

DEAR RED CLAY



GENEROSITY 2026



When you walked into Red Clay Creek Presbyterian Church in years past, you might have seen Tom Mumper in the choir, singing with the same joy that marked so much of his life. Tom was an Eagle Scout, a scientist, a golfer, a barbershop singer, and, most memorably for many, a master woodturner. His craftsmanship was so celebrated that bowls he made from Delaware trees ended up in the hands of collectors—including even the king and queen of Sweden.

What made Tom's work so remarkable was not only his artistry, but his vision. He could see beauty in what others might have overlooked. A tree brought down by age, storm, or necessity could have been thought of only as a loss. But Tom would take that same tree and give it a second life—turning it, shaping it, polishing it. Often he left the bark visible in his designs, honoring the life the tree had lived, even as he transformed it into something new. The result was a vessel of memory and blessing.

Psalm 1 describes the faithful as "like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither." The psalmist reminds us that those who are rooted in God's love will endure across seasons, and even when change comes, their impact will carry on.

That is what Tom's bowls quietly preach: nothing rooted in love is ever wasted.

Stewardship is like that. Each estimate of gift, each act of generosity, becomes part of God's transforming work. It helps us plan for a future that not everyone can see. What you give to Red Clay Creek sustains our worship, nurtures our children, deepens discipleship, and reaches out in service. Sometimes the fruit is immediate; other times it takes on new shapes and blesses future generations. Always, like Tom's vessels, it carries forward the love from which it was formed.

This fall, I invite you to prayerfully make your estimate of gift for the year ahead. Together, rooted in love, we continue to plant, to nurture, and to trust God with the shaping. And just as Tom left the bark in his bowls as a sign of the tree's history, we trust that God will take the gifts we bring—with all of our stories, scars, and blessings—and turn them into something beautiful for the sake of others.

Stay Warm,

Love for Our Church Family

At Red Clay, belonging means being part of a family that loves, supports, and shows up for one another. We gather often- whether it's around the table for a meal, or simply enjoying time in fellowship- because we know faith grows best when we share it together. Here, you'll always find a place to connect, to laugh, to pray, and to be reminded that you are never alone.

"I love the way the Belong team comes together to serve our congregation and our community as Jesus taught us—with warm hospitality, embracing fellowship, and great food!"

Bill Ciabattoni

Sharing Meals Together

From Veterans Breakfasts and Friends & Fellowship to Sundae Sunday, Advent and Maundy Thursday meals, we love connecting around the table.

Celebrating with Special Events

Church picnics, Hoedowns, Guess Who's Coming to Dinner, and exciting bus trips like Washington, D.C. and Broadway's Lion King.

Creativity and Connection

"Unplugged" Coffee House evenings and after-church art projects give us space to share gifts and grow together.



Coffee & Community on Red Clay Way

Special outdoor coffee hours under our Roots & Rays canopy, often with visits from specialty coffee and food trucks.

Rooted in Unity

Seasonal brochures to keep you connected and Red Clay spirit wear reminds us we're one family of faith.

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Our children and youth are not just the future of the church, they are a vital part of who we are today. We're always finding creative ways to help kids and teens meet Jesus in ways that feel authentic and meaningful. From learning and serving to playing and just spending time together, we give our young people a safe and joyful place to grow in faith and friendship. In a world where isolation is too common, we make sure every child knows they are loved, valued, and always have a friend.

"I love how our Children and Youth Programs are extending opportunities for all our kids to take part in Red Clay ministry. It creates meaningful connections and gives our kids a vision for their future in our church."

Growing in Faith

Ten new youth confirmed this year through a thriving

Confirmation program.

Darlyn Kocher

New Programs, New Energy

Launching Younger Youth gatherings for pre-high school kids, Recess at Red Clay, and a growing Children's Choir.

Celebrating Together

Seasonal outdoor events that draw families from the community, plus hoodies and t-shirts to help our kids feel connected and proud to belong.



Summer to Remember Expanded Summer Arts Camps to three weeks,

with youth stepping up as counselors and leaders.

Faith + Fun

Monthly youth events like bubble soccer, go-karting, and service activities keep growing together.

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Worship is where our hearts and voices rise together to encounter the living Jesus. Every service is carefully shaped to awaken our spirits and help us receive God's word in fresh and meaningful ways. Our music program is truly one of a kind—blessed with gifted musicians and a faithful choir, all led by Jeffrey Miller, who inspire us with moments of beauty and reflection. Through thoughtful, Spirit-filled sermons, authentic liturgy, and creative expressions of worship, we continually seek new ways to draw closer to God.

"I feel the love of God each Sunday through the conventional ways of beautiful music and an inspiring message, but that love especially shines through when I receive warm smiles and well wishes during the passing of the peace, waving to those worshiping online and the joy of celebrating God's love with my Red Clay family. At the end of the service, the benediction reminds me to carry God's love into all aspects of my life."

Lois Galinat

A Christmas to Remember

A brand-new family Christmas Eve service with live animals, plus a transformed Founders Hall filled with festive decorations and kids' activities.

Easter in Full Bloom

Creative worship experiences, including a moving morning memorial service with a dove release and the flowering of the cross.



Music That Inspires

Under Jeffrey's leadership, our music program shines with outdoor worship bands, Deena on violin, Ben on percussion, Rachele, Charlie, and Dinyar sharing their gifts, stirring string quartets, and a thriving choir.

Concerts for the Community

From the Four Baritones to our beloved Noonday concerts, we host top-level performances that both inspire and give back.

Growing in Faith Together

Expanded adult Christian education, with each pastor leading special Bible studies, along with beginning communion for kids with a family-focused communion workshop that welcomed over 50 participants

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Caring for One Another

Welcoming Barbara as our Pastoral Care Coordinator, launching a Home Communion Team, and fostering a beautiful baptismal quilt Mission to Maine
Reviving our Maine
trip with more than
50 participants and
growing—a hands-on
way to share Christ's

Love for Our Neighbor

Since its founding, Red Clay has been a church rooted in service. Loving our neighbor means reaching beyond our walls—caring for those in our own backyard while also serving regionally and around the world. Through partnerships with local nonprofits and schools, food and resource support, our annual Service Challenge, and mission trips that carry Christ's love across borders, we remain committed to making a difference. With a special focus on supporting children, our congregation continues to live out a legacy of compassion, generosity, and hands-on service.

"I am inspired by our congregation's enthusiasm for mission and how individuals engage to make a difference with organizations that benefit from their time and talents. I feel this is truly what Jesus has called us to do— love your neighbor."

Linda Reisor

Stronger School Partnerships

Providing holiday meals, Christmas gifts, school supplies, yearbooks, prom tickets, and field trips for local children in need.

Youth in Service

From seasonal events like Spooky Service Night to a new High School Service Team led by Brooke Kennedy, our youth are serving with joy and purpose.

Expanding Local Outreach

Increasing volunteer hours at Friendship House and the Food Bank, leading seasonal drives for food and resources, and continuing support for refugee families.

Love for Our Church

As we approach Generosity Sunday, we invite you to prayerfully consider your family's 2026 gift to support Red Clay's ongoing ministries. We ask that you consider a 5% increase from your previous year's gift. (To view your giving history, contact Anthony at finance@rccpc.org.)

"I love Red Clay! We've got it all. The best ministers, staff, music programs, youth groups, outreach ministries and children's programs; and last but not least, the people. When we are all together, there is excitement in the air—we are all committed to doing good things for our faith. And a church is also a business that needs our support to keep it running smoothly for expenses such as maintenance, staff, and programming. In this time of divisiveness in this world we are so 'BLESSED' to have what we have. Like I said before, "WE'VE GOT IT ALL"—so let's give what we can to keep it going."

Sharon Navlor

Your Voices Heard

The words you lifted up most often in your feedback were community, worship, and mission.



Shared enthusiasm

An overwhelming 96% of those surveyed shared their intention to estimate their giving for 2026.

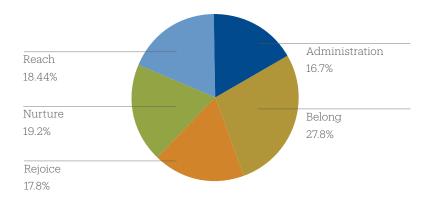
Consistent Giving

Year after year, 87% of those surveyed faithfully take part in this important practice of generosity.

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How We Invest

At Red Clay, we invest in worship, nurture, fellowship, and outreach that touch lives within our congregation and in the wider community. These ministries require resources for programs, facilities, and partnerships—and they also rely on the staff who help make them possible. While not shown separately on the chart, salaries, benefits, and training are included within each ministry area.



HOW TO JOIN IN

Pray & Reflect

Take time in prayer as you review your past giving and consider your 2026 gift.



Join Us in Worship

Celebrate Generosity Sunday on October 26, either in person or online.

Make Your Commitment

Bring your Estimate of Giving Card to worship, pledge online at rccpc.org/give, or use the enclosed envelope to mail your card to the church.





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