

# The Messenger

## From the Pastor's Desk: General Assembly 2014

This month I will attend the 221st General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). In the Spring, I was elected as one of the commissioners to represent Shenango Presbytery. I will be in Detroit June 14 - 21 and will serve on the Mission Committee.

The General Assembly of the P.C.(U.S.A.) meets biennially, in even-numbered years. It consists of commissioners elected by each of its 173 presbyteries. The GA is full of activities: business sessions, committee meetings, an

exhibit hall, daily worship services, and mission tours.

The assembly acts on the hundreds of items of business which it receives through the reports and recommendations of various assembly entities, and through overtures from synods and presbyteries.

The two most controversial issues to be dealt with this summer are overtures to amend the Directory for Worship to read that "marriage is a civil contract between two peo-



ple." The second is a recommendation from The Committee on Mission Responsibility Through Investment (MRTI) to divest from three corporations—Caterpillar, Hewlett Packard and Motorola Solutions—not in compliance with General Assembly of the P.C. (U.S.A.) policy on socially responsible investing. Since 2004, General Assemblies have directed MRTI to use the church's

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## Pentecost Community Worship



This year we will again celebrate Pentecost with the other Presbyterian churches in New Castle. The Service will be held at

Neshannock High School at 10:30 am on Sunday, June 8. Some have asked "What is Pentecost?" It is a day to commemorate the coming of the Holy Spirit to the Apostles and other followers of

Jesus Christ. According to Acts 2:1-3 there were 120 people. For this reason it is sometimes referred to as "Birthday of the Church." It is celebrated seven weeks after Christ's resurrection.

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### JUNE SERMONS & WORSHIP:

- **June 1**  
*Communion*  
*Acts 1:6-14*
- **June 8**  
*Pentecost*  
*10:30 Worship at Neshannock High School*
- **June 15**  
*Guest Preacher*
- **June 22**  
*Matthew 10:24-39*
- **June 29**  
*Genesis 22:1-19*

## Opening Doors

This summer will see many changes to our church through "Opening Doors." By the time you get this newsletter, we will have finished the infiltration test which is required to secure a building permit. This will give us answers about the water level near the new entrance. There are many springs on the North Hill, so this is very important before the construction people begin digging. This also has to be

done when the ground is as dry as possible and, given the rain we've had lately, it may take a few days!

The new entrance will lead into the Gathering Room, which will be a wonderful addition that will probably become the favorite place for all to meet not only to socialize on Sunday mornings, but to have small meetings. This area will also become the focal en-



tryway for the church, especially during the week.

We are looking forward to seeing many positive changes this summer. We can adopt the well-known slogan "Temporary Inconvenience, Permanent Improvement!"

**VBS  
2014**



**JUNE  
16-20**

Get ready to move with the Holy Spirit! Clen-Moore and First Presbyterian have teamed up again to present Vacation Bible School 2014: "Gotta Move!" This year's VBS is open to any kid between **4- years-old and entering 6th grade.**

"Gotta Move!" features fresh music that will get kids moving; Bible studies that teach kids how to read the Word; local mission projects; and all the fun that always comes with VBS, like games, crafts, snacks, and an all-family picnic!

Mark your calendars for **June 16-20, from 5:45-7:45PM.** Register on our website at [www.clenmoore.org/youth/vbs](http://www.clenmoore.org/youth/vbs), or contact the church office: (724) 654-6657.

Volunteers of all ages are always needed! If you can help out for a night or two - or even the whole week - contact Beth DeVivo at (724) 202-7296.

# YOUTH



This Summer brings many activities for us: go-karts & wings, campfires, amusement & water parks, “His Hands,” worship, prayer, and Bible study. We will do some of these activities with youth from Highland Church. Our schedule is not finalized at this writing, so stay alert to your emails and church bulletin for detailed information.

This summer, we will also study Mother Teresa’s devotion to Jesus Christ and how

this impacted her call to serve the poor. We will use a book entitled *Loving Jesus*. We will spend most of the summer Sunday School time reading and being inspired by Mother Teresa’s commitment and obedience to Jesus’ command to “love one another.”

I also plan to meet with our youth individually throughout the summer and pray with them and for them and for their families.

I look forward to a great summer of serving Jesus and fellowshiping with one another in His name.

~ Aaron

## Graduation Sunday



Please join us on **Sunday, June 1**, as we celebrate Clen-Moore’s graduating seniors during our regular worship service. Afterward, we will hold a luncheon to celebrate High School and their families. Everyone is invited to attend by reservation and with a donation. To reserve a seat, please call the Church Office.

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

## Welcome to “lyfe”

Clen-Moore has a new Sunday School class: “lyfe.” lyfe helps people, both individually and in the context of small groups, to discover a deeper life with God as they live as apprentices and students of Jesus. lyfe is geared towards young adults whose lives are filled with work, school, soccer practice and trying to get to church on time. We want to help people to grow holistically and to experience a transforming relationship with God through the Scripture and spiritual practices that have inspired and sustained Christians throughout the centuries.

## Health Ministry



Now that summer is almost here, our health message this month has to do with **water safety. BE VIGILANT!**

Be especially watchful with children around swimming pools and ponds. Never dive into shallow water and always swim with a parent or buddy.

When out in the sun, use sunscreen or sunblock (SPF 15-30 or higher) and reapply after swimming or perspiring. Remember to buy a new tube

each summer to ensure maximum effectiveness against sunburn and the possibility of skin cancer later in life.

Have fun, stay well and enjoy the beauty of the outdoors this summer!

Some dates to remember:

- **June 4, 2014** - CPR/AED review course at Clen Moore (AM class). All those who have had a basic CPR course and need an update are invited. Please call the church office or Nancy Book at (724) 368-3279 by May 30, 2014 if interested.

- **June 15, 2014** - Blood pressure screening at the Church Breakfast - 8:30 AM.
- **June 17, 2014** - Blood pressure screening at PrimeTimers meeting - 9:15 AM.

The Health Ministry Team would like to thank everyone who made cookies, vegetable & fruit trays, and snacks for the Health Fair on April 27, 2014. We also appreciate the support of those who attended and we hope you found some useful information!

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customary corporate engagement process to ensure that church investments are made only in companies engaged in peaceful pursuits in Israel, the

West Bank, Gaza and East Jerusalem.

As you can see, this General Assembly will not be without controversy. Please keep me

and the rest of the Shenango delegates in your prayers this June.

*Pastor Chris*

*Thank You*

The "Bigs" and "Littles" of Clen-Moore **Big Brothers/Big Sisters** would like to

say "Thank You" to the entire congregation for the support you provide.

We are in our sixth year and continue to have a blast twice a month. We are actively involved in our local community and are making a POSITIVE DIFFERENCE! In one of our more recent events, our "Littles" became "Bigs" for an

evening as we hosted a group of children waiting for "Bigs" of their own – what a special night for all involved.

If you are interested in learning more about the BBBS mission at Clen-Moore, please contact the Church office.

Once again, **THANK YOU!!**

## What's Happening...?

Here are some notes from around Clen-Moore:

- Some of our youth have enjoyed a wonderful experience while taking joy to members of our church. The youth spent time reading and praying as well as talking about how to care for others. Then they went to visit some members of our church. Afterwards, they gathered and had ice cream. They said they learned a lot about Christian joy and the people they visited were very appreciative. The teens will continue in mission work. They have finished a study of the Ten Commandments. Their theme this summer will be "His Hands."
- The New Castle Christian Academy is expanding its program and adding a 9th grade. Clen-Moore will be a part of this as NCCA will be using three rooms during the week next school year for the 7th, 8th, and 9th grades. The interest in this private Christian school continues to grow.
- Big Brothers/Big Sisters continues its program at Clen-Moore. The kids that started out being small have now be-



come teenagers. This is a challenge to those from our church who are working with them. Our members have been "up to the challenge" and are able to help these youth know Christ and His love. This program continues to grow across the country. We can help by hosting a youth, providing a meal, or offering to host the youth and their sponsors for a picnic.

- Prime Timers have Bible study each week. It is basically senior citizens, but anyone is welcome. They will meet at the Hutchison center at Pearson Park in the summer. New members are always welcome.
- Did you know that a group of adults who are intellectually challenged are meeting at Clen-Moore on some Thursday evenings for Bible study and singing, along with just good food and fellowship? If you know someone who would benefit by belonging to this group, please call the church office and we will reach out to them and invite them to this program.
- Some of our members have been working with a program in New Castle called "Feed My Sheep." Clen-Moore is looking into taking responsibility for one

meal a month, on a Thursday at noon. Your participation would be appreciated.

- Clen-Moore is now helping to sponsor a program that will start this fall and help feed school children who do not have food to eat on the weekend. This is being done through the New Castle Area School District. It is unbelievable that so many children have nothing to eat at home when the school doesn't provide it.

With all that's happening in our church, it's easy to see 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.'*" ~ Matthew 25:40

If you would like to be a part of any of these projects, please do not hesitate to call the church office and let them know you would like to help. Thank you.

## Mission Memo



“On behalf of the Board of Directors for Lawrence County Habitat

for Humanity, I would like to thank you for your generous April 12, 2014 donation of \$1,000. Because of the generosity in your heart, we are able to make home ownership a dream come true for many families.”

*Sheree Cunningham*  
Executive Director  
LCHFH



“Thank you so much for your generous gift of \$1,000, received April 16, 2014.

We appreciate your donation to our year-round operations. Your donation has touched our hearts by letting us know that you are concerned about our needs. Thank you again for your support of our ongoing

work of “rebuilding broken lives through Christ.”

*Matthew S. Reichert*  
Executive Director  
Pine Valley Camp



“The numbers are in and The Salvation Army in New Castle has been blessed. Through our

Red Kettle and Mail Appeal Campaigns, we were able to raise over \$90,000 this year. This money will be used to provide services and assistance for those in need here in New Castle during the coming year.

Thanks to our 25 community partners, during the “Back to School Bash” we were able to provide 600 backpacks, 80 haircuts, 400 slices of pizza and countless smiles to students prior to the school year. During our Christmas Campaign, we provided more than 130 coats, over 2,500 toys, and 700

Christmas meals to people in need because our community partners were so generous with their time and money.

This letter is just a small thank you for all that you do in helping The Salvation Army to “Do The Most Good” for those most in need. Thank you again for your efforts.”

*Geoffrey Swires*  
Captain  
The Salvation Army

## May Mission Disbursements

**\$1,500** - Mission Aviation Fellowship

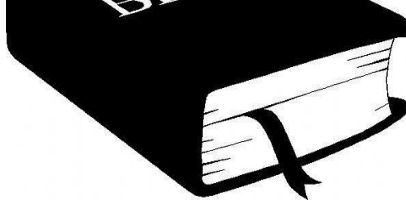
**\$1,000** - Steve & Brenda Stelle in Ethiopia

**\$1,500** - Caleb International

### Financial Snapshot *Year-to-Date May 2014*

	<i>Beginning Balance</i>	<i>Receipts</i>	<i>Disbursements</i>	<i>Ending Balance</i>
<b>General Fund</b>	\$25,000	\$103,093	\$123,280	\$4,812
<b>Gen. Missions Fund</b>	\$19,162	\$16,434	\$21,615	\$13,981
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$44,162</b>	<b>\$119,527</b>	<b>\$144,895</b>	<b>\$18,793</b>

## Daily Bible Readings

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|---|---|--|---|
| 1. 1 Chron. 26, 27  | 13. 1 Kings 6; 2 Chron. 3;<br><i>Rom. 3</i>                       |  |   |
| 2. 1 Kings 1:1-27, Ps 69,<br>70, 71   | 14. Kings 7:1-12; Prov. 12;<br><i>Rom. 4</i>                      |  |   |
| 3. 1 Kings 1:28-53; 1<br>Chron. 28:1-29:25;<br>Psalm 72                               | 15. 1 Kings 7:13-51; 2<br>Chron. 4:1-5; <i>Rom. 5</i>             |  |   |
| 4. Song of Solomon 1-8  | 16. 1 Kings 8:1-21; 2 Chron.<br>5:2-6:11; <i>Rom. 6</i>           |  |   |
| 5. Ps. 45; 1 Kings 2:1-12; 2<br>Sam 23:1-7; 1 Chron.<br>29:26-30; 1 Kings 2:13-<br>46 | 17. 1 Kings 8:22-61; 2<br>Chron. 6:12-42; Ps. 132                 |  |   |
| 6. 2 Chron. 1:1-13; 1 Kings<br>3; Ps. 1, Proverbs 1                                   | 18. 1 Kings 8:62-9:9; 2<br>Chron. 7; Ps. 92, 93;<br><i>Rom. 7</i> |  |   |
| 7. Prov. 2-4  | 19. Ps. 94, 95, 96, 29; <i>Rom. 8</i>                             |  |   |
| 8. Prov. 5, 6; Ps. 37   | 20. Ps. 97, 98, 99, 100; <i>Rom.</i><br><i>9</i>                  |  |   |
| 9. Prov. 7-9  | 21. 1 Kings 9:10-28; 2<br>Chron. 8; <i>Rom. 10</i>                |  |   |
| 10. 1 Kings 4; Prov. 10; Ps.<br>90  | 22. 1 Kings 10:1-25; 2<br>Chron. 9:1-28; <i>Rom. 11</i>           |  |   |
| 11. 1 Kings 5; 2 Chron. 2;<br><i>Romans 1</i>   | 23. 1 Kings 10:26-29; 2<br>Chron. 1:14-17; 1 Kings                |  |   |
| 12. Prov. 11; Ps. 14, 53; <i>Rom.</i><br><i>2</i>                                     |   |  | 11:1-13; Ps 45, 72; <i>Rom.</i><br><i>12</i>            |
|   |   |  | 24. Ecclesiastes 1, 2; Prov.<br>13:1-12; <i>Rom. 13</i> |
|   |   |  | 25. Ecc. 3, 4; Prov. 13:13-25;<br><i>Rom. 14</i>        |
|   |   | 26. Ecc. 5, 6; <i>Rom. 15</i>  |   |
|   |   | 27. Ecc. 7, 8; <i>Rom. 16</i>  |   |
|   |   | 28. Ecc. 9, 10; Prov. 14   |   |
|   |   | 29. Ecc. 11, 12; Prov. 15  |   |
|   |   | 30. 1 Kings 11:14-40; 2<br>Chron. 9:29-31; Prov. 16                                |   |

## In Memoriam

- Ryne William Hiler (Grandson of Bill & Frances Hiler), on May 4, 2014.
- Esther Pearce, on May 10, 2014.



## Messenger Memo

The deadline to submit articles for the July/August *Messenger* is **Monday, June 9.**

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

## CHURCH STAFF

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## THE SESSION

Rev. Chris Weichman, Moderator

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## June Helpers

### Hospital Visitation:

1 John Karmecy, Gail Keffer

8 Seth Plyler, Sharon Esposito

15 Debbie Book, Tom Rapp

22 Bob Sholler, John Meyers

29 Jim Reese, Beth DeVivo

### Deacon of the Month:

John Purdy

### Van Driver:

John Hale (724) 652-8544



# June 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
<b>Graduation Sunday</b>	5:45PM BBBS, Fellowship Hall	9:30AM Prime Timers, Pearson Park  7PM Building & Grounds, Parlor  7PM Deacons, Library	CPR/AED Review Class  5:30PM Healthy Eating Group, Youth Room  6:30-8PM FUSION, New Castle YMCA	6PM Christian Ed., Library  6PM Handbells  7PM Choir		
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
10:30AM <b>Pentecost Community Worship</b> , Neshannock High School	<i>Messenger</i> Deadline	9:30AM Prime Timers, Pearson Park  6PM Mission & Evangelism, Conf. Room  7PM Stewardship & Finance, Library		6PM Handbells  7PM Choir		
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
8:30AM Fellowship Breakfast & BP Screening	5:45PM BBBS, Fellowship Hall  <b>VBS</b> →	9:15AM BP Screening, Pearson Park  9:30AM Prime Timers, Pearson Park	5:30PM Healthy Eating Group, Youth Room  6:30-8PM FUSION, New Castle YMCA	6PM Handbells  7PM Choir		
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	7PM Session, Parlor	9:30AM Prime Timers, Pearson Park		6PM Handbells  7PM Choir		<b>Family Fun Night</b>
29	30					

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## **FAMILY FUN NIGHT!**

The whole church family is invited to a night of fun & games!  
Mark your calendars for **Saturday, June 28.**



Mission & Evangelism is hosting a fun night that will include softball, water slides, and a bonfire with hot dogs & marshmallows. We'll provide the food if you provide your own lawn chairs and any bonfire utensils you may have. And if you plan to play softball or get wet, be sure to bring the appropriate clothes & equipment. Questions can be directed to Seth Plyler, M&E Chairman.

Hope to see you then!

