



Christian Education and Fellowship Opportunities
for 2017-2018
at Clifton Presbyterian Church

Welcome to CPC's offerings for the 2017-18 school and program year! Through worship, Christian education, nurture, fellowship and service, we look forward to another year of following Christ with the guidance of the Holy Spirit as we:

- love God
- love one another
- love the world.

May the words of Psalm 119:33 (The Message) be our prayer as we seek to grow in faith:

"God, teach me lessons for living so I can stay the course."

YOUTH MINISTRY OFFERINGS:

Coming Winter 2018! Every Sunday (Age 2 – Kindergarten)



Godly Play is a worship learning experience for our youngest ones that occurs after the Children's Time in our 10:00am service. Based on the Montessori Method, Godly Play affirms the natural spirituality of children and promotes growth in early faith through story and play.

Junior Church: Every Sunday (Grades 1-8)



We will offer the Spark Lectionary curriculum which follows suggested weekly Scripture readings in the Revised Common Lectionary for Grades 1-4 and Grades 5-8. This is designed to enrich the experience and understanding of our children in both worship and Sunday School.

Youth Worship Ministry: Every Sunday



Wherever youth feel called to participate in worship leadership we welcome and encourage their participation. Whether serving as an acolyte, bell-ringer or Scripture reader is your thing, there is a place for you in the worship ministry!

Tweens/Teens Fellowship/Service Events: Monthly on Sundays



Each month we will participate in an event that combines faith, fun and service such as Stock the Shelves for Western Fairfax Christian Ministry, serve at The Lamb Center, assemble emergency relief buckets for Church World Service.

Confirmation Class: January – May 2018



Confirmation Class includes Grades 7-9, but exceptions are made as appropriate. Each participant will have a sponsor from the congregation. Instruction occurs over a 6 week period and concludes with a retreat where faith and the real world intersect in a new way. At the end of instruction, the participants will be prepared to make a personal profession of faith and may choose membership in the PC(USA).

Youth Choir (Pre-K-8th Grade): Quarterly on Sundays



Make a joyful noise unto the Lord – and have fun at the same time! Those interested in singing meet quarterly during Junior Church to rehearse with CPC's Music Director, and share their music in worship 2-3 times each year. Our children and youth share music and drama during an Advent worship service through our annual Christmas pageant with Sunday afternoon rehearsals from late October through mid-December.

Tweens/Teen Mission Trip: Summer 2018



Our youth appreciate the opportunity to make a difference by being the hands and feet of Christ in our world. Our mission trip next summer is designed to empower our youth to be more than recipients of ministry, but actual doers with the God-given unique gifts and talents that each brings to our faith family.

Vacation Bible School – Every Summer (Preschool – Grade 5)



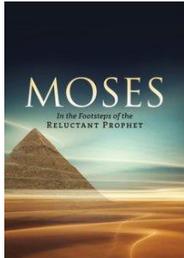
Each summer our amazing staff, adult and youth volunteers create a themed, fun, faith filled, week long experience. VBS builds a lifetime of memories and creates a faith foundation.

ADULT MINISTRY OFFERINGS FOR FALL 2017:

SUNDAY ADULT EDUCATION CLASS

BEGINNING ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 9:00-9:45 AM:

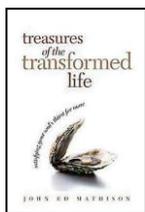
Moses: In the Footsteps of the Reluctant Prophet



Retrace the life of Moses from his modest birth and rescue as a baby to the courts of Pharaoh, from herding flocks in Midian to leading his people out of Egypt. Join Adam Hamilton as he travels from Egypt to Mt. Sinai, the Nile, the Red Sea and the wilderness exploring the sites of Moses' life. Using historical information, archaeological data, and biblical text, Hamilton guides us in the footsteps of this reluctant prophet who grew in his relationship with God and by the end of life had successfully fulfilled the role he was given.

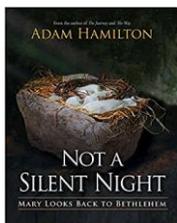
Turn your own reluctance into boldness as you examine the significant challenges facing Moses and how God shaped his character and life in powerful ways. Elders Francine Maestri, Robert Mayer and Jim Wrightson will lead this class.

Treasures of the Transformed Life begins October 29



Sometimes we get thirsty in life and wonder if there is anything more; if it is really possible to be more content and satisfied. This study and the daily readings center on the themes of Prayer, Presence, Gifts, & Service. Participants will have the opportunity to discern God's plan for them individually and for the ministry of the church.

Advent: Not a Silent Night begins December 3

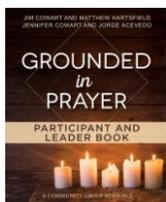


This year, experience Advent and Christmas with the one who knew Jesus more intimately than anyone else—his mother, Mary. Imagine the pain she felt at the crucifixion, her pride as Jesus' ministry grew, and her unrestrained joy when she looked into his tiny face that first night in the stable. Adam Hamilton will help each of us witness the life of Jesus from Mary's unique perspective, starting at the very end and traveling back in time to the very beginning—the night of Christ's birth.

WEDNESDAY WOMEN'S MORNING BIBLE STUDY

BEGINNING, WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH, 9:30-11:00 AM:

Grounded in Prayer: 6 wk. video discussion series of the Lord's Prayer



Prayer is a crucial way for us to experience God's grace. Jesus used The Lord's Prayer to teach all disciples about how to communicate with God. Christians also order their lives around their relationships with each other, and these relationships are strengthened through personal and corporate prayer with God. The Lord's Prayer is a template for how to bring our needs, concerns, and challenges to God, who cares for each of us. Childcare will be provided.

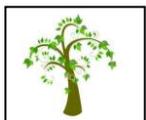
SPECIAL MINISTRY OFFERINGS:

Join Pastor Lynn, Pastor Jodi and special guests on October 1st and 15th, as we connect Life and Faith with our Worship message.

Sunday, October 1: World Communion and the plight of refugees with Pastor Lynn and Esther Gayfield a volunteer from Virginia working with the Christian Life Center in Beirut, Lebanon run by Mutual Faith-Lebanon that is courageously helping Syrian refugees - some of the most vulnerable people in the Middle East today. She's deeply dedicated, and the church is doing good work focused on children.



Sunday, October 15: Spirituality and Nature with Beth Norcross, Director of the Center for Spirituality in Nature and adjunct faculty at Wesley Seminary will preach and lead an afternoon in nature around Clifton after the Cup of Fellowship.



Coming in worship in January: Leaders and a graduate from Kingdom Life Ministry, a residential program for those transitioning from incarceration back into their families and communities, will share the sermon with Pastor Lynn and conversation after worship.



Monthly Meetings and Classes

Men's Bible Study and Breakfast:

Men meet every third Saturday of each month at 8:00 am for breakfast and Bible study. For information, contact Elder Mark Reimers.

O.W.L.S. (Older, Wiser, Livelier Seniors):

The O.W.L.S. hold a monthly luncheon meeting at Clifton Presbyterian Church on the 2nd Monday of each month, September through June. Guests enjoy Christian fellowship, special guest speakers, entertainment and local travel. For more information, contact Nancy Scott.

The CPC Book Club:

The CPC Book Club holds a monthly meeting on the second Tuesday of each month. For more information, contact Elder Charlene Baldwin.

Thursday Lunch Club (TLC):

The group, open to all women, meets once a month at a different eatery for fellowship. For more information, contact Elder Tricia Hedrick.

Weeknight Table Time:

A monthly evening meal with music, informal worship, Bible Study and service for all ages. (Dates and time coming soon.)