

#### **Exciting Times at the Community Church**

As we bid farewell to April showers and look forward to the blooms of May, it's fun to see our church abuzz with activity. The pitterpatter of raindrops might be tiring, but it has ushered in a season of new beginnings and lively fellowship at our church.

One of the joys we're experiencing is the influx of new faces joining our congregation, alongside our beloved "snowbirds" returning from their winter sojourns in sunny Florida. Seeing our church family grow and reconnect as we transition into brighter days is heartening for this Pastor!

Looking ahead to May,

mark your calendars for

two remarkable events

tion and community en-

gagement. On Monday,

May 13 at 5:30pm, we

have the distinct honor of

that promise both inspira-



Dinner with Didi May 13 - 5:30pm

hosting Sister Didi from the Refilwe Bophelo Clinic in Lanseria, South Africa. Sister Didi and her husband Moalusi are visiting us as part of their journey to connect with partner congregations that have supported their impactful ministry. Join us for "Dinner with Didi," a memorable evening of fellowship, learning, and an insightful presentation about their vital work. I promise it will be an enlightening experience you won't want to miss! (See page 3 for info.)

Later in the month, on Wednesday, May 29, Community Church will partner with Loudon County Habitat for Humanity to host a "Bridges out of Poverty" event. This workshop features two options for you to choose from. The



first option takes place from 10am to 2pm with an additional option from 5pm to 9pm. These sessions are designed to deepen our own understanding of poverty's challenges and explore practical ways to build bridges toward a better future. The \$25 registration fee includes a meal and a workbook. Having attended a similar workshop myself, I can attest to its profound impact. Let's come together as a congregation to support this transformative event. (See page 6 for info.)

These upcoming events reflect our commitment to learning, growing, and serving God and our community. It's a privilege to see the enthusiasm and dedication of our church members each week, and I encourage everyone to participate actively in these opportunities as you can!

As we navigate this season of renewal, let's continue embracing the unity, inclusivity, and compassion that define the Community Church. Let's make May a month to remember—a time of fellowship, learning, and thanking God for our abundant blessings.

With love and anticipation,

Pastor Steve

## MAY 2024 Cultivating

believers, disciples, and servants to transform our community and world for Christ.

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### Your Neighbors in the Pew: Chuck & Cecelia Cruickshank

#### By Julie A. Best

Chuck and Cecelia Cruickshank are people of the land. They were born and raised in farm country in the Finger Lakes region of New York. Cecelia was the oldest child with a younger sister and brother. Her father was a physical therapist at the VA Hospital. Chuck was the oldest of three boys in his family, and in the early days they lived on a fruit farm. While they didn't go to the same school,

their school districts were adjacent. Cecelia played string instruments, and Chuck was involved in music as well. So, they often performed together in school productions but Cecelia was in the orchestra pit while Chuck was on stage. Friends introduced them and after going to separate state universities, they were married. A son and a daughter joined the family in a few years.

Cecelia's degree is in music education, which she taught for many years ranging from 3rd-12th grades. She was the traveling music teacher who worked with numerous schools within the school district. She still has a permanent teaching certificate in the state of New York. Chuck's degree is in economics, and his area of interest was agriculture. After college, he worked for Cargill, Land O' Lakes, and the National Dairy Council. He started in the feed industry and later moved to milk supply operations and industry relations. At one point, they lived in Pennsylvania where he assisted in the consolidation of a company merger. He enjoyed working with dairy farmers, many of them Amish, and felt that he made a contribution in helping them understand and accept the changes in the company. Other assignments included member relations from coast-to-coast. While we think of Wisconsin as the dairy state, more milk is produced in the state of California. Chuck says, "Working with California dairy farmers was a new experience!"

Chuck's grandfather was a fruit farmer and a Presbyterian minister. The land, however, came through his grandmother's family. Chuck has fond memories of visiting his grandparents, especially at Christmas time. There was a set of brass bells on a leather harness that his grandmother placed over the horse as she drove the buggy to school during the winter months. Those bells hung on the porch. When Chuck was old enough to no longer believe in the magic of Santa, as the oldest of the grandchildren, it was always his job to slip away from the family while they were singing Christmas carols, and suddenly ring those sleigh bells. That was the signal that Santa had come, and it was time to throw open the parlor door and enjoy the presents. Those 100-year-old sleigh bells now hang in the dining room at their daughter's home.

They moved to Tellico Village in December 2014. Chuck says, "We went church shopping. We visited several churches but decided that we wanted to be a part of a church in the community in which we live." They became a part of our church. Cecelia has been involved with the choir and handbells, and she's also a beautiful quilter contributing to the Village Quilters group. Chuck became one of our bus drivers and developed the training program for other volunteer drivers. He is also a scripture reader, an usher, and a member of the Guy-to-Guy ministry.

An area that is near and dear to their hearts is the Tennessee Blue Bird Society. Chuck went to the birding club soon after they moved, and immediately became interested in fostering keener interest in the cavity-nesting birds in Tennessee. That group has flourished and has increased the number of nest boxes throughout the state from 300 to 1,700 boxes resulting in many more birds fledged annually. Many of the boxes are outfitted with cameras so you can see the nesting activity, the eggs, and then the birds. Chuck cooks for the birds! His specialty is suet cakes, and the birds love them. During the nesting season, they will go through two suet cakes every day.

We never stray far from our roots. Chuck and Cecelia are still people of the land. They still care for the environment and wildlife. Through these interests, they promote activities and services that benefit our lives. They see needs and are willing to do what they can to meet those needs. Chuck and Cecelia have done just that right here in our community and church. Thank you, Chuck and Cecelia, for your dedication and contributions.



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# **MISSION OUTREACH**

#### CCTV Mission Outreach has been busy during the spring!

#### **CCTV Scholarships**

Members of the scholarship *ad hoc* team received 27 applications for our scholarships. All candidates were interviewed and found to be exceptional students. After prayerful discernment, one candidate was selected from each of four local schools— Greenback High School, Lenoir City High School, Loudon High School, and Sequoyah High School. Each of these four students will be presented with an initial scholarship of \$2,750 that is renewable for an additional 3 years, potentially valued at \$11,000. The congregation of CCTV is blessed to be able to impact these students' lives in positive ways. We look forward to introducing them to you on Scholarship Sunday, June 23, along with our continuing scholarship recipients.

**YOU'RE INVITED to Dinner with Sister Didi Mojapelo** CCTV is pleased to be hosting Sister Didi from the Refilwe Bophelo Clinic in South Africa during her visit with partner congregations in the United States. You are invited to meet Sister Didi and her husband Pastor Moalusi at a dinner hosted by CCTV Mission Outreach on Monday, May 13 at 5:30pm in the Fellowship Hall (CLC). Didi will share with us about her ministry in Lanseria, just outside of Johannesburg, in local disadvantaged informal settlements where many do not have a regular income or available transportation. Refilwe Bophelo



Clinic was founded in this area to provide an affordable medical service. Their belief is that medical care should not be denied to any, so services are provided even if the patients are unable to afford their small fee. Be sure to come and meet Didi and learn how God works through her ministry to provide essential medical services in an area of immense need.

PLEASE NOTE: For food planning, please sign up at the table in the narthex on Sundays (April 28 & May 5) or email mission@tellicochurch.org by May 8.

# **CCTV** Mission Partner Focus



Loudon County Habitat for Humanity (LCHFH) is a Christian organization dedicated to eliminating substandard housing in Loudon County by building simple, decent, affordable homes for families in need. Founded in 1992, LCHFH has built more than 120 new homes and made repairs to more than 90 existing homes. CCTV has partnered with LCHFH for many years and members have served in multiple leadership positions, along with a multitude of volunteers who volunteer their time for building these homes and serving in the Habitat ReStore.



One of our own CCTV families, Brock and Nancy Benn, are co-sponsoring a current home build at 616 Cedar Street in Loudon. Volunteers are needed during the month of May. To see the calendar of tasks, go to <u>loudoncountyhabitat.org/volunteer-calendar</u>. For more information or to sign up, contact Sammie Shanks, Volunteer Coordinator (865-640-5578; sammie@loudoncountyhabitat.org).

#### What skills and abilities could you bring to CCTV Missions Outreach?

Let us know how YOU might like to serve by completing the online Mission Interest Form (tellicochurch.com/missions).

# Women's Conference - REGISTER NOW





WOMEN'S MINISTRY CONFERENCE FEATURING YONNE CONTE JUNE 21-22, 2024



### **ABOUT THE SPEAKER:**

Yvonne Conte, author of seven books about humor and joy, is a successful keynote speaker in the corporate world. She is the founder and director of Day of Joy, and brings a story of inspiration and freedom in Christ. Her desire is to encourage women in their walk with God and help them learn to trust Him with life's challenges.

Yvonne's fast paced humorous presentations are peppered with personal anecdotes and real-life experiences. She provides insights into the trials and triumphs we face. She brings laughter and encouragement, delighting her audiences as she offers life-changing material.

Yvonne promises to improve the way women live, work, and play by changing the way they look at the world, causing them to be happier, healthier individuals. She is down to earth, relatable, and believable. She loves working with women and keeps them laughing while they learn to walk closer to Jesus every day.

Each of the sessions will contribute to living a life of great abundance as Jesus promised, by knowing Him more deeply, by recognizing and gratefully thanking Him for all things, and by walking joyfully in the path that he planned for us.

### VISIT THE SPEAKER'S WEBSITES:

www.yvonneconte.com www.dayofjoy.org

### **CONFERENCE SCHEDULE:**

#### Friday, June 21

Community Church at Tellico Village 130 Chota Center Loudon, TN 37774 6:00pm Arrive & We

6:45pm

Arrive & Welcome Session 1

#### Saturday, June 22

Whitestone Inn Chapel 1200 Paint Rock Road Kingston, TN 37763

> 10:00am 10:30am 11:45am 1:00pm 3:00pm

Arrive & Welcome Session 2 Lunch Session 3 Conference Concludes

### **COST (includes lunch):**

- Registration: \$85
- Early Bird Discount: \$80 through May 5
- Last day to register is May 19

### **HOW TO REGISTER:**

- Online at www.tellicochurch.org
- In the Narthex after Sunday services
- At the church office during business hours

### **Storms of Our Lives**

By Jeannine Wolf

I recently read that the upcoming hurricane season is expected to be more active and could possibly break records for the number of storms in a season. From what I understand, the combination of La Niña and a record warm water temperature are major factors for the development of these storms.



When visiting a historical museum in Galveston, Texas, my husband and I learned that the Great Galveston hurricane of September 1900 is considered the deadliest natural disaster in US history. Around 8,000 people were killed, and over 7,000 buildings were damaged with over half being demolished homes. The mind-boggling before and after photos displayed a very graphic picture of how truly devastating this storm was. I could only imagine what the survivors must have felt.

Today, with reliable information and weather forecasting, most people have time to prepare, unlike the people of the 1900s who were taken by total surprise. Also like those victims, we can be taken by surprise when events or storms occur in our lives. Accidents, illnesses, deaths, divorce and financial difficulties can happen and blindside us. However, we do not have to deal with those storms alone. A Stephen Minister can give you both support and hope as you navigate these storms. Just as Jesus calmed the seas while in the boat, a Stephen Minister can help navigate you to calmer waters. Contact the church office to get in touch with one of our leaders.

Jan Elliott • Lori York • Jeannine Wolf

Wishing Well Care & Share

### **Items Accepted:**

- Caps and Lids
- Cellphones
- Eyeglasses
- Ink Cartridges
- Postage Stamps
   (canceled; leave 1/4" edge)
- Pull Tabs
- Toiletry Items (new; any size)

### Your help is appreciated in the following ways:

- Please put your items in the appropriately labeled baskets. There are two larger plastic bins for caps and lids.
- Please only donate the items that are requested. There are 3x5 cards in a stand on the top of the Wishing Well that list all of the collections on one side and the specifics for the cap and lid collection on the other side. Feel free to take one home with you as a reminder.
- If you bring your items to church in a bag, please sort the items and place them in the appropriate baskets.
- For those responsible for picking up the donated items for an agency, please clear out the basket(s) on a regular basis. If you are unable to do so, please ask someone to do it in your place.

The Wishing Well Care and Share collection area is located under the grand staircase.

# Sabbatical Announcement



This summer I will be taking a short sabbatical. The six-week sabbatical begins on May 20, and I am extending it with a week of vacation and continuing education. I will return to the office on July 15. Our good friend David Glover, together with Andrew, will be leading the choir and worship during this time. I plan to spend the time working on home projects, exploring some new skills, and possibly traveling with the family. My email and phone will still be active if you need to contact me, but I will not be in the office much during this time.

Rev. John Orr

### Loudon County Habitat for Humanity Presents



Wednesday, May 29 at CCTV 10am-2pm OR 5pm-9pm Cost: \$25 (includes workbook & meal) Nearly 6,800 Loudon County residents live below the poverty line. **Bridges Out of Poverty** is a program designed to help you recognize the economic, cultural and societal hurdles low-income individuals face as they seek to provide for their families. This program will make you aware of the unique and sometimes hidden obstacles they face. It will also give you a deeper understanding of their challenges and strengths, and will help you visualize how we can all work together to create opportunities that will help these families succeed.

> Join one of two sessions being offered at CCTV on May 29. RSVP to Sandi Byrd (865-816-7803; sandra@loudoncountyhabitat.org).

Sponsored by the Community Church at Tellico Village



# Spring Craft & Bake Sale - Report & Thanks

#### **Volunteers Make Craft and Bake Sale a Sweet Success**

The Crafters Spring Craft and Bake Sale was a huge success, raising \$10,241. A big thank you goes out to all of the volunteers and shoppers who made this event possible through their hard work and generosity.

First, we want to express our gratitude to the bakers who shared their talents baking delicious cakes, cookies, breads, and other scrumptious treats. Your baked goods were in high demand and sold like hot cakes! We also want to acknowledge all the crafters who donated their time to make beautiful handmade items for the sale. The Fellowship Hall (CLC) was overflowing with jewelry, quilts, mailbox covers, floral arrangements, and other one-of-a-kind creations. Your talents were on full display. A heartfelt thanks to all the volunteers who staffed the sale by setting up, pricing bake goods, selling items, providing security, bagging, totaling and cleaning up at the end of the sale. Your time and effort are what truly made this event run so smoothly. Finally, a big thank you for all who attended the sale and supported us with your purchases. Because of all your contributions, we raised a wonderful sum that will fund the Church Crafters Scholarship as well as charitable organizations in Loudon and Monroe counties. We couldn't have done it without each and every one of you!

The Crafters meet Mondays from 9:30-11:30am. Crafting experience is not necessary. We would love to have you join us for crafting and fellowship.

# The Stewardship of Time & Talent

Stewardship is about using our resources wisely.

It's about more than the finances we commit to our church.

It's about investing in activities that are both meaningful and make a positive impact on oneself and others.

It's about managing one's time and skills.

It's about recognizing the value of these personal assets and using them to contribute to the overall well-being of others.



The **Congregational Care Team** is an active arm of CCTV that requires minimal dollars of support while making major impacts on the lives of recipients and participants through the gift of volunteers. This team, under the leadership of Lynne MacConnell, dramatically elevated and increased the breadth and impact of the Congregational Care Team during her 5-year tenure. Lynne stepped aside in 2024 to be available to assist and care for her husband, Len. Thank you, Lynne, for your commitment and service!

The guideline of the Congregational Care Team is to develop ministries that assist the pastors in bringing care to our church members and others through all the seasons and experiences of life. Below is a list of the activities overseen by the team and made possible through the stewardship of volunteers.

#### Lay Communion

• Providing communion weekly at The Neighborhood following the 9:00 service

#### Support

- Caregiver's Support
- Parkinson's Support
- Stephen Ministry, providing 1:1 support by a trained member of the team
- Guy-to-Guy, providing 1:1 friendship and connection between men
- Prayer Chain, providing consistent and confidential prayer for individuals by request
- Prayer Shawl Team, prayerfully providing shawls for distribution for those who are experiencing challenges and loss. **Visitation**
- VISILATION
  - Visiting members who are homebound or reside in assisted living or nursing homes
  - Soup Ministry, the preparation of soup available to deliver to those recuperating from surgery or illness

#### Bereavement

- Providing cookies and punch following memorial services
- GriefShare, a course of study guiding those who have experienced the loss of a loved one

#### Programming

• Periodic programs to enhance the well-being of participants

# Thank You to Our Kitchen Coordinator



As the seasons change and signal transition to warmer weather, we find ourselves both saddened and joyful to announce that our beloved kitchen coordinator, Lee Rook, will be transitioning off CCTV staff at the end of the summer. Her dedication, warmth, and tireless service have enriched our church immeasurably. While we will dearly miss her presence, we celebrate the exciting journey that awaits her. If you see Lee around the church, please take a moment to express your gratitude for her service and dedication.

As we bid her farewell, we also look ahead with anticipation. In the coming weeks, we will embark on the process of searching for her successor, and we invite those who feel called or know someone who would do well in this vital ministry to reach out to the church office.



# **Recipes from Easter Brunch**

Many people have asked for recipes from the Easter brunch. We are happy to provide those in this edition of the newsletter. Enjoy!

Ham, Swiss, and Mushroom Quiche Makes 12 Servings



½ pkg Ore-Ida hashbrowns (thawed)
⅓ c. melted butter
1 ½ c. shredded swiss cheese
1 ½ c. diced ham
1 ½ c. shredded Monterey jack cheese
1 c. fresh mushrooms, sliced (or 4 oz can)
½ c. milk
3 eggs beaten
½ tsp seasoned salt
¼ tsp paprika
1 Tbsp chopped parsley

Preheat oven to 425. Spray 9 x 13 pan. Spread potatoes in pan and brush with butter. Bake at 425 for 25 minutes. Remove from oven and turn temperature to 350. Layer swiss cheese, ham, Monterey jack cheese, and mushrooms on top. Whisk together milk, eggs, and seasoned salt. Pour over potato mixture. Sprinkle with paprika and parsley. Bake for 30-40 minutes. Cinnamon Roll French Toast Casserole Makes 16 Servings



- ¼ c. butter, melted2 (13.4 oz) refrigerated Pillsbury Flaky Cinnamon Rolls with Buttercream Icing
- 6 eggs 1 tsp ground cinnamon 2 tsp vanilla
- 1 c. maple syrup
- 1/2 c. whipping cream

Preheat oven to 375. Pour melted butter into ungreased 9 x 13 glass baking dish. Separate each can of dough into 8 rolls. Set aside icing. Cut each roll into 8 pieces. Place pieces over butter in dish. In medium bowl with wire whisk, beat eggs. Beat in cream, cinnamon, and vanilla until well blended. Gently pour over roll pieces. Drizzle with 1 cup maple syrup. Bake uncovered 20-28 minutes or until golden brown. Cool 15 minutes. Meanwhile, remove covers from icing. Microwave at 50% for 10-15 seconds or until drizzling consistency. Drizzle over top and serve.



### **May Finance News**

The Finance Team has been working closely with the Trustees to assure the funds are available for two major projects this year. The first is to replace the roof of the Sanctuary. The second is to repair or replace some of the siding on the Founder's Chapel inside the courtyard. These projects were taken into consideration during the budgeting for 2024 to assure sufficient funds.

**BUS TRANSPORTATION** is available for the 10:30 service from anywhere in the village. If you wish to ride the bus, please call the church office by Thursday of the week you wish to use transportation.

### Memorial Gifts Remembering...

Al Johnson Martha Wilkerson

### Becky Moore Kevin & Joanne Meyer

Jim & Charlene Barton Martha Wilkerson

### Guy-to-Guy Ministry

Do you know a man who appears lonely, disconnected or even isolated due to health and/or life's circumstances?

Guy-to-Guy is about developing friendship, sharing a cup of coffee, telling "fish" stories, talking sports, enjoying a few laughs, playing a hand of cards, or simply connecting with another man.

There are volunteers ready and eager to come alongside, make room for a relationship, and perhaps fill a void for another man.

Make a referral of someone you know who would benefit from Guy-to-Guy by calling the church office (865-458-1516).





### MARCH YEAR-TO-DATE 2024

	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>
INCOME	\$647,517	\$551,683
EXPENSES (including mortgage principal)	\$467,336	\$531,733
NET INCOME/(LOSS)	\$180,181	\$19,950
Mortgage Principal Year-to-Date		\$58,993
Mortgage Interest Year-to-Date		\$14,275
Mortgage Balance		\$1,991,323
Endowment Fund		\$397,520



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### **GENERAL INFO**

**Church Calendar.....** tellicochurch.com/events **Want to explore church membership?** 

Please call the church office for details if you are interested. You may inquire about membership and other spiritual matters.

#### **Pastoral Care**

*Please contact the church office for your pastoral care needs.* 

### **STAFF**

Dr. Stephen B. Prevatte
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Gregg Randolph
Cathy Bradley
Candy Smith
Jeff McDaniel
Lee Rook
Andrew Duncan

### The church office is open Monday-Thursday, 9am-4pm and Friday, 9am-noon.

### **2024 Council Voting Members**









(L-R): Bonnie Ingraham, Council Chair Chuck Martin, Council Vice-Chair, Chair of Personnel Team Kaye Sandridge, Chair of Engagement Team Peggy Welch, Chair of Finance Team





(L-R): Leslie Shuman, Chair of Trustees Judy Heard, Chair of Worship & Music Team Nancy Gregg, Chair of Mission Team

Spiritual Support

Alcoholics Anonymous Every Monday at 7pm Women every Friday at 10:30am Lower CLC

Al-Anon United Methodist Church - Loudon Every Tuesday at 7pm

**Caregiver's Support Group** (Includes Alzheimer's Support Group) 2nd & 4th Tuesday of month, 1pm Fellowship Hall (CLC) Lynne MacConnell

**Grief Support Group** Scott & Suzanne Duncan

**Guy to Guy** Chuck Hitch

Hospitalization Support Call the church office Parkinson's Support Group 1st Thursday of month, 1pm Lower CLC Kathy Milam, Peggy Crowder

**Pastoral Counseling** *Rev. Dr. Stephen Prevatte* 

**Prayer Chain** Jan Elliott

Prayer Shawls Knitters & Crocheters 2nd Monday of month, 11am Conference Room Jan Martin

Stephen Ministry Jan Elliott, Jeannine Wolf, Lori York

For more information please contact the church office (865-458-1516).