

The Messenger

From the Pastor's Desk:

Come, Lord Jesus! Our Lord Has Come!

Since the first century, as Christians await the advent of the true Light, they have uttered the word *Maranatha*, often translated "Our Lord, come!" Maranatha may be two words with differing translations:

marana-tha:
"Come, our Lord!"
(looking to the future)

maran-atha: "Our Lord has Come!"
(looking to the past)

The use of this word during the season of Advent emphasizes both our remembering of the past and our

hope for the future. In Advent, the beginning and the end times meet. We live between both words, the future coming of the Lord and our belief that the Lord has come as God's ultimate acting history.

In Advent, we expectantly wait for the One who has already come. We anticipate the promised justice of God's new world, yet we praise God who has raised the "righteous branch" to rule with justice and righteousness. We long for the beating of swords into plowshares, yet we rejoice



that the Prince of Peace has appeared. During Advent, therefore, our eyes are focused on God's future promised in Jesus Christ. At Christmas, we rejoice that the future has arrived.

As we wrap up the beginning of the "Opening Doors" campaign, we are in the midst of another advent, looking back and

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DECEMBER SERMONS & WORSHIP:

- **December 1 (Communion)**
Matthew 24:36-44
- **December 8**
Children's Christmas Musical: "Wise Guys and Starry Skies"
- **December 15**
Isaiah 35:1-10
- **December 22**
Matthew 1:18-25
- **December 22**
Christmas Eve Service - 7PM
- **December 29**
Matthew 2:13-23

PW Holly Brunch

The annual PW Holly Brunch is nearly here! Join us on **Saturday, Dec. 7** at 9:30 A.M. in the church Parlor. All women of the church are invited.

This year's keynote speaker will be Joanna Barr, RN, from Mt. Jackson Presbyterian Church. Joanna will demon-



strate the "Healing Touch" technique and explain how it is vital in today's health care.

Please **RSVP by December 4**; call (724) 654-6657.

Got Milk? We've Got Cookies!

On **December 22**, Clen-Moore will have its sixth annual Cookie Walk for missions - and for ourselves! We ask those who are willing to bake one batch of a family favorite cookie or candy. These are not to be store bought - just the good stuff!

One batch is all that we ask! We will pass out plates, labels, and bags after church on December 15. Put six cookies on a plate, put them in a plastic bag and label them. Please indicate if they

have nuts or other items that you think someone may not be able to eat because of allergies.

Bring your cookies to the parlor as soon as possible on Sunday the 22nd (preferably *before* Sunday School) so we can have them arranged and ready for you to pick up after church.

After church on the 22nd, come back to the Parlor to pick up any cookies you want to buy to celebrate Christmas and to help our missions. If



you don't want to bake cookies, you can be the other participant who enjoys eating them! A donation basket will be

available for you to put in your donation towards the cookies you take. You can pay by check; make it payable to Clen-Moore Presbyterian Church and mark it for Missions.

We are looking forward to great cookies and a great time of fellowship. See you there!

Health Ministry



How do you define **JOY**? Joy is mentioned throughout the Bible as a gift given freely to

us by our heavenly Father. Joy at Christmas is something we feel when we remember the birth of Jesus Christ, God's gift to the world. However, for those experiencing the loss of a loved one, this joy may be veiled in sadness, especially during the holidays. We all can help by speaking freely about the loved one, thus enabling the sharing of lifetime memories.

These reminiscences can be a joyous gift to an aching heart.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

December 8: Blue Christmas Service in the Ligo Room at 5:30 pm at the New Wilmington Presbyterian Church. We encourage you to invite family and friends who may also find the season a difficult time of year.

December 15: Blood Pressure screening at the monthly Fellowship Breakfast (8:30 - 9:00am)

December 17: Blood Pressure screening at Prime-Timer's meeting (9 - 9:30am)

The Health Ministry is looking for a massage table, used or new. If you know of one, please call Lois Henneman: (724) 562-9034 or Nancy Book: (724) 368-3279.

Call the church office if you have a health concern and you will be referred to a member of the Health Ministry Team.

Be sure to check out the many informational health and wellness pamphlets in the hall near the Circle Drive entrance.

Have a blessed Christmas season!

YOUTH



STUDENT CONFIRMATION PROGRAM

Clen-Moore is offering our Confirmation program for students in grades 8-12. This program is for students who desire a more serious and public commitment to Jesus Christ and to participate in what He is doing at Clen-Moore Church.

In some ways, Confirmation is like joining a team. When you play on a team, you get to participate in the game at a greater depth than when you are on the sidelines simply watching and cheering. It says to your teammates, "Hey, I like this game enough to want to be a larger part of it. I wish to join the team."

Aaron will work with students and their families to accomplish what is described below. It may sound like a lot, but in reality, it is simply a matter of planning and time management.

Our Confirmation program is a two-tiered program that consists of:

1. Four to five classes with teaching and discussion about our church, the Christian faith, and Presbyterians. This is done with Pastor Chris or Aaron on various Sunday mornings. Attendance is mandatory.
2. Each student is paired up with an adult from the church, who becomes a mentor to 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 members).

Students and mentors will be given a binder that will have a variety of activities to partici-

pate in together. They will be guided by things to think about before participating in each activity. After participating, they will reflect on and discuss their experience.

Students will have four months to complete these activities.

After writing a one-page Statement of Faith that reflects on their Confirmation journey and a meeting with Session, students will be received into Membership before Pentecost Sunday (likely June 1, 2014).

The deadline to sign-up is Sunday, January 12, so that we can begin pairing you up with a mentor. Contact Aaron Christy to express interest and with any questions that you may have.



Opening Doors Celebrations

The Opening Doors Celebration Dinner is coming! Join us on **December 7 at 6PM** in Fellowship

Hall. Invitations have been mailed; be sure to RSVP by November 30.

Also, please plan to attend worship on Sunday, Decem-

ber 15. That is Opening Doors Celebration Sunday, when we will praise God for the many blessings He has poured out on this effort.

Dominican Republic Trip

This spring, we will once again join with New Wilmington Presbyterian and First Presbyterian Church of Sharon to head to the Dominican Republic for our annual mission trip. We will work with our Dominican friends in the areas of construction, medicine, and education. We

are always looking for volunteers, especially those in the medical and translation areas.

The trip will take place **March 11-18, 2014**. The cost is \$980. If you are interested, the first deadline is December 16. You will need: two copies of your passport, a completed

registration form, and a non-refundable deposit of \$490. Anyone interested in going should contact Andrea Lamb at allamb@comcast.net.

Questions can be directed to Rev. Chris Weichman, Andrea Lamb or Tina Nesbitt.

Wedding Bell(e)s

Elizabeth Book and Steven Belle were married October 13, 2013 in Columbia, South Carolina.

Mother of the bride is Debbie Book. Grandparents of the bride are Donald & Nancy Smith.

Messenger Memo

The deadline to submit articles for the January 2014 *Messenger* is Monday, December 9.

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

November Mission Disbursements

\$1,500 - Caleb International Ministries

\$1,500 - Mission Aviation Fellowship

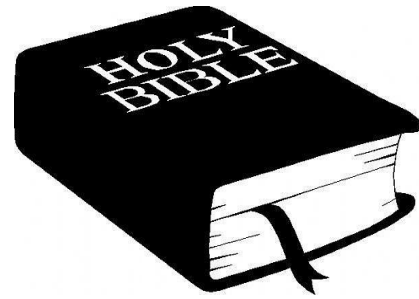
In Memoriam

- Wayne Schuffert
- George Warren (brother of Al Warren)
- Rhonda Hough (mother of Andrew Hough)
- Dorothy Getty
- Gifts in memory of Patti Chambers were made by: Jim & Becky Reese, Marge & Rol Nord, Elaine & Tom Lamoree, Robert P. Wushinske, John W. Sant, Paul Reed, Marge McConnell, David & Carol Kennaday, Nancy & Don Smith, Harry & Lew Banks, Henry & Dianne DeEulio, Wendell Wagner, Jack & Nancy Stoner, Jaime & Debbie Elliott, Sandy & Ray Burgo, Jackie Bush, Sally Clarke, Gale & Valerie Measel, and Sara & Robert Fellabaum.
- A gift in memory of William Workman was made by Gale & Valerie Measel.
- A gift to the Big Brothers/Big Sisters program was made by Don & Nancy Smith, in memory of cousin Sandra Munari.



Daily Bible Readings

- 1: Nehemiah 1-3; *Matthew* 5:27-48
- 2: Neh. 4, 5; *Matt. 6:1-7:6*
- 3: Neh. 6, 7
- 4: Neh. 8; Psalms 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125; *Matt. 7-8:4*
- 5: Ps. 125, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131; Neh. 9:1-37; *Matt. 8:5-13*
- 6: Ps. 132, 133, 134, 135, 136; *Matt. 8:14-34*
- 7: Neh. 9:38-12:26
- 8: 1 Chronicles 9:1b-34; Neh. 12:27-13:31
- 9: Ps. 146, 147, 148, 149, 150
- 10: Ps. 119:1-56; *Matt. 11*
- 11: Ps. 119:57-112; *Matt. 12:1-45*
- 12: Ps. 119:113-176; *Matt. 12:46-13:23*
- 13: Malachi 1-4; Ps. 85; *Matt. 13:24-58*
- 14: Job 1-3; *Matt. 14*
- 15: Job 4, 5; *Matt. 15:1-16:12*
- 16: Job 6, 7; *Matt. 16:13-17:27*
- 17: Job 8-10; *Matt. 18:1-20*
- 18: Job 11; Ps. 82; *Matt. 18:21-20:16*
- 19: Job 12-14; *Matt. 20:17-34*
- 20: Job 15-17; *Matt. 21:1-17*; Ps. 8
- 21: Job 18, 19; *Matt. 21:18-22:14*
- 22: Job 2, 21; *Matt. 22:15-46*
- 23: Job 22-24; *Matt. 23*
- 24: Job 25-28; *Matt. 24:1-35*
- 25: Job 29-31; *Matt. 24:36-51*



- 26: Job 32, 33; *Matt. 25*
- 27: Job 34, 35; *Matt. 26:1-35*
- 28: Job 36, 37; *Matt. 26:36-75*
- 29: Job 38, 39; *Matt. 27:1-31*
- 30: Job 40, 41; *Matt. 27:32-61*
- 31: Job 42; *Matt. 27:62-28:20*

Financial Snapshot *Year-to-Date October 2013*

	<i>Beginning Balance</i>	<i>Receipts</i>	<i>Disbursements</i>	<i>Ending Balance</i>
General Fund	\$25,000	\$243,256	\$259,051	\$9,204
Gen. Missions Fund	\$16,260	\$37,659	\$39,272	\$14,648
TOTAL	\$41,260	\$280,916	\$298,323	\$23,852

2013 Contributions Deadline

Please turn in all 2013 contributions and offerings by **December 31, 2013**. Anything received after that date will be considered a 2014 contribution.



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

2014
 Debbie Book
 Beth DeVivo
 Margie Kerr
 Jeff Mendenhall
 Seth Plyler

2013
 Barb Harper
 Lois Henneman
 Clarence Jenkins
 Joe Lamb
 Tom Mansell

THE BOARD OF DEACONS

2015
 Evelyn Genkinger
 Jen Hardisky
 Sarah Plyler
 John Purdy
 Margie Tinstman

2014
 Amy Ball
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 Cheryl Pilch
 Rita Plyler
 Bob Turner

2013
 Jackie Bush
 Sandy Kelty
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 Natalie Mendenhall
 Delores Temple
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seeing how God has been faithful while at the same time looking forward with anticipation to what the Lord will do in and through us. No matter if it's advent with a capital "A" or lower case "a," the Lord is in the midst of his people to will and to work His purposes: "Come, our Lord; Our Lord has Come!

Pastor Chris

December Helpers

Hospital Visitation:

1 Jeff Mendenhall, Seth Plyler
 8 Sharon Esposito, Debbie Book
 15 Tom Rapp, Bob Sholler
 22 John Meyers, Jim Reese
 29 Beth DeVivo, Barb Harper

Deacons of the Month:

Sue McKissick, Bob Turner

Van Driver:

Tom Rapp
 (724) 654-8235

December 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
COMMUNION SUNDAY 7PM Men's Ministry, Parlor	5:45PM BBBS, Fellowship Hall	9:30AM Prime Timers, Fellowship Hall 7PM Building & Grounds, Parlor 7PM Deacons, Library	5:30PM Healthy Lifestyle Group, Parlor 6:30PM Fusion, NC YMCA	6PM Christian Ed., Library 6PM Handbells 7PM Choir	9:30AM Bible Study, Parlor	9:30AM Holy Brunch, Parlor 6PM Opening Doors Dinner, Fellowship Hall
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
10:30AM Children's Musical 5:30PM Blue Christmas Service, New Wilmington Presby. 7PM Men's Ministry, Parlor	<i>Messenger</i> Deadline	9:30AM Prime Timers, Fellowship Hall 5PM Mission & Evangelism, Conf. Room 7PM Stewardship & Finance, Library	6PM Worship & Music, Library	6PM Handbells 7PM Choir	9:30AM Bible Study, Parlor	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
8:30AM Fellowship Breakfast & BP Screening	5:45PM BBBS, Fellowship Hall	9:30AM Prime Timers & BP Screening, Fellowship Hall 7PM Session, Parlor	5:30PM Healthy Lifestyle Group, Parlor 6:30PM Fusion, NC YMCA	6PM Handbells 7PM Choir	9:30AM Bible Study, Parlor	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
11:30AM Cookie Walk		CHRISTMAS EVE 7PM Candlelight Service	CHRISTMAS DAY			
29	30	31				
		NEW YEAR'S EVE 9:30AM Prime Timers, Fellowship Hall				

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Wise Guys & Starry Skies

Worship with us as we present a Children & Youth Christmas musical, "Wise Guys and Starry Skies," on **Sunday, Dec. 8** during worship.

Students in grades K-12 have been working for months to be ready to lead you in the worship of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Join us as our students share their gifts of voice and stage to lead your hearts in reflecting on why we celebrate Christmas.

You'll see magi riding on camels, singing songs, making you



laugh and warming your hearts, as they search for the newborn King. Please remember that even though this is a production, it is first and foremost a service of worship. Yes, it will entertain you, but that is not its primary purpose. For we are teaching our kids that they are using their gifts in leading you to worship God in the power of the Holy Spirit. We hope you can join us and we cannot wait to see you!