

The Messenger

JANUARY 2013

From the Pastor's Desk: New Life in Christ

It is always tempting in the month of January to write or preach about New Year's resolutions. No doubt, most of us want to exercise a little more and eat a little less, spend more time with our family and give ourselves to more productive endeavors.

The making of New Year's resolutions is nothing new. The practice goes back to 4,000 B.C., to the Babylonians. Even the ancients wanted to make a new start.

But in Christ, the possibilities are so much greater. Paul writes that in Christ, followers of Jesus are new creations: *"Therefore, if anyone is in*

Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!" (2 Cor. 5:17 (NIV))

It is an odd thing to say of someone that he or she is "in Christ." People are not inside one another. Rather, Paul is writing about those who having offered themselves to God are united with Him through Jesus Christ in the Holy Spirit.

Those who are "in Christ" find themselves transformed, set free from the confining power of the present age. Because the Holy Spirit joins us to Jesus Christ we share in everything that is His. In Christ, we



become all that we could never be in the eyes of God if we are left to ourselves. We are not now suddenly functionally perfect saints, of course. We still limp along, straining between sin and mercy.

Being "in Christ" makes so much more possible than losing a few extra pounds. It brings assurance of God's love and forgiveness, which makes new life possible.

Pastor Chris

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JANUARY SERMONS & WORSHIP:

- *January 6*
Matthew 2:1-12
- *January 13*
Luke 3:15-22
- *January 20*
John 2:1-11
- *January 27*
Luke 4:14-21

Presbyterian Women

Attention all ladies of Clen-Moore! Our Clen-Moore PW (Presbyterian Women) group is currently in need of a moderator (or 2 co-moderators) for 2013. All of the other offices are filled except for that particular one. If you would like to volunteer to moderate our PW group, that would be terrific!

We're going to meet in January (date TBA) to discuss the future of PW at Clen-Moore. If you have any ideas on some different or new activities or projects you would like to see us become involved in, please watch for our meeting time. You can



also call Elaine Meyers or Nancy Book with your thoughts.

Thank you!

Annual Reports Due

Reports from Sunday school classes, committees and ministries of the church are due in the church office by **Monday, January 7.**

Mission Disbursements

November 2012

- \$1,000** - Ingrid Reneau
- \$1,000** - Latcom Exp.
- \$1,000** - New Castle Christian Academy
- \$1,000** - Salvation Army

Messenger Memo

The deadline to submit articles for the February Messenger is Monday, January 14.

Sign up to receive *The Messenger* via email by logging on to clenmoore.org/newsletter.

Financial Snapshot *November 2012*

	<i>Mission Fund</i> <i>Current Month</i>	<i>Mission Fund</i> <i>Year-To-Date</i>	<i>General Fund</i> <i>Current Month</i>	<i>General Fund</i> <i>Year-To-Date</i>
Monies Received	\$3,977	\$38,772	\$32,248	\$289,940
Monies Spent:				
Operating Expenses	\$0	\$0	\$19,515	\$271,823
Missions	\$4,402	\$35,926	\$0	\$0
Total	\$4,402	\$35,926	\$19,515	\$271,823
Over (Short)	(\$425)	\$2,846	\$12,733	\$18,117

Youth News

C.2G.S - (Connect, Grow, Go, Serve) Jr./Sr. High Sunday School

We are starting a series called "Talk Sheets," which deals with a variety of teen-life related topics from a Biblical view. "Talk Sheets" gets the group thinking, talking, relating to your own experience, and learning what the Bible says about what teenagers face in today's culture. Also, remember that every 1st Sunday of the month is Card Sunday.

FlipSide - Jr/Sr High Youth

- Sunday, January 13** - Bowling at Colonial Lanes. Details to come.
 - Sunday, January 27** - LCYM DodgeBall Tournament at New Castle YMCA, 6-9 PM. Tournament will be played in racquetball courts with teams of 4-5. Sign-ups will take place in January.
- Other winter events being

planned:

- Snow Tubing
- Skate Night
- Splash Lagoon
- Hockey Game with Men's Ministry (Guys Only)



KFC - (Kids For Christ)

Leaders are in the midst of planning our winter and spring calendar so look for news of KFC events in the mail and in church announcements. Activities to come are:

- Snow Tubing
- Y-Zone Night
- Splash Lagoon
- Gym Night

•Skate Night

•Plus, Bible Rush & local mission opportunities

Children in Worship

Starting in January, all students in grades K-3 will go to the Chapel during Worship. They will participate in a "Learning About Worship" program with Michael and Aaron Christy. This will take place the first Sunday of every month during the Children in Worship time (after the Children's Message).

The program will teach various aspects of the worship time (a.k.a. the liturgy), why we do it, what it means, and then we'll participate in doing it. Included will be learning worship songs & prayer. Parents are asked to pick their children up from the Chapel on those Sundays.

Please contact Aaron Christy with any questions.

Healthy Lifestyle Group

The Healthy Lifestyle Group, which usually meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, will meet on January 16th & 30th

of this month. Meetings will still be in the Parlor, starting at 5:30PM. Anyone is welcome to attend!

In February, the group will return to its 1st & 3rd Wednesday format.

Health Team Ministry

In November 2012, the Health Team Ministry conducted a Congregational Needs Survey. All responses were completely anonymous. Here are the results of that survey:

Respondents' age:

20s: 3
 30s: 4
 40s: 2
 50s: 7
 60s: 17
 70s: 10
 80s: 12
 90s: 1
 Total # of respondents: **56**

HEALTH INTERESTS

Prevention

CPR: 10
 First Aid: 9
 Substance Abuse: 1
 Alcoholism: 1
 Vision/Hearing: 2
 AIDS: 0
 Healthy Eating: 20
 Health Fair: 6

Healthy Hearts

BP Screening: 10
 Cholesterol Education: 13
 Obesity: 8
 Nutrition/Weight Control: 14

Exercise Classes: 14
 Smoking Cessation: 2
 Stress Management: 11
 Humor: 13

Children's Health

Home Alone Awareness: 2
 First Aid for Children: 2
 CPR for Infants, Children: 4
 Babysitting Workshop: 3

Teens' Health

Conflict/Communication: 3
 Peer Pressure: 4
 Eating Disorders: 3
 Depression/Suicide: 3

Family Issues:

Parenting Classes: 4
 Sexuality: 1
 Divorce/Separation: 4
 Single Parenting: 2
 Step-Parenting: 2
 Communication in Marriage: 3
 Domestic Violence: 2
 Caring for the Aged: 6
 Mental/Emotional Issues: 3
 Loneliness/Depression: 2

Adult Issues:

Women's Health Issues: 7
 Men's Health Issues: 3



Understanding Medications: 9

Living Wills/Advanced Directives: 12

Retirement Planning: 5

Medicare/Insurance: 7

Mid-life Adjustments: 1

Suicide: 1

When Illness Strikes

Alzheimer's Disease: 6

Arthritis: 12

Asthma: 4

Coping with Cancer: 2

Diabetes: 8

Osteoporosis: 3

Low Back Pain: 8

Grief/Loss Issues: 4

Living with Chronic Illness: 2

Hospice: 4

Support/Self-Help Groups

Caring for the Caregiver: 3

Parents without Partners: 1

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Bereavement: 4
 Weight Control Support: 8
 Stress Support: 2
 Walking Group: 11
 Change Health Habits: 6
 Exercise Group: 8
 Low Vision Support
 Group: 1
 Anger Management: 3

Miscarriage/Stillbirth: 1
 Children's Play Group: 2

Spiritual

Forgiveness: 14
 Guilt: 6
 Prayer: 11
 Bible Study: 16

Other

Engagement Class: 1

In Memoriam

A memorial gift in memory of Paul and Phyllis Tanner was made by G. Russell and Roberta L. Gibson.



Confirmation Program

For any youth interested in joining Clen-Moore Church, our Confirmation program begins this month. The program is two-tiered and consists of:

1. Five traditional classes with Q & A about the PC (USA), learning about and discussing what we believe. This is done with Pastor Chris or Aaron on various Sunday mornings. Attendance is mandatory.
2. Each student is paired with an adult from the church, who mentors the student, to complete multiple action/ reflection-based activities within the life of the church. Students will be paired with adults who are active in the worship and ministry life of Clen-Moore Church and of the same gender (no family relations).

Students and mentors will receive a binder that includes a variety of activities to participate in together. They will be guided by things to think about before participating in



the church activity. Then they'll participate in the activity. Then they will discuss questions to consider in reflecting on the activity.

Included is reading through a Bible book together, attending two worship services together, attending one Session

meeting, attending one committee meeting, doing a shut-in or hospital visit, doing a mission or service related event, and participating in a fellowship activity together.

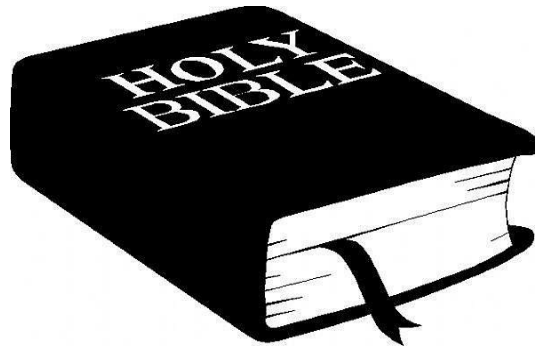
The student will have three months to complete these and will meet with Aaron at various points to discuss progress.

After writing a Statement of Faith that reflects on their Confirmation journey and a meeting with Session, students will be received into Membership on Pentecost Sunday, May 19th.

If you are interested, please contact Aaron Christy at the church no later than Friday, January 11.

Daily Bible Readings

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| 1: Genesis 1-3 | 15: Gen. 27:41-29:30; <i>Luke</i>
9:1-36 | 21: Gen. 37, 38; <i>Luke 13</i> |
| 2: <i>Luke 1</i> | | 22: Gen. 38-41 |
| 3: Gen. 4, 5; <i>Luke 2:1-40</i> | 16: Gen. 29:31-30:43; <i>Luke</i>
9:37-10:24 | 23: Gen. 42, 43; <i>Luke 14</i> |
| 4: Gen 6-9; 11:1-9 | | 24: Gen. 44: 1-47:12 |
| 5: Gen. 10:1-20; 1 Chroni-
cles 1:1-16; <i>Luke 2:41-</i>
3:38 | 17: Gen. 31; <i>Luke 10:25-</i>
11:13 | 25: Gen. 47:13-48:22; <i>Luke</i>
15:1-16:18 |
| 6: Gen. 10:21-32; 1 Chron.
1:17-28; <i>Luke 4</i> | 18: Gen. 32, 33; <i>Luke 11:14-</i>
54 | 26: Gen. 49; 1 Chron. 2:1, 2;
Gen. 50; <i>Luke 16:19-</i>
17:37 |
| 7: Gen. 11:10-14:24 | 19: Gen. 34:1-36:14; 1 Chron.
1:34-37; <i>Luke 12:1-12</i> | 27: Exodus 1, 2; <i>Luke 18</i> |
| 8: Gen. 15-17; Psalm 105 | 20: Gen. 36:15-43; 1 Chron.
1:38-54; <i>Luke 12:13-59</i> | 28: Ex. 3, 4; <i>Luke 19</i> |
| 9: Gen. 18, 19; <i>Luke 5</i> | | 29: Ex. 5-7:13; <i>Luke 20</i> |
| 10: Gen. 20; <i>Luke 6:1-7:17</i> | | 30: Ex. 7:14-9:12;
<i>Luke 21</i> |
| 11: Gen. 21-23; <i>Luke 7:18-35</i> | | 31: Ex. 9:13-11:10;
<i>Luke 22:1-38</i> |
| 12: Gen. 24:1-25:11; 1 Chron.
1:32, 33; <i>Luke 7:36-50</i> | | |
| 13: Gen. 25:12-18; 1 Chron.
1:29-31; <i>Luke 8</i> | | |
| 14: Gen. 25:19-27:40 | | |



January Helpers

Hospital Visitation:

- 6 Beth DeVivo, Barb Harper
- 13 Lois Henneman, Clarence Jenkins
- 20 Margie Kerr, Tom Mansell
- 27 Joe Lamb, Jeff Mendenhall

Deacons of the Month:

Sandy Kelty & Natalie Mendenhall

Van Driver:

Clyde Nicholson
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January 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
		NEW YEAR'S DAY	1:30PM Prayer & Praise	6PM Christian Ed., Library 6PM Handbells 7PM Choir	10:30AM Bible Study, Library	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	5:45PM BBBS, Fellowship Hall	9:30AM Prime Timers 6PM Mission & Evangelism, Conf. Room 7PM Stewardship & Finance, Library 7PM Building & Grounds, Chapel 7PM Deacons, Parlor	1:30PM Prayer & Praise 6PM Worship & Music, Library	6PM Handbells 7PM Choir	10:30AM Bible Study, Library	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
FlipSide Bowling, Colonial Lanes	<i>Messenger</i> Deadline	9:30AM Prime Timers 7PM Session, Parlor	1:30PM Prayer & Praise 5:30PM Healthy Lifestyle Group, Parlor	6PM Handbells 7PM Choir	10:30AM Bible Study, Library	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
8:30AM Fellowship Breakfast & BP Screening	5:45PM BBBS, Fellowship Hall	9:30AM Prime Timers	1:30PM Prayer & Praise	6PM Handbells 7PM Choir	10:30AM Bible Study, Library	
27	28	29	30	31		
11:30AM Congregational Meeting w/Lunch 6PM FlipSide Dodgeball Tournament, YMCA			1:30PM Prayer & Praise 5:30PM Healthy Lifestyle Group, Parlor	6PM Handbells 7PM Choir		

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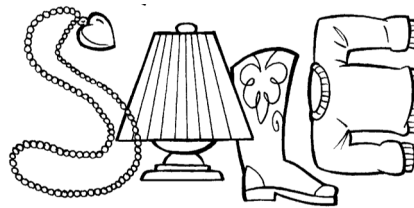
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Rummage Sale



Anyone cleaning out their garages or closets may want to remember the Y2K's annual rummage sale, which will be held on **Saturday, March 9.**

Starting this month, the church will store any items

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Address Service Requested

donated to the sale. Please, no adult clothing, but we will accept children's clothes that are in good condition. It is very important that you clean all household items and make sure that they are not broken or missing any pieces.

If you are willing to help with this sale or have any questions, please contact Amy or David Ball at (724) 652-2940 or by email: ball692com-cast.net.