

The Messenger

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From the Pastor's Desk: The Permanent Revolution



“Our task as his people is to discern what God is doing and join with him. It is not so much that the church has a mission but that the mission has a church.” As I read those words from Alan Hirsch’s book, “The Permanent Revolution,” they stopped me in my tracks. Of course we believed that we were following the Holy Spirit, and I like to think we were. However, when I read those words from Hirsch I started to wonder, “Have we failed to discern what God is up to in the world and join him in that mission?”

We tend to personalize mission as if it belongs to us and it is ours to accomplish. There is a problem with this way of thinking. The church becomes the ultimate solution to the issues we face in the world. The church becomes the goal. However, the church is not the end game in the story of

God’s redemption. We spend so much time trying to keep the ship running that we can easily lose sight of who we are and the very reason God has called us into being. Through all of it I often wonder what difference I’m making in the Kingdom of God.

Maybe it is time to re-think how we go about being the church. I understand that meetings are necessary and that someone has to preach. I love the church and I love the calling I have been given. But it is time for us to move from program runners to the permanent revolution Jesus intended us to be when he established his church.

Jesus did not tell his disciples in the Great Commission to stay there and wait for people to show up. Jesus commanded his disciples to go, to move, and to proclaim. There was not a program

started on that mountain in Galilee, but a movement of God’s people dedicated to the good news that Christ has risen.

Throughout the Bible we see the movement of the Spirit in the work of restoration. Scripture begins with creation and ends with new creation. God is in the business of bringing about new creation and he is calling us to participate in that work.

The church was established as God’s mission to the world. It doesn’t belong to us, we simply share in it. We do not have a mission. The mission has us. The Holy Spirit is at work in every corner of the earth.

It is time for us to discern where God is at work and to join in. We do not need to craft beautiful mission state-

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MARCH SERMONS & WORSHIP:

- **March 6**
1 Corinthians 12:12-27
Tom Rapp
- **March 13**
Luke 19:11-27
- **March 20**
Palm Sunday
Luke 19:28-40
- **March 24**
Maundy Thursday
Communion
- **March 27**
Easter Sunday
Luke 24:1-12

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March “Opening Doors” Spotlight: 4R4 Missions

The Opening Doors focus for March is our 4R4 Missions. The For Our Four Missions started in 1980 with Dr. Larkin.

This month we will have the opportunity to hear from the current 4R4 missionaries during our Minute for Mission and at a Pot Luck O'the Irish dinner.

Here is the schedule of events for this month:

March 6

Minute for Mission Speaker: Denise Sciuto, Presbyterian Frontier Fellowship

March 13

Minute for Mission Speaker: Kevin Mason, United World Mission

March 17

Minute for Mission Speaker: Rocky Massaro, IFCA World Impact
Pot Luck O'the Irish Dinner at 5:00 pm

March 20

Minute for Mission Speaker: Tim Ramsey, Latcom

Men’s Ministry

Fellowship, Learning, Laughter, Discussion, Motivation.

Men’s Ministry will begin March 6th at 6:00 P.M. in the Parlor. We will concentrate on topics of interest to Christian men.

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 be holding New Member Class on March 13th and March 20th at 9:30 AM in the library.

If you would like to participate speak with Rev. Weichman or call the church office at 724-654-6657 and speak with Kathy.

In Memoriam

- William Wright, January 26, 2016
- Darlene Shaw, February 2, 2016
- Edward Shaw, February 9, 2016
- Shirley Plyler (mother of Steve Plyler), February 9, 2016
- A gift in memory of Sylvia & William Boyles was given by the Boyles Family.
- A gift in memory of William Boyles was given by Kim Romig.
- Gifts in memory of William Wright were given by Jim & Cheryl Schneider, Dean & Susan Ligo and Don & Nancy Smith.





K.F.C./FlipSide

Saturday, March 5th -
 “Youngstown Phantoms Hockey Game.” Youth, families and leaders will meet at the church at 6:00 PM to head over to Y-town for a night of Phantoms hockey. The cost is \$5 per person, plus spending money, which gets you your ticket and a Phantoms ball cap.

(This is an RSVP event and group tickets have to be pre-ordered, so the deadline to RSVP was/is Sunday, Feb. 28th).

Sunday, March 13th - FLIP-SIDE ONLY. We will meet

after church and go to Jeff and Natalie Mendenhall’s home for lunch and discussion on our discernment process of who and where God is leading us to in partnering in a local mission ministry.

Bring your Scripture packet and prayer journals. Leaders will provide rides to the Mendenhall’s. Pick up is from the Mendenhall’s at 1:30 PM.

Sunday, March 20th - K.F.C. & FlipSide youth group from 4:00 - 5:30 PM. We will gather in the youth room for a Bible study and then head to Fellowship Hall for games.

C.2G.S. - Jr./Sr. High Sunday School will be wrapping up our study on Islam and beginning our New Testament Letter study on Ephesians. Our study on Ephesians will take us through a variety of theological themes including but not limited to: the trinity, predestination, union in Christ, grace & works, walking in the light, family relationships, marriage and sexuality, etc...

This study will take us into April and will prepare us for a longer study on the book of Revelation and eschatology.

Health Ministry

Dates to Remember:

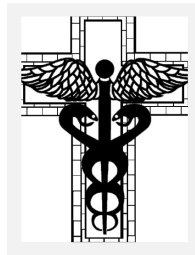
March 15 - Blood Pressure Screening at Prime Timers meeting in the Parlor at 9:00am

March 20 - Blood Pressure Screening at the Church Breakfast in Fellowship Hall at 8:30am

Health Tip:

Wellness/Prevention - How to Make Resolutions Stick

Clinical Psychologist Dr. Josh Klapow says that resolutions



are more easily made than kept, but there are ways to turn them into lifelong habits. He advises following the S.M.A.R.T. System, which includes the following 5 steps:

1. Set specific goals
2. Monitor actions by keeping track of progress

3. Arrange for success by eliminating barriers
4. Recruit a support team to help with motivation
5. Treat yourself for keeping your resolutions!
(University of Alabama, Dec. 2015)

Prayers for Wellness for Clen-Moore!

Caring

Caring Friends and G⁴ (God's Good Gals and Guys) are outreach programs of your church. They are made possible through the donations of your time as members of Clen-Moore Presbyterian Church.

Many of you are involved in many ways with doing ministry in the church and outside the church. We need to update our list of people and would like to have you become a part of one of these.

Each of us has been given many talents. Are you willing to share yours? It may be taking someone for groceries; it may be tutoring another stu-

dent. It may be advising someone in a field where you work. It may be helping someone set up an e-mail on a computer, or installing a game. It may be reading to someone who has lost eye sight. Are you willing to share one of your talents?

Do you need help with a talent given to someone else? There is no pay involved on either end. This is not for a big job, just a little kindness. It is just a small reaching out to someone and both of you being blessed for sharing. Do you live alone and need a washer changed?

Together, with everyone doing a little bit, we can serve in

Christian love for each other and those less fortunate than we are. Even if you can only help a little, we would really appreciate it so we can keep these missions going.

Please take a moment to tell us about a talent you are willing to share if needed by someone, or let us know if there is something you need help with. This list will never be publicized. We already have had some offers and people who are willing to share. Can we count you in?

Just call the church office if you are willing to share or if you need a little help: (724) 654-6657.

February Mission Disbursements

\$500 - Meals on Wheels

\$2,500 - City Rescue Mission

Messenger Memo

The deadline to submit articles for the April *Messenger* is Monday, March 14.

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



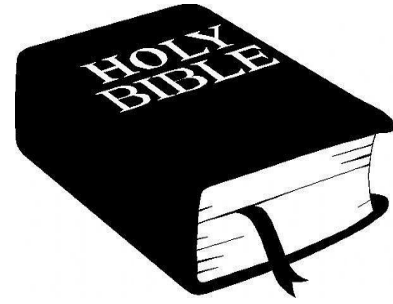
Note from the Church Office

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!

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*



From the Pastor's Desk *(continued)*

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ments to know what we are about. We simply need to know the risen Lord and to participate in God's restoration of creation.

Alan Hirsch will be at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary during the World Mission Initiative conference April 8-9, 2016, when he'll address "Recalibrating the Church for the 21st Century." I will be attending and if you are interested in attending, please let me

know. Do not miss this opportunity to learn what it means to join in the mission of God in the world.

Jesus established the church to be his mission to the world.

Let us join in!

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THE SESSION

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2017

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2016

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 John Caparoula
 Becky Reese

2017

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

2016

Nancy Book
 Jackie Bush
 Gene DeCaprio
 Eleanor McConahy

March Helpers**Hospital Visitation Elders**

6 Seth Plyler, Clarence Jenkins
 13 John Karmecy, Gail Keffer
 20 Janice McConnell, Nancy Natale
 27 Barbara Harper, Sue McKissick

Deacons of the Month

John Purdy, John Caparoula

Sunday Driver

John Purdy
 (724) 928-1785

March 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
		9:30AM Prime Timers, Parlor 7PM Buildings & Grounds, Parlor	6:30PM Walking, Old Coffeehouse 7PM Women's Bible Study, Old Coffeehouse	6PM Christian Ed., Library 7PM Choir Rehearsal		
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
10:30AM Worship 11:45AM Deacons, Parlor 6PM Men's Ministry, Parlor	5:45PM BBBS	9:30AM Prime Timers, Parlor 6PM Mission & Evangelism, Conf. Room 7PM Stewardship & Finance, Library	5PM Worship & Music, Library	7PM Choir Rehearsal		
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
9:30AM New Members Class, Library 10:30AM Worship	<i>Messenger</i> Deadline	9AM BP Screening, Chapel Classroom 9:30AM Prime Timers, Parlor 7PM Session, Parlor	6:30PM Walking, Old Coffeehouse 7PM Women's Bible Study, Old Coffeehouse	5PM Pot Luck o'the Irish Dinner, Fellowship Hall 6PM Handbell Rehearsal 7PM Choir Rehearsal		
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
PALM SUNDAY 8:30AM Fellowship Breakfast & BP Screening 9:30AM New Members Class, Library 10:30AM Worship 6PM Men's Ministry, Parlor	5:45PM BBBS	9:30AM Prime Timers, Parlor		MAUNDY THURSDAY 7PM Worship, Communion		TBA Easter Egg Hunt
27	28	29	30	31		
EASTER SUNDAY 10:30AM Worship		9:30AM Prime Timers, Parlor	6:30PM Walking, Old Coffeehouse 7PM Women's Bible Study, Old Coffeehouse	6PM Handbell Rehearsal 7PM Choir Rehearsal		

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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.

