

The Clen-Moore
Messenger

Christ
The Way, the Truth,
and the Life.

From the Pastor's Desk

April 2017

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I want to thank all of you for the many ways you allowed me to be your pastor. As the years go by I will look back fondly on our time together; I trust the same will be true for you.

Outside my office door are the pictures of Clen-Moore's previous pastors; 11 of them from 1850 to 2005. I wonder about the experience of those pastors who preceded me. I wonder about the people they served. What did their passion for Jesus Christ look like?

In nine years I've watched children grow up. I've baptized, performed marriages, and performed too many funerals. I've visited hospitals and shut-ins. Together, we realized a few dreams, lived through a few trials, and persevered.

While I am leaving you, there is one who remains constant: Jesus Christ. Jesus has been here from the beginning, and will be with you for the rest of time.

If through the power of the Holy Spirit you allow Jesus to guide (you), our Clen-Moore Presbyterian Church will always have a mission. It may not look like the church we have today. There may be difficult decisions which need to be made. But a passion for our Lord and Savior will see you through all your future trials. This passion guided the earlier congregations of Clen-Moore, a passion which allowed them to navigate their own trials. They managed and flourished; so can we.

The biblical record is full of stories about people who faced harder trials than we. A few times the people of Israel were exiled from their land; every time they returned. When Elijah was on the run from King Ahab and Queen Jezebel he prayed, "I've been very passionate for the LORD God of heavenly forces because the Israelites have abandoned your covenant. They have torn down your altars, and they have murdered your prophets with the sword. I'm the only one left, and now they want to take my life too."

The LORD heard Elijah's prayer and encouraged him with these words: "I have preserved those who remain in Israel, totaling 7,000 – all those whose knees haven't bowed down to Baal and whose mouths haven't kissed him."

When Elijah had done the math it looked to him like it was all over. God's math was different from Elijah's. God made a way where there was no way, and God will do it again for people who have faith.

I know you have a wonderful future. I hope that under new pastoral leadership you find a way to connect with the neighborhood and invite more people to join you Sunday morning. Finally, I share with you the Mizpah blessing: "The Lord watch between me and thee while we are absent one from the other."

*God Bless,
Chris*

Pastoral Transition

On March 5, the Session met with Ralph Hawkins, our Executive Presbyter (EP), and Rick Vogeley from the Committee on Ministry (COM) to discuss the transition to an interim pastor. By the time you read this the Session will have formed a small committee for the purpose of drafting a Ministry Information Form (MIF) to find an interim pastor. An interim is hired by the Session while the process to find a new pastor takes place. The goal is to have an interim in place for the last Sunday in April.

April Sermons & Worship

April 2
Ezekial 37:1-14

April 9
Palm Sunday
Matthew 21:1-11

April 13
Maunday Thursday
Communion

April 16
Easter Sunday
John 20:1-18

April 23
Rev. Weichman's
last Sunday
Philippians 4:10-20



C.2G.S.: Jr./Sr. High Sunday School Class is doing a series on Discipleship from our "re:form" curriculum. What does it mean for our lives to know Jesus and to be known by Him? Come and join the discussion.

K.F.C./FlipSide: We are in the midst of finalizing plans for April as there is much going on with the Weichman family's departure, Easter and our Confirmation Retreat. Continue to check your emails. We will have a youth group event on Sunday, April 2, and Sunday, May 7 is our going away party for Emma and Noelle.

Confirmation: Sunday, April 9, 9:30-10:15 a.m. - Tier 1 study on the "Bible's Place in the Life of A Christian."

• Saturday, April 15, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. - "The Intersection of Faith and Life." We will meet at the church and go to various locations (church, school, coffee shop and lunch, a home, and a cemetery) to have discussions about faith and life.

• Sunday, April 30, 9:30-10:15 a.m. - Tier 1 study on "Stewardship."



Dates to Remember: April 18 - Blood Pressure screening at Prime Timer's meeting; April 23 - Health Ministry Team meeting after the worship service.

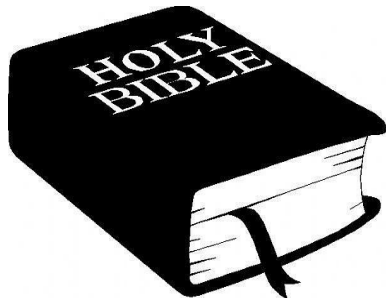
National Volunteer Week (April 23-29) is about inspiring, recognizing and encouraging people to seek out imaginative ways to engage in their communities. It is about demonstrating to our faith communities that by working together, along with God's strength, we can help others in need. For more ideas and suggestions, visit pointsoflight.org/signature-events/national-volunteer-week.

-Taken from 'The Faith Connection' (February 2017, p.6.)

A new commandment I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must also love one another. By this, all men will know that you are My disciples, if you love one another. John 13:34-35 NIV.

Daily Bible Readings

1. Joshua 5:13-7:26; 1 Thessalonians 2:17-3:13
2. Jos. 8, 9; 1 Thess. 4
3. Jos. 10, 11; 1 Thess. 5
4. Jos. 12:1-13:23; 1 Chron. 5:1-10; Jos. 13:24-28; 1 Chron. 5:11-22; Jos. 14
5. Jos. 15:1-14, 20-63; 1 Chron. 2:3-4:23
6. Jos. 16, 17; 1 Chron. 5:23-26, 7:14-29; Jos. 18; 1 Chron. 7:6-12; 8:1-9:1
7. Jos. 19:1-9; 1 Chron. 4:24-43; Jos. 19:10-16; Jos. 19:17-23; 1 Chron. 7:1-5; Jos. 19:24-31; 1 Chron. 7:30-40; Jos. 19:32-39; 1 Chron. 7:13; Jos. 19:40-48; Jos. 19:49-20:9
8. Jos. 21:1-42; 1 Chron. 6
9. Jos. 21:43-24:33; Judges 2:6-9; Judges 1:1-15; Jos. 15:15-19
10. Jdg. 1:16-36, 2:1-5, 10-23, 3:1-11; 2 Thess. 1-3
11. Jdg. 3:12-5:31
12. Jdg. 6-8
13. Jdg. 9:1-10:5; 1 Corinthians 1
14. Jdg. 10:4-12:15; 1 Cor. 2
15. Jdg. 13-16
16. Jdg. 17, 18; 1 Cor. 3, 4
17. Jdg. 19-21
18. Ruth 1-4
19. 1 Samuel 1-3
20. 1 Sam. 4-7; 1 Cor. 5:1-6:11
21. 1 Sam. 8-10; 1 Chron. 9:35-44
22. 1 Sam. 11, 12; 1 Cor. 6:42-7:40
23. 1 Sam. 13-15
24. 1 Sam. 16; Psalms 15, 16; 23; 1 Cor. 8, 9
25. 1 Sam. 17; 1 Cor. 10:1-11:1
26. 1 Sam. 18; Ps. 73, 75, 76 27. Ps. 77, 78
28. Ps. 80, 81, 82; 1 Cor. 11:2-34
29. 1 Sam. 19, 20; Ps. 35
30. 1 Cor. 12-14; Ps. 5



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- Gifts in memory of Emily Meyers were given by Gale and Valerie Measel, Franklin International, Misty Finch, Dennis and Doreen Seamon, Charles and Kelly Mertz, PDC Energy, A&E Stawicki, Deborah Datchuk and Eleanor Slater, Ellwood Crankshaft and Machince Co., Berthold and Melissa Jedamski, Francis and Patricia Niehaus, and the teachers and staff at Hills Henderson Elementary School
- A gift in memory of Claire Churchill was given by Bob and Sue Grieves Churchill
- A gift in honor of Nancy and Don Smith's 64th wedding anniversary and Don's birthday was given by the children and grandchildren of Nancy and Don Smith



We are looking for volunteers to join us June 26-30 for Galactic Starveyors™, a week of Vacation Bible School fun searching the visible to discover the invisible. Kids will encounter amazing things designed by a Creator bigger than the vastness of His creation as well as make crafts, play games, enjoy snacks, and sing cool songs. For details, contact Aaron or Michalee Christy.

Thank you

- Greetings from Cochabamba! Thank you for your prayers and continued generous financial support. We are humbled and grateful for your generosity. We are currently at an orphanage called The Sunshine House, home to 14 little souls from 7 months to 11 years old. We are stretched and challenged every day serving there. - *Much Love, Joshua, Terrilyn and Camille*
- We want to thank our church family and friends for all the kindness, prayers, cards and gifts during the recent passing of Emily Meyers, our mother, mother-in-law, grandmother and great-grandmother. We are so blessed to have all of you in our lives. - *John and Elaine Meyers and Family*

10 a.m. to Noon • Saturday, April 15

**Fellowship Hall
Snacks • Craft • Story**

RSVP by calling the church office
at 724-654-6657

*We are also asking for mini muffin and
cookie donations*



The sacrament of baptism was administered February 26 to Cassius Robert Mendenhall, Camron Jefferson Mendenhall and Anthony James Mendenhall, sons of Jeff and Natalie Mendenhall.

Sunday Driver

If you are in need of transportation to worship this month, call John Purdy at 724-654-2932

March Mission Disbursements

\$500: Chaplaincy Fund - GNCCMF
\$1,500: CAPNWP (Northwest Camping Association)
\$500: Big Brothers, Big Sisters

April Hospital Visitation Elders



- 2 Tom Rapp, Gale Measel
- 9 Margy Turner, Debbie Book
- 16 Jen Conrad, Tom Mansell
- 23 Seth Plyler, Wilbur Mccurley
- 30 Stephen Cowher, Dave Esposito

Deacons of the Month

Barb Richards and Becky Reese



Don't be afraid,
I know you are
looking for
Jesus who
was crucified.
He is not here.
For He has been
resurrected, just
as he said.

- Matthew 2:8