# The Messenger

## From the Pastor's Desk: True Riches

"I came that they may have life and have it more abundantly." ~Jesus

In the short story novel, The Death of Ivan *Ilvich*, Leo Tolstoy tells the story of a man whose chief ambitions in life have been wealth, power, and the esteem of the upper class. In pursuit of these, he sacrifices his own dreams and convictions and adopts the ideals of those whom he admires. In effect he becomes a stranger to himself, losing touch with the important facets of himself, replacing the true with the false. "All the passion of youth and childhood had passed away," writes Tolstoy,

"not leaving serious traces."

On his deathbed it occurs to Ivan that even though he has been successful in terms of wealth and position, even though he has bought the right furniture and invited the right people to his house for dinner, maybe his life has really been a failure. "Maybe I did not live as I ought to have done," it suddenly occurred to him. He can not stop thinking this thought.

Perhaps he did not live his life in the right way; perhaps success is something different than he had thought. "It was as if I had been going downhill



while I imagined I was going up. And that is really what it was: I was going up in public opinion, but to the same extent life was ebbing away from me. And now it is all done and there is only death."

"Why should we be in such desperate haste to succeed and in such desperate enterprises? If a man does not keep pace with his companions, perhaps it is because he hears a different drummer. Let him step to the music which he hears, however measured or far away." ~Henry David Thoreau

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#### OCTOBER SERMONS & WORSHIP:

- October 6 World Communion Sunday Luke 17:1-4
- October 13 Luke 17:11-19
- October 20 Luke 18:1-8
- October 27 Luke 18:9-14



# **Opening Doors**

Clen-Moore's "Opening Doors" capital campaign gets underway this month. Look for more information in the bulletin, in the mail, and online: clenmoore.org/ openingdoors.

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## What's Happening at Clen-Moore

The regular monthly Session meeting was held on September 17, 2013 at 7 PM in the Library.

Aaron Christy reported that we have had **good growth in our youth program.** Due to transitions, we now have two groups: one for Junior/Senior High students and one for upper Elementary students. KFC (grades 4-6) has been meeting 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays; that will continue. We have started a new ministry called FlipSide (grades 7-12); this will meet 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays.

This fall, we will partner with many other churches to be part of a **community youth group in New Castle.** The group, called Fusion, will meet at the YMCA. It is sponsored by LCYM (Lawrence County Youth Ministry), which is a network of Youth Pastors, Pastors, and Leaders who plan events for Lawrence County youth, generously funded through the Caroline Knox Foundation.

Fusion will meet the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month, and is open to all county youth. We will also continue the One Night and other LCYM events this year. This has drawn up to 600 students. Fusion has been created to help in some followthrough for the youth who attend these events who are not affiliated with any church. Aaron is one of the leaders of the new organization.

The LCYM has been very active over the past couple years in sponsoring prayers with students and bringing special programs to the county to reach out to our youth. Many of these youth are not connected to any special church. They have seen good response and have had some students reach out and accept Christ as their personal Savior.

The **Building and Grounds Committee** reported that the lines have been painted on the curb for the new parking regulations. People whose cars are parked in these areas will be fined. Also, remember there is no parking on the east side of Albert street; signs are posted as a reminder.

#### American Bible Challenge

will be held September 29 and we are hoping to have a team that will be able to compete with other churches in the Presbytery.

**World Communion Sunday** 

will be observed on Sunday, October 6, 2013

#### A congregational meeting

for the election of officers will be held October 27, 2013, after morning worship.

## **New Arrival**

Asher Devlin Fabich was born on September 11, 2013 to Michael and Michelle Fabich.



## **New Members Class**

If you are interested in joining Clen-Moore Presbyterian Church or would just like more information about the church, please join us for the Fall New Members Class. We will meet in the Library

# October 13 & 20 at 9:30 AM.

If you would like to participate, please contact Kathy Barkley in the church office: (724) 654-6657.

#### THE MESSENGER



**MINISTRIES:** 

KFC - 4th-6th Grade

FlipSide - 7th-12th Grade FUSION - LCYM Community Youth Group at the YMCA; 7th-12th Grade.

#### CALENDAR:

Wednesday, Oct 2 - FU-SION. 6:30-8 PM, Downtown YMCA.

Sunday, Oct. 6 - KFC & FlipSide to Corn Maze. Meet at church at 1:30 PM; return at 5:30 pm. Cost is \$5/person. Bring a friend!

Sunday, Oct. 13 - FlipSide. 4-5:30 PM at Clen-Moore.

## **Operation Christmas** Child

It's hard to believe, but Christmas is really right around the corner! That means that Operation Christmas Child Boxes are coming!

Shoeboxes should be ready for pick-up and filling on **Sunday, Oct. 13.** Please watch for more information in your Sunday bulletins. Wednesday, Oct. 16 - FU-SION. 6:30-8 PM, Downtown YMCA.

**Sunday, Oct. 20 - KFC. 4 -** 5:30 PM at Clen-Moore.

**Sunday, Oct. 27 - FlipSide.** 4 - 5:30 PM at Clen-Moore.

#### SAVE THE DATE!

FlipSide retreat with New Castle Presbyterian Youth Groups at Round Lake Christian Camp, Lakeville, OH. Friday, Nov. 15 - Sunday, Nov. 17. Crazy awesome time! More details to come.

**C.2G.S.** (Jr./Sr. HS Sunday School) will be studying



themes in John's Gospel and 1st John through November.

#### CHRISTMAS MUSICAL

Practice is every Sunday morning during the Children in Worship time. If you or your child has signed up, please make every effort to attend each of the practices.

## **Noisy Offering**

Clen-Moore's youth need your spare change! On **Sunday, October 13,** please bring your loose change for a "noisy offering." The coins collected will help to pay for a water filter system in the Dominican Republic.

This is a mission project of the Sunday School's Junior Department.

## **Messenger Memo**

The deadline to submit articles for the November *Messenger* is Monday, October 14.

Sign up to receive *The Messenger* via email; go to clenmoore.org/newsletter.



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## **Mission Memo**

This summer I have been celebrating God's mission around the world with Presbyterians from across the country, first at the New Wilmington Mission Conference in Pennsylvania and then at the Big Tent Conference in Louisville. One highlight was to witness the commissioning of 22 mission personnel to go out in the world and follow the call God placed on each of their hearts.

Twenty-two mission personnel could not have been commissioned without the generous support like we receive from your congregation. So, on behalf of Presbyterian World Mission, I would like to express our appreciation to you, your Session, your mission committee, and your congregation for the gracious and faithful donation of \$1063.50 for the support of Ingrid Reneau Walls. Your support not only allows our mission co-workers to follow their call, but changes lives for the sake of the Gospel around the world. Our mission co-workers wake up with multiple challenges ahead of them each day. With the knowledge of your support and prayers, they are strengthened even when facing the most daunting obstacles.

Thank you once again for your support, dedication and partnership in furthering God's mission around the world. You are a valued partner in mission.

## Elízabeth Líttle

Church Support Associate Presbyterian World Mission

## Mission Disbursements

\$1,000 - LATCOM \$1,000 - Habitat for Humanity \$1,000 - New Castle Christian Academy \$1,000 - United World Mission

## "Messiah" Performance 2013

You are invited to sing with the New Castle Music Club Chorus as it presents its 73rd performance of George Frederick Handel's *Messiah*. Rehearsals are on Mondays from 7-9 PM at the First Presbyterian Church.

An **orientation** is scheduled for September 23 from 7-8:30 PM. All chorus members present will be introduced, our webmaster will present/demonstrate our website, our budget will be previewed, and last season's CD sales will be addressed during this business meeting/refreshment social.

**Rehearsals** will begin the following Monday, September 30, in First Presbyterian Church's Fellowship Hall. High school student singers are especially welcome to join us for this season's performance.

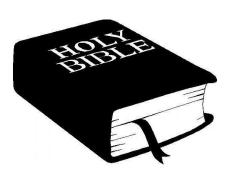
Bring your copy of the oratorio or purchase one at the church (Cost: \$8).

The **presentation** will be held Sunday, December 1, at 3 PM at the Northminster Presbyterian Church, under the direction of Harry Cunningham. Accompanists include Kathy Miller (organ), Judy Maher (piano), and Andy Erb (trumpet).

For the full rehearsal schedule, go to NCMusicClubChorus.org.

1. Jeremiah 48, 49:1-33; John 6:16-24 2. Jer. 36:1-8, 45, 36:9-32; 35; Proverbs 29:10-27 **3.** 2 Kings 24:8-20a; 2 Chronicles 36:9-14; Jer. 37:1-38:13, 39:15-18; Psalm 89 4. Jer. 34:8-22; 49:34-36; John 6:25-71 5. Jer. 50, 51 6. Jer. 21, 22; John 7:1-52 7. Jer. 23, 24; John 7:53-8:47 8. Jer. 27, 28; John 8:48-9:41 9. Jer. 29, 30; John 10 **10.** Jer. 31, 34:1-7, 32 **11.** Jer. 33; 38:14-28;

John 11 12. 2 Kings 24:20b-25:30; 2 Chron. 36:15-21; Jer. 39:1-14; 52:1-30; John 12:1-11 **13.** Ezekiel 1, 2; *John* 12:12-13:17 14. Ezek. 3, 4; John 13:18-14:31 15. Ezek. 5, 6; John 15:1-16:16 16. Ezek. 7, 8; John 16:17-17:26 17. Ezek. 9, 10; John 18 18. Ezek. 11, 12; John 19 **19.** Ezek. 13, 14; John 20 **20.** Ezek. 15, 16; *John 21* **21.** Ezek. 17, 18; *1 John 1* 22. Ezek. 19, 20; 1 John 2 **23.** Ezek. 21, 22; *1 John 3* 



24. Ezek. 23, 24; 1 John 4
25. Ezek. 25, 26; Prov. 30, 1 John 5
26. Ezek. 27, 28; 2 John
27. Ezek. 29, 30; Prov. 31:1-9; 3 John
28. Ezek. 31, 32; Revelation 1
29. Jer. 40-42; Rev. 2:1-17
30. Ps. 46, 47, 48, 49, 50
31. Jer. 43, 44, 52:31-34; Rev. 2:18-3:22

## Financial Snapshot Year-to-Date August 2013

	<b>Beginning Balance</b>	Receipts	Disbursements	Ending Balance
General Fund	\$25,000	\$196,435	\$214,845	\$6,589
Gen. Missions Fund	\$16,260	\$29,826	\$31,029	\$15,057
TOTAL	\$41,260	\$226,261	\$245,874	\$21,647

### **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

#### THE SESSION

Rev. Chris Weichman, Moderator Gail Keffer, Clerk of Session

2015 Sharon Esposito John Meyers Tom Rapp Jim Reese Bob Sholler

2015 Evelyn Genkinger Jen Hardisky Sarah Plyler John Purdy Margie Tinstman

### 2014 Debbie Book Beth DeVivo Margie Kerr Jeff Mendenhall Seth Plyler

#### THE BOARD OF DEACONS

2014 Amy Ball Beth Held Cheryl Pilch Rita Plyler Bob Turner 2013 Barb Harper Lois Henneman Clarence Jenkins Joe Lamb Tom Mansell

2013 Jackie Bush Sandy Kelty Sue McKissick Natalie Mendenhall Delores Temple Joan Warren

## **October Helpers**

#### **Hospital Visitation:**

6 Joe Lamb, Jeff Mendenhall13 Seth Plyler, Sharon Esposito20 Debbie Book, Tom Rapp27 Bob Sholler, John Meyers

## **Deacons of the Month:**

Jen Hardisky, Beth Held

## Van Driver:

John Purdy (724) 928-1785

October 2013							
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
		1	2	3	4	5	
		9:30AM Prime Timers, Fellow- ship Hall 7PM Building & Grounds, Parlor 7PM Deacons, Library	5:30PM Healthy Lifestyle Group, Parlor 6:30-8PM Fu- sion, New Cas- tle YMCA 6:30PM Walk- ing w/Women of Faith 7PM Women of Faith, Parlor	6PM Christian Ed., Library 6PM Hand- bells 7PM Choir			
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
WORLD COMMUN- ION SUNDAY 1:30-5:30PM KFC & FlipSide 7PM Men's Ministry, Parlor	5:45PM BBBS	6PM Mission & Evangelism, Conf. Room 7PM Steward- ship & Finance, Library	6PM Worship & Music, Library	6PM Hand- bells 7PM Choir	9:30AM Bi- ble Study, Library		
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	
9:30AM New Members Class, Library Noisy Offering Sunday 4-5:30PM Flip- Side	<i>Messenger</i> Deadline	9:30AM Prime Timers, Fellow- ship Hall 7PM Session, Parlor	5:30PM Healthy Lifestyle Group, Parlor 6:30-8PM Fu- sion, New Cas- tle YMCA 6:30PM Walk- ing w/Women of Faith 7PM Women of Faith, Parlor	6PM Hand- bells 7PM Choir	9:30AM Bi- ble Study, Library		
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	
8:30AM Fel- lowship Break- fast & BP Screening 9:30AM New Members Class, Library 4-5:30PM KFC	5:45PM BBBS, Fellowship Hall	9:30AM Prime Timers, Fellow- ship Hall		6PM Hand- bells 7PM Choir	9:30AM Bi- ble Study, Library		
27	28	29	30	31			
CONGREGA- TIONAL MEETING 4-5:30PM Flip- Side		9:30AM Prime Timers, Fellow- ship Hall		6PM Hand- bells 7PM Choir			

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# **Pumpkin Party!**

You're invited!

Clen-Moore is once again hosting a Pumpkin Party for kids and families. Join us on **Saturday, October 26, from 11AM - 1PM.** 

Lunch will be served and there will be lots of pumpkin-themed games and crafts to entertain the kids.

There is no cost to attend; reservations are encouraged. Please call the church office Non-Profit U.S. Postage New Castle, PA Permit # 45

Address Service Requested

at (724) 654-6657 or go to facebook.com/ ClenMooreChurch.

Be sure to bring a friend!

