

The Messenger

From the Pastor's Desk: Ash Wednesday

The season of Lent prepares us for the splendor of Easter and the power of the resurrection. We begin by turning our attention to the stark realities of our human existence. Our world is filled with sin and death. The Good News of Christ's redemption is good news only in so far as we recognize and confront our frailty and weakness. Lent asks us to remember this truth as we make our way to Easter, and the symbol with which we start our Lenten journey is ashes.

Often the use of ashes is thought of as being too "Catholic." The truth is that ashes have been used as a sign of

penitence in the time before Christ as well as in the early church. The use of ashes is a sign of our humanity and a reminder of our mortality. So it is that the journey from Lent to Easter is a journey from death to life, from ashes to fire.

On **February 18**, we will join together with the other Presbyterian churches in New Castle to begin the season of Lent. We will have a light supper at 6:00 PM in Fellowship Hall, to be followed by an Ash Wednesday service in the Sanctuary. The service will include singing, prayers, a brief message and, if you wish, the imposition of



ashes. You may also write on a card those things you wish to repent of and pin them to the cross.

At the appropriate time during the service, the worship leaders will model the imposition of ashes with one another. This will be followed by an open invitation for anyone to come forward to participate. You may choose to have the ashes imposed on your forehead or the back of a hand.

Pastor Chris

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FEBRUARY SERMONS & WORSHIP:

- **February 1**
Ralph Hawkins, Executive Presbyter
- **February 8**
1 Corinthians 9:15-23
- **February 15**
Communion Sunday
- **February 18**
Ash Wednesday
- **February 22**
Jonah 1

Mother's Day Banquet

Though it is still winter and snow may be on the ground, Mother's Day is coming soon.

Anyone who is interested in chairing, co-chairing, or being on a

committee for the Mother's Day Banquet this year, please contact the church office or Elaine Meyers. We did not have a banquet last year due to the lack of



a committee. Please let's not let that happen again this year!

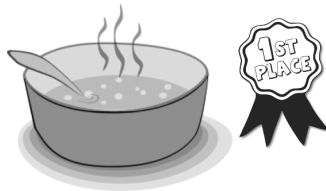
If you have any questions please call Elaine Meyers: (724) 658-6147.

LET'S BRING THE CHILLY INSIDE!!

FIRST FRIDAY FUN NIGHT

CHILI COOK-OFF

Friday, Feb 6 - 6:00pm



Bring a pot of your favorite CHILI to share!

Prizes will be awarded

Devotion and games after dinner

Big Brothers/Big Sisters 2014

It was another exciting year for the Big Brothers/Big Sisters outreach at Clen-Moore. We celebrated our **SIX year anniversary** in November. We added one more Little Sister and now have eight wonderful Littles and are excited about the difference we are making in each other's lives. Building a relationship is truly a wonderful, rewarding experience!

A "Thank You" is in order for the entire congregation of Clen-Moore and for all who

volunteered their time, talents, and energy to prepare dinners and host events. Our family Christmas Dinner in December was again a wonderful success. Many family members of our Littles enjoyed a wonderful night of food, choir, bingo, fellowship, and JESUS!

We continue to ask for your support of the BBBS mission and for your prayers - they are working! **We also ask that you prayerfully consider your involvement with BBBS**

in 2015. You could be a Big, a dinner host, or an event host - whatever you choose, rest assured, you will truly be blessed!

Let's all continue to work together to make our community a better place to live. **We are making a REAL difference in the lives of the kids!!**

Thank you and God Bless,

*Amy, Dave, Barb,
Debbie, Loretta, Bill,
Melissa, & Katie*

Cut Ups

Looking for several women to help cut out bibs. Last year we had yards and yards of fabric donated. We cut up half of it and made & donated 27 bibs to local nursing homes. They are

really appreciative as they use them on Alzheimer's patients. There will be a cutting session on **Thursday, Feb. 12** at 9:30am in Fellowship Hall.

Those who are interested, please call Joan Warren at 724-656-0643.

Thanks to all who helped last year!

YOUTH



C.2G.S. (Connect, Grow, Go, Serve)

The Jr./Sr. High Sunday School class continues its journey of learning how and why to read and study the Holy Bible through doing an inductive study in Paul's Letter to the Church at Philippi.

We will schedule together and announce another dinner at the Christy's this month for the 7th-12th Grade Sunday School Class.

K.F.C. & FlipSide

Sunday, February 1 -

SNOW TUBING at Avalanche Xpress in Meadville. We will meet at the church at 1:30 PM to depart for some snow tubing. We will return to the church at 7:00 PM. The cost is \$10 per person plus spending money for conces-

sions. PLEASE DRESS WARMLY: hat, scarf, gloves, boots, coat, and snow pants if you have them. The hill is always windy and colder than the thermometer.



You must have a signed permission form in order to tube. The form is found at

GolfWhisperingPines.com/AvalancheXpress. Click on Avalanche Xpress, click on hours and rates, then scroll down and click on the waiver; print, fill out and bring it with you.

Sunday, February 15 -

Hide-N-Seek Games at the church. We will meet from 4:00 - 6:00 PM at the church and share in a Bible Study, snacks, and then play Hide-N-

Seek games the rest of the time. You may bring a flashlight and friends are always welcome.

Confirmation Program

Sunday, February 15 -

We will meet for our first Tier 1 class from 9:30 - 10:15 AM in the youth Sunday School room. We will do a brief overview of church history guided by our study booklet.

Summer Youth Mission Trip

Please keep your eyes and ears peeled as we plan meetings and fundraisers for our 2015 summer youth mission trip. This is for any student currently in grades 6-12. Contact Aaron if you missed the January meeting but are still interested in participating in the trip.

Health Ministry

Dates to remember :

Sunday, February 15 -

Blood Pressure Screenings at the Church Breakfast, 8:30am.

Tuesday, February 17 -

Blood Pressure Screenings at PrimeTimer's Meeting, 9am.

Did you know that laughter and joy can improve your

heart health? Laughter lowers blood pressure and produces the same level of mood-altering endorphins as a good workout! In fact, in some studies, 15 minutes of laughing can burn 80 calories, as much as a small brownie. It brings on a natural "high" in the body, lowers stress, raises HDL (good cholesterol),

and lowers inflammation in the arteries. Let's all look for ways to add fun and laughter to our lives every day!



(Taken from Butler Health System publication, Winter 2015)

"Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say, Rejoice!"
~Philippians, 4:4

Mission Memo

Caleb International Ministries:

Rev. Louis LaGatta spent almost 3 weeks in Hyderabad, South Central India, after traveling for 30 continuous hours, on 3 different flights, and adjusting to a 10 and 1/2 hour time zone change.

Living conditions in India are “challenging.” The population and poverty are overwhelming. The masses of the poor struggle to survive, while many live in excessive luxury. The majority of the people are Hindu, with an almost equal number of people who are Muslim. About 10 percent of the country is Christian, shining the Light of the Salvation in the midst of Darkness.

For the next 5 years, India will be the priority focus and objective of the International Division of Caleb International Ministries with the objectives to (1) conduct Pastor/

Leadership Conferences in Hyderabad and Eluru, and (2) develop a Strategic Plan for the establishment of a Ministry Training Center. They have partnered with the Mahanaim Full Gospel Church Ministries. There are only 3 Bible Schools (Lutheran, Baptist and Pentecostal), preparing men and women for ministry in the greater metropolitan area of Hyderabad and Secunderabad, with a combined population of 12 million plus. Projected start date is September, 2015.

“Christmas Greetings from Dembi Dollo! We have settled in quite well. It’s hard to believe we’ve been in Africa for almost a year! We are both well entrenched into teaching. Brenda has over 230 students in Grades 11 & 12. She has also started a class for National Exam Prep and a class for those students who need a little extra help with English. She

loves her students.

Steve is having an eye opening first term. Though he has only 43 students in 3 classes, many of his students have only completed 10th grade, yet many have been pastors for over 10 years. Gidada is a lifetime opportunity for them - the gift of upgrading their education at the only school that offers a Reformed Presbyterian education!

As I write this, the sun is shining and the weather is a balmy 70 degrees. It is hard to believe it’s the season of Thanksgiving and Advent. Yet at this time, we do give thanks - especially for You! And your partnership in serving Christ here in Ethiopia. May God grant you a joyous Christmas and a New Year filled with His peace!

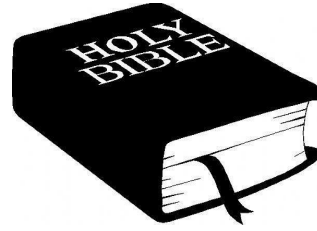
In Christ’s service,”

Steve & Brenda Stelle

The winter weather has pushed Opening Doors work indoors. The former Chapel has been cleared out and crews have cut the new entrance to Circle Drive. To follow the work online, go to [Facebook.com/ClenMooreChurch](https://www.facebook.com/ClenMooreChurch)



Daily Bible Readings



1: Exodus 12:1-13:16; <i>Luke</i> <i>22:39-65</i>	11: Ex. 37, 38; <i>Acts</i> 4:23 -5:16; Psalm 2	19: Lev. 14, 15; <i>Acts</i> 12
2: Ex. 13:17-15:27; <i>Luke</i> 22:66- 23:25	12: Ex. 39, 40; <i>Acts</i> 5:17 -42	20: Lev. 16, 17; <i>Acts</i> 13
3: Ex. 16, 17; <i>Luke</i> 23:26-24:12	13: Leviticus 1, 6:8-13; <i>Acts</i> 6:1- 8:1a	21: Lev. 18, 19; <i>Acts</i> 14
4: Ex. 18, 19; <i>Luke</i> 24:13-53	14: Lev. 2, 6:14-23, 3, 7:11-21; <i>Acts</i> 8:1b-40	22: Lev. 20:1-22:16; <i>Acts</i> 15
5: Ex. 20:1-23:13	15: Lev. 4:1-5:13, 6:24-30, 5:14- 6:7, 7:1-10, 7:22-38	23: Lev. 22:17-23; <i>Acts</i> 16
6: Ex. 23:14-26:37	16: Lev. 8, 9; <i>Acts</i> 9	24: Lev. 24, 25; <i>Acts</i> 17
7: Ex. 27-29	17: Lev. 10, 11; <i>Acts</i> 10	25: Lev. 26, 27; <i>Acts</i> 18
8: Ex. 30-32; <i>Acts</i> 1	18: Lev. 12, 13; <i>Acts</i> 11	26: Numbers 1-3; <i>Acts</i> 19
9: Ex. 33, 34; <i>Acts</i> 2		27: Num. 4, 5; <i>Acts</i> 20
10: Ex. 35, 36; <i>Acts</i> 3:1-4:22		28: Num. 6, 7; <i>Acts</i> 21:1-16

What's Happening

This year we will again celebrate **Pentecost** with the other Presbyterian churches in New Castle, on May 24. Pentecost commemorates 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. It is a great time to celebrate with the other churches.

Prime Timers have Bible study each week. It is basically senior citizens, but anyone is welcome. The group is small in number but very dedicated and they have a great time together. New members are always welcome.

Did you know that a group of adults who are intellectually

disabled meet at Clen-Moore on some Thursday evenings for **Bible study**, singing, and food & fellowship? If you know someone who would benefit by belonging to this group, please call the church office and we will reach invite them to this program.

Some of our members continue working in a program in New Castle called "**Feed My Sheep.**" We would like to be responsible for one meal each month on a Thursday at noon. Your help would be appreciated.

Our church has supported **Pine Valley** camp for inter-city children for several years. The camp director has spoken at our church on Thank Offering Sunday. Now the children's choir will sing for us on April 12. We are looking forward to

hearing this group of young children join us in praise.

It's time for some of our people to go south to the **Dominican Republic** again and help provide medical assistance. They will there April 18 through April 25. They have done great work there for many years. After hearing their experiences, we have so much to be thankful for, especially clean water!

Be sure to keep an eye on **Opening Doors** (see update, left). The handicapped parking is now open by Circle Drive. Much more will happen as soon as spring returns! We may have some temporary inconvenience, but it will lead to some definite improvements!

CHURCH STAFF

The Rev. Chris Weichman, Pastor
 Aaron Christy, Director of Youth & Family Ministry
 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, Christina Plyler
 Church Custodian, Charles Antonelli
 Sunday Custodian, Clarence Jenkins

THE SESSION

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

2017

Debbie Book
 Jen Conrad
 Tom Mansell
 Don Nicolls
 Seth Plyler

2016

Clarence Jenkins
 John Karmecy
 Gail Keffer
 Janice McConnell
 Nancy Natale

2015

Sharon Esposito
 John Meyers
 Tom Rapp
 Jim Reese
 Bob Sholler

THE BOARD OF DEACONS

2017

Bob Davies
 Sandy Kelty
 Cheryl Pilch
 Barb Richards
 Bob Turner, *Moderator*

2016

Nancy Book
 Jackie Bush
 Gene DeCaprio
 Brenda Matas
 Eleanor McConahy

2015

Evelyn Genkinger
 Jen Hardisky
 Sarah Plyler
 John Purdy
 Margie Tinstman

In Memoriam

- Marianne Dart - December 12, 2014.
- Theresa Suzow, sister of Nora Robinson - December 14, 2014.
- Joseph C. Badger, son of Louise Badger - December 30, 2014.
- Margaret "Peggy" Byler - December 30, 2014.
- Mary Ann Recchione, mother of Lou Recchione - December 31, 2014.
- A gift in memory of Peggy Byler was given by Glenn & Yvonne Klingensmith.



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

	<i>Beginning Balance</i>	<i>Receipts</i>	<i>Disbursements</i>	<i>Ending Balance</i>
General Fund	\$25,000	\$319,827	\$319,641	\$25,186
Gen. Missions Fund	\$19,162	\$58,559	\$58,770	\$18,950
TOTAL	\$44,162	\$378,387	\$378,412	\$44,137

February 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
10:30AM Worship 11:30AM Deacons, Library 1:30-7:00PM KFC/FlipSide, Avalanche Xpress	5:45PM BBBS, Fellowship Hall	9:30AM Prime Timers, Fellowship Hall 7PM Building & Grounds, Parlor	6:30PM Walk Aerobics 7PM Women's Bible Study	6PM Christian Ed., Library 6PM Handbells 7PM Choir	6PM First Friday Family Fun Night, Fellowship Hall	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
9:30AM New Members Class, Library 10:30AM Worship 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	9:30AM Bib Cutting, Fellowship Hall 6PM Handbells 7PM Choir		
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
8:30AM Fellowship Breakfast & BP Screening 9:30AM New Members Class, Library 10:30AM Worship 4:00-6:00PM KFC/FlipSide Hide 'n Seek	5:45PM BBBS, Fellowship Hall	9AM BP Screening, Fellowship Hall 9:30AM Prime Timers, Fellowship Hall 7PM Session, Parlor	ASH WEDNESDAY 6PM Supper, Fellowship Hall 7PM Worship	6PM Handbells 7PM Choir		
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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February Helpers

Hospital Visitation Elders

1 Tom Rapp, Bob Sholler

8 John Meyers, Jim Reese

15 Nancy Natale, Janice McConnell

22 Jen Conrad, Clarence

Jenkins

Deacons of the Month

Eleanor McConahy, Barbara

Richards

Van Driver

David VanHorn

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New Members Class

Have you been attending
Clen-Moore for awhile?

If you are interested in joining
the church or would just like
more information about Clen-
Moore, we will hold New
Member Classes on February

8, February 15, and February
22 at 9:30AM in the Library.

If you would like to partici-
pate, speak with Rev. Weich-
man or call the church office
at (724) 654-6657 and speak
with Kathy.

