



The Messenger

Cypress Lake
Presbyterian Church

Our Vision: We strive to live Jesus' charge to love one another and lead others to a growing relationship with God.

May
2022



Are You Interested in Helping Create a Music/Concert Calendar for 2022-2023?

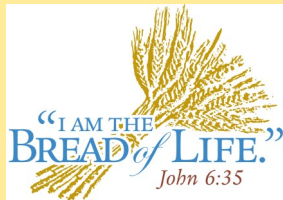
It Will Include 3-4 Concerts Offered to Our Community and Provided at Cypress Lake Presbyterian Church.

We Could Use Your Input.

Call Millie at 239-600-7533 or Email at mapfm131@comcast.net if You'd Like to Help Out.

Sunday, May 8th
at 8:45 am-11:45am

Give the Gift of Life!
In CLPCs parking lot.



**Communion
Sunday, May 1**



Office Closed
Monday May 30th
in Observance of
Memorial Day.

KNIT ONE, PRAY TOO

Come one, come all on May 4th to join us for time of fellowship and knitting prayer shawls for the homebound and those with concerns. These bring a big hug with them plus being warm and cuddly.

We meet every Thursday from 12:30 P.M. to 2:30 P.M. in Room #2, that is in the building facing Cypress Lake Drive. If you can't knit or crochet, we will be very glad to teach you a new talent. Maybe you have another handy work you do and could come and teach us.

Call Matilda Wilson at 239-489-3582 for questions or just show up on Thursday, May 4th around 12:30 P.M. in Room #2



Food Pantry May
"Specialty" Items

Ramen Noodles





My fellow Christian brothers and sisters I echo the words spoken to me on Easter morning. I don't know who uttered the profound words, yet I know in my heart their truth: "My Lord, What a Morning!" And the words are true and right! At this year's Easter celebration, Cypress Lake Presbyterian seemed to resonate with new life:

The full Sanctuary of people seeking to offer praises and thanks to our gracious God...

The Gloria choir and Bell choir filling our hearts and minds with their love for God and that death no longer holds its sting...

Maundy Thursday and Good Friday ending and replaced by the brightness in our souls witnessing to God's amazing and powerful work of love for each of us by raising His Son from the dead...

Those who worked hard to bring in Easter lilies, communion on Maundy Thursday, set up the chapel for Good Friday, strip the sanctuary and replace all the articles into the sacred space once the Triduum was over.

The two adult education classes seemed to go very well. Jim Barfoot led us with "God is Closer Than You Think" and the book by Rev. John Ortberg was a great Lenten Study. My class covered the Max Lucado book "He Chose the Nails," and it was a great reflection on the items Jesus encountered in his passion.

The new Stewardship Committee revealed the new emphasis with its campaign message of "Stewardship 365."

Thank you to everyone who made the Lenten Season special, and I am glad to be among you. My Lord, what a season. I could say more, as you well know. In my words above, I only offer a brief picture of what really happened. And those of you who worked hard to make this Lent, Holy Week, and especially Easter a deep and worshipful experience, I will say how much I appreciated everyone going the extra mile. "Well done, good and faithful servants!"

Yet, our work is not over. We are just beginning. Easter is more than one Sunday a year. Easter is a way of living, and at each Sunday's gathering we proclaim this truth: "we are an Easter people." We also claim the power of the Easter message which is our Good News and Good News for the world. He is risen. He is risen indeed. So, in a sense every Sunday is Easter, and for that truth I praise God!

An old preacher once said: "If we truly believed that Christ is risen, there would never be an empty pew." What I think he meant by that comment is that why would we not share the antidote for loneliness, grief, and hopelessness, with the world. Because of Christ's life, death, and resurrection, we can indeed face tomorrow. What a great belief!

So, let us not stop celebrating Christ's resurrection just one day a year and claim each day as Easter. For one day is not big enough to celebrate our forgiveness, our own everlasting life. So I encourage all of us to celebrate Easter each Sunday and every day. May God continue to work amazing things through you. Thank you for a special and meaningful experience of Christ's resurrection.

Shalom,
Edward Bellis, pastor



2022

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 1- Communion Sunday 9 am Praise Service 10 am Spanish Service 11 am Traditional Service | 2 9:30am Project Llinus 6:30-8pm Men's Group (Chapel) | 3 11am Mission Team Meeting 6pm Bells 7pm Worship Team Meeting | 4 9am Partners in Prayer 12:30-3pm Faithful Women 7pm Choir 7pm Scouts | 5 12:30-2:30pm Knit1-Pray2 6pm Session Meeting (Zoom) 6:30-8:30pm Stephen Ministry | 6 Office Closed | 7 |
| 8 8:45-11:45 Blood Drive 9 am Praise Service 10 am Spanish Service 11 am Traditional Service  | 9 6:30-8pm Men's Group (Chapel) | 10 2pm Support Meeting 6pm Bells | 11 9am Partners in Prayer 12:30-3pm Faithful Women 7pm Choir 7pm Scouts | 12 12:30-2:30pm Knit1-Pray2 | 13 Office Closed | 14 |
| 15 9 am Praise Service 10 am Spanish Service 11 am Traditional Service | 16 1pm TNT- "The Way" Movie 6:30-8pm Men's Group (Chapel) | 17 6pm Bells | 18 9am Partners in Prayer 12:30-3pm Faithful Women 7pm Choir 7pm Scouts | 19 12:30-2:30pm Knit1-Pray2 | 20 Office Closed | 21 |
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| 29 9 am Praise Service 10 am Spanish Service 11 am Traditional Service | 30-Memorial Day Office Closed 6:30-8pm Men's Group (Chapel) | 31 6pm Bells | | | | *Please see CLPC Calendar at clpc.us for more event details and other groups that meet here. (Not all Events are represented here) |

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5/7 Brian Granstra
5/9 Estela Tovar
5/10 Jeanne Gaub
5/11 Hawley Botchford
5/11 Mark Gisse
5/12 Judy Norris
5/13 Betsy Luchenburg
5/13 Leidys Martin
5/14 Harold Slusher
5/18 Steve Brown
5/18 Steven Bradley
5/19 Bari O'Neill
5/27 Chris Pope
5/28 Annie (Nan) Read

HAPPY
Anniversary!

5/5 Marty & Betty Serra
5/9 George & Beverly Westacott
5/16 Harold & Kay Slusher
5/17 Bob & Judy Hoschner

Our Mission: Led by the Holy Spirit, we joyfully reach out to the community and the world in faithful love and service as we mature in Discipleship and share the Good News of Jesus Christ.