

Red Clay Creek  
*Presbyterian Church*

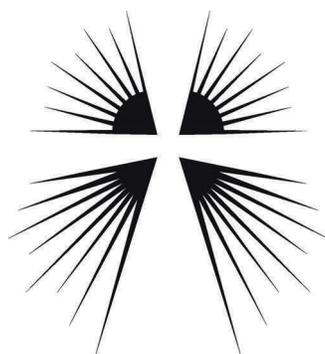


PERMISSION

*God's call to do awesome things.*

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**We belong to God.**

**We nurture faith in Christ.**

**We reach out to others in the power of the Holy Spirit.**

**We rejoice in the Good News.**

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The Presbyterian pastor and author, Frederick Beuchner, has written that ministry is “Where your deep gladness meets with the world’s deep need.”

At Red Clay Creek Presbyterian Church, we hope and pray that you will discover your particular ministry or ministries! We hope and pray that you will embrace the call of Jesus Christ, and we hope and pray that you will know the blessing that comes when your deep gladness meets the world's deep need.

This booklet describes the various ministries of our congregation. Don't just read through it, pray through it! Ask yourself, "How is God calling me to invest my gifts into his work? What ignites my passion? How can I make a difference in the lives of others?"

Do you have a fervent desire to feed the hungry? Do you want to make sure our guests feel at home and welcomed on Sunday morning? Do you enjoy singing? Has God gifted you with compassion?

God does not recruit us (when was the last time you were recruited to a birthday party or a wedding?).

God does not summon volunteers.

Instead, God invites us to immerse ourselves in his life and work.

Pray through this booklet and prepare to be delighted and surprised by the call of God!

Grace and peace,

Patrick

# We BELONG to God.

Gather with people ever striving to grow in our relationship with Christ.

*We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's*

*-Romans 14:7-8*

**The Belong team plans and provides activities that promote our community and its belonging to God.**

**Ministry Name:** New Members

**Ministry Description:** Identify and invite new members to join.

**Help Needed:** offer hospitality, organize class and dinner

**Time Commitment:** 4-5 times/year

**Contact:** Church Office                      office@rccpc.org                      302-998-0434

**Ministry Name:** Attic Treasures

**Ministry Description:** Church yard sale. Provides a fund-raising venue for RCCPC. Accepts donations of goods and furniture. Opportunity for fellowship.

**Help Needed:** sort, arrange, price and sell donations

**Time Commitment:** varies for one week in the fall

**Contact:** Gail Riblett                      gailzz@comcast.net                      302-530-4331

**Ministry Name:** Bake Sale

**Ministry Description:** Fundraising venue for RCCPC usually in conjunction with Attic Treasures.

**Help Needed:** provide baked goods

**Time Commitment:** once or twice a year

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**Ministry Name:** Celebration Picnic

**Ministry Description:** An old fashioned picnic to celebrate the end of the Sunday School and program year and the beginning of Summer fun.

**Help Needed:** event planning, food planning and serving, activities planning and supervision, set-up, clean-up

**Time Commitment:** planning meetings prior to the event, day of the event assistance

**Contact:** Church Office                      office@rccpc.org                      302-998-0434

**Ministry Name:** Egg Hunt

**Ministry Description:** Provides an annual outdoor celebration of the joy of Easter, including an egg hunt, games, flower sale, baked goods, a mission project and lots of fellowship.

**Help Needed:** stuff eggs, hide eggs, provide baked goods, sell flowers, coordinate prizes

**Time Commitment:** two hours, one time per year

**Contact:** Gail Riblett                      gailzz@comcast.net                      302-530-4331

**Ministry Name:** Faith, Hope and Love Quilters

**Ministry Description:** Creating special quilts for congregational members on the Prayer List that the pastor identifies as needing some extra attention. Quilts are also given to those being baptized and are presented as gifts during our mission trips to Maine, ASP, Costa Rica and South Africa. We welcome donations of all cotton fabric suitable for quilts.

**Help Needed:** quilters and those who would like to learn to quilt

**Training Requirement:** Quilting skills preferred but not necessary; bring your own machine

**Time Commitment:** Very flexible!

**Meeting Time:** Every Monday in Fellowship Hall 9:30-3:30, come as available and go as needed.

**Contact:** Anne Hawley                      texanne48@gmail.com                      302-750-0403

**Ministry Name:** Homecoming Sunday

**Ministry Description:** Ministry drive to showcase RCCPC's various ministries and celebrate the return to Sunday School and regular service times.

**Help Needed:** event planning, day of the event supervision

**Time Commitment:** planning meetings prior to the event, day of the event assistance

**Meeting Time:** typically the 2nd Sunday of September

**Contact:** Church Office office@rccpc.org 302-998-0434

**Ministry Name:** Inter-church Volleyball League

**Ministry Description:** Involves approximately 45 teams from about 20 area churches of all denominations. All levels of play (Open, A, BB, B, C) are included and ages from 14 to senior citizen are involved.

**Training Requirement:** Basic instruction can be provided on the court

**Meeting Time:** Friday nights starting in January-early May

**Contact:** TJ & Kelley Ferrara kelleydayton@yahoo.com 415-203-8993

**Ministry Name:** ROMEOS

**Ministry Description:** Retired men enjoying lunch and fellowship with Rev. Dr. J. Patrick Vaughn.

**Time Commitment:** 1 hour lunch at Anthony's Coal Fire Grill

**Meeting Time:** 3rd Thursday each month at Noon

**Contact:** Ray Krout raymu1@verizon.net 302-738-3468

**Ministry Name:** Senior Saints

**Ministry Description:** Special events for those who have been faithful members of Christian congregations for a minimum of 50 years.

**Help Needed:** mailing coordination, event planning, day of the event assistance

**Time Commitment:** once or twice a year - All Saints Day in the fall and a springtime event

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*"God calls us to care for  
and cultivate all that He  
has given us...not to be  
complacent, but rather to  
constantly strive to be  
better, to build on and  
improve what we have...  
always trying to realize our  
God-given potential."*



# We NURTURE faith in Christ.

Get to know the joy of a personal relationship with God and with one another.

*God recognizes as His children those who receive Jesus, for Jesus enables us to become children of God.*

*-John 1:12-13*

**The Nurture team nurtures the faith of our congregation through education, children and youth ministries, and sermon-based small groups called Nurture Groups.**

**Ministry Name:** Nurture Groups

**Ministry Description:** Create an environment in which individuals can grow and nurture their relationship with God and with others through sermon-based small groups. Led by a trained leader and hosted in a group member's home. Refreshments and fellowship followed by a discussion of the previous Sunday's sermon.

**Help Needed:** Sign ups, communication, leaders, hosts, participants - everyone!

**Training Requirement:** Leader training is required. Participants must attend the Sunday service or listen to the sermon online, complete homework, attend the weekly group meeting and participate in the discussion.

**Time Commitment:** 1 1/2 hours per week; sessions are six weeks long

**Contact:** Kathrine Page khpupstate@gmail.com 585-317-5409

**Ministry Name:** Child Care and Babysitting

**Ministry Description:** Offered during both Sunday morning worship services, meetings, trainings, and special RCCPC events, e.g. New Member Class.

**Help Needed:** adults and teens

**Training Requirement:** Babysitting experience helpful.

**Time Commitment:** 1-2 hours weekly or as desired

**Contact:** Stephanie Shaw slshaw09@gmail.com 302-245-1747

**Ministry Name:** Confirmation Class

**Ministry Description:** Extension of the Sunday School and Youth Programs designed usually for 8th graders. Learn that the congregation is a covenant community, called together by God with a firm belief in God's promise.

**Help Needed:** teachers, assistants, class parents, and mentors

**Training Requirement:** Training required.

**Time Commitment:** 1-2 hour per week on Sundays, September to May

**Contact:** Kristen Reisor reisork@udel.edu 302-234-2830

**Ministry Name:** Covenant Bible Study

**Ministry Description:** Covenant Bible Study Program continues beyond the 4-year Disciple Bible Study Program. It is a structured program with curriculum readings and Bible work that is spread over a month. Class will consist of a video viewing and discussion, material review once a month and fellowship. This type of study is an incredible way to build your faith and understanding of God's word. Experience is not required.

**Help Needed:** New members are welcome.

**Time Commitment:** 2 hours in class and Scripture and curriculum readings spread over a month.

**Meeting Time:** first Tuesday of the month, 10 to 11:30am at The Well across from Sanford School

**Contact:** Barbara Jo Vanderkraats Vopera39@aol.com 302-455-1396





# NURTURE

**Ministry Name:** BSA - Cub Scouts

**Ministry Description:** Scouting program of the Boy Scouts of America (BSA). Available to boys from first through fifth-grade, or 7 to 11½ years of age and their families. Promotes character development, citizenship training, and personal fitness.

**Help Needed:** General leadership and volunteer positions are available. Having children in the Cub Scouts is not necessary.

**Training requirement:** Must complete a minimum of 1 hour online training. Must be registered members of the BSA which includes a background check. Training guaranteed for any volunteer!

**Contact:** John McNamara                      pack29@rccpc.org                      302-996-5474

**Ministry Name:** BSA - Boy Scouts

**Ministry Description:** Available to boys between the ages of 10 to 18. Provides effective youth training in character, citizenship, and mental and personal fitness. Expected to develop personal religious values, learn the principles of American heritage and government, and acquire skills to become successful adults.

**Help Needed:** General leadership and volunteer positions are available. Having children in the Boy Scouts is not necessary.

**Training requirement:** Must complete a minimum of 1 hour online training. Must be registered members of the BSA which includes a background check. Training guaranteed for any volunteer!

**Contact:** John McNamara                      troop29@rccpc.org                      302-996-5474

**Ministry Name:** BSA - Venture Scouts

**Ministry Description:** Scouting program of the Boy Scouts of America (BSA). Available to girls who are 14 years of age OR 13 years of age and have completed the eighth grade and under 21 years of age. Promotes character development, citizenship training, and personal fitness.

**Help Needed:** General leadership and volunteer positions are available. Having scouting experience is not necessary.

**Training requirement:** Must complete a minimum of 1 hour online training. Must be registered members of the BSA which includes a background check. Training guaranteed for any volunteer!

**Contact:** John McNamara                      crew29@rccpc.org                      302-996-5474



# We REACH out to others in the power of the Holy Spirit.

*Extend the reach beyond our walls to embrace and serve others.*

*One sows and another reaps. I sent you to reap that for which you have not labored; others have labored, and you have entered into their labors.*

*-John 4:34-38*

The Reach team facilitates Red Clay's reaching out to others with regard to local, regional, and international mission.

**Ministry Name:** Adopt-A-Family

**Ministry Description:** Holiday Gift Assistance Program. "Adopt" an individual or families for the holiday season by providing holiday gift certificates. Recipients are people in crisis, struggling with illness, homelessness, domestic violence, poverty or unemployment.

**Help Needed:** members to adopt, monetary donations, sort donations

**Time Commitment:** day of sorting - 2 hours

**Meeting Time:** weekday early in December

**Contact:** Meg Aument aument.meg@gmail.com 610-274-2378

**Ministry Name:** Appalachia Service Project (ASP)

**Ministry Description:** Provides one of the most rewarding structured service opportunities in the nation -- bringing thousands of volunteers from around the country to rural Central Appalachia to repair homes for low-income families. Offers the opportunity to worship, bond, and pull together as a group and to lift an Appalachian family's spirits and remind them that God's love knows no boundaries.

**Help Needed:** adult mission trippers

**Time Commitment:** planning meetings, weeklong mission trip

**Meeting Time:** October 15-21

**Contact:** Mim Krout m.krout@icloud.com 302-738-3468

**Ministry Name:** Code Purple/Friendship House Winter Sanctuary

**Ministry Description:** Provides food and a warm shelter for the homeless between the hours of 4:30-9:00 pm on nights when the outside temperature goes below 15 degrees.

**Help Needed:** soup donations (vegetable beef), 2 1/2 hour shift at SSAM Church in downtown Wilmington

**Time Commitment:** varies

**Meeting Time:** winter months

**Contact:** Meg Aument aument.meg@gmail.com 610-274-2378

**Ministry Name:** Costa Rica Mission Trip

**Ministry Description:** Provides support to Latin American Missionaries serving in Costa Rica. Projects vary but have included rebuilding a kitchen at a church, entertaining children, etc.

**Help Needed:** mission trippers, donations

**Time Commitment:** planning meetings, weeklong mission trip

**Meeting Time:** March/April 2018....Dates to be determined.

**Contact:** Meg Aument aument.meg@gmail.com 610-274-2378

**Ministry Name:** Emmanuel Dining Room

**Ministry Description:** Prepare chili once a month for delivery to EDR for lunch. Feeds as many as 250 hungry homeless people in Wilmington, DE.

**Help Needed:** adults in groups of 5 or 6

**Training Requirement:** Instructions provided.

**Time Commitment:** 1 1/2 hours to prepare; 1/2 hour to deliver

**Meeting Time:** 28<sup>th</sup> of each month

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Leslie Gast firstsib@aol.com 302-239-2006











**Ministry Name:** Reach and Rejoice Singers

**Ministry Description:** An adult multi-age singing ensemble providing outreach ministry through music to retirement/nursing facilities.

**Help Needed:** all singers welcome to sing in harmony a variety of music from seasonal, popular standards, patriotic, Broadway, novelty and sacred repertoire.

**Time Commitment:** Second Tuesday of each month from September through May.

**Meeting Time:** Meet at noon for lunch in Founders with Tuesdays Together, rehearse at 1pm in choir room, carpool at 2pm to a community facility to sing. Return to church around 3:30pm.

**Contact:** Barbara Vanderkraats      vopera39@aol.com      302-455-1396

**Ministry Name:** Ushers

**Ministry Description:** Prepare the sanctuary (or Founders Hall) for worship and to be on the front line of hospitality for members, friends and guests.

**Help Needed:** adults with a smile, good people skills and the ability to recognize a person needing assistance

**Training Requirement:** Training is provided and required.

**Time Commitment:** Captains - once every 8 weeks; Ushers - once every 4 to 8 weeks

**Meeting Time:** Sundays, 30 minutes prior to the service to 15 minutes after the service

**Contact:** Don Johnson      johnsondonaldr11@comcast.net      302-239-4944





**Ministry Name:** Coffee Hour

**Ministry Description:** Provide coffee, lemonade, and cookies every Sunday after church services. Provides a time for the Congregation to have fellowship with each other.

**Donations Needed:** donations of cookies/treats, set-up, clean-up

**Help Needed:** 2 to 3 times per year or as desired; 45-minutes to help with set-up or clean-up. Year round especially during the Summer months.

**Meeting Time:** Sunday mornings

**Contact:** Valerie Kratunis                      valeriejkay@gmail.com                      302-239-7954

**Ministry Name:** Communications Committee

**Ministry Description:** Sends birthday cards to congregational members who are 75 or greater years young and celebrating an anniversary of 50 years or more. Sends cards to new members, to newly baptized, to the newly married, and recent graduates. Many thinking of you and sympathy cards are also sent.

**Donations Needed:** Cards are welcome! Thinking of you, Birthday, Sympathy especially.

**Help Needed:** ability to write a short note with a compassionate heart

**Time Commitment:** varies

**Contact:** Jean Derickson                      jjderickson@verizon.net                      302-994-9031

**Ministry Name:** Congregational Outreach

**Ministry Description:** Contacts members of the congregation during times of difficulty to offer support. Offers transportation to medical appointments or to church. Offers meals for a designated period of time.

**Help Needed:** ability to drive, and/or willingness to provide a meal

**Time Commitment:** varies

**Contact:** Valerie Kratunis                      valeriejkay@gmail.com                      302-239-7954

**Ministry Name:** Flower Delivery

**Ministry Description:** Deliver altar flowers each Sunday to members who are ill, hospitalized, rehabilitating, struggling with a family concern or celebrating a special occasion.

**Help Needed:** ability to deliver flowers after the second service

**Time Commitment:** 30-45 minutes, 2 to 3 times per year or as desired

**Meeting Time:** after the second service on Sundays or in the morning on Mondays

**Contact:** Sue Anderson                      suang@mac.com                      302-368-0359

**Ministry Name:** Homebound Visitation

**Ministry Description:** Volunteers visit members of RCCPC who are homebound.

**Help Needed:** folks who enjoy visiting people in their own homes and perhaps establishing an on-going relationship with them.

**Training Requirement:** Training provided as needed.

**Time Commitment:** varies

**Contact:** Darlyn Green-Kocher                      cdgkocher@comcast.net                      302-545-8596

**Ministry Name:** Hospital Visitation

**Ministry Description:** Volunteers visit members of RCCPC during their stay in a local hospital or nursing home.

**Help Needed:** ability to visit in various locations during the day

**Training Requirement:** Training provided as needed.

**Time Commitment:** one "on call" week every 3 months

**Contact:** Sally Rada                      groundhogday22@msn.com                      302-234-3134

**Ministry Name:** Receptions/Special Events

**Ministry Description:** Provide food for receptions or special events in the church.

**Help Needed:** donations of food items when requested, day of the event assistance as needed

**Time Commitment:** funeral: 4-5 hours; special events: 1-2 hours

**Contact:** Jayne Townsend                      jht329@gmail.com                      302-999-8896

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