

CLARKTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

NEWSLETTER

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Our Farewell to the Smith Family September 20, 2015

What we have all surely known, is that you (Andy), Alicia, Hannah and Abby were called by God to be with Clarkton Presbyterian Church these past two years. Without a doubt, we were meant to walk with you through all the moments of Ian's life. In your worst of times you experienced the best that our church family can be. We were also meant to know you as pastor, to experience your insight and intellect, your spirituality and faithfulness – your leading and caring for us through uncertain times – challenging us to ask difficult questions about who we are as the church at this time and in this community.

In all that has happened these past two years we thank you as a family for your witness to God's grace and love in your own lives, and that even in the most difficult times all of you found the energy and strength to continue to love us – this church family – with loving and gracious hearts. You will not be forgotten here, all of your names will be spoken in remembrance and with love.

As a remembrance of us we would like you to have this picture of Ian's tree and to know that a similar picture and explanation of the significance of this dogwood will be placed in our historic room. We offer these gifts with sadness and gratitude in our hearts. Our prayer is that as you continue to lean upon the leading of the Holy Spirit now and in the many years ahead, that you will be blessed with hope and light, joy and love, peace and grace for all of your days.

Andy and his family will be greatly missed by so many. Year-end reviews by the personnel sub-committee were completed. We are a blessed congregation to have such talented and faithful friends as music director and as administrative assistant. Thank you Randy and Roxane. Interviews are being conducted for the position of Housekeeper. Allison Priest will lead the fellowship group for grades 3-6. Many thanks to our Fellowship and Nurture committee who made the farewell reception for the Smith family very special – and great food too! The Worship Committee begins the awesome task of finding supply ministers and eventually will find an interim to recommend to the Session. Please extend the hand of fellowship to the many new persons we will be meeting over the next months. We know God is present through this process. Remember that our financial challenges continue and that we are having to use savings to meet our operating budget. Clarkton Community Day will be held at the Baptist church on October 18. There will be musical guests at the service. Brown Marsh Day will be on Saturday October 10 as will be the last Presbytery meeting of the year. Dan Ward is our commissioner. The Officer Nominating Committee is about to begin its work. Consider prayerfully how you might best serve God at Clarkton Presbyterian Church. Our every member visits still continue but are about complete. On October 4 the Peacemaking Offering will be collected. Hold in prayer the many in our congregation with health challenges. Hold in prayer one another as we continue to search for God's Call on our hearts and on this congregation.

THE SESSION

FROM THE SESSION.....

The stated meeting of the Session was held Tuesday, September 22, 2015 at 7:00 at the church. This was Andy's last meeting with us. He spoke about his love for this congregation and gave each Elder a note of encouragement and an individual charge as we go forward into this time without an installed pastor.

Session Members

George Barber - 645-6695 Greg Brown - 647-0367
Johnny Cox - 647-2251 Julie Cox - 647-2751
Chuck Heustess - 645-6631 Dan Ward - 647-7357
Linda Clark - 645-4509 Lynn Clark - 874-0596
Allison Priest - 645-4669

OCTOBER CALENDAR



4- World Communion Sunday
5- PW Circle 1 at 10:30 am
5- PW Circle 2 at 7:00 pm at Linda Clark's home
10- Brown Marsh Day
10- Presbytery meeting at Wallace-Rose Hill H.S.
18- Clarkton Community Day (
25- Reformation Sunday
November 1 – Daylight Savings Time ends,
Congregational Meeting/Corporation Meeting



OUR WEEKLY CALENDAR

Wednesday 6:00 pm - Children's Choir
Wednesday 7:00 pm - Adult Choir
Sunday 10:00 am --- Morning Assembly and Sunday School
Sunday 11:00 am --- Service of Worship for the Lord's Day

Occasional Sundays 5:00 pm --- Youth Choir
5:30 pm --- Youth Groups (K-12)



The shoeboxes are in for Operation Christmas Child. We will deliver them to Whiteville between the 16th and 20th of November. A firm date will be given in the near future.

Some suggested items to be collecting can be found below:

School Supplies: Pencils, pencil sharpeners, markers, notebooks, paper, solar calculators, coloring and picture books, etc.

Personal Hygiene: Bar soap, washcloths, toothpaste, toothbrush, comb, Small hairbrush, etc.

These are just a few of the items you can include. More detailed lists will be available next week. The youth will have a packing party so you don't even have to pack your own box. We did almost 100 boxes last year. We also have to include \$7 shipping and handling for each box we prepare. We will take one

check with us when the boxes are delivered. Please watch your bulletins for more details.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

The Presbyterian Women food item for the Bladen Crisis Center is **rice and grits**

Circle meetings Oct. 5th ---

Circle #2 – 7:00 pm at home of Linda Clark

Circle #1 - 10:30 am at the home of Betty Ann Page

In our Prayers

Kerry Priest, Emily Owen, Billy Whitehead, Jimmy Whitehead, Linda Howell, Ronald Tuton, Rebecca and Happy Lashlee, Marvin Burney, John and Mary Ward, Marion Hardee, Shirley McDonald, Eunice Singletary, Giles McAulay, Gerry Carey, Cody Clark, Ken Boykin, Arsula Williamson, Brad Zimmerman, Glenda Nobles, Kelly Smith, Bill Jackson, Betty Priest, Carolyn Scoggins, Juanita McGraw, Gene Weldon

October Service

Flowers: 4 – John McDougald
11 – Denette Jackson
18 – Community Day
25 – Linda Rivenbark

Nursery: 4 – Candice Ward and Emma Turbeville
11 – Kate Watts and Regan McAulay
18 – Community Day
25 – Sonya and Luke Barber

Acolyte: AnnaGrey Heustess

Greeters: Gail and Rusty Marsh

Ushers: Greg Brown, Wilbur Ward
Bud McAulay, Dan Ward

Children's Sermons: 4 – Linda Clark
11 – Linda Carey
18 – Community Day
25 – Lynn Clark

Peace & Global Witness Offering

This offering supports efforts to inspire, equip, and connect Presbyterians engaging in ministries of reconciliation and peace, to help forge a world that's more just. The offering will be collected on World Communion Sunday, October 4th.



Brown Marsh Day

The Annual Brown Marsh Day will be held on October 10, 2015. Fellowship will be in the morning with a cover dish lunch on the grounds at 12:00. Then we will gather inside the church for a short service with Joe Melvin being the speaker. Everyone is invited!

Clarkton Community Day will be held at the First Baptist Church on October 18. There will be musical guests at the service. Worship will not be held at Clarkton PC so that everyone can attend the community day worship.

“..... lead a life worth of the calling to which you have been called, with all lowliness and meekness, with patience, forbearing one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of Peace. There is one body and one spirit, just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. But grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift.”

Ephesians 4:1-7

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