



Red Clay Creek Presbyterian Church Life at the Creek



October 14, 2018

A Word From The Pastor

In the past few weeks as we've been looking at stories from Mark's Gospel, I have felt as though Mark has really been pushing us. Mark has pushed us out of our comfort zones calling us to re-think who we are and what we do. He has pushed us to consider how our actions affect others, and to consider the implications for following Jesus. Mark continues to push us in the story we will be considering today. In this story, Jesus tells a man that he should sell everything he has and to give the proceeds to the poor. Is that what Jesus expects from us too?

At the same time that Mark has been pushing us, it feels as if there are a lot of other things in the world pushing us too. Natural disasters that seem to be happening with increasing frequency and as I write this article, Michael has begun to pound the Florida coast. Political discourse in our nation has become angry, and there's an environmental crisis loom-

ing that we don't seem to have the resolve to resolve. Most of us have friends who are sick, or grieving, or struggling. Sometimes it feels as if we are being pushed from all sides to do more, to go in different directions, or take some prophetic stand, or to do something radically different.

Perhaps the good news in all of this pushing is that God loves us; and, while it sometimes seems impossible to address all the things that need our attention, with God possibilities always exist for life and wholeness and peace. On our own, I think we risk running out of energy, vision, imagination and hope to respond effectively and helpfully to the crises and needs of the world around us. *But with God, the possibilities are always endless.*

Randy

Trunk or Treat - Today !

If you are planning on giving out candy to the trunk or treaters today, please be ready by 12 noon. Rooms have been reserved for parents needing to help their children change into their costume after church. After worship, feel free to use the Garden Room (303) for girls and the River Room (302) for boys to change and get ready.



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Monday–Friday 9:00 am–3:00 pm

FINANCE OFFICE HOURS:

Monday: 9:00 am -12:00 pm
Thursday: 12:00 pm -2:00 pm

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.

Prayer Opportunity - *Centering Prayer*

Are you looking for ways to expand your understanding and experience of prayer? Centering Prayer is a simple and beautiful way of letting go of the busyness and distractions of our lives for a little while, and consenting to

God's presence with and within us. Join Rev. Emily in the sanctuary on either Mondays at 7:00 pm or Tuesdays at 8:00 am. These sessions are no more than an hour.

Centering Prayer
Mondays @ 7 pm OR
Tuesdays at 8 am
Sanctuary

Faith, Science... Discussion

At 9:30 am today, long-time member John Egbers will lead us in a discussion of the astounding progress of science and technology and how it may affect our Faith. The discussion will take place in Fellowship Hall.



Noonday Concert

Please join us at 12:00 noon next Sunday, October 21st for a concert in memory of William C. Trexler. The concert will feature Jeffrey Miller and the RCCPC Festival Choir. All are welcome!

Confirmation Experience

The confirmation process for our youth can play an important part in the growth of their faith—classes, conversations and activities that are part of the confirmation experience provide both information and opportunities for youth to ask questions as they begin to think about their faith and their beliefs

in new ways. This year Rev. Clayton, Rev. Schwenker and Shelley Haines will be leading a confirmation experience for youth who have not been confirmed who are in 8 - 12th grades. We are inviting parents of youth who may be interested in participating in the confirmation experience to attend

an information meeting which will be held in the library (Room 200) at 4:15 PM on Sunday, October 21. We will conclude the meeting in time for those who wish to attend Cornerstone to do so.

Wellness Presentation Next Sunday —led by *Kim Eppheimer*

Towards an Understanding of Homelessness and Near Homelessness

As the weather turns colder, those less fortunate become more and more visible; through various organization's Holiday appeals for financial support, through pleas for assistance

with Code Purple, donations to the Food Bank and the list goes on.

Who are those who are experiencing homelessness or at risk of displacement? Where do they live? How do various organizations step in to assist, especially during extremely cold months? Is there help I can offer?

Please join us on October 21 at 9:30 am in Fellowship Hall as Kim Eppheimer, Executive Director of Friendship House and a member of Red Clay, talks with us about these questions and what each of us can do to help.

Costa Rica Mission Trip—March 13th -March 22, 2019

**Informational meeting on
Sunday, October 28th at
11:45 am in Room 206.**

This trip we will return south to Biolley, a beautiful rural area bordering the mountains of La Amistad International Park, 6 hours south of San Jose. We will be painting, doing light maintenance and pouring a cement sidewalk near the Eco Lodge that was in the process of being rebuilt



after a fire when we were there in 2014. We will be joining up with another team from First Baptist Church in Stockton, CA. The lodge helps support the women of ASOMOBI that own and manage a microenterprise coffee project.

The total cost of the trip will be between \$1,675 & \$1,775. This includes \$875 for accommodations, food,

misc. and ground transportation. Plane tickets and airport transportation range from \$800- \$900. Those interested can do fundraising to help offset these costs. We also hope to raise additional funds to support the project.

If interested, please contact Meg Aument at augment.meg@gmail.com.

Congregational Meeting Birthday Celebration for RCCPC

The Session has called a brief congregational meeting for Sunday, October 28, 2018, following the 10:30 Service of Worship. The purpose of the meeting is for the Session to share with the congregation the projected budget for 2019.

Interested in Red Clay's history? Interested in thinking about how we might celebrate our 300th anniversary? If so, please join us following the 10:30 service of worship on Sunday, October 28 (after the congregational meeting) in Room 204. We will spend some time brainstorming about what we want to celebrate, how we want to celebrate, and what we need to do between now at 2022 to be able to celebrate.

**Birthday Celebration Mtg.
Sunday, October 28th
After 10:30 service
Room 204**

A Window for Session and Deacons: Community Partners Committee

“What are Session and all those committees doing?” and “How can I help with the work of the Church?” are frequently asked questions around Red Clay. A Window into the activities of Session and the Deacons, and their many activities and committees, will be a regular feature of Life at the Creek, appearing every several weeks and highlighting the mission and activities of Deacons or the various Session Committees. If you would like to learn more, participate in a committee or Deacon activity, or join a committee to

help further its work, please contact the Committee Chair or a committee member to learn more.

Community Partners, a new Session committee, works to coordinate the interaction between Red Clay and the larger groups that use Red Clay and its facilities on a regular basis to provide outside programs for the community. The objective is to provide an optimal experience for Red Clay and each of our partners. Our Community Partners provide an important

outreach to our surrounding community that brings many people into our facilities. Red Clay seeks to promote that outreach while also providing effective coordination between these partners, their clients or users, and the many other groups and members using Red Clay.

To read the rest of this article, please visit our webpage: www.rccpc.org/news and read the latest blog post.

SESSION:

Moderator:

Rev. Randy Clayton

Clerk of Session:

Sandy Sarjeant

Class of 2019

Ken Comegys
John Gast
Pat Gioffre
Mike Hawley
Anne Hawley
Marcia Kelly
John McNamara
Stu Ross

Class of 2020

Dave Aument
Suzanne Courter-Jann
Nancy James
Sandy Sarjeant
Curt Tompkins

Class of 2021

Kim Eppheimer
Donna Reilly
John Schubel
Debbie Williams

DEACONS

Moderator: Sue Gleason

Class of 2019

Bob Borchardt
Pat Clark
Darlyn Green-Kocher
Judy Hahn
Chris Long
Sally Rada
Jayne Townsend

Class of 2020

Sue Anderson
Lee Ann Comegys
Jean Derickson
Sue Gleason
Valerie Kratunis
Pei-Yi Lo
LaRetha Osborn
Elaine Ramsey
Sue Welsh

Class of 2021

Amy Jones
Susan Kissell
Pam Meyer
Jane Moore
Ann Riblett
Shirley Tielleman

Lord, in Your Mercy, Hear Our Prayers

MEMBERS

Family of Carol Lorah Bland
George Price
Ruby Hayden
Ron Bagdon
Cal Williams
Gail Derickson
Ruth Richards
Bob Biss
Bob & Pat Faatz
Melissa Spencer
Anne Cain
Eddie Mowczan
Jon Cottrell

MEMBERS (continued)

Betty Cunningham
Charles Tulloch
Edith Trimble
Betty Lacey

SERVICE ABROAD

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



FRIENDS & FAMILY

Elmer June & family (father of Valerie Kratunis)
Barbara Brozski (friend of Carol Hunter)
Dawn Harris (daughter-in-law of Carolyn Harris)
Franny McIntyre (granddaughter of Mim & Ray Krout)
Kaitlyn Conley (daughter of Patricia Conley)
Cecil Irwin (brother of Vicki Smith)
Mandy Sturmfelz (requested by Susan Smith)
Edmund, Samantha, and Kasper (requested by one who cares!)
Dave Weber (father of Michele Davis)
Janet Fox (sister-in-law of Barbara Fox)
Jack Simmermon (requested by Susan Welsh)
Makenzie Fell (niece of Donna Reilly)
Amy (daughter of Ruth & Max Matteson)
Anita Franzoni (requested by Annie Riblett)
Terri Kirschner (sister-in-law of Susan Welsh)
Martha Giller (sister of Carolyn Diehl)
June & Tom Dempsey (friends of Shirley Tielleman)
Brianna and Rick
Michael Payne (friend of Carolyn Diehl)
Lucas, Samantha, Kasper and Edmund (requested by Annie Riblett)



Calendar Highlights

October 14 Return to Two Services
Trunk or Treat
Nurture Groups Begin
October 21 Wellness Presentation
Noonday Concert
Cornerstone Worship
October 28 Reformation Day Celeb.
Centennial Celeb. Mtg.
November 4 All Saints Day Celebration
Senior Saints Luncheon
November 11 Dedication Sunday

Chancel Flower Available 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.

The following upcoming dates are available: October 28th and December 9th and 30th.

Cornerstone Worship Service – October 21st

Please join us next Sunday, October 21st for Cornerstone: Contemporary Worship & Music. A simple meal will be served at 5:30 pm in Fellowship Hall followed by contemporary worship and music at 6pm. Children, youth and adults of all ages are welcome. If you plan to attend the meal at 5:30 pm, please RSVP to the office at 302.998.0434 or office@rccpc.org or you may sign-up online at rccpc.org and click on the link in the right hand corner of page. It is not necessary to rsvp to attend just the worship service.



Jazzercise Anyone?

Are you aware that Jazzercise holds 10 classes per week in Founders Hall? Since we are partnering with Jazzercise in the community, our church members are being offered the opportunity of a 20% discount for the next year. Jazzercise is for all ages, genders, and all fitness levels! Classes are available mornings, afternoons and on Saturdays. Maybe it is time now to get healthy after all those summer picnics, ice cream stops, and big vacations. Please see the Jazzercise website for a complete schedule and pricing: www.jazzercise.com. Or to enroll, you can register in class or call Ada Nadolny at 302-690-3447. If you need further information, contact Linda Neel at 302-292-6847.



Today in Sunday School....



PRE-K/KINDERGARTEN (Room 303):

Theme: “Camp Out”

Bible Story Focus: God hears me and gives me what I need.

Hagar • *Genesis 21:14-20*

Memory Verse: “God is with you wherever you go.” *Joshua 1:9*

1ST-5TH GRADE (Room 202):

Let’s Play: “More or Less: the Choice is Yours.”

Bible Story: Just Can’t Get Enough (Don’t Be Controlled by Money) • Hebrews 13:5

Memory Verse: “Then he said to them, ‘Watch out! Be on your guard against wanting to have more and more things. Life is not made up of how much a person has.’” *Luke 12:15*

Life App: Contentment—Deciding to be okay with what you have
thinkorange.com

Try the *Parent Cue App* theparentcue.org/app

MIDDLE SCHOOL (Room 111):

Is the New Testament more important than the Old Testament?

Note: Trunk or Treat at Noon Today!!

Sunday School Helpers Needed

Please consider serving in our Sunday school. We are in need of another two-person team for our Elementary class and Middle school class.

Lessons are scripted, Bible stories are on video, and all the supplies are gathered and prepared. If you would like to serve or if you have questions, please contact Shelley Haines at shelley@rccpc.org.



Sanctuary Work Update

Work is underway to repair the water damage in the Sanctuary. The outside work will be completed this week. Once the interior plaster dries out we will be able to repair and paint it. Thank you for your patience.

Home Committee.

Celebrating our Senior Saints - November 4th

We will honor our Senior Saints in worship on Sunday, November 4th at 10:30 am. After having a group photo taken after worship, all Senior Saints please proceed to Fellowship Hall for a special luncheon. All 50 year members of Red

Clay or those that were confirmed 50 years ago (either here or elsewhere) are invited. The invitations have been sent out. If you believe you fall into this group and have not received an invitation, please contact Julie in the church office at (302-998-0434) or office@rccpc.org.



Sarah Circle

Sarah Circle will meet on Tuesday, October 16th at 9:30 am. We will meet at the home of Margie Schuyler.

Sarah Circle
October 16th
9:30 am

Come to the UrbanPromise Banquet!

A fun and easy way to show your support for Urban Promise is to join your Red Clay friends at this year's Urban-Promise Banquet on Thursday, October 25 at 6PM. What makes Urban-Promise special is that they act out of love based in Jesus Christ. Urban-Promise shows Wilmington children God's love by loving them, through their staff and many volunteers. This is not just about helping others. Urban-Promise is committed to transforming the city by transforming the lives of young people. When you support Urban-Promise, you are helping

make this dream a reality. Your presence at the banquet would be a testimony that you care. You will see some of the kids, you will meet the staff, you will see others in the community who support Urban-Promise. Most importantly, you will be moved!

Use the link in our electronic newsletter to sign up - be sure to mention Red Clay Creek Presbyterian Church under "church affiliation" to be seated with your Red

Clay friends. If you cannot come, please consider making a donation via the donation link to help this important ministry continue to thrive.

