



April 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***

HOPE

Hope. It's a high school senior awaiting an acceptance letter to college; an exhausted single mother of three longing for a husband, and friend or just a good night's sleep; a sales representative counting on a quick recovery from the flu before Friday's presentation to her largest client; and automobile mechanic aching for months of unemployment to end; or a family recovering from a hurricane, clinging to the prospect of a new future while trying to get through the day.

Beyond these physical and emotional obstacles of life lies a deeper, more problematic challenge, one with profound eternal significance. It's a question every person asks in those moments when we ponder the meaning of our lives and the relationships we have with others. It addresses the ultimate relationship: How do I connect with God?

This is no small question. We're taught that God is powerful and good and holy and loving and caring and, well everything we are not. We are weak and not as caring and loving as we should be. And as for as holiness is concerned, let's just perfection is not a quality our friends would ascribe to us.

Then consider another reality one that we feel awkward admitting but know to be true to one extent or another. We have rejected God's love, disobeyed God's commands, abused God's planet and neglected God's people. So now it is Easter, a season when the story of Jesus on the cross and an empty tomb two thousand years ago is told all around the world. But for some reason we are not feeling very close to God and wondering if we are worthy of his affection and attention. We ask, "What will his response be when I talk to him? What about my junk, my faults and sins and failures? What will God think of me when he sees all of that stuff?" It can be extremely depressing trying to get the "God thing" right.

Extreme circumstances require extreme actions. But what can we do? Where do we get help? How do we find hope again, Hope that life will have meaning and purpose; that we will get the most important relationship, the "God thing" right; that we will find freedom from past mistakes, guilt and shame?

That's where Easter comes in. It is a story about something Jesus offers each of us: hope. At Easter Jesus did something radical, something extreme, so that there would be a reason for hope again. A reason to believe that a relationship with God not only is possible but can be truly amazing and joy filled.

So, go ahead, and get your hopes up! Because even in our brokenness God is still calling us home. Even in our guilt and shame God calls us to the foot of the cross and pours out his blessing on us. Be because God lives, we have the promise of life not just any life, but eternal life.

That is the hope of Easter that we can cling to and be sure of, so no matter our brokenness Gods grace is for us. His love waits for us to cry out and ask him into our lives. May this Easter be the one that bring you Hope!

God Bless you all with the hope of Easter!
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 January 2020, we served **(137)** individuals representing **(436)** 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.

Greeters Schedule

1st Sunday of every month – Robert & Cecille McDowell

2nd Sunday of every month – Ed Jones

3rd Sunday through March – Jenny Irvine

April – October Jenny Harlow

4th Sunday every month – Richard Brinkley

5th Sundays - to be announced

Thank you!

Paul, I am the daughter of Frances Wolfe. I wasn't able to attend my mother's funeral, but my sister, Anne told me how wonderful your Words were. Mom so enjoyed being able to watch the church service on the computer – in fact, it was one of her favorite activities the last few months of her life.

Sincerely, Sally Sumser



MEMBERS @ HOME

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

**Every Tuesday
Boy Scouts @ 7:00**



**Last day for May
Tidings is April 23,
if you want to put
something in the
Newsletter.**

PLEASE
COME
TO BIBLE
STUDY ON
MONDAY
@ 6:30.
We will be
Studying
Hebrews

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





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.”

Meals-ON-Wheels - Thank you so much,
Jenny Harlow, Carol Almarez, Chuck Unroe
Pam Marshall & Ed Jones for delivering
meals-on-wheels March 22 - 26.

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

Meals on Wheels

SNOOPER SEZ

The Easter bunny is coming!
We hope he leaves lots of
Chocolate covered cheese for us!



“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.



April
Anniversaries
4/18 Jim & Arlene
Linkenhoker



April

**3 – Mickey McMillion
Paul Brinkley**

5 – Katherine Cash

8 – Christopher Bartley

11 - Tammy Conner

**15 - Teresa Hull
Bob Bales**

25 – Anthony Darcus

26 – Glenn Mays



Children's Church

Open

Clothing Closet

Will be open April 21, 2021

9:00-12:00



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Children's Message

4/ 4 Jenny Oeltjen

4/11 Carol Almarez

4/18 Brenda Bartocci

4/25 Lisa Boothe

APRIL

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
				<p>1</p>  <p>Maundy Thursday SERVICE 6:30 in Chapel</p>	<p>2</p> 	<p>3</p>
<p>4</p>   <p>Communion</p>	<p>5</p>  <p>6:30</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>
<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>  <p>6:30</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Session Meeting @ 6:00</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>
<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>  <p>6:30</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Clothing Closet 9:00 - 12:00</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>
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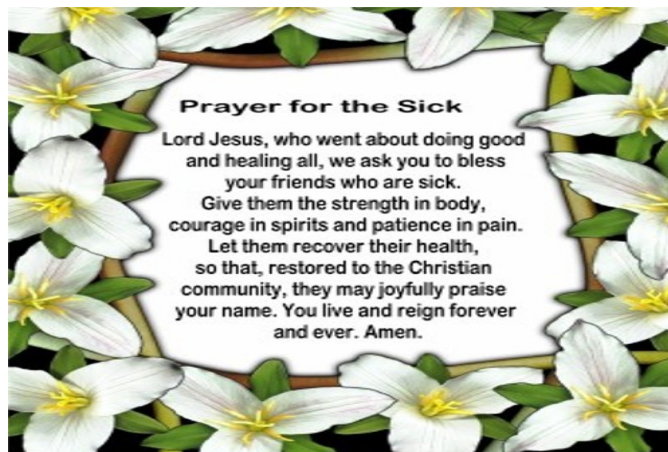


Prayer Chain

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, Denise Linkenhoker, Kimberly Perry, Roy Wright, Cathryn Dunbar, Dorothy Clark, Robert Goodbar, Marion Thompson, Clair Dilly, Dr. Raymond Claterbaugh, Vic Pendleton, Oeltjen's granddaughter Livy. Brenda Lindsay, Nancy McFarland, Family of George Harvey, Family of Nancy Harrison, Cathy Bowen, Sandra Porter, Bill Weikle Sarah Puckett's Sister, Elizabeth Brooks, Stacey Bryant, Butch & Cricket Andrews, Mary Sue Smith, 2 unspoken, Children & Staff in school, nursing homes, staff & families, Whitley Williams, Lorrie Humphreys, Family of Dave Crawford, Hannah, Amanda Bartley, Sharla Reynolds, Linda Kern, Catherine Karr & Husband, Dave Jones, Jeff, All of our congregations, Marilyn Woods, Mary Wright.



DIRECTIONS TO OUR FATHER'S HOUSE

Make a right onto Believeth Blvd. Keep straight and go through the green light, which is Jesus Christ. There, you must turn onto the Bridge of faith, which is Over troubled water. When you get off the bridge, make a right turn And keep straight. You are on the King's Highway - Heaven - bound. Keep going for three miles: One for the Father, One for the Son and One for the Holy Ghost. Then exit off onto Grace Blvd. From there, make a right turn on Gospel Lane. Keep straight and then make another right on Prayer Road. As you go on your way, yield not to the traffic On Temptation Avenue. Also, avoid SIN STREET because it is a DEAD END. Pass up Envy Drive and Hate Avenue. Also pass Hypocrisy Street, Gossiping Lane and Backbiting Blvd. However, you have to go down Long Suffering Lane, Persecution Blvd. Trail and Tribulations Avenue. But that is alright because VICTORY Street is straight. Ahead!!

AMEN!!!

Annual Gathering
Saturday, April 24, 10:00 a.m.
Virtual Gathering

Listed below are instructions for accessing the virtual gathering. These instructions and other information for the Annual Gathering will also appear in the next mini-newsletter at the end of March. Please share this information with the ladies in your church.

INVITATION VIA ZOOM TO THE APRIL 24 ANNUAL GATHERING.

Helen Dean is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN OF THE PEAKS

Time: April 24, 2021 10:00 A.M. Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89808752020?pwd=WEFH5nMzb1RyYiV2d29pbnl5VkRXQT09>

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Passcode: 782220

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Easter Word Search

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JESUS
MIRACLE
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SAVIOR
TOMB



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TIDINGS TO:

