

Volunteer Reminders

GREETERS & USHERS

Nov 6 Ron & Linda Dunivant
Nov 13 Steve & Paulette Turner
Nov 20 Pete & Betty Kiep
Nov 27 Donnie & Carole Barron
Dec 4 Ronald & Sandra McDonald

CONTACT VISITORS

Nov 6 Mae Todd
Nov 13 Betty Kiep
Nov 20 Jean Moore
Nov 27 Carole Barron
Dec 4 Steve & Paulette Turner

WORSHIP ASSISTANT

Nov 6 Brenda Gilmore
Nov 13 Sandra McDonald
Nov 20 Anita Raby
Nov 27 Linda Faulk
Dec 4 Carole Barron

THANKSGIVING LUNCHEON

Our Annual Thanksgiving luncheon will be Sunday November 20th at 12:00. Please bring all those wonderful dishes to share and Give Thanks.

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Children's Sermon

Nov 6 Anita Raby
Nov 13 Sandra McDonald
Nov 20 Tom Lewis
Nov 27 Linda Faulk
Dec 4 Barbara Lewis

RADA CUTLERY—FUND RAISER

Please check your email for a link and information about the Fund Raiser with Rada Cutlery. Monies will go on Copeland's loan.

Please send to family and friends. Ordering on-line is easy and the products will ship directly to you.

www.helpourfundraiser.com
Internet ordering # 506504
Password(lower case)
copeland

Also, there are books on the table in the vestibule for your convenience, with lots of products.

You can order for Christmas or early next year. There is no set deadline.

Thanks for your continued support.

The Copeland Chimes



seeking, Serving, Sharing Christ

November 2016
Copeland Presbyterian Church
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Athens, AL 35613

FROM TOM'S DESK

Over the last few months I have been sharing the principles for leadership that I have decided to adopt. The first three of those principles came from scripture. They were: 1) Be a servant, 2) Be loving, and 3) Do unto others.

This month I'm going to share with you the fourth principle. That principle comes not from scripture, but from the broader Christian tradition. It is the prayer of St. Francis. "Lord grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can and the wisdom to know the difference."

I don't know about you, but the most difficult of these for me is the first part. I have a great deal of difficulty with serenity. It is hard for me to let go of my anxiety. But the reality is that it does me no good to worry about things I don't have the power to change. Those things will happen (or not) whether I do anything or not. Much better to focus on the things I can control.

While we are on this subject, let's talk about courage. There are many things I can control. I can control what I do. I can control what I say. I can control the things I think. I can do all these things - if I only will.

The wisdom to know the difference often eludes me. In fact, it's a continual struggle. My prayer in this regard is the same as King Solomon's. Oh, Lord give me an understanding heart!

Tom

SESSION MEETING NOTES

- Tim Collier brought up the discussion that the prayer garden needed some trees cut down and major work to get it cleaned up. It was the consensus of the session to send out an email to the congregation about cutting down trees and/or repairing the garden or taking it out.
- Tim Collier will get bids and information on building a platform for the sound system in the Sanctuary.
- Carole Barron reported that we currently have 9 families and 23 children for backpacks and for boxes for Thanksgiving. Copeland will adopt the children for Christmas and provide food boxes for the Christmas break.
- Brenda Gilmore is working to establish the Fund Raiser with Rada Cutlery. Monies will go on Copeland's loan. An e-mail will go out soon to order on-line.
- Our next Session meeting will be November 13, 2016, please see a Session member if you concerns or comments.

God goes before us to guide us,
 Behind us to encourage us,
 Beside us to befriend us,
 Beneath us to uphold us,
 Above us to bless us,
 and, Inside us to empower us.

MISSIONS

Can you believe it is already November !! This seems to be a busy time of year for our Missions. Right now, we have 9 families with 23 children total. This still changes week to week due to different circumstances. Packing weekend bags about once a month is working well for everyone.

There are sign-up lists on the bulletin board for filling Thanksgiving boxes for these families and also for interest in sponsoring a child for Christmas. We will pack boxes for Thanksgiving break the week before Thanksgiving so please have your food items at the church by Sunday, November 13th.

The counselor at Johnson School gives out the names of children who might not get Christmas gifts without help from people like our congregation and others. If you will sign up if interested, we will know how many of those names our church can help with. After we get our list, we will distribute it out to you who have signed up to take a child.

Be thinking about food boxes for Christmas break when all of these children will be home without their free breakfast and lunch that they normally get at school. We can start collecting the usual types of pasta, vegetables, breakfast items, etc. for those boxes too.

Remember LCCI and the Presbyterian Home for Children as they always need support year round!

Children's Corner

A Child's Prayer for Morning

Now, before I run to play,
 Let me not forget to pray
 To God who kept me through the
 night
 And waked me with the morning
 light.
 Help me, Lord, to love thee more
 Than I ever loved before,
 In my work and in my play
 Be thou with me through the day.
 Amen.

--- Author Unknown

CMMT

Children will meet in November TBD.

Box Tops for Schools

Please save your box tops to help our local schools. A labeled drop off box is in the kitchen. Thank you for your support!

Pastor

Rev. Tom Lewis (256) 468-0383

Session

Class of 2016

Carole Barron (256) 423-3310

Emily Johnson (256) 232-7700

Class of 2017

Tim Collier (256) 256-233-6126

Brenda Gilmore—Clerk

(256) 603-2899

Class of 2018

Linda Faulk (256) 837-4429

Stephen Guess (931) 308-5201

Ministry Team/

Committee Leaders

Building and Grounds

Tim Collier

Children's Mission

Susanne Slaten

Christian Education

Linda Faulk & Roger Faulk

Missions

Carole Barron, Anita Raby &

Janice Hutton

Outreach/Fellowship

Mae Todd & Stephen Guess

Presbyterian Women

Susanne Slaten

Scholarship

Susanne Slaten

Stephen Ministry

Cindy Saseen & Mae Todd

Teens and Tweens

Natalie Guess

Worship

Emily Johnson & Janice Hutton

Birthdays



- Nov 10 Griff Redmill
- Nov 16 Taylor Hardy
- Nov 19 Zachary Slaten
- Nov 21 Randal Slaten
- Nov 22 Jo Lievsay
- Nov 24 Betty Kiep
- Nov 25 Jane Redding
- Nov 29 Bryant Guess
- Nov 29 Mae Todd
- Nov 30 Laura Bouley

Anniversaries



- Nov 1 Gelia & Griff Redmill

SPECIAL ADVENT SERVICE

Join us for a special service on Sunday, November 27th for the 1st Sunday in Advent.

THIS IS MY CHURCH

It is composed of people just like me. It will be friendly if I am friendly. It will do a great work if I work. It will be generous to many causes if I am generous. It will bring others to Christ if I bring them. Its seats will be filled if I fill them. Therefore, with God's help, I dedicate myself to this task of being all I want my church to be.

Stephen Ministers

Not only does the Stephen Ministry complement pastoral ministry, but it also gives lay people the opportunity to grow in faith as they use their gifts to care for hurting people. That's where Stephen Ministers are so valuable. They walk with hurting individuals for as long as needed; listening, caring, praying, and being Christ's loving presence.

Stephen Ministry Leaders: Mae Todd or Cindy Saseen.

LCCI DONATIONS

Please continue to bring food items for Limestone County Churches Involved (LCCI). The need is always great. Roger Faulk is now the Copeland representative to LCCI and will deliver the food each week.