

# The Messenger

MARCH 2015

## From the Pastor's Desk: The Joy of Easter

There is an intimate connection between repentance and the joy of resurrection. Repentance and forgiveness of sin leads to new life now and ultimately leads to eternal life and the resurrection of the body. It is the beginning of the Passover into life - the lifting up of the inner being in anticipation of the raising up of the total being.

We have become so accustomed to thinking of repentance as an unpleasant though necessary rejection of the sin we "enjoy" that we have tended to lose sight of repentance as a return to life in its fullness. Often we think of

repentance as sulking around about all the bad things we have done and saying to ourselves, "Aren't I a bad person."

In his remarkable writing, *On Repentance*, Mark the Monk (circa 430 A.D.) writes: "The person who knows reality does not repent for things done or wrongs remembered; rather he confesses to God about things to come." What does that mean?

The person who knows he has been forgiven in Jesus Christ does not dwell on or worry about things done in the past, they are forgiven. Rather, confession is a courageous



forward movement into life. It is an act of faith. "This one thing I do," writes the apostle Paul, "forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead." (*Philippians 3:13*). When John the Baptist cries, "Repent, for the Kingdom of heaven is coming" (*Matthew 3:2*), he is alerting our attention forward, to the future.

Repentance is not an invitation to hopeless guilt but to freedom

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## Easter Lilies

Clen-Moore is once again offering **Easter Lilies** for purchase during the Lenten season.

The deadline to place an order is Wednes-

day, March 18. The cost is \$8.75 per plant; payment is due with your order.

Order forms will be printed in the March bulletins, or you may

call the church office: (724) 654-6657.



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### MARCH SERMONS & WORSHIP:

- **March 1**  
*Scott Parker, PC (USA) missionary to Beirut, Lebanon*
- **March 8**  
*Jonah 2*
- **March 15**  
*Jonah 3*
- **March 22**  
*Jonah 4*
- **March 29**  
*Palm Sunday Mark 14:1-9*

## CHILDREN'S LUNCH AND EASTER EGG HUNT



**Saturday, April 4**

**12:00 - 1:30 P.M. in Fellowship Hall**

**Lunch • Craft • Story • Easter Egg Hunt**

*\*Don't forget your Easter basket!*

RSVP to the Church Office: (724) 654-6657

We would appreciate donations of candy! You can drop off your donations at the church office or give to Amy Allshouse during the Sunday School hour.

### Church Is a Team Sport

Every team has its stars, but it is the other team members that make it a success or a failure. Every church has people who are willing to go the extra mile, but without a commitment by all members of the team, it will fail!

*"A healthy lake has water coming in and water going out. If no water continuously comes in, then the lake dries up. If a lake has water coming in but no water going out, then the lake floods and kills everything around it." (~ Jim Putman)*

A church that does not refresh is doomed. It needs new life-blood (notice I did not say new young people). There are enough people in this church to keep our lake healthy. Eve-

ryone has something to give. We proved that with the Opening Doors Campaign. We had a large number of people who participated and helped. Why can't we do that year after year?

The Lord has given each of us talents. He has given you salvation, but have you given anything back? Instead of pointing out blemishes in His Bride, the church, I believe that He wants to use you to help advance her. We need to come to the understanding that many go to church, but going to church is not the same thing as following Jesus.

George Barna, a Christian pollster, found that an incredibly

small number of people expect to have an experience with God at church. Most don't believe that the church can do anything that will cause much of a stir in the community where it is located. Let's prove him wrong.

We want to build God's teams, develop God's players, and achieve God's objectives. Are you willing to be a part of it? Don't wait to be asked. Join an Adult Bible Study Class or Caring Friends; attend Men's Ministry, Women's Bible Study, First Friday Family Fun Nights, or one of the other programs in our church. Be a team player.



**K.F.C. & FlipSide**

**Sunday, March 1** - "Gym Night," 4:00 - 6:00 PM  
 We will gather at the church for Bible study, food & fellowship. Then we'll go over to NCCA for some dodgeball and open gym time. Friends are welcome. Bible Study topic: "Decisions, Decisions."

**Sunday, March 15** - "Crazy Skit Night," 4:00 - 5:30 PM  
 Meet in Fellowship Hall. The Leaders will do some silly skits that are sure to get a good laugh. Then, with snacks & fellowship, we'll discuss what it means to "Reflect Jesus" by taking a look at the real St. Patrick.

**Student Confirmation Tier 1 Classes**

**Sundays, March 8 & 22** - 9:30 - 10:15 AM.  
 Reminder to bring your Confirmation Notebooks and booklets.

**Health Ministry**

Dates to remember :

**Sunday, March 15** - Blood Pressure Screening at Church Breakfast - 8:30 AM

Health Ministry meeting - 11:30AM in the Library.

**Tuesday, March 17** - Blood Pressure Screening at PrimeTimers Meeting - 9:00AM

**Five Things To Do This Month:**

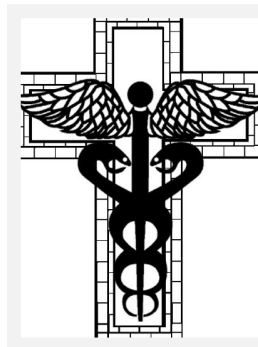
1. Floss every night- this will prevent tooth loss due to plaque buildup.

2. Walk 30 minutes a day - try to get out of doors if weather permits.

3. Learn something new - take a class, learn to play an instrument, etc.

4. Make new friends - join groups who share your interests and goals.

5. Lose weight if you need to - a loss of 5 - 10% body weight reduces health risks sub-



stantially .  
 (Taken from "Harvard Women's Health Watch," January 2015)

*"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me," ~ Philippians 4:13*

*Philippians 4:13*

<b>Financial Snapshot</b> <i>Year-to-Date: January 2015</i>				
	<i>Beginning Balance</i>	<i>Receipts</i>	<i>Disbursements</i>	<i>Ending Balance</i>
<b>General Fund</b>	\$25,186	\$20,253	\$33,983	\$11,457
<b>Gen. Missions Fund</b>	\$18,950	\$3,093	\$5,597	\$16,446
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$44,137</b>	<b>\$23,347</b>	<b>\$39,580</b>	<b>\$27,903</b>

# Opening Doors

Construction continues on the Opening Doors project. Much of the exterior work is complete. Under the scaffold in Circle Drive, the stone portecochere is nearly finished.

The interior changes have begun in earnest. The nursery has moved its new home on the

opposite side of the church (in the old Christian Fellowship class-room). The Christian Fellowship Sunday School class has moved upstairs, across from the youth room. The former nursery and chapel are now being trans-



formed into the new office and welcome space, respectively.

Despite the dust and the detours, we eagerly look forward to seeing the finished product and being able to open our doors to all those who enter our church.



**Left: The new entrance doors are in place in the former chapel.**

**Right: John Hale peeks under the scaffold in Circle Drive for a look at the stone pillars of the new portecochere.**

**Stay up-to-date with the Opening Doors work; go to [Facebook.com/ClenMooreChurch](https://www.facebook.com/ClenMooreChurch)**

*Thank You*

A very special "Thank You!" to Aaron Christy from everyone at Big Brothers/Big Sisters. We appreciate your involvement and all you do to enhance the mission of BBBS. Your time, support, and constant commitment is greatly appreciated!

Also, everyone involved with Big Brothers/Big Sisters would like to extend their appreciation to the JONO class for their gift of money in support of our mission. We will use the gift in May for our trip to Build-A-Bear. Thank You!

## Daily Bible Readings

1. Numbers 8, 9; *Acts 21:17-23:11*
2. Num. 10-12; *Acts 23:12-35*
3. Num. 13, 14; *Acts 24*
4. Num. 15, 16; *Acts 25:1-22*
5. Num. 17-19; *Acts 25:23-26*
6. Num. 20, 21; *Acts 27*
7. Num. 22, 23; *Acts 28*
8. Num. 24, 25; *Mark 1*
9. Num. 26, 27; *Mark 2:1-22*
10. Num. 28, 29; *Mark 2:23-3:35*
11. Num. 30, 31; *Mark 4:1-34*
12. Num. 32, 33; *Mark 4:35-5:20*
13. Num. 34-36; *Mark 5:21-43*
14. Deuteronomy 1, 2; *Mark 6:1-29*
15. Dt. 3:1-4:43; *Mark 6:30-56*
16. Dt. 4:44-6:25; *Mark 7*
17. Dt. 7-9; *Mark 8:1-30*
18. Dt. 10, 11; *Mark 8:31-9:50*
19. Dt. 12, 13; *Mark 10*
20. Dt. 14, 15; *Mark 11*
21. Dt. 16, 17; *Mark 12*
22. Dt. 18, 19; *Mark 13*
23. Dt. 20, 21; *Mark 14:1-52*
24. Dt. 22-1-23:14; *Mark 14:53-15:32*
25. Dt. 23:15-25:19; *Mark 15:33-16:20*
26. Dt. 26:1-28:14; *Galatians 1*
27. Dt. 28:15-29:29; *Gal. 2*
28. Dt. 30:1-31:29; *Gal. 3, 4*
29. Dt. 31:30-34:12
30. Joshua 1, 2; *Gal. 5, 6*
31. Jos. 3:1-5:12; *1 Thessalonians 1:1-2:16*

## Mission Memo

Greetings, friends and co-laborers at Clen-Moore Presbyterian! 2014... what a year! Together and with others you are making a difference. Through your prayers and generous financial support of \$3,281.71, people in some of the most oppressive countries in the world are coming to know a new, joyful, Spirit-filled life in Jesus. Through your prayers and financial support, I have had the distinct honor of meeting and often finding ways to partner with followers of Jesus in distant and sometimes difficult places. Thank you for partnering with me and Presbyterian Frontier Fellowship. 2015 holds much Kingdom promise.

Blessed to bless,

*Mike Robison*

Dear Pastor Chris,

Thank you for the gracious reception that I received when I had the privilege to present the Gideon ministry on Sunday, January 25. We appreciate your prayerful support of this ministry - our only objective is to win others to Jesus Christ through the placement of His Holy Word. In fact, the local church is vital to the existence of the Gideon work. The offering in the amount of \$200 is tangible evidence of the love that the church has for making the Word of God available to those who do not have a copy. This will enable 40 Bibles or

142 New Testaments to be purchased and placed. We can pray that many souls will be reached through the placement of these scriptures. Pastor, thank you again for your support of the Gideon work. We pray for your ministry and the particular work that God has for Clen-Moore Presbyterian. May God continue to guide and bless you.

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
*Robert A. Shaffer*

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## February Mission Disbursements

**\$500** - Chaplaincy Fund, GNCCMF

**\$500** - Meals on Wheels

## 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  
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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

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 Cheryl Pilch  
 Barb Richards  
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### 2016

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 Jackie Bush  
 Gene DeCaprio  
 Brenda Matas  
 Eleanor McConahy

### 2015

Evelyn Genkinger  
 Jen Hardisky  
 Sarah Plyler  
 John Purdy  
 Margie Tinstman

## The Joy of Easter

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and responsibility. The purpose is not that we be ashamed, as though this were an end in itself. Demoralization is not the goal. The aim rather is *true* life, a life that is characterized by honesty, integrity, and personal accountability to God, others, and to oneself.

*Pastor Chris*

## In Memoriam

- Marjorie A. Burgess - January 22, 2015.
- Lance D. Kay - January 26, 2015.
- Harold E. Kerr, father of David Kerr - January 30, 2015.
- Gifts in memory of Peggy Byler were given by: Jean S. Baker, Geneva Empfield, Dean & Donna Binnie, Newcomers Bridge Club of Cobb County, and Gail Keffer (to Caring Friends and Opening Doors).
- Gifts in memory of Marjorie Burgess were given by: Gail Keffer (to Opening Doors), Glenn & Yvonne Klingensmith, and Edward & Jane VanDusen.
- A gift in memory of Lance Kay was given by the Marrett Company.



# March 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
10:30AM Worship 11:30AM Deacons, Library 4 - 6PM KFC & FlipSide, Gym Night	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 Confirmation Class 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	6PM Handbells 7PM Choir		
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
8:30AM Fellowship Breakfast & BP Screening 10:30AM Worship 11:30AM Health Ministry, Library 4 - 5:30PM, KFC & FlipSide, Crazy Skit Night	5:45PM BBBS, Fellowship Hall	9AM BP Screening, Fellowship Hall 9:30AM Prime Timers, Fellowship Hall 7PM Session, Parlor	Easter Lily Deadline 6:30PM Walk Aerobics 7PM Women's Bible Study	6PM Handbells 7PM Choir		
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
9:30AM Confirmation Class 10:30AM Worship 6PM Men's Ministry, Parlor		9:30AM Prime Timers, Fellowship Hall		6PM Handbells 7PM Choir		
29	30	31	<b>Hospital Visitation Elders</b>		<b>Deacons of the Month</b>	
<b>PALM SUNDAY</b>			<b>1</b> John Karmecy, Gail Keffer <b>8</b> Seth Plyler, Sharon Esposito <b>15</b> Debbie Book, Tom Rapp <b>22</b> Bob Sholler, John Meyers <b>29</b> Jim Reese, Tom Mansell		<b>Jen Hardisky, Evelyn Genkinger</b> <b>Van Driver</b> <b>John Purdy</b> (724) 928-1785	

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## **First Friday Family Fun Night**

**March 6**

**6 P.M. in Fellowship Hall**

Enjoy green food, Shamrock bingo, and an Irish blessing.

*\*Don't forget to wear your green!*

