

# The Messenger

MAY 2014

## From the Pastor's Desk

In April, I had the opportunity to attend a mission conference sponsored by the World Mission Initiative at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. My friend Marilyn Borst, who works with The Outreach Foundation and who has spoken at Clen-Moore, was speaking on the state of the church in Syria. I was humbled by the stories she shared about the church's faith and perseverance during such trying times.

It caused me to think about two things: What excuses do I allow to get in the way of ministry? And what things might keep us away from church on any given Sunday? Perhaps it was just a long week and we just feel too tired. Maybe the weather. And, if we are willing to admit it, there are those Sundays when we just want a free pass.

I was humbled to hear Marilyn share how the

Presbyterian Church in Damascus was filled to overflowing with 150 in attendance on Sunday morning. Like most Sunday mornings over the past several years, the air was punctuated by the not-so-distant rumble of exploding artillery just three miles away. Many members of the congregation had made their way past the concrete blast walls and hulking camouflage tanks that guarded the entrance to the Christian quarter of the city.

*"In him was life, and that light was the life of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it."  
~John 1:4, 5*

These difficulties were not enough to keep the congregation from gathering to sing with



passion and pray with fervor.

I sheepishly thought about the excuses I use. None of which hold a candle to artillery and tanks. The light has remained lit and is burning brightly in this brave and persevering church. May we learn from and be inspired by their lives of faith and faithfulness.

*Pastor Chris*

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### MAY SERMONS & WORSHIP:

- **May 4**  
*Luke 24:13-25*
- **May 11**  
*James 1:19-27*
- **May 18**  
*John 14:1-14*
- **May 25**  
*John 14:15-21*

## Health Ministry



**Blood Pressure screenings** will be done during the monthly church Fellowship Breakfast on May 18 at

8:30 AM, and prior to the PrimeTimers meeting on May 20 at 9:15 AM in the Parlor.

The **Healthy Eating Group** will meet on the first and third Wednesdays of May at 5:30 PM.

May is **Mental Health Month**. Many will ask, "What really is mental health?" Mental or emotional health involves the degree to which a person feels positive about oneself and one's life. This includes the capacity to manage one's feelings and behaviors. A person with good mental health has developed (1) a realistic estimate of his/her capabilities and limitations, (2) autonomy, (3) the ability to cope effectively with stress, and (4) satisfying relationships with others.

Although these may seem like lofty goals, they are attainable! A good place for us to start is found in Philippians 4: "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God."

If you would like a member of the Health Ministry Team to visit you, please contact the church office.

Be well!

## Men's Ministry

Life is a team sport. The primary tenets of Christianity - discipline, self-sacrifice, courage, and love for one another - aren't just elements of a righteous life; they are the building blocks of good teams and a good life.

"What does God want from me?" Have you ever asked Him? To learn more, join us at Men's Ministry: **Sunday, May 18, 6PM** in the Parlor.

## Graduation Sunday

We are celebrating our graduates on **Sunday, June 1** during the worship service. We want to celebrate the graduation of those in high school, college (all degrees), military, and any other graduating institution.

**Please contact the church office by Friday, May 23** with your graduate's information:

- Full name
- Any immediate family relations within Clen-Moore Church Members.
- Graduating institution
- Degree
- Brief future plans

Please do not assume that the office knows about your graduate...do call!



Clen-Moore will hold a luncheon to celebrate High School graduates on Sunday, June 1 after worship for the graduate and their immediate family. All of Clen-Moore is invited to celebrate with our high school graduates by reservation and with a donation. Look for more info on the luncheon in upcoming bulletins and announcements, or call the Church Office.

Congratulations to all of Clen-Moore's graduates! God bless you and may you bless God in your future endeavors.

# YOUTH



- K.F.C. & FlipSide will meet on the **Sundays of May 4 & 18**. For one of the them, the leaders are planning a “Girls Night Out” and a “Guys Night Out.” The other Sunday we will meet at the church for Bible Rush & Game Night (and possibly Team Charades). Students should check their email to see what is happening on those two Sundays.
- C.2G.S. - Bob and Michelle Turner will teach in May and early June as Aaron wraps up with the Confirmation Class.
- What’s ahead? June will bring: **Confirmation Sunday & Graduation Sunday, June 1st**; Go-Karts and Wing Night for K.F.C.

& FlipSide, plus a Scavenger Hunt. Also, the summer will bring another trip to Presque Isle Beach; Waldameer Park; a Game, Campfire & Swim Night; plus His Hands Ministry and Outreach in New Castle. It is time to get excited!

## Brianna’s Beautiful Brain

Brianna Pilch, daughter of Greg & Cheryl Pilch and a youth in our congregation, was recently diagnosed with Chiari I Malformation and Syringomyelia. Those are big medical terms which, simply put, mean part of Brianna’s brain has been pushed downward into the upper spinal canal. As a result, Brianna must undergo brain surgery, which has been scheduled for May 14.



BRIANNA PILCH

Friends of the Pilches are planning a fundraiser in Brianna’s honor, to support Brianna and her family and to bring awareness to Chiari I Malformation. Details are as follows:

- **Sunday, May 4**
- **1PM**

- K.P. Club  
117 Elmwood Street  
New Castle
- Cost is \$8 adults, \$5 children 12 & under

The benefit will include a spaghetti dinner, a Chinese Auc-

tion and a raffle. For ticket or donation information, please contact Crystal Byler: (724) 944-4738.

You are invited to support this great cause, wonderful family, and beautiful young lady! Even if you can not attend the benefit, you can make a donation at any First National Bank location. The account name is “Brianna’s Beautiful Brain.”

Your prayers are greatly appreciated as the entire Pilch family goes through this difficult time.

## What's Happening...?

Clen-Moore's Opening Doors building campaign continues with all the "little" things that go on with a project of this size. Progress is being made constantly and it won't be too long before we are complaining about everything being torn up!

Meanwhile, many members have been reaching out to make Opening Doors much more than just a building campaign.

Did you know that a group of adults who are intellectually disabled meet at Clen-Moore on Thursday nights for Bible study and singing, good food and fellowship? About 3-10 people typically attend. If you know someone who would benefit from this group, please call the church office and we will reach out to them and invite them to this program.

Some members have been involved with a program call "Feed My Sheep," which involves serving a meal once a week to those in need. Mem-

bers have also contributed to a small renovation project to improve a building used by Feed My Sheep.

Another program reaching out to help hungry local children is the Lawrence County Summer Food Program. Clen-Moore members are also considering a program that will feed children who have nothing to eat on the weekends during the school year. It is unbelievable that so many children have nothing to eat when there's no school to provide it!

Our youth have taken part in several projects working with the less fortunate. And men from the Men's Ministry have reached out to visit those in need, to show that someone cares.

Some Caring Friends volunteers have reached out to people outside Clen-Moore's membership. While delivering gifts to people in assisted living, volunteers have come in contact with others who say they wish they had someone to visit them. Caring Friends have

added six more people to the list they visit – people who don't have anyone else.

We have definitely seen Clen-Moore people reaching out to follow the Scripture verse "The King will reply, "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."

These are just some of the ways we can share God's love. If you would like to be a part of any of these projects, please call the church office and let them know you would like to help. Thank you!

## Birth


A daughter, Arabella Mae, was born to Matthew and Missy Karski on April 1, 2014. Grandparents are Walt and Jane Karski.

## In Honor & Memory

- Viola Mae Antonelli - mother of Charles Antonelli.
- A donation to the Big Brothers Big Sisters ministry of Clen-Moore Presbyterian Church was given with love by the children of Donald and Nancy Smith. This gift was given "to the glory of God and in honor of our parent's 61st wedding anniversary on March 21, 2014."



## Daily Bible Readings

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| <p>1. 1 Samuel 21, 22; Ps. 34, 56, 11</p> <p>2. 1 Sam. 23; Ps. 13, 54; <i>1 Cor. 15</i></p> <p>3. 1 Sam. 24; Ps. 57, 142, 143, 17, 36</p> <p>4. 1 Sam. 25, 26; <i>1 Cor. 16</i></p> <p>5. 1 Sam. 27:1-7; 1 Chron. 12:1-22; 1 Sam. 27:8-29:11; Ps. 6</p> <p>6. 1 Sam. 30, 31; 2 Sam. 1:1-16; 1 Chron. 10; <i>2 Cor. 1:1-11</i></p> <p>7. 2 Sam. 1:17-2:32; 1 Chron. 12:23-40; Ps. 9, 10</p> <p>8. 2 Sam. 3; <i>2 Cor. 1:1-2:11</i></p> <p>9. 2 Sam. 4:1-5:5; 1 Chron. 11:1-3; 3:1-4a; <i>2 Cor. 2:12-4:18</i></p> <p>10. 1 Chron. 11:4-9; 2 Sam. 5:6-16; 1 Chron. 3:4b-9; 1 Chron. 14:1-7; 2 Sam. 5:17-25; 1 Chron. 14:8-17; <i>2 Cor. 5:1-62</i></p> | <p>11. 1 Chron. 13:1-14:7; 2 Sam. 6:1- 11; Ps. 24, 25; <i>2 Cor. 6:3-7:16</i></p> <p>12. 1 Chron. 15; 2 Sam. 6:12-23; Ps. 26, 27, 28</p> <p>13. 1 Chron. 16:1-15; Ps. 105; <i>2 Cor. 8</i></p> <p>14. 1 Chron. 16:16-33; Ps. 96, 106; 1 Chron. 16:34:43</p> <p>15. 2 Sam. 7; 1 Chron. 17; Ps. 32, 86</p> <p>16. Ps. 65, 66, 67, 68; <i>2 Cor. 9</i></p> <p>17. Ps. 138, 139, 140, 141; <i>2 Cor. 10</i></p> <p>18. 1 Chron. 18; 2 Sam. 8, 9; <i>2 Cor. 11</i></p> <p>19. 1 Chron. 19; 2 Sam. 10; <i>2 Cor. 12, 13</i></p> <p>20. 1 Chron. 20:1-3; 2 Sam. 11, 12; Ps. 51</p> <p>21. 2 Sam. 13, 14; Ps. 12</p> <p>22. 2 Sam. 15:1-16:14; Ps. 3, 4, 7</p> |  <p>23. 2 Sam. 16:15-17:29; Ps. 31, 55</p> <p>24. Ps. 61, 62, 63, 64; 2 Sam. 18:1-19:8</p> <p>25. 2 Sam. 19:9-43; Ps. 38, 39, 40, 41</p> <p>26. 2 Sam. 20, 21; 1 Chron. 20:4-8; Ps. 33</p> <p>27. 2 Sam. 22; Ps. 18</p> <p>28. Ps. 19; 2 Sam. 23:8-39; 1 Chron. 11:10-47</p> <p>29. 2 Sam. 24; 1 Chron. 21:1-22:1; Ps. 6</p> <p>30. 1 Chron. 22:2-23:32; Ps. 30, 144, 145</p> <p>31. 1 Chron. 24, 25; 1 Chron. 6:31- 47; Ps. 88</p> |
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## April Mission Disbursements

- \$1,000** - Scott & Elmarie Parker
- \$1,500** - Pine Valley Camp
- \$1,500** - CAPNWP (Northwest Camping Association)

- \$1,000** - Habitat For Humanity
- \$1,000** - Crisis Shelter of Lawrence Co.

## Family Camp

The Mission Committee has made scholarship money available for Family Camp this summer. If you would like more information, please contact the church office.

<b>Financial Snapshot</b> <i>Year-to-Date April 2014</i>				
	<i>Beginning Balance</i>	<i>Receipts</i>	<i>Disbursements</i>	<i>Ending Balance</i>
<b>General Fund</b>	\$25,000	\$73,350	\$96,224	\$2,125
<b>Gen. Missions Fund</b>	\$19,162	\$10,128	\$12,352	\$16,938
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$44,162</b>	<b>\$83,478</b>	<b>\$108,576</b>	<b>\$19,064</b>

## CHURCH STAFF

The Rev. Chris Weichman, Pastor

Director of Youth & Family Ministry, Aaron  
Christy

Church Organist, Dr. Jane Karski

Director of Choirs, Kathryn Bressler-Mansell

Church Treasurer, Dennis Richards

Substitute Treasurer, Sharon Esposito

Church Secretary, Kathy Barkley

Nursery Care Provider, Anna Moore

Church Custodian, Charles Antonelli

Sunday Custodian, Clarence Jenkins

## THE SESSION

Rev. Chris Weichman, Moderator

Gail Keffer, Clerk of Session

2016

Clarence Jenkins

John Karmecy

Gail Keffer

Janice McConnell

2015

Sharon Esposito

John Meyers

Tom Rapp

Jim Reese

Bob Sholler

2014

Debbie Book

Beth DeVivo

Margie Kerr

Seth Plyler

## THE BOARD OF DEACONS

2016

Nancy Book

Jackie Bush

Gene DeCaprio

Brenda Matas

Eleanor McConahy

Anna Moore

2015

Evelyn Genkinger

Jen Hardisky

Sarah Plyler

John Purdy

Margie Tinstman

2014

Amy Ball

Beth Held

Cheryl Pilch

Rita Plyler

Bob Turner

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## Mother/Daughter Banquet

Because Clen-Moore Presbyterian Women is inactive, there will be no Mother/Daughter Banquet this year. If anyone is interested in doing the Banquet next year (2015), please contact the church office.

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## Messenger Memo

The deadline to submit articles for the June *Messenger* is **Monday, May 13.**

Sign up to receive *The Messenger* via email; go to [clenmoore.org/newsletter](http://clenmoore.org/newsletter).

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## May Helpers

### Hospital Visitation:

4 Tom Rapp, Bob Sholler

11 John Meyers, Jim Reese

18 Beth DeVivo

Janice McConnell

25 Margie Kerr

Clarence Jenkins

### Deacons of the Month:

Nancy Book, Rita Plyler

### Van Driver:

John Purdy, (724) 654-2932

# May 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
				6PM Christian Ed., Library 6PM Handbells 7PM Choir	9:30AM Bible Study, Parlor	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1-4PM Brianna's Beautiful Brain Benefit, K.P. Club KFC & FlipSide	5:45PM BBBS, Fellowship Hall	9:30AM Prime Timers, Parlor 7PM Building & Grounds, Parlor 7PM Deacons, Library	5:30PM Healthy Eating Group, Youth Room 6:30-8PM FUSION, New Castle YMCA	6PM Handbells 7PM Choir	9:30AM Bible Study, Parlor	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	<i>Messenger</i> Deadline	9:30AM Prime Timers, Parlor 6PM Mission & Evangelism, Conf. Room 7PM Stewardship & Finance, Library		6PM Handbells 7PM Choir	9:30AM Bible Study, Parlor	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
8:30AM Fellowship Breakfast & BP Screening 11:30AM Health Ministry Team Meeting, Library KFC & FlipSide 6PM Men's Ministry, Parlor	5:45PM BBBS, Fellowship Hall	9:15AM BP Screening, Parlor 9:30AM Prime Timers, Parlor 7PM Session, Parlor	5:30PM Healthy Eating Group, Youth Room 6:30-8PM FUSION, New Castle YMCA	6PM Handbells 7PM Choir	9:30AM Bible Study, Parlor	
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
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## Scenes from the Dominican Republic

In March, Clen-Moore's mission team spent a week ministering to our friends in the Dominican Republic. One of their missions was to deliver custom wheelchairs to two of our friends, Rafi (l.) and Jessica (r.):



Tina Nesbitt with Rafi, who received a custom wheelchair.



Tina, Chris & Emma Weichman with Jessica, who received a new wheelchair.