



# Red Clay Creek Presbyterian Church Life at the Creek

July 15, 2018

## A Word From The Pastor

Today we will explore a story from 2 Samuel in which David dances with abandon for joy. This week as we followed the Thai rescue operation and the subsequent safe rescue of all the boys and their coach from deep in a cave, perhaps we all felt like dancing. But, these days there is so much pain and division in our lives and in our world that it may be hard sometimes to feel joy, much less to feel so much joy that we move our feet and our bodies to joy's rhythms. And yet, as Christians we believe that death is not the last word, that the ultimate power of evil has been broken, and that nothing can separate us from God's love. These are pivotal faith assertions that perhaps can help us recapture a sense of joy when little else in our world proclaims joy.

As I have begun my journey with you, much about this church fills me with joy. Here are just a few of the many things about Red Clay Creek which make me joyous:

- The number of Bible study groups that happen each week
- Music in worship that touches our souls, enriches our worship, and deepens our faith
- Committed and gifted lay leadership, and a talented and dedicated staff

- Deacons who insure that the sick are cared for, those in need are prayed for, and that there is always wonderful food available when we need it
- Volunteers who faithfully staff our reception desk each week, visit hospitalized members and provide food for receptions and fellowship times
- Elders who take their role seriously and who give generously of their time, energy and love
- A building which has been exquisitely and lovingly maintained and improved over the years
- The "Prayer Warriors" group that is just forming and a vibrant Stephen Ministries program
- The large number of people involved in various aspects of this church's life
- The leadership of our youth group as well as the leadership of the Boy Scout troop that we host.

These are just a few of the joy producing aspects about Red Clay. But I'm curious, what fills you with joy about this church?

Peace,  
*Randy*

### *INTERIM PASTOR*

Rev. Dr. Randall T. Clayton

### *TRANSITIONAL PASTOR for PASTORAL CARE*

Rev. Emily Schwenker

### *STAFF*

Jeffrey Miller

*Director of Music & Organist/Pianist*

Barbara-Jo Vanderkraats

*Director of Outreach Music*

Shelley Haines

*Director of Christian Education*

Jane Putscher

*Finance Associate*

Julie Reeder

*Office Manager*

Kelley Norton

*Administrative Assistant*

### LEADERSHIP

Admin:	John McNamara
Belong:	Kim Eppehimer
Nurture:	Anne Hawley
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](mailto:office@rccpc.org).

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## Calling All Prayer Warriors!

There are many in our church and extended families, our neighborhoods, our community, our country and throughout the world who are in need of our prayers. In response to these deep needs, we are assembling a team of Red Clay Prayer Warriors who will commit to intentionally be

in prayer for the people and situations that are brought to our attention. If you are interested in being a part of this ministry, please contact Rev. Emily at [pastor@rccpc.org](mailto:pastor@rccpc.org), or use today's connection card.

**Interested in being a  
Prayer Warrior?**

## Friendship House Needs Our Help!

Recently, I was made aware of a Friendship House graduate who is suffering with incurable cancer. She had surgery on her throat a year ago and has great difficulty eating. Her cancer has returned and is now in her lungs. Marcy and Bill Perkins arranged trips to University of Pennsylvania for her treatment. She has now completed all her treatment. Friendship House has also offered her an apartment since she cannot work.

What she needs most now is care, concern and love! Marcy stated she loves to get cards. Please take a moment to stop by Founder's Hall after church this Sunday and write her a positive note. Note cards will be provided.

Over the next few weeks I hope you will consider bringing a "thinking of you" card (cards created for those critically ill) so she gets some variety in her mail. If you sign the card and leave it on the table in Founder's Hall,

I will address the cards then mail them one by one so she gets cards over a longer period of time.

Let's share our Red Clay missional spirit to make this woman's days ahead a little brighter knowing someone cares!

*Linda Neel*  
Reach Committee Member

## Name Tag Sundays!

We encourage you to wear your RCCPC name tag during every Sunday service and to all other events... this will help invite conversations and make fellowship more personal! If you do not have an official RCCPC name tag but wish to order one, please contact the office at [office@rccpc.org](mailto:office@rccpc.org). Name tags are \$6.00 each and come with either a clip-on or magnetic back. If you prefer not to purchase a name tag, disposable paper name tags will be available for you to use.

## Chancel Flowers

Interested in purchasing Chancel flowers? Donated flowers serve two purposes. They beautify the chancel area on a Sunday morning. When left to be delivered by a Deacon, they brighten the day of someone who is ill, homebound, grieving, or even celebrating a special event. Order forms are available in the narthex, founders hall or our website at [www.rccpc.org](http://www.rccpc.org). The cost is \$45.00. We have the following upcoming dates available: July 15, August 5th, September 9, 16, 23 & 30th.

## Single Service Extended

At the June meeting of the Session, a motion was put forth and approved to extend the single Sunday morning service schedule through until World Communion Sunday on October 7, 2018. The reasoning behind this proposal is to reinforce that we are one congregation, even though we may worship at different hours.

## Vacation Bible School

VBS starts July 23, and there is still time to register your child or sign up to volunteer. Here are descriptions of the roles that are available:

**Spotlight VBS Leader:** Uses camera and computer to put together daily photo presentation.

**Crew Leaders or assistants:** Leads a group of children from one activity to the next, leads discussions about Bible points, encourages children in activities.

**Preschool Crew/Activity Leaders:** Lead/assist preschool-age children in activities designed for their developmental level.

If you are interested in volunteering or to register your child, please visit [rccpc.org/vbs](http://rccpc.org/vbs).

**V.B.S. dates:**  
July 23-27, 9 am–12 pm

## V.B.S. Mission Project

The mission project for the week will be to collect paper products and supplies for Friendship House. All RCCPC members are invited to participate by bringing in donations of paper towels and toilet paper, as well as new towels, twin sheets and smaller-sized sunscreen and dropping them off in Founder's Hall between now and July 26th



## SummerPrayers

Not in town on Sunday mornings in August but don't want to leave worship behind? Want an additional opportunity for prayer and singing during the hot summer months? Feeling the need for a chance to experience a quiet, meditative and informal service of worship?

Join us for an informal, quiet, meditative service of worship on Wednesday August 1 and 8 at 7 PM. This service will include prayer, Bible study, singing and silence and will last approximately 45 minutes.

**SummerPrayers**  
**August 1st & 8th**  
**7:00 pm**

## Summer Sunday School Sundaes Sunday

No teachers needed! We mean it!

But we do need some helpers to assist the teacher and guide our children. If you can serve one or two Sundays this summer, please contact Shelley Haines [shelley@rccpc.org](mailto:shelley@rccpc.org).

Join us after worship on Sunday, August 26th for our annual Sundaes Sunday. Everyone gets a complimentary Sundaes with all the trimmings.

**Sunday, August 26th**  
**10:30 am**  
**Founders Hall**

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**Do Awesome Things...**



**Summer Office Hours:**

Monday—Thursday

9:00 am—3:00 pm

Friday

9:00 am-12:00 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: August 5, and September 9, 16, 23 & 30th.

**LARGE PRINT HYMNALS** are available in the narthex area.

**Calendar Highlights**

July 19	R.O.M.E.O's Luncheon
July 21	Phix-It Corp.
July 28	Emmanuel Dining Room
July 23-27	Vacation Bible School
August 26	Sundae Sunday

*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  
Bob & Pat Faatz  
Melissa Spencer

**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**

Mandy Sturmfelz (friend of Susan Welsh)  
Allen Lowry (ASP Volunteer, father of Kim Woodward)  
Lois (sister of Andy & Jackie Kacmar)  
Joseph Courtney (son-in-law of Sandy Dudley)  
Doris Sandler (friend of Sandy Dudley)  
AJ DeLuca (grandson of Al DeLuca)  
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)  
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)  
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)

*"The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?"*

Psalm 27:1

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.