

The Messenger

FEBRUARY 2016

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From the Pastor's Desk: Becoming Generous Like God

Like every church in our community, we are facing challenges. Each church faces shrinking membership and giving. At the annual congregational meeting, the Session presented the 2016 budget with a significant deficit. In other words, our expenses are greater than our projected income. This is due to the loss of generous members who have passed away or moved.

Currently we have financial resources to cover the 2016 deficit and we will use those resources.

Going forward in 2016 we will need to raise better stewardship awareness for the whole congregation while continuing to be wise stewards of the gifts we are given.

It is important to remember that finances are important but they

are only one aspect of ministry. I believe if we are faithful in the mission God has given us, we will be blessed with people and resources to fulfill that mission. It doesn't mean we won't face challenges. It doesn't mean we won't have to think creatively about how we do ministry. It *does*



of their abundance, but she out of her poverty."

Did the Lord need her two copper coins? No.

But did He honor her trust in Him? Yes! Likewise God does not need your money. Often we give to the church because the church "needs money."

Giving is about you! In fulfilling the needs of the church or other charities we grow and are shaped by our giving. We become more like the generous God who has been so generous to us. What God desires is an intimate relationship with *you* - to bless you and teach you to depend on Him.

*"This woman gave more than all the others, for all of them have contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty."
~Mark 12:44*

mean we have work to do.

In *Mark 12:41-44*, Jesus spoke of a woman who gave much. Although others gave more, Jesus commented on her offering: "This woman gave more than all the others, for all of them have contributed out

**FEBRUARY
SERMONS
& WORSHIP:**

- **February 7**
Luke 9:28-36
- **February 10**
Ash Wednesday
Light supper at 6PM; Worship at 7PM
- **February 14**
Guest Preacher:
Rev. Anthony Kladiitis
- **February 21**
Ephesians 1:15-23
- **February 28**
- **Guest Preacher:**
Aaron Christy

February “Opening Doors” Spotlight: Big Brothers/Big Sisters

February may be too chilly to open the doors literally, but we will open them figuratively, with a chili cook off.



This year’s competition will take place on Monday, February 15th. Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Clen-Moore, along with their ‘Littles,’ will host an evening of family fun.

The BBBS group is in the eighth year of meeting the 1st and 3rd Monday of every month and is grateful to many people at Clen-Moore for their support. They would

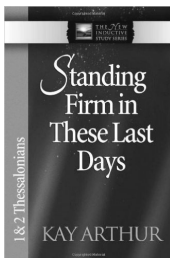
like to invite everyone to join them for their semi-monthly meeting **February 15th at 6:00PM in Fellowship Hall.**

So get out your cook books and crock pots and bring a pot

of your favorite chili. If you don’t want to make chili there will be plenty, so come anyway and meet the kids, enjoy some friendly competitions, and be blessed by a special guest speaker.

The Clen Moore doors continue to open, and despite the cold, God’s presence is warming hearts. Do you feel it? Are you taking part in His kingdom work? Is the door to YOUR heart open?

Women’s Bible Study



Winter break is over and the Women’s Bible Study is ready to meet again.

Our first meeting is scheduled for February 3rd. Walking and light exercising begins at

6:30PM; Bible Study begins at 7:00PM. Use the Circle Drive entrance and meet in the old Coffeehouse on the third floor (by the elevator).

This semester’s Bible Study will use the book *Standing Firm in These Last Days* by Kay Arthur. The book is based on

1&2 Thessalonians.

The Bible Study will meet on the first and third Wednesdays of the month, February through May. Women (and young women) of all ages are invited. You do not need to be a member to attend.

Baptisms

Isaac Seth Plyler, son of Seth & Christina Plyler and grandson of Steve & Amy Plyler, was baptized on December 27, 2015.

Rosalee Jean Fair, daughter of Donald & Jill Fair and granddaughter of Jim & Becky Reese, was baptized on December 27, 2015.

In Memoriam

- Janet R. McGrath, December 22, 2015
- Pearl Gardner, December 27, 2015
- William W. Boyles, January 19, 2016
- A gift in memory of Lou Hill was given by Dave & Margie Kerr.
- A gift in memory of Minerva Rapp was given by Dave & Margie Kerr.
- A gift in memory of Susan Hardwick was given by the Henneman family: Karl & Shawna, the Youngs, the McGees, and Cliff & Lois.





FlipSide Only

Sunday, February 7 - Student leader lunch discussion on local mission and service. Some students from FlipSide will gather with Aaron and other youth leaders right after church and go to lunch together to discuss what it might look like for our youth group to partner with a local Christian mission or get involved with a few different ones.

This will be the first of several times together as we pray, read

from the Bible, and discuss and discern who God might be sending us to in the greater New Castle area. Transportation will be provided if needed.

K.F.C./FlipSide

Sunday, February 21 - "Bowling and Pizza" makeup. We will meet at Colonial Lanes at 2:00 PM for bowling. We'll have pizza & snacks and some fun times. The cost is \$5 per person. Pick up is at 4:00 PM. Bring a friend.

February ???: We will pick a day and time together to go snow tubing at Avalanche Express in Meadville as an extra event this month. Details to come.

Coming in March: Youngstown Phantoms Hockey Game.

C.2G.S.

This month will begin our study and side-by-side comparison of Islam and Christianity.

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 10th 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.

Health Ministry

Dates to Remember:

February 7 - Health Ministry Team Meeting; 11:30AM in the library.

February 16 - Blood Pressure Screening at Prime Timers meeting at 9am in Chapel classroom

February 21 - Blood Pressure Screening at Church Breakfast; 8:30am in Fellowship Hall

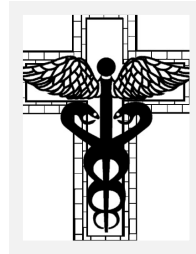
February Health Tip

A recent study reported in [The American Journal of Clinical Nutrition](#) found that highly processed foods supply not

only most of our calories but also a disproportionate share of the of the sugar, sodium, and fats that we eat.

What can be done? Food companies sometimes try to develop highly processed foods that are healthier, though they haven't had a good track record with this - and consumers don't like the results.

The alternative Buy more whole or minimally processed



foods and do the "processing" yourself. It's called home cooking! (From "Wellness Letter," Feb 2016)

Daniel 2:16 - "Thus the steward took away their delicacies and the wine they were to drink, and gave them vegetables."(NKJV)

The Health Ministry team is always pleased to welcome new members into our group! Additionally, if any church member would like a visit from a team member, just call the church office at 654-6657.

Messenger Memo



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

February 8.

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

A Note from the Church Office

Any announcement, bulletin insert, etc. must be received by noon on the Wednesday prior to the Sunday that it is to be included in the bulletin. If this deadline is not met, the announcement will probably not be included in the bulletin.

Thanks for your cooperation!

Mission Memo

To the Congregation of Clen-Moore Presbyterian Church:

“Merry Christmas!

“Thank you for your prayers & financial support for us during 2015. We deeply appreciate it!

“We are currently in the U.S. and have been since the birth

of our daughter (*pictured, right*) in August. We are working on our visas with the hope of returning to Bolivia soon.

“Love,
Joshua, Terrilyn &
Camille Pacella”



Daily Bible Readings

1: Exodus 12:1-13:16; *Luke 22:39-65*

2: Ex. 13:17-15:27; *Luke 22:66-23:25*

3: Ex. 16, 17; *Luke 23:26-24:12*

4: Ex. 18, 19; *Luke 24:13-53*

5: Ex. 20:1-23:13

6: Ex. 23:14-26:37

7: Ex. 27-29

8: Ex. 30-32; *Acts 1*

9: Ex. 33, 34; *Acts 2*

10: Ex. 35, 36; *Acts 3:1-4:22*

11: Ex. 37, 38; *Acts 4:23-*

5:16; Psalm 2

12: Ex. 39, 40; *Acts 5:17-42*

13: Leviticus 1, 6:8-13; *Acts 6:1-8:1a*

14: Lev. 2, 6:14-23, 3, 7:11-21; *Acts 8:1b-40*

15: Lev. 4:1-5:13, 6:24-30, 5:14-6:7, 7:1-10, 7:22-38

16: Lev. 8, 9; *Acts 9*

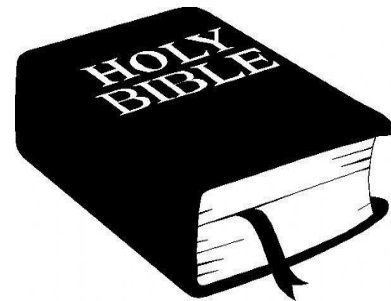
17: Lev. 10, 11; *Acts 10*

18: Lev. 12, 13; *Acts 11*

19: Lev. 14, 15; *Acts 12*

20: Lev. 16, 17; *Acts 13*

21: Lev. 18, 19; *Acts 14*



22: Lev. 20:1-22:16; *Acts 15*

23: Lev. 22:17-23; *Acts 16*

24: Lev. 24, 25; *Acts 17*

25: Lev. 26, 27; *Acts 18*

26: Numbers 1-3; *Acts 19*

27: Num. 4, 5; *Acts 20*

28: Num. 6, 7; *Acts 21:1-16*

29: *Day of prayer & meditation*

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February Helpers**Hospital Visitation Elders**

7 Barbara Harper, Sue
 McKissick
 14 Tom Rapp, Gale Measel
 21 Margy Turner, Debbie
 Book
 28 Jen Conrad, Tom Mansell

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Becky Reese, Barb Richards

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February 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	5:45PM BBBS	9:30AM Prime Timers, Parlor 7PM Buildings & Grounds, Parlor	5PM Worship & Music, Li- brary 6:30PM Walk- ing, Old Cof- feehouse 7PM Women's Bible Study, Old Coffee- house	6PM Christian Ed., Library 6PM Handbell Rehearsal 7PM Choir Rehearsal		
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
COMMUNION SUNDAY 10:30AM Worship 11:30AM Health Ministry Team, Library 11:45AM Dea- cons, Parlor	<i>Messenger</i> Deadline	9:30AM Prime Timers, Parlor 6PM Mission & Evangelism, Conf. Room 7PM Steward- ship & Finance, Library	ASH WEDNES- DAY 6PM Soup Din- ner, Fellowship Hall 7PM Commu- nity Worship, Sanctuary	6PM Handbell Rehearsal 7PM Choir Rehearsal		
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
10:30AM Worship	5:45PM BBBS Chili Cook-Off, Fellowship Hall	9AM BP Screening, Chapel Class- room 9:30AM Prime Timers, Parlor 7PM Session, Parlor	6:30PM Walk- ing, Old Cof- feehouse 7PM Women's Bible Study, Old Coffee- house	6PM Handbell Rehearsal 7PM Choir Rehearsal		
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
8:30AM Fellow- ship Breakfast & BP Screening 10:30AM Worship		9:30AM Prime Timers, Parlor		6PM Handbell Rehearsal 7PM Choir Rehearsal		
28	29					
10:30AM Worship						

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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 Tuesday, March 1. The cost is \$9

per plant; payment is due with your order.

Order forms will be printed in the February bulletins, or you may call the church office: (724) 654-6657.

