

THE **CARILLON**



SCRIPTURE LESSONS

August 3	Luke 12: 13-21 “A Fool’s Gold”
August 10	Luke 12: 32-40 “A State of Readiness”
August 17	Hebrews 12: 1-6 “The Love to Discipline”
August 24	Luke 10: 13-17 “Love into the Beyond”
August 31	John 6: 56-69 “Spiritual Division: A Division Within”

AUGUST 2025

11	7:00 pm Trustees meeting
13	Deacons meeting
17	Congregational meeting after worship to vote on the Safe Church Policy
19	5:00 pm Claridon Community Helps dinner
20	6:30 pm Cabinet meeting

Each Sunday:	Worship 10:00 am
Each Wednesday:	Choir Practice 5:30 pm
Each Thursday:	Bible Study 6:30 pm

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF CLARIDON

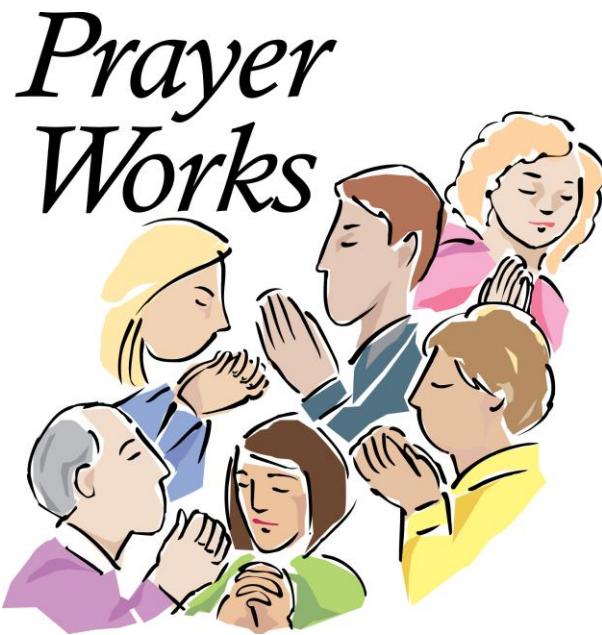
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SAVE THE DATES:

September 13	Basket Auction
September 14	Rally Day



PRAYER LIST

Doris Wilson
Bree Ellis Banks
Julie Webb Hunt
Joyce Vargo
Dale Baptie
Rick Juhasz
Connie & Wayne Streble
Kelly Wagner
Ed Ward
Bonnie Clemson
Joe Berninger
Lee McCurry
Tim Engelman
Scott Pricer

Polly Cole
August Speziale
Shawn
Norm Zepp
Sharon Hunter
Beth Christian Sharp
Kevin Playman
Denny Bihary
Thomas Woods
Rheta Crowley
Carrie Foster
Gary Branstein
Jeffery Przybysz
Dee Hayman Armes

“A Prayer-filled Life”

1Thess 5:16-18 “*Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.*”

We have all heard this scripture quoted. Perhaps it has meant several different things to you in your life depending upon where you may find yourself. And as we have discussed, prayer can mean different things to different people depending upon one's expectations. No matter what, all of us must learn to put aside our own expectations for the in-depth life renewing relationship God desires to find with us. This means we are to come into a new understanding of what prayer is for us in our life. Above all, prayer is a time for us to connect with God. It is a time for us to intentionally connect with the will of God for our lives. The purpose of prayer is for us to find our More.

What a wonderful way to understand and view life! God wants us to become our More and the path to finding our true selves is by opening up to God. This is the reason our author invites us to pray in the spirit of thanksgiving. We are not happy necessarily that we may be suffering. We're not masochists afterall. We are giving thanks because by connecting with God, we trust in our faith that God is going to show us a way through. Our way through is going to renew us and offer to us the More we are to become. How many other people have the guarantee that every time we encounter a relationship with them, we will become better and more loved and fuller growing into our More? How many other ways in life promise us that when we encounter their presence, we will become fuller beyond ourselves for the goodness and elevation of healthy wholeness? This is something to celebrate. This is the reason to have joy and to rejoice through all circumstances. Yet this attitude is only found when we commit ourselves to the Holy presence of God through the path, The Way of Jesus Christ.

Won't we consider thoughtfully what it means and how it is we can learn to live as people who rejoice and share joy for all the opportunities of new life in every breath we take? For this is the will of God for us through the acceptance of Jesus Christ. Won't we begin again in Christ allowing the birth of new life joy to find our hearts and frame our minds? Through the power of the One who has died to show us a new way, a new life through resurrection power, won't we accept this good news message today? May God open our heads and hearts to accepting The Truth within. Let us practice this life lesson together as we each seek healing transforming lives through the name of Jesus Christ we unite. Amen.

In Christ we live,
Your Pastor,
Julie ;)

DEACONS

Deacon's Meeting July 9, 2025-CCC

Present: Julie Western, Linda Angstrom, Becky Soltis, Mary Hedrick, and Sara Hamrick

Old Business

Becky made a motion to accept June's 2025 minutes; Mary 2nd.

Becky ordered sympathy, thinking of you, and welcome cards. It was mentioned that our church picnic will probably be held at our church in September.

New Business

Assignments were made for the month of July for scripture reading and praying for the church.

July

Scripture.

1. 6th Becky Soltis.
2. 13th Becky Soltis.
3. 20th Linda Angstrom.
4. Sara Hamrick

Praying

1. Becky Soltis
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3. Linda Angstrom
4. Mary Hedrick

In the future, we will have a sign-up sheet for reading scripture and praying for our church during coffee hour. This will give anyone an opportunity to participate in our service if they wish.

Julie shared information on the different breads that we could use for World Communion Sunday, which takes place in October.

There is a form for guest minister pulpit supply. The head deacon needs to approve the guest minister who has been chosen.

We discussed the worship supply fund, specifically for "children's moment" gifts, so that the minister doesn't have to personally purchase the items.

Cards Sent: Judy Starr, Marcia Wellman, Wendy Bergant, Buzz Owen's, and Barb Petersen.

Sincerely, Sara Hamrick, Deacon

PRESIDENT

Just a reminder to review the Church Safe Policy that has been previously been emailed to you. If you have any questions, please contact Pam Plott, Dennis Kellogg, or Nathaniel Dye. There will be a congregational vote after service on Sunday, August 17, 2025.

The next Cabinet meeting will be August 20, 2025 at 6:30 pm.

NOTE: The cabinet meeting on September 17, 2025 will be starting at **7:30 pm.**

Have a blessed day.

Donna Temple

AWARDS COMMITTEE

The Awards Committee met on June 10, 2025 to discuss what worked well this year and any changes we should consider. This brief summary includes some policies we discussed.

The deadline for submission of applications will be on a Sunday at 11:59 PM. No exceptions will be considered. All applications are to be submitted online to the Awards website only. Our new church answering machine has a current message and accepts messages.

We have a dedicated pastor with a listed phone number and email address. Our email address, Awards.ccc@gmail.com , will be going into its second year. We hope to be able to keep a timeframe similar to this year, except Easter 2026 is April 5th rather than the 20th.

Church members always have priority for their first award or a second year award IF their application is similar in quality to the other applicants and includes all required information. No students, member or non member, will be given an award for a third year.

Emails have been sent to the 2025 Awardees reminding them to submit their paid receipts for reimbursement.

TRUSTEES

Nathaniel completed the Safe Church policy revisions and took it to the cabinet for approval.

Kennington Electric installed a new switch for the dishwasher and put surge protectors on our electric panels.

It is time to remind you that the Basket Auction will soon be here. Saturday, September 13. From 12 to 3pm.

A generous offer from Claridon Community Helps is if we supply baskets and physical help,, they will share one half of the profits. It is your chance to show your creativity with a themed basket, from movie night to car care etc.The more baskets we make, the more money we make.

They also need our physical help. We did a much better job last year of helping in that area. I will be making up a volunteer chart. Donna V. and I will do the Bake Sale, you can help by baking!

So we need:

1. 3 people to set up on Friday September 12 at 12 noon.
2. 3 people to sell tickets from noon till 3pm on Saturday.
3. 3 strong healthy people for clean up on Saturday around 4:30 till done!

Thank you in advance for your help and contributions. Questions? Susan Vokoun

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

We had a wonderful time in July during our mini-VBS each Sunday School hour. We had anywhere from 11-14 kids each week. It was great to get to know the kids, for them to spend time together, and to learn a bit from the parables of Jesus!

We will have Rally Day on Sunday, September 14th. This day will be the start of the Sunday School year and will be the blessing of the backpacks. Please have children bring their backpacks to church with them that day for us to bless them for the school year!

We are aiming to have Sunday School every week and we will provide two classes (2-6years, 7years & up). We have purchased a curriculum called the **Year Long Bible Journey**.

In order to have a successful children's program, we need some classroom teachers & classroom volunteers!

We would like to have two assigned teachers for each age group for the year (four teachers total) so that children can get to know the teachers and so the teachers can rotate. The curriculum will be provided. Each teacher will need to do a background check (the church pays, they are required every 2 years). We are also in need of two additional volunteers each Sunday, one each to be in the classrooms as an additional adult so that two adults are present at all times. We are looking for eight volunteers total. Having eight will allow volunteers to be assigned just one Sunday/month.

If you are willing to be a classroom teacher or a classroom volunteer, please let us (Jaime Peck or Samantha Dye) know. We would love to help more adults in the church develop relationships with our incredible group of children!