

The Messenger

DECEMBER 2014

From the Pastor's Desk: Reaching Out

Over the past several months, Clen-Moore has responded to requests for help in our community with great generosity. This year we started preparing meals once a month for Feed My Sheep on Long Avenue. We continue to collect bags of food for hungry families in the New Castle area. Last month, we told you about the great need the Salvation Army has for winter coats. Once again, your response has been tremendous.

I am reminded of the words Mother Teresa wrote in her book,

Words to Love by...: "How do we show that we love Christ? By giving wholehearted free service to the poorest of the poor. We believe it is to Jesus. This thing, if it were not for Jesus, would not be worth doing.

"The Minister of Social Welfare is a Hindu gentleman in New Delhi. One day we were talking and he said, 'You and I are doing the same social work. But there is a great difference between you and us. We are doing it for something and you are doing it to some-



body."

Jesus says of the final judgment in *Matthew 25:34-40*: "Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed

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DECEMBER SERMONS & WORSHIP:

- **December 7**
Children's Christmas Musical
- **December 14**
Knowing God
- **December 21**
The Problem of Sin
- **December 24, 7PM**
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
- **December 28**
Religion and the Gospel

Children's Christmas Musical

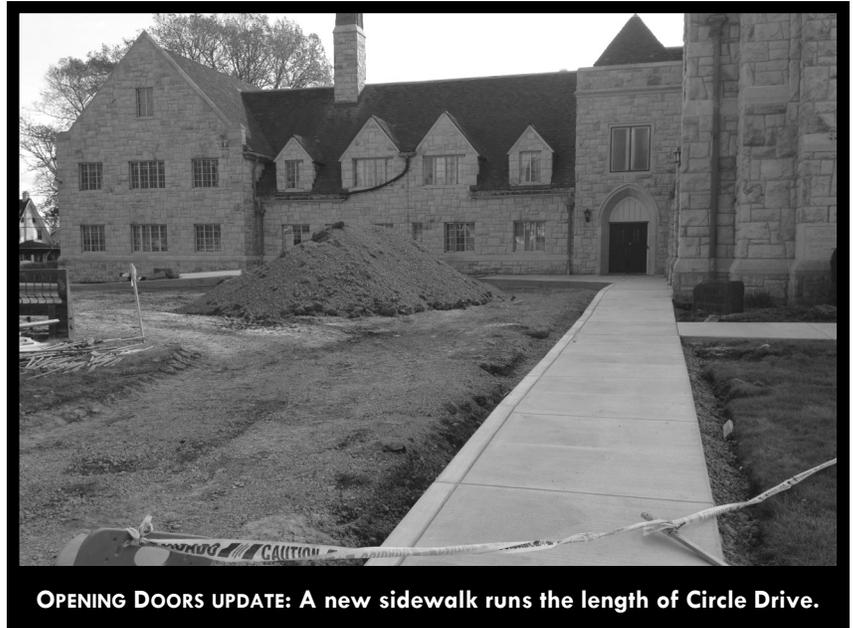


"Christmas in the Castle," a medieval themed musical will take place during the worship service on **Sunday, December 7**. Our young people have been working hard to bring you this

musical and the important message that it focuses on. Please come and support our young folks and allow the Holy Spirit to inspire you through their voice, song, and stage. Glory to God in the highest!

What's Happening at Clen-Moore

- It is difficult to walk past Clen-Moore without seeing the construction! Many comments and questions are being asked by people who want to know what we are doing. Maybe we should just ask them to come some Sunday and find out...
- The Ad Hoc committee continues to meet and review details of the Opening Doors project, as there are always small decisions that need to be made. Many positive things are happening.
- Did you know that the youth are working hard to raise money for their mission trip this summer? Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.
- Did you notice that we have new tables in Fellowship Hall? Lou Hill's crew has taken any donations they receive for our monthly Fellowship Breakfast and bought new tables. They are much lighter and have a very nice, easy to clean, surface.
- You will notice a few outside doors have been repaired. The



OPENING DOORS UPDATE: A new sidewalk runs the length of Circle Drive.

winter salt has taken its toll. All doors should be replaced by the time you receive this. The glass has also been re-leaded.

- If there would be an emergency at George Washington School, our church has been asked to help by allowing the students to come to us until their parents can pick them up. Session has taken the appropriate measures to help. Of course we all hope it will not happen, but this is

one way we can help in case of an emergency.

- Our kitchen has seen a lot of cleaning and reorganizing thanks to a few people. We have a kitchen that most churches would love to have. Although it has been there for a long time, the equipment that was bought by the earlier members of our church was very good quality and is quite a gift to us.

Meatloaf Dinner

The Christian Fellowship Class will host a meatloaf dinner on **Sunday, December 7**, immediately following the worship service. All proceeds will be used to purchase Christmas

gifts for needy families this Christmas season. We hope to see you in church that day for the Children's Christmas Musical and in Fellowship Hall for lunch!

2014 Contributions

Please turn in all 2014 contributions and offerings by **December 31, 2014**. Anything received after that date will be considered a 2015 contribution.

FIRST FRIDAY FAMILY FUN NIGHT

December 5 • 6PM
Fellowship Hall



JESUS IS THE REASON

- *Dinner upon arrival*
- *Make an ornament*
- *Decorate cookies*
- *Share Christmas love with nursing homes and shut-ins through Christmas carols*

Got Milk? We've Got Cookies!

Everyone likes cookies - they're just good! On **December 21**, Clen-Moore will host its sixth annual Cookie Walk. All proceeds will go to the Women's Crisis Shelter. Of course, everyone benefits from the delicious cookies provided by Clen-Moore's excellent bakers.

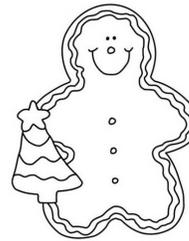
We are asking those who are willing to bake one batch of a family favorite cookie or candy. Please, no store-bought cookies - just the good stuff!

Please bake one batch of a family favorite cookie or candy and put 6 of one kind on each plate, then put them in a plas-

tic bag and label them. (We will have plates, labels, and bags available after church at all the exits on December 14 for those who want 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 21st (preferably before Sunday School) so we can have them arranged and ready for you to pick up after church.

After church please come back to the parlor, pick up any cookies you want to buy to help cel-



brate Christmas and help others who are in need. 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 your donation in towards the cookies you take.

If you want to pay by check, make the check payable to Clen-Moore Presbyterian Church and mark it for Missions; it will be greatly appreciated. We are looking forward to great cookies and a great time of fellowship. See you there with your cookies or to buy cookies - or both!!

YOUTH



C.2G.S. (Jr./Sr. High Sunday School Class)

We are taking a break from our Philippians study and focusing on the themes of Advent and the events that surrounded the birth of the Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

FlipSide/KFC

• **Sunday, Dec. 21** - We are having a Christmas party! Time and place TBD. We will prepare cards for our shut-ins, eat festive food and take part in the joy and cheer that this sea-

son brings because God is with us!

• Over Christmas break we will have a couple events for students to choose from and help plan: a lock-in, movie night, or gym night.

Confirmation Class

The Journey of Confirmation will begin in January as we meet with interested students and families. This class is open to Sr. High students in grades 9-12. We will plan a meeting to go over the details of Confir-

mation, what to expect, and important dates. Feel free to contact Aaron Christy in the meantime with any questions.

Thank You!

Thanks to everyone who supported the youth fundraisers in November (Election Day Bake Sale and Steeler Tickets).

Through your generous support, we raised more than \$600 for youth activities and - hopefully - a 2015 summer mission trip. Thank you Clen-Moore Church!

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clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'

"Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite

you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?'

"The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth: whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.'"

Christians reach out to the poor and needy not necessarily for reasons of equality, social action

or human rights. These motivations pale in comparison to belief that in serving the poor and needy we are serving Jesus himself. As we continue to reach out to our community, let us remember that we do this not to grow the church, nor to make ourselves feel better; rather, we do this *to* somebody: Jesus the Lord.

Pastor Chris

Financial Snapshot *Year-to-Date: October 2014*

	<i>Beginning Balance</i>	<i>Receipts</i>	<i>Disbursements</i>	<i>Ending Balance</i>
General Fund	\$25,000	\$235,735	\$265,772	(\$5,037)
Gen. Missions Fund	\$19,162	\$35,406	\$42,817	\$11,751
TOTAL	\$44,162	\$271,141	\$308,589	\$6,714

November 10, 2014

Stewardship and Finance Committee
 Clen-Moore Presbyterian Church
 220 Clen-Moore Blvd
 New Castle, PA 16105

The 2013 Audit Committee, consisting of Carol Caparoula, Margie Kerr and Joan Rapp, met on October 8, 2014 to review the 2013 financial records of Clen-Moore Presbyterian Church. The review included a random check of the fund balances, the review of accounts payable checks with requests and receipts, a review of weekly deposit records with deposit slips and a check of the fund balances with a review of transfers and interest. We also looked at payroll records, tax payments and year-end W2's on a test basis.

Based on our examination, and in our opinion, the records for 2013 appear to be in proper order.

Sincerely,

Carol Caparoula

2013 Audit Committee

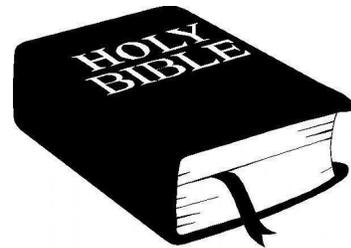
In Memoriam

- Jeanne R. Byler (mother of Barbara VanHorn), October 23, 2014.
- Steven J. Lubinski, father of James Lubinski.
- Paul Rowland, November 10, 2014.
- Myrtle R. Reamer Van Tassel (mother of Judith Polding), November 10, 2014.



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*

Health Ministry

Dates to remember:

December 5 - Blue Christmas Service at New Wilmington Presbyterian Church; 5PM.

December 16 - Blood Pressure Screening at Prime-Timer's Meeting in Church Fellowship Hall; 9AM.

December 21 - Blood Pressure Screening at Church Fellowship Breakfast; 8:30AM.

Holiday Tips for Care Givers:

1. Be Realistic - Identify the activities that truly mean something special to you during the holidays and block out the time you need to enjoy them.

2. Evaluate Traditions - If a loved one is ill, holiday traditions may need to change; take an active part in shaping new traditions, rather than mourning those changes.
3. Take Care of Yourself - Commit to better sleep (at least 6 hrs./night), moving more (at least 30 minutes most days), and eating better (don't skip breakfast, and eat something every 3-4 hours to keep your energy steady).
4. Grieve/Forgive - If you are sad about a caregiving situation, allow yourself to share those feelings with others and cry. Keeping

those feelings in and "putting on a happy face" for others doesn't allow you to heal.

(Taken from "Take Care Tips" by Jennifer Antkowiak; www.jennifertvshow.com)

December Prayer:

Dear Father in Heaven, we pray that You especially bless those caring for family members. May the healing power of the Holy Spirit refresh them in mind and body, lift their spirits, and lighten their burdens. In Jesus' name, Amen.



Annual Reports Due

REMINDER!

Annual reports from Sunday School Classes, Committees and Ministries of the Church are due in the church office by Monday, January 5th.

Baptism

Halen Samuel Plyler, son of Sam & Courtney Plyler, was baptized on November 2, 2014. Grandparents are Steve & Amy Plyler and John & Dawn Link.



December Helpers

Hospital Visitation Elders:

7 John Karmecy, Gail Keffer
17 Seth Plyler, Sharon Esposito
21 Debbie Book, Tom Rapp
28 Bob Sholler, John Meyers

Deacons of the Month:

Sarah Plyler, Bob Turner

November Mission Disbursements

\$3,000 - City Rescue Mission
\$2,000 - LATCOM

Messenger Memo

The deadline to submit articles for the January *Messenger* is Monday, December 8.

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

Van Driver:

Bill Nesbitt
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December 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	5:45PM BBBS, Fellowship Hall	9:30AM Prime Timers, Fellowship Hall 7PM Building & Grounds, Parlor 7PM Deacons, Library	7-8:30PM LCYM FUSION, Downtown YMCA	6PM Christian Ed., Library 6PM Handbells 7PM Choir	6PM First Friday Family Fun Night, Fellowship Hall	12:30PM Christmas Musical Dress Rehearsal 3:30PM Happy Birthday Jesus/Cast Party
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
10:30AM, Children's Christmas Musical 11:30AM Meatloaf Dinner, Fellowship Hall 6PM Men's Ministry, Parlor	<i>Messenger</i> Deadline	9:30AM Prime Timers, Fellowship Hall 6PM Mission & Evangelism, Conf. Room 7PM Stewardship & Finance, Library	6PM Worship & Music, Library	6PM Handbells 7PM Choir		
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	5:45PM BBBS, Fellowship Hall	9AM BP Screening, Fellowship Hall 9:30AM Prime Timers, Fellowship Hall 7PM Session, Parlor	7-8:30PM LCYM FUSION, Downtown YMCA	6PM Handbells 7PM Choir		
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
8:30AM Fellowship Breakfast & BP Screening 11:30AM Cookie Walk KFC/FlipSide Christmas Party		9:30AM Prime Timers, Fellowship Hall	CHRISTMAS EVE 7PM Candlelight Service	CHRISTMAS DAY 12-2PM Christmas Dinner, Fellowship Hall	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	
28	29	30	31			
		9:30AM Prime Timers, Fellowship Hall	NEW YEAR'S EVE 2014 Contributions Deadline			

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Christmas Dinner

The annual Christmas Dinner will be held in Fellowship Hall on Christmas Day (Thursday, December 25). This free meal will be served from 12:00 – 2:00 PM. There will be no meal deliveries, but transportation can be provided if requested.

If anyone is willing to work, donate pies, or make a financial contribution, please call the church of-

fice to sign-up:
(724) 654-6657.

Make sure to check upcoming church bulletin inserts for a list of the many ways you may participate.

