



February 2023

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

*Join The Characters
Of Easter*

As we get ready for Easter let us peer in once again on a story we know so well. At the center of Easter, at the center of gravity of world history and of the cosmos, stands Jesus. But let us learn more about Christ by learning about the ragtag cast of characters who were swept up onto His story. By looking at unlikely disciples, unprepared civil authorities, and unscrupulous religious leaders, we learn more about the setting in which Jesus lived and died and we will gain a great love for God's long and sure plan of salvation and rescue.

We know and believe, as Peter declared on the day of Pentecost, that Easter was not an accident or a series of unfortunate events, but that every single frame in the Easter drama

is part of God's eternal plan from creation, when He prophesied that the seed of the woman and the seed of the serpent would violently clash until one day the serpent's head would be crushed (Gen. 3:15). Peter on the day of Pentecost articulates Easter's paradox:

"Though he was delivered up according to God's determined plan and foreknowledge, you used lawless people to nail him to a cross and kill him. God raised him up, ending the pains of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by death." (Acts 2:23-24).

The plan of God and the actions and choices of humans, this is what we will explore this Easter. I want us to get inside these lives in the grand, cosmic drama. A young and unlikely band of disciples, corrupt rulers, brave women, and criminals who found freedom. Who are they?

Let us remember, if we can, that in the first century few understood the significance of what was happening. Israel was a forgotten backwater, an outpost where no aspiring Roman up-and-comer wanted to be exiled. And among the Jewish people there was widespread cynicism and despair. Tish Warren again reminds us of the setting:

That morning in history when Jesus rose, there was no expectation of a resurrection. There was no fanfare. No churches gathering with songs of triumph, no bells ringing, nothing. A few women went out to tend to Jesus' dead body. His "nobody" disciples were laying low, lost in grief, and feeling afraid. The rest of Jerusalem and the wider world had moved on. The sun rose. People went about their business gathering grain and water from the well. They started breakfast.

All of the cosmos was changed, and it was almost entirely overlooked. Easter was a surprise to those who first experienced it. For us, it is a familiar, even comforting ritual of sacred truth. But let us try our best to journey back to that setting and be willing to be surprised as well, to let the story of the resurrection wash over us anew.


Pastor Paul

(The above was taken from the book, *The Characters of Easter* by Daniel Darling)

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



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



We are
Studying
Characters of Easter
We will
meet in the Nettie Paul Room.

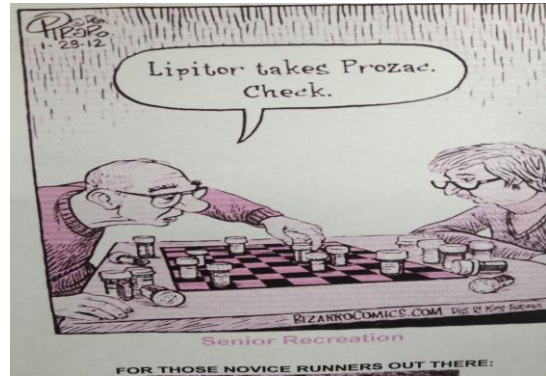


"Before we start, would everyone please put your cell phone in the middle of the table?"

Session Meeting

Lisa Armentrout - Treasurer.
 Debbie Darcus - Music & Worship
 Jenny Irvine – Clerk of Session/Fellowship
 George Chip Snead – Stewardship/Personnel
 Stephine Persinger - Christian Ed/Youth.
 Jenny Oeltjen - /Mission/Witness

Highland House:
 Genny McDowell
 Brian Center:
 Marilyn Woods



Kathleen McMillion Clothing Closet
 Will be open 9:00 – 12:00
Wednesday February 8 & 22 2023

January 2023

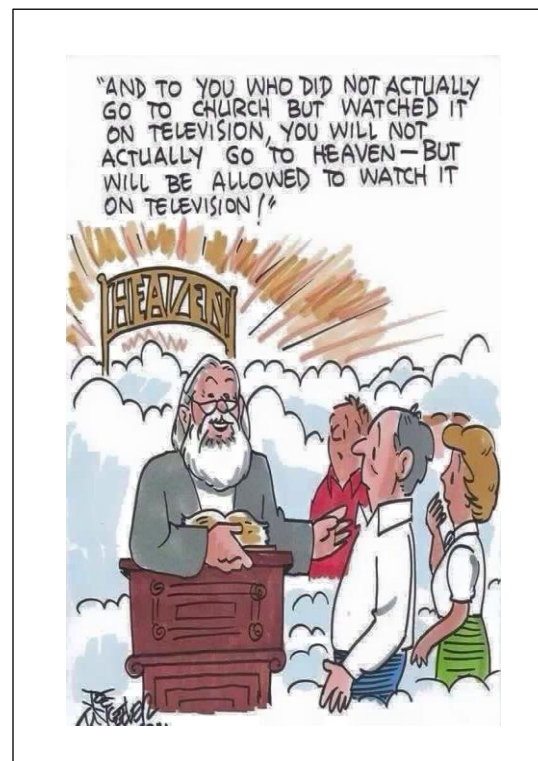
People Pieces

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151



Kathleen McMillion Clothing Closet
 Gave away **3,167** pieces of clothing
 and had **301** people to attend in the
 year 2022.





- 1st Sunday of every month – Robert & Cecille McDowell
- 2nd Sunday of every month – Ed Jones
- 3rd Sunday November - April - Jenny Irvine
- 4th Sunday every month – Richard Brinkley
- 5th Sundays - to be announced

The Church Mouse



February

Anniversaries

- 4 – Chris & Melissa Fisher
- 14 – Greg & Denise Ball



February

- 2 – Virginia McDowell
- 5 – Arlene Linkenhoker
- 10 – Cecille McDowell
- 16 – Darryl McMillion
Sam Clark
April Ball
- 18 – Patricia Savage
Sarah Puckett
- 23 – Kelsey Nicely

Food Pantry

For the month of **December 2022**, we serve **(220)** Individuals representing **(674)** family members.



February

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
			1	2	3	4 Prayer Breakfast 8:00
5 Communion	6 Bible Study 6:30	7	8 Clothing Closet 9:00-12:00 Choir 7:00	9	10	11 Prayer Breakfast 8:00
12 Pot-Luck Lunch after Morning Worship	13 Bible Study 6:30	14 Happy Valentine's Day!	15	16 Session 6:00	17	18 Prayer Breakfast 8:00
19	20 Bible Study 6:30	21	22 Clothing Closet 9:00-12:00 Choir 7:00 Ash Wednesday 7:00	23	24	25 <i>Prayer Breakfast</i> 8:00
26	27 Bible Study 6:30	28				



ATTENTION: There will be a pot-luck lunch on **February 12, 2023**, after morning worship. Please plan to come and bring your favorite dish and a friend.

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.

**Tuesday
Boy Scouts 7:00**



MEMBERS @ HOME

**Robert Brown
Mildred Wilson
Margaret Brown**



**MISSION/WITNESS
NEWS**

Please pray for

**Our Missionaries
Mark & Miriam Adams**



Intercessory Joys & Prayer Concerns

Anna Brooks, Makayla Russell, Andy Fisher, Nicole Doyle, Robert Goodbar, Derek Garrett, Lynn Agee, Sissy Howard, Amanda Brumit, Ukraine, Christina Lopez, LeannaTyler, Michele Owens, Joe Campbell, Sonny Craft, Lewis Brinkley, Elizabeth Heath, Roger Brown, Teresa Gibson, Jean Persinger, Kathie Helms, Bernie Hayslett, Raymond Humphreys, John Walters, Paul Riley, Heather Cristman. Paul Riley, Heather Cristmah, John Lannie, Michael Woods, Bryan Adkins, Bucky Pullen.

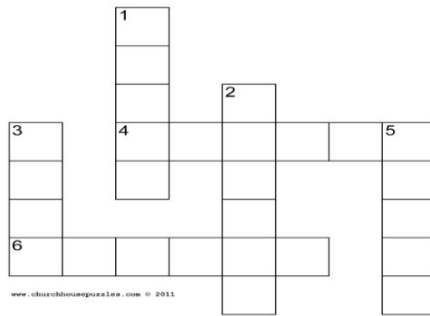


Prayer Chain

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



Mountains in the Bible



ACROSS

- 4 Where you might find Noah's ark
- 6 Where Jesus ascended into heaven

DOWN

- 1 Where God gave the Ten Commandments to Moses
- 2 Where Elijah defeated the prophets of Baal
- 3 Where God showed Moses the promised land
- 5 Where God helped Barak defeat Sisera

The Nominating Committee is looking for volunteers for the Presbytery Commissions and Committees. If interested in volunteering, please email this form to office@peakspresbytery.org or mail to Presbytery of the Peaks, PO Box 2519, Forest, VA 24551.

____ **Coordinating Cabinet:** 3 at large members that meet along with Commission and Committee moderators to coordinate various programs and meetings of presbytery.

____ **Church Partnership Commission:** 15 members, design programs to revitalize existing congregations, award grants related to outreach, encourage gatherings to support programs as a means for achieving Christ's goals.

____ **Pastoral Leadership Commission:** 21 members, support and assist ministers and sessions throughout the ministry call process, as well as providing care and nurture for ministers, candidates, commissioned pastors, and churches.

____ **Justice and Mercy Commission:** 9 members, represent the presbytery in mission work including outreach, grants and environmental stewardship.

____ **Committee on Administration:** 15 members, oversee the budget, finances, office and personnel of the presbytery and manage real property resources.

____ **Constitutional Ministries Committee:** 9 members, bill and overtures, nominate people to commissions and committees, oversee implementation of the presbytery policy for sexual misconduct, conduct annual session minute reviews and oversee presbytery relationships with higher councils of the church.

Name: _____ **Church:** _____

Email: _____ **Phone:** _____

Address:

2023 Spring Jubilee



Presented by:
**THE CELEBRATION
CHOIR**

Palm Sunday
April 2, 2023
6:00 p.m.

**LONE STAR ADVENT CHRISTIAN
FAMILY LIFE CENTER**

Nicelytown Road, 5 miles east of Clifton Forge.
FREE ADMISSION!

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Tidings To:

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