



January

2021

CLIFTON FORGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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MISSION STATEMENT

*We are a Family in Christ,
Prayerfully seeking through
the spirit, to serve God, grow
in faith and share the good news.*

From the **PASTOR**

Chosen to Serve

“You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit...”

(John 15:16)

How did you begin to serve the church? I am inviting you to retrace your steps to your present position whether you are a minister, board member or other leader and/or member of the Church.

Did your journey not begin when you heard Jesus’ word, “You did not choose me but I chose you”? You realized that you had been called to follow Jesus, to be his disciple.

Then did you have a desire to serve Jesus in a particular way? Perhaps wanted to become a minister or to serve the church as a leader, so you began to pray toward that end. In secret you nurtured your emerging call.

Or maybe someone in your church came to you one day and said “Have you ever thought about becoming a minister?” or, we would like you to think about using your gift or leadership to chair the

worship committee?" Awed and humbled by the gifts they saw in you, you prayed for God to guide you further.

But then the church participated more directly in your call. If a minister, the church guided you in your preparation for ministry. If a board member, the church trained you for your job. If a committee chair, the church prepared you to take reins of leading the committee. But in every case the church was vitally involved in your call to service. The position you took was far more than an inner call; an outer call from the church was also necessary. You did not suddenly appear in the church one day and announce that you were going to assume a certain leadership position.

Chosen originally by Jesus to follow him, you as a leader have also been chosen by the church. Don't take that lightly, even though you know how flawed you are. Again, and again persons have said to me, "I am not worthy. I've got a lot of faults." To which I reply, "So do I. We were not called because we are perfect, but because Christ and his people want to serve. Remember this: Your fellow Christians see in you a person who has the qualities they want in a leader." That's humbling, but also empowering. To think that God uses weak, earthen vessels like us to perform Christian Service!

In the coming New Year it is my hope that many of us will see that we are the chosen and we need to step up and serve the Lord. Look into your hearts and ask yourself what you can do for your church and for your community. We all want to forget this past year and for good reason, but the work of Christ isn't done because of a pandemic it goes on. So let's us move forward into a future that beacons the call of Christ so that we can do His good work.

The above comes from a book I was given to me by Robert H. Ramey, Jr. He was a friend and professor of mine at Columbia Theological Seminary. The book's title is "52 Devotions for Church Leaders."

Pastor Paul



Whether you said a prayer, gave food, clothing or household items, or monetary gifts, we at the Clifton Forge Food Pantry would like to say thank you.

For the month of **November 2020**, we served **(242)** individuals representing **(751)** family members.



WOMEN OF THE CHURCH

The Officers:

Moderator – Virginia Harlow
Vice Moderator - Irene Booze
Secretary - Carol Jones,
Treasurer – Virginia Irvine.

Women's Circle

We will not have Circle until further notice.



Thank You – for all your cards,
thoughts & prayers during my
illness. Jenny Harlow

BRIAN CENTER

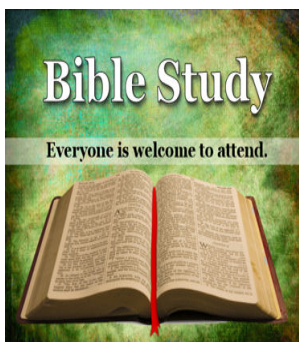
Peggy Knick
Barbara Rice



MEMBERS @ HOME

Virginia McDowell
Robert Brown
Mildred Wilson
Katherine Cash
Margret Brown
Marilyn Woods

Every Tuesday
Boy Scouts @ 7:00
Postponed



PLEASE COME TO BIBLE
STUDY ON MONDAY
@ 6:30. COME JOIN US!

Every Sunday Morning
9:30 – NO Sunday School
10:30 No Coffee Fellowship
11:00 – Nursery opens
11:00 – Worship



Last day for
February Tidings is
January 22, 2020
if you want to put
something in the
Newsletter.



MISSION/WITNESS NEWS

Mark & Miriam Adams

our

Missionaries is
posted on the
bulletin board
across from the
Church Office,
for more info.



(LUNCH TIME) 11:30 – 12:00
JESUS SAID "FEED MY SHEEP."

Thank you so much Ed Jones, Jenny Harlow, Debbie Darcus, Brenda Siple, Cecille McDowell for Delivering meals-on-wheels December .

Please volunteer, one day a week, one week a month. No Holidays deliveries.

SNOOPER SEZ

It is very cold outside and we are planning to go ice-skating and stay 6 feet away from each other.



"The Church Mouse"

Session Committee's

Damon Reynolds - Building & Grounds.
Cindy Maccentelli - Treasurer.
Lisa Boothe - Music & Worship.
Jenny Irvine - Clerk of Session/Fellowship.
George Chip Snead - Stewardship/Personnel.
Brenda Bartocci - Christian Ed/Youth.
Mission/Witness - Jenny Oeltjen.



Children's Church



Open



January

- 1 – Lisa Boothe
Jenny Oeltjen
- 5 – Barbara James
- 6 – Amy Dew
- 10 – Rebecca Boothe
Benjamin Persinger
- 11 – Shawn Knighton
- 15 – Dorothy Clark
- 18 – Hanna Boothe
- 21 – Kayla Jones Smith
- 25 – Virginia Harlow
- 28 – Caleb Fisher
- 30 – Raymond Claterbaugh
Jean Persinger
Ethan Cabe Persinger

- January Greeters*
1/1 Robert & Cecille McDowell
1/6 Ed Jones
1/15 Virginia Irvine
1/22 Richard Brinkley
1/29 to be announced



Happy Anniversary-



- January*
4 – Jerry & Virginia Irvine







Clothing Closet
Will be open January 20, 20, 2020
9:00 -12:00



Children's Message

- 1/3 Jenny Oeltjen
- 1/10
- 1 /17
- 1 /24
- 1/31

January

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
					1 	2 Prayer Breakfast Postponed
3  Communion	4  BIBLE Study 6:30	5	6	7	8	9
10	11  BIBLE Study 6:30	12 Men Of Mission Circle BoyScouts Postponed	13 Clothing Closet 9:00 - 12:00	14	15	16
17	18  BIBLE Study 6:30	19	20	21 Session Meeting @ 6:00	22	23
24	25  BIBLE Study 6:30	26	27	28	29	30
31						



Prayer Chain

- Cindy Brokaw.....960-1476
- Rene Clark.....862-3395
- Virginia Harlow.....862-2492
- Barbara James.....620-7648
- Sandra Porter.....862-5346
- Barbara Boone691-6731

If you have a need for prayer, please contact one of the members listed.

Evan Raynes, Anna Brooks, Jenny Harlow, Brooke Snead, Lisa Deisher, Dorothy Clark, Marilyn Woods, Robert Brown, Kathy Brown, Tim Lee, Robert McDowell, Kirt Martin, Marvin Campbell Sr., Larry Cluck, Lee Dunn, Family of Alice Maddy, People who lost loved ones, Family of Danny Lawhorne, unspoken, Kevin Persinger, Shuttins, Nursing Homes, Kimberly Campbell, Clair Dilly, Bill Hemming, (Sarah) Pat Buckley Moss granddaughter. Becky Smith, Tim Eley, Family of Louis Dodd, Pray for Bill & Ryder Kitt, Teresa Gibson, Family with COVID. Brian & Kevin Stinespring (COVID) Richard & Carla Davis (COVID), The family of ReRe Cantrell, Roger Campbell, Irene Booze's (Brother In-Law & Wife).
 (Joy) Teresa Gibson is home. (Joy) Jenny Harlow is back in Church!



1970'S TV WORD SEARCH PUZZLE



ALL IN THE FAMILY
BARNEY MILLER
BIONIC WOMAN
BONANZA
BRADY BUNCH

CHARLIES ANGELS
EMERGENCY
FANTASY ISLAND
GOOD TIMES
GUNSMOKE

HAPPY DAYS
HOGANS HEROES
LAND OF THE LOST
NIGHT GALLERY
POLICE WOMAN

ROCKFORD FILES
THE JEFFERSONS
THE ODD COUPLE
THE WALTONS
THREES COMPANY

COLOR ME





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TIDINGS TO:

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