

The Claiborne Clarion

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The purpose of this newsletter is to acquaint and inform Claiborne residents.

CHURCH PROJECT UPDATE

Work on the interior of the church is proceeding. The ceilings in the fellowship hall and kitchen have been removed so we can inspect for damage and get rid of the animal debris and wet materials that were causing odors. The crew removed the acoustic tiles on the sanctuary ceiling, exposing a wood ceiling that can be painted. This week the work crew will remove the animal debris and old insulation above the sanctuary ceiling, and then fumigate the area. We will have the church ready for the December 18th Pot Luck Dinner.

The Claiborne Association Board has developed a list of projects and their estimated costs needed to get the building ready for regular use. The list includes such items as immediate electrical repairs and re-wiring (\$1,000); repair soffits and temporary roof repairs (\$2,000); insulation and ceiling replacement (\$3,800); connect to village water and install frostproof faucet (\$2,000) and heating and air conditioning for fellowship hall and kitchen (\$3,000).

The list also includes longer-term projects such as a new roof for the sanctuary (\$6,000); restoring the bell tower (\$10,000); replacing the exterior shingles (\$15,000 - \$45,000 depending on the materials used); electrical repairs (\$3,500) and adding a bathroom, kitchen and holding tank (\$12,000) There are many other needs – lighting, sidewalks, landscaping, interior wall repairs, paint, repairs to water damaged areas, etc. We anticipate that much of the interior painting can be done by volunteers.

While this seems like a daunting list of cost, we can take our time and phase these projects over the next few years, meanwhile using the building for village events and activities.

We will kick off a fund raising campaign at the winter Pot Luck Dinner and General Meeting on December 18th. Any tax exempt donations, large or small, will be welcomed.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!

December 11	DeDe Ritner
December 13	Tim Guinness
December 26	Norm Haddaway
December 28	Owen Bond

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December 29

Jan Johnson
Jim Rhine Sr.

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FYI FROM DEDE

Save the lint from your dryer and place it in your yard for the birds and squirrels to use as insulation in their nests.

After brushing your dog you can place the hair that's collected in the brush around your flower gardens to keep the rabbits away.

In the spring and summer place garlic clovers around your rose bushes to keep away aphids.

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HOLIDAY POT LUCK

Saturday
December 18th
5:30PM
at the Church.
Music
Food
Fellowship

All Claibornians are invited to this annual village celebration.

If you would like to help decorate come to the church on Friday at 2 pm and join the fun. If you have freshly cut greenery, red holiday ribbons, table cloths, candles (real and battery powered), bring them to the post office before Friday.

We are also looking for a Christmas tree to decorate the alter area. If it has lights and is decorated, that would be a bonus.

As in previous years, we will have food, music and each person is asked to bring his or her flatware, plate and beverage vessel. Water, iced tea and coffee will be provided.

Santa has informed us that he will be busy at the North Pole with his elves and will be sending Mrs. Claus. She's asking everyone to bring a short, good, Christmas riddle to entertain your fellow villagers.

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CLAIBORNE RESIDENTS

You don't have to be alone on Christmas. The holidays can be times for depression and loneliness to sneak into our lives, but don't let that happen this year! If you don't want to be alone just call me and then come to my house. Hailey Mae (woof) and I will be welcoming guests between 1 & 6 pm on Christmas Day. 745-6987 Barbara

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS