

The Messenger

From the Pastor's Desk: Reaching Out To Somebody



Over the past several months, Clen-Moore has responded to requests for help in our community with great generosity.

In December, we started to collect coats for the Salvation Army and boots & socks for children to be distributed by Cray. Your response was tremendous.

On December 12th, we hosted a community Christmas concert with A Circle of Friends Choirs. A free will offering was taken for the Lawrence County Backpacking Program. Once again, your response was tremendous; more than \$1,000 was received.

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.

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~ Mother Teresa

One day I was meeting with the Minister of Social Welfare in New Delhi 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 somebody."

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.

³⁵For 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, ³⁶I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'

³⁷"Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink?

³⁸When did we see you a stranger and invite you in,

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JANUARY SERMONS & WORSHIP:

- **January 3**
Matthew 3:1-12
- **January 10**
Play: "Who Is That Babe Anyway?"
- **January 17**
John 2:1-11
- **January 24**
Luke 4:16-30
- **January 31**
Luke 10:38-42

Annual Reports Due

REMINDER! Annual reports from Sunday School Classes, Com-

mittees and Ministries of the Church are due in the church office by

Tuesday, January 5th, 2016.

January “Opening Doors” Spotlight: Service Missions

We’ve spend the past several months spotlighting Clen-Moore’s mission work in our community and within our church. Throughout the month of January, we’ll feature several “behind-the-scenes” groups who serve the members of our church in various ways.

January 3

Caring Friends will deliver gifts to the people in care and also others that may need a little

something after the holiday season.

January 10

“Who is that Babe, anyway?” A play presented by some Clen-Moore men about the questions that may have been in the minds of the men at coffee about the reality of Christ’s birth. *(details below)*

January 16

We will make soup for ourselves and also some for some-

one else we need to reach out to, either a neighbor or someone who needs to know they are being thought of.

January 17

We will take a container of soup for ourselves and one to give to someone that we want to let know that we care.

January 24

We’ll summarize the G4 group and invite members to volunteer their talents to help those who have other talents.

“Who Is That Babe, Anyway?”

On January 10, Clen-Moore men & women will present a play during the worship hour. Titled “Who Is That Babe Anyway?”, it is the fictional account of a group of men meeting some time after the birth of Christ in the town of Bethlehem and their conversation about the birth of Christ.

The play takes place at the town koffee klatch, inside the inn at Bethlehem. Some of the men of the town are seated with a cup of coffee and discussing the things that happened on that special night in Bethlehem.

The discussion centers on the baby and if He is really



someone special. Among those gathered are the innkeeper and Joseph.

Audio/Video Training

If you are interested in learning more about the new audio and/or video equipment in the Sanctuary, you are invited to attend the following training sessions:

Audio: January 10, immediately following worship

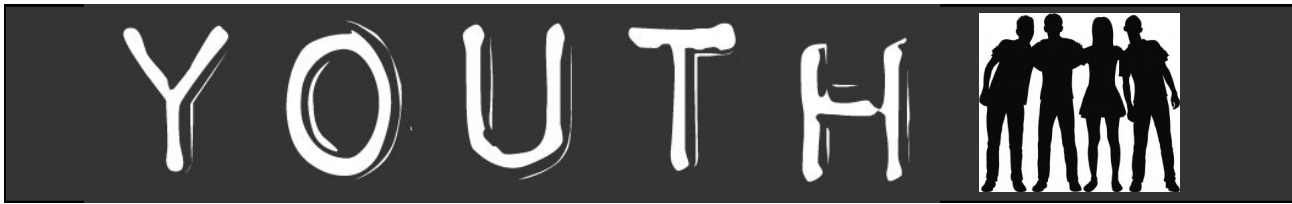
Video: January 17, immediately following worship

No prior experience is necessary! All you need is a willingness to learn.

Training sessions are open to anyone ages 13+ and will last

approximately 30 minutes. For more information, contact Chris or Beth DeVivo at (724) 202-7296.

**If you are unavailable on either date but are still interested in being trained, please let Chris or Beth know.



K.F.C./FlipSide

Sunday, January 3 - We will have open gym night at NCCA, Bible study on "The Light of Christ," and snacks etc. This open gym will be kids choice on a myriad of game options. Bring a friend!

Sunday, January 17 - Bowling Night. We will meet at Colonial Lanes at 2:00, bowl a few games, have pizza and a great time. A friend is welcome to come along with you. Cost per person is \$5. Pick up is at the bowling alley at 4:00 PM.

FlipSide Only (6th - 12th Grade)

LCYM (Lawrence County Youth Ministries) is sponsoring a dodgeball tournament on Sunday, January 31 from 4:30 - 8:00 PM at the Sankey Center. I am helping to organize this event so drop off and pick up is at the Sankey Center. There will be a devotion, prizes, pizza, and other stuff going on while dodgeball is being played.

We should come in with a team or two already organized.

We will organize them during Sunday School and youth group.

C.2G.S.

Jr./Sr. High Sunday School continues our study on non-Christian religions and the occult by comparing what is at the heart of their teaching to Jesus Christ, His Holy Word, and His Church.

We will be studying Islam more in-depth and at greater length than others.

Health Ministry

Dates to Remember:

January 17 - Blood Pressure Screening at Church Breakfast - 8:30am in Fellowship Hall.

January 19 - Blood Pressure Screening at PrimeTimers meeting - 9:00am in Chapel Area

Health Note:

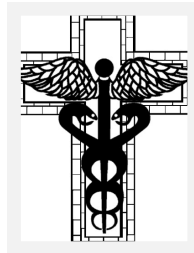
"To boost your metabolic rate, exercise more.

Your metabolic rate is the rate at which your body uses energy - the number of calories it

burns in a given period of time, either at rest or while active.

If your resting metabolic rate is high, you may find that you can eat a lot, exercise little, and not gain weight. Conversely, if your metabolic rate is low, you may eat relatively little and be fairly active, and still not lose weight.

Most people approach weight control wrong: they simply try



to tone down on the food, fat, and calories they consume and they usually fail. The trick is to stoke up the furnace -- that is, increase the number of calories your body burns all day. Obviously, exercise burns calories, but it also boosts your metabolic rate."

(From *Wellness Made Easy, University of California Wellness Letter 2014*)

"A word aptly spoken is like apples of gold in a setting of silver." ~ *Proverbs 25:11*

Nursery Worker Needed

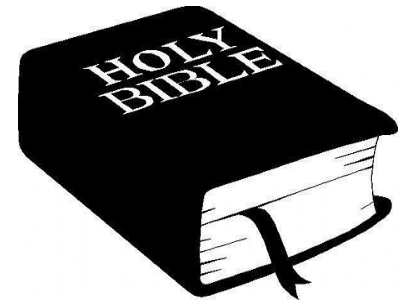
Clen-Moore has an immediate opening for a person to work in the nursery on Sunday mornings, from 9:00 a.m. until the end of morning worship (approximately 11:30 a.m.)

Qualified persons must have or be able to obtain the necessary clearances. If you are interested, please contact the church office: (724) 654-6657.

Thank you The City Rescue Mission was extremely grateful for Clen-Moore's generous food donations for their Thanksgiving Dinner Community Outreach and \$265 cash donations for turkeys. We also received a note of thanks for our participation on October 31 and November 1 in the Fall Food Share partnership with Giant Eagle. During our two 4-hour shifts, we collected more than 15 grocery carts of food and household items needed by the City Rescue Mission Food Bank.

Daily Bible Readings

- 1: Genesis 1-3
 2: Luke 1
 3: Gen. 4, 5; Luke 2:1-40
 4: Gen 6-9; 11:1-9
 5: Gen. 10:1-20; 1 Chronicles 1:1-16; Luke 2:41-3:38
 6: Gen. 10:21-32; 1 Chron. 1:17-28; Luke 4
 7: Gen. 11:10-14:24
 8: Gen. 15-17; Psalm 105
 9: Gen. 18, 19; Luke 5
 10: Gen. 20; Luke 6:1-7:17
 11: Gen. 21-23; Luke 7:18-35
 12: Gen. 24:1-25:11; 1 Chron. 1:32, 33; Luke 7:36-50
 13: Gen. 25:12-18; 1 Chron. 1:29-31; Luke 8
 14: Gen. 25:19-27:40
 15: Gen. 27:41-29:30; Luke 9:1-36
 16: Gen. 29:31-30:43; Luke 9:37-10:24
 17: Gen. 31; Luke 10:25-11:13
 18: Gen. 32, 33; Luke 11:14-54
 19: Gen. 34:1-36:14; 1 Chron. 1:34-37; Luke 12:1-12
 20: Gen. 36:15-43; 1 Chron. 1:38-54; Luke 12:13-59
 21: Gen. 37, 38; Luke 13
 22: Gen. 38-41
 23: Gen. 42, 43; Luke 14
 24: Gen. 44: 1-47:12
 25: Gen. 47:13-48:22; Luke 15:1-16:18
 26: Gen. 49; 1 Chron. 2:1, 2; Gen. 50; Luke 16:19-17:37
 27: Exodus 1, 2; Luke 18
 28: Ex. 3, 4; Luke 19
 29: Ex. 5-7:13; Luke 20
 30: Ex. 7:14-9:12; Luke 21
 31: Ex. 9:13-11:10; Luke 22:1-38



Coupon Project Canceled

There was no response to our inquiry regarding couponing. So, due to lack of interest, the Coupon Project has been canceled as of December 31, 2015.

There is no longer a need to slip and share coupons!

In Memoriam

- Susan Wiley Holtgrieve (Nancy Book's sister) - November 11, 2015
- Turza Marett - November 12, 2015
- Helen Myra Suter Shirey - December 4, 2015



Mandatory Child Abuse Training Workshop

**Sunday, January 24
11:45 AM**

Clen-Moore Church will hold a mandatory workshop to train our adult volunteers and staff who work with children and youth (infant to under 18 years old) on the new PA State Laws, called Keep Kids Safe PA, in regards to child abuse, obtaining clearances, and mandatory reporting. In response to the new state laws Clen-Moore Church has also written a new Child Abuse Policy, which will be reviewed and discussed.

So, if you volunteer in any way with children and youth, for any Clen-Moore Church related program or function, for any amount of time (once a year to once a week) you must attend this workshop, or by law, you will be forced to suspend your volunteering effective July 1, 2016 or until training is done and clearances are obtained. This includes, but not limited to:

Sunday School teachers, youth leaders, nursery workers, VBS volunteers, Children in Worship, children's choir, etc.

If for whatever reason you are unable to attend, please notify Pastor Chris a week in advance so that we can put you on the makeup workshop list. This is

a very serious thing and should not be brushed aside.

You do not need to have your clearances by this workshop, but if you have not yet obtained updated clearances, we will inform you on how to go about doing that and provide help if needed. If you already have updated your clearances (State Police Criminal Background & Child Abuse Background) for another volunteer position or for your vocation, please bring the original copies and we will copy them during this meeting.

By law, another form for volunteers will need to be signed at this workshop along with discussion of the aforementioned mandatory reporting of child abuse and discussing our new church child abuse policy.

The workshop will take place in Fellowship Hall on Sunday, January 24, following worship. The Christian Education Committee will prepare a light lunch. The meeting will be approximately 60-90 minutes.

Thank you for your commitment to the spiritual nurture and overall wellbeing of our Clen-Moore kids! Contact Aaron Christy or Pastor Chris Weichman with any questions.

Mission Disbursements

November

\$1,000 - Scott & Elmarie Parker

\$2,000 - Salvation Army

\$2,000 - United World Missions (Masons)

December

\$2,000 - LATCOM

\$3,000 - New Castle Christian Academy

Pastor's Desk *(cont'd)*

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*or needing clothes and clothe you?
39When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?'*

40"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 make ourselves feel better, but rather we do this *to* Somebody: Jesus the Lord.

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
 Church Custodian, Charles Antonelli
 Sunday Custodian, Clarence Jenkins

THE SESSION

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

2018

Barbara Harper
 Sue McKissick
 Tom Rapp
 Gale Measel
 Margie Turner

2017

Debbie Book
 Jen Conrad
 Tom Mansell
 Don Nicolls
 Seth Plyler

2016

Clarence Jenkins
 John Karmecy
 Gail Keffer
 Janice McConnell
 Nancy Natale

THE BOARD OF DEACONS**2018**

John Purdy
 Dave Kerr
 Sarah Esposito
 John Caparoula
 Becky Reese

2017

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

2016

Nancy Book
 Jackie Bush
 Gene DeCaprio
 Brenda Matas
 Eleanor McConahy

Messenger Memo

The deadline to submit articles for the February *Messenger* is Monday,

January 11.

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

January Helpers**Hospital Visitation Elders**

3 Clarence Jenkins, Janice McConnell

10 John Karmecy, Gail Keffer

17 Sharon Esposito, Jen Conrad

24 Tom Mansell, Nancy Natale

31 Seth Plyler, Debbie Book

Deacons of the Month

Bob Turner, Brenda Matas

Van Driver

David Esposito
 (724) 654-7395

January 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3	4	5	6	7	1/8	2/9
10:30AM Worship; Ordination & Installation of Church Officers	5:45PM BBBS	Annual Reports Due 9:30AM Prime Timers, Parlor 7PM Buildings & Grounds, Parlor		6PM Christian Ed., Library 6PM Handbell Rehearsal 7PM Choir Rehearsal	/	/
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
10:30AM Worship 11:45AM Deacons, Parlor 11:45AM Audio Training	<i>Messenger</i> Deadline	9:30AM Prime Timers, Parlor 6PM Mission & Evangelism, Conf. Room 7PM Stewardship & Finance, Library	6PM Worship & Music, Library	6PM Handbell Rehearsal 7PM Choir Rehearsal		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
8:30AM Fellowship Breakfast & BP Screening 10:30AM Worship 11:45AM Elder Training 11:45AM Video Training	5:45PM BBBS	9AM BP Screening, Parlor 9:30AM Prime Timers, Parlor 7PM Session, Parlor		6PM Handbell Rehearsal 7PM Choir Rehearsal		
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
10:30AM Worship 11:45AM Child Abuse Training		9:30AM Prime Timers, Parlor		6PM Handbell Rehearsal 7PM Choir Rehearsal		
31						
10:30AM Worship 11:45AM Congregational Meeting & Luncheon						

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Mandatory Child Abuse Workshop

**Attention all volunteers
who work with chil-
dren during the year!**

Pennsylvania has mandated training workshops for all church volunteers in order to protect children from abuse.

If you work with children and wish to continue to do

so, you **MUST** attend a mandatory training workshop at the church:

Sunday, January 24

11:45 AM

For more information, turn to page 5 in this issue of *The Messenger*.