



Red Clay Creek Presbyterian Church Life at the Creek

May 27, 2018

An Update from Our Session

TO ALL MEMBERS OF OUR CONGREGATION:

The Mission Study Team has completed its report. The team was charged by Session to gather as much information as possible regarding the congregation's view of where Red Clay had been, where we are now, and our aspirations for the future. They received feedback from a large percentage of our congregation through a survey as well as various focus groups and many discussions.

Following the resignation of our Pastor, the scope and timeline of the Mission Study were fundamentally changed, however the Mission Study Team continued to work to complete their report. The report contains six recommendations which are now being reviewed by Session for implementation. The Session will share details about implementation in the future as it develops.

1. As the church works to strengthen its ministry, it should consider ways to maintain what is special about Red Clay
2. Improve leadership by the Session (already in progress)
3. Make necessary changes to attract families with children and youth to the church
4. Provide more opportunities for Christian education and spiritual formation at every age and stage of life
5. Develop and implement a comprehensive strategy to reach new people and incorporate them into the life of the church
6. Provide staffing to adequately support our congregational needs and ministries

These recommendations will help inform the future Mission Study for the Senior Pastor position, and strengthen Red Clay's programs during this interim period. In future months, the Session expects to commission another Mission Study team to complete the required documentation for the Senior Pastor position.

The Mission Study Team has completed their report and has been dissolved with heartfelt thanks for the work they completed with grace and great thoughtfulness. A copy of their report is available in the office and is also posted on the RCCPC website at rccpc.org/forms.

Sandy Sarjeant
Clerk of Session

*TRANSITIONAL PASTOR for
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Rev. Emily Schwenker

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LEADERSHIP

Belong:	Kim Eppheimer
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Reach:	John Gast, Geoff Meyer
Rejoice:	Marcia Kelly
Finance:	Nancy James
Home:	Dave Howarth
Personnel:	Dave Aument
Nominating:	Debbie Williams
Clerk of Session:	Sandy Sarjeant
Deacon Moderator:	Sue Gleason

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.

Confirmation at Red Clay

Last Sunday, in front of family and friends and the entire congregation, Kate Ayers, Elizabeth Brubaker, Amber Gamgort, Megan Garrison, Bryan Janocha, Tyler Kreps, Emily Laird, and Evan Sharp publicly confirmed their faith as they reaffirmed the vows taken for them at their baptism. It was a joy and a privilege to be a part of such a meaningful celebration, both in the lives of those being confirmed and in the life of our family of faith that is Red Clay Creek Presbyterian Church. I am hopeful that this important event does not signal the end of their individual jour-

neys of faith, but is only the beginning as they continue to explore what it means to be a child of God and a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ, all while participating in the work and worship of the Church.

Clearly, these young people could not have gone through the confirmation process alone. So, heartfelt thanks go out to both the adult and high school mentors who have spent many hours throughout the past year companioning and guiding our confirmands. And, kudos also go to the parents, whose love and support –

and yes, maybe just a little prodding – have been invaluable. But, the Unsung Hero Award goes to Bill Sharp! Bill has spent countless hours planning and implementing the confirmation curriculum, as well as organizing and coordinating fellowship events, discussion forums, worship participation and service opportunities. Thank you for your care and commitment, Bill! Thank you, mentors! And congratulations, Kate, Elizabeth, Amber, Megan, Bryan, Tyler, Emily and Evan! May God continue to bless you and keep you as you take the next steps in your journey of faith.

Celebration Picnic Sign-Ups in Founders Hall

Our Celebration Picnic will take place next Sunday, June 3rd. Join us on that day for worship at either 8:30 or 10:30 am. Both services will take place in the sanctuary. Following our 10:30 service, we will proceed to the Upper Meadow area for a wonderful time of fellowship, lunch, games and face painting. Feel free to bring a lawn chair if you like.

Tables & chairs will be provided for our older members. We ask each member to bring a side dish, dessert or beverage. We will provide the delicious fried chicken and grilled hotdogs and veggie burgers. **Please visit the table in Founders Hall after worship today to sign up or visit rccpc.org.**

**Celebration Picnic
Sunday, June 3rd
Upper Meadow**

What's New with our Youth?

There is no youth group meeting today.

Next Sunday, all confirmands, youth and their families are invited and encouraged to attend our church picnic at 11:30 am.

The following Sunday, June 10th the youth will participate in the 10:30 worship service. Those attending the New

Orleans Lakeview Agape Mission Project (L.A.M.P) trip will be commissioned on that day.

On June 16th, the youth leave for the L.A.M.P. trip.

The youth are invited to help with VBS during the week of July 23rd-July 27th

Summer Worship Schedule

Our summer worship schedule begins on Sunday, June 10th. At that time we will worship at 9:30 am each week.



Free Yoga at Red Clay

Rachel Bland, member and daughter of member, Carol Lorah Bland has been practicing Yoga for almost 8 years, and more intensely the past 4 years. She has spent the last 8 months in a yoga teacher-training program with One Yoga LLC. (YTT200 cert.). In order for Rachel to be a certified yoga teacher she must complete some free, and fun volunteer teaching hours! Rachel loves all kinds of yoga from Gentle/Beginner and Chair Yoga to more intense Ashtanga and Vinyasa Yoga. She can't wait to meet you! Classes will be held in Founders

Hall. Please sign-up ahead of time but walk-ins are welcome! There will be a sign-in sheet at the beginning of each class. Each class will be followed by a short, guided meditation.

What to bring: a yoga mat, comfortable, flexible, non-loose-fitting clothing, any props or blankets that would make you more comfortable, a smile and an open mind!

Dates:
Sundays June 3, 10 & 17th:
6:30 - 7:30 pm Beginner/Intermediate Vinyasa Yoga

Wednesdays June 6, 13, & 20th:
1:00 - 2:00 pm Chair or Gentle Beginner Yoga

Questions? Call Rachel at 302-545-7960.

**Parents are strongly encouraged to find care for their young children during these classes. Children under the age of 12 are strongly discouraged for these classes. However, yoga can be done at all ages!

Sign-up using today's connection card or on our website at rccpc.org.

Walking4Wellness.2

Join your family, friends, church members, or co-workers for some friendly competition! Record each mile you walk from June 1st through August 31st. Let's see if our combined mileage gets us from Delaware to California! We will celebrate the most miles walked during a worship service in September. **Sign-up using today's Connection Card** and we will

create a personal online tracking sheet for you, or you can record your mileage on a hard copy.

Do you need motivation to walk? How about one of these reasons?

10 reasons to walk:

1. Walkers live longer
2. Walking prevents weight gain

3. Walking lowers blood pressure
4. Walking reduces the risk of cancer
5. Walking reduces the risk of heart disease and stroke
6. Walking reduces the risk of diabetes
7. Walking boosts your brain power
8. Walking improves mood and decreases stress
9. Walking can ease joint pain
10. Walking improves sleep

Happy walking!

Vacation Bible School

Send your kids on an impacting island adventure! At Shipwrecked VBS, kids discover how Jesus rescues us through life's storms. Shipwrecked is filled with incredible Bible-learning experiences kids see, hear, touch, and even taste! Scency-Fun Gizmos™, team-building games, cool Bible songs, and tasty treats are just a few of the standout activities that help faith flow into real life. Plus, we'll help kids discover how to see evidence of God in everyday life-

something we call God Sightings. Get ready to hear that phrase a lot!

Parents, grandparents, and friends are invited to join us at Sail Away Sendoff each day at 11:45, a daily exploration of our Jesus' rescue!

So mark these dates on your calendar: July 23rd-27th. The fun starts at 9:00am and will end at 12:00pm. Please note that VBS is for children

that have completed one year of preschool through the completion of 5th grade.

If you would like to register your child for Vacation Bible School please visit rccpc.org/vbs.

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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: July 8, 15, August 5, and September 9, 16, 23 & 30th.

LARGE PRINT HYMNALS are available in the narthex area.

Calendar Highlights

May 27	Memorial Day—Office Closed
June 3	Celebration Picnic
June 10	Summer Worship Schedule Begins: one service at 9:30 am
June 16-23	LAMP Mission Trip
July 23-27	Vacation Bible School

Lord, in Your Mercy, Hear Our Prayers

MEMBERS

Betty Tattersall
Family of Carol Lorah Bland
George Price
Ruby Hayden
Ron Bagdon
Cal Williams
Gail Derickson
Ruth Richards
Kathe Worrell & Family
Bob Biss
Bill Trexler

MEMBERS (continued)

Betty Cunningham
Charles Tulloch
Edith Trimble

SERVICE ABROAD

Latin American Missionaries
Damian Wampler
Lilian Solt
Dean Hunter
Femi
Ryan Beattie
Ken Beare



FRIENDS & FAMILY

AJ DeLuca (grandson of Al DeLuca)
Jack (friend of Joyce McClellan)
Ray Toto (retired employee of RCCPC)
John, Malissa, and Blayer Coreblunas (friends of Sue Welsh)
Mark Brakke (brother of Jann Fisher)
The Vaughn Family (friends of Red Clay)
Daryl Hougnon (brother-in-law of Mim & Ray Krout)
Chester Criswell (uncle of Mim Krout)
Maura Sarjeant (sister of Joe Sarjeant)
Ken Charles (brother of Sandy Sarjeant)
Sue Elam (sister of Jane Elam)
Davey Riblett (brother of Annie Riblett)
Steven L. Gross (son of Ellen Michael)
Linda Zimmermann (sister of Ken & Nancy James)
Adele Edmonds (niece of Shirley Tielleman)
John Scott (brother of Nancy Ross)
Donna Johnson (friends at Friendship House)
Craig Stewart (friends at Friendship House)
Victims of the Florida school shootings
The Vasquez family and their son, Gabe (requested by Susan Welsh)
Hanna Tobin (daughter of Dave Christel/step-daughter of Patricia)
Helen Van Shea-Sedita (mother of Van Shea Sedita)
Cecil Irwin (brother of Vicki Smith, uncle of Greg & Michelle)
Bob Key (brother-in-law of Peggy Germain)

Jesus said to his disciples, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid." John 14:27 (NIV)

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.

OFFERING received week ending:

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