they might need to focus on. On Wednesdays, the middle schoolers stay longer and in addition to tutoring we do a fun activity with them, a bible study and provide them dinner. I love working with kids and getting to know them.

I love the work I am doing and would not be here without the support of Red Clay. You taught me the roots of my faith, the importance of community, and how to love and work with children. I am pleased to call you my home church and this congregation will always have a special place in my heart.

Red Clay, please know that no matter what happens, you have raised some amazing children and I have gotten the pleasure to work with a lot of them. You have raised faithful servants and inspired leaders. A church is more than its pastors: it is the elders and deacons, it is the

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GUESTS

If you are a guest at Red Clay Creek Presbyterian Church and would like to receive more information, please contact the Church Office at 302-998-0434 or email: office@rccpc.org.

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caring parents who make Sunday school happen each week, it is the joyous children who sing "this little light of mine" in front of the church on Sunday mornings.

V.B.S. Help Needed

In baptism we promise to nurture and provide a place for the Christian education of our children. Here is your opportunity to help fulfil that promise! We are in need of an individual or team to plan and provide VBS for our own children as well as children in the community. Don't worry about being qualified, if you like to have fun, you're qualified! If you love children, you're quali-

Red Clay, you have raised some good ones and I am honored to call you my home. Thank you for all you have done and know that you are all in my prayers here in New Orleans because again, I would NOT be here without you.

For more stories and insight into my year in New Orleans, check out my blog kristenreisor.weebly.com
Thank you all! I can't wait to see those who are visiting NOLA in June for the LAMP Mission trip

Lots of Love, *Kristen Reisor*

Camp Red Clay otherwise known as Summer Sunday School. It takes a team of two to provide a lesson, activity etc. during worship. If you don't know the children of Red Clay, here's a great opportunity to change all that. Our children are energetic, enthusiastic, loveable, warm, & funny. Please consider getting to know them better!

What's New with our Youth?

The confirmation class is not meeting today. We will meet next Sunday, March 4th at 10:00 am in the Tunnel.

Today the youth are headed for fellowship at the Grand Slam Family Entertainment Center. They will be play-

ing laser tag, nerf battles, ninja obstacle course, gaga and more.

For more information visit rccpc.org/youth.

Girl Scout Cookies

Help support some of the local girl scout troops! Visit the Girl Scout cookie table in Founders Hall today. When you buy Girl Scout cookies, you help girls earn money for fun, educational activities and community projects. Please stop by and purchase some delicious cookies.

Multi Generation Mission Trip Opportunity

This summer we have an amazing opportunity for a Mission Trip to New Orleans! It is from June 16th to 23rd. It takes place in New Orleans, hosted by Lakeview Agape Mission Project (LAMP) (*Kristen Reisor works there!*)

It is for a Multi generational group of 7 to 25 people, must be 14 years of age or older, requires at least 1 adult (age 25+) for each 4 youth under 18

What will we do: Each day the group will explore a different form of mission work in the city of New Orleans

Accommodations: Group will stay at Lakeview Presbyterian church in air conditioned rooms. LAMP will provide cots, sleeping bags, and most meals.

Cost: RCCPC will cover cost of LAMP fees and transportation in New Orleans, participants will need to pay for airfare (estimated at \$500) Interested?

For more information and registration materials please email Linda Reisor at lreisor@mac.com

Hospice; Helping Loved Ones

At some time in our lives, each of us will be affected by a serious illness either in ourselves or a loved one. What support is available to relieve our burden and provide comfort? Come and listen to Wendie Brost, Medical Account Executive at Delaware Hospice. Delaware Hospice provides more than support for the terminally ill. Join us Sunday March 4, 2018 at 9:30 am in Fellowship Hall to find out how to identify someone who may be in need of support, and what services are available at any stage of illness. **Sign up using today's connection card.**

Montreat Youth Conference

This conference is a unique gathering of young people from all over the country for a week of study, worship, and recreation. Activities include morning energizers, music, keynote, small group meetings, afternoon recreation activities, and evening worship.

When: July 29th – August 4th

Where: Montreat, North Carolina

Who: Entering Freshman through Graduating Seniors

Cost: \$450 (\$100 non-refundable deposit with registration, balance due by June 30th)

Registration: Open until the end of February.

Register at: rccpc.churchcenter.com

Questions: Contact Nancy James at njames58@comcast.net

NordicTrack Machine

There is a NordicTrack exercise machine in the room across from the kitchen in fellowship hall. If it belongs to you, please remove it. If no one claims it by 3/18, it is free to anyone who wants it. Contact Dave Howarth at howarthda@comcast.net if interested.

RCCPC 2018 Lenten Food Drive

It's that time of year again! Each year during Lent, Red Clay holds a food drive to benefit the Food Bank of Delaware. There are two ways you can participate:

1. Bring in canned goods on Sunday, March 11th and Sunday March 18th. Bins will be located in Founders Hall.

2. Let our youth do the shopping for you! Purchase Acme gift cards for sale in Founders Hall March 4th and 11th.

The youth will take the cards and go to Acme to purchase items on the Food Bank's most needed list. This is a dual benefit as the Food Bank gets the much needed food

donation and our Youth Mission Trip receives 4% of all gift card sales.

The Food Bank Urgently Needs: Hot and Cold Cereals, Peanut Butter, Canned Fruits, Canned Meats, 8oz Shelf-Stable Milk, Canned Vegetables, Spaghetti Sauce (no glass, please), ***low-sodium and low-sugar items when possible***

See the live Passion Play – *informational meeting on March 11th*

OBERAMMERGAU - Be A Part of the Once A Decade Passion Play that takes place in the tiny Bavarian hamlet of Oberammergau, Germany! 2020 is the year and you are invited to consider a faith inspired vacation with your RCCPC friends and family. Available itineraries include land, and land & river cruise tours. Travel through Austria, Germany and/or Switzerland, enjoying

spectacular mountain scenery and picturesque cities. All itineraries include the live Passion Play. Anne Ceres, member of RCCPC and an associate of Cruiseplanners, Inc., will host an informational meeting in Fellowship Hall on March 11, 2018 at 9:30 a.m. and welcomes all interested to come find out how you can experience this amazing play about the suf-

fering, death and resurrection of Christ that began back in 1634.

Please call Anne at (302) 229-9905, or email her at aceres9@gmail.com or anne.ceres@cruiseplanners.com if you have questions or would like to receive advance electronic information.

Noonday Concert

Please join us at noon on Sunday, March 11th for a noonday concert entitled: The Bach Tradition in the 21st Century. The audience will be asked to sing famous hymns from our

hymnal followed by Jeffrey playing preludes based on those traditional hymns. **Use today's connection card to sign-up.**

Looking ahead.... mark you calendars for our next Noonday Concert on April 8th with Ben Andrews, percussionist.

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Do Awesome Things...



Office Hours:

Monday–Friday
9:00 am–3:00 pm

Finance Office Hours:

Monday 9 am -12 pm
Thursday 12 pm -2 pm

Available Chancel Flower Dates:

Interested in purchasing Chancel flowers in 2018? Order forms are available in the narthex, founders hall, and at rccpc.org. The cost is \$45.00. We have the following upcoming dates available: April 15 & 29 and May 13 & 20.

LARGE PRINT HYMNALS are available in the narthex area.

Calendar Highlights

February 25	Sing, Sing, Sing-Out! w/ Jeffrey Miller & Barb Vanderkraats
March 4	Wellness Offering: Hospice; Helping Loved Ones
March 11	Information Mtg. @ the Live Passion Play in Germany
March 11	Noonday Concert
March 18	Wellness Offering: Managing Diabetes and other information
March 25	Palm Sunday Egg Hunt at 11:30 am

Lord, in Your Mercy, Hear Our Prayers

MEMBERS

Betty Tattersall
Family of Carol Lorah Bland
George Price
Ruby Hayden
Ron Bagdon
Holly & Zach Martinez
Cal Williams
Courtney Elwood
Richard & Jean Laird
Kirsten Sharp
Gail Derickson
Ruth Richards
Sue Anderson

MEMBERS (continued)

Betty Cunningham
Charles Tulloch
Edith Trimble

SERVICE ABROAD

Latin American Missionaries
Damian Wampler
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FRIENDS & FAMILY

Harold Howell (father of Linda Sopkanich)
Pauline Sopkanich (mother-in-law of Linda Sopkanich)
Helen Van Shea-Sedita (mother of Van Shea Sedita)
Angie McCord and son Ryan Farmer (requested by Ray & Mim Krout)
Rick Herman (father of Patrick Gioffre)
Family of Kover Hudson Jr (father of Kove Hudson)
Fulton Frances Burrill (cousin of Edna Hein)
Lindsay Ferrante (daughter of Kathy Frank)
Judy Smith & family (friend of Red Clay)
Patrick Vaughn (RCCPC Congregation)
John Scott (brother of Nancy Ross)
Mrs. Bono (SEKI orphanage director in South Africa)
Cecil Irwin (brother of Vicki Smith, uncle of Greg & Michelle)
Bob Keay (brother-in-law of Peggy Germain)

“My soul, wait silently for God alone, for my expectation is from Him. Trust in Him at all times, you people; Pour out your heart before Him; God is a refuge for us. “ Psalm 62: 5, 8

A Stephen Minister is available in the Crossan Lounge after Sunday morning services to speak or pray with you confidentially about any personal problem. For more information about Stephen Ministry, contact Suzanne Courter-Jann (302)530-3468 or Leslie Gast (302)239-2006, our Stephen Minister Coordinators.