

The Messenger

APRIL 2016

From the Pastor's Desk: The Adaptable Church

It is hard for most people to believe, but the history of the church is one of great adaptability. As the church expanded into different cultures so the practice of Christians changed. The church in Africa worships with dance and drums. The church in Europe adopted the organ in worship. In the time of the reformation in Germany, "drinking songs" were changed to sing praise to God. While not changing the gospel, the church has adapted to different times and places.

The church in our culture is entering a time of great change. New ministries often develop through adaptation and experimentation - by trial and error. For example: a church in a small town was keen to reach out to young families. Holding worship and social meetings in a local garage proved, however, to be more attractive to the

local youth, and 'Garage Praise' was born.

Adaptation is part of God's creation. What is evolution if it is not a history of adaptation? One species flourishes, another doesn't, a third mutates. It is as if each is asking, 'What will work in this context?' God has chosen adaptation to propel creation.

Likewise, civilization is the product of successful experimentation and adaptation - from houses that fit their environment, to regional diets, to systems of government. Every manufactured thing around us is a successful experiment. Flops have long been forgotten. Experimentation is an essential part of being human.

So when churches experiment, Christians are being true to themselves, as creatures made to experiment. They are also reflecting



the character of God, who loves adaptation and experimentation so much that he has built it into the template of creation.

The church seems to be entering a period of more active experimentation. This experimentation focuses not on the details of church life but on the very essence of church. Many new and different forms of church are being started in a variety of contexts. Often local churches are flying blind, not sure what will really work.

Quite a few experiments have failed to develop as originally hoped, and many remain fragile. It is in the nature of experiments that many do not work. But there have been plenty of encouragements as well. It's an exciting time for Chris-

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APRIL SERMONS & WORSHIP:

- **April 3**
John 20:19-31
- **April 10**
John 21:1-19
- **April 17**
Revelation 7:9-17
- **April 24**
Revelation 21:1-6

April “Opening Doors” Spotlight: New Castle Christian Academy

This month’s Opening Doors mission spotlight focuses on our next-door neighbors, the New Castle Christian Academy.

We are privileged to have many people in our congregation involved in NCCA - parents, students, alumni, board members, teachers and staff.

NCCA was formed in 1991, during a teachers’ strike in the New Castle Area School District. From its humble beginnings, a ministry of academic



excellence and biblical values has emerged.

In its 25 years, NCCA has produced at least 20 high school valedictorians/salutatorians.

Countless numbers of children and their parents have accepted Christ through the school.

NCCA teachers & staff view their work as a mission; starting teachers’ salaries are just \$15,000 per year.

Clen-Moore participates in this mission in many ways. Pastor Chris Weichman and our Di-

rector of Youth & Family Ministries, Aaron Christy, have both conducted weekly Chapel services at the school. Our church supports the school financially, as well, with regular contributions as well as occasional emergency funds.

Throughout the month of April, several Clen-Moore members with a connection to NCCA will share their experiences with this important church mission. We hope you will be blessed by their testimonies.



Election Day Bake Sale

Calling all bakers: we need your help! The Election Day Bake Sale returns on **Tuesday, April 26.**

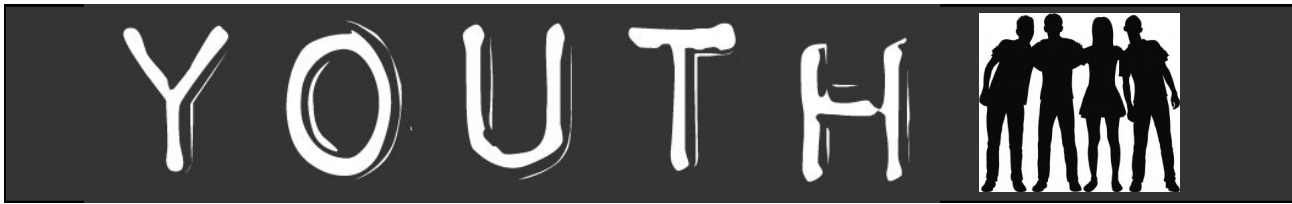
As always, we are grateful for the wonderful support that we get from our Clen-Moore family. We are in need of your baking skills yet again. We ask that you drop off any and all baked goods by Monday, the 25th, at Noon (or early Tuesday morning, as long as your items are pre-wrapped for individual sale).

Anything that you are able to donate, the youth will appreci-

ate it very much. All proceeds from the sale will go to support youth mission trips and retreats.

In addition, if you are available to help run the table during election day for any length of time, that would also be appreciated. Please contact Aaron if you are able and willing to help run the table.

Sign-up sheets will be provided in the church bulletins during the weeks leading up to the bake sale. Thanks again for your support of the youth ministry at Clen-Moore Church!



C.2G.S. (Jr./Sr. High Sunday School)

We are studying the Apostle Paul's New Testament Letter to the 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 help to prepare us for a longer study on the book of Revelation and eschatology.

K.F.C. & FlipSide

Sundays, April 3rd & 17th

We will have regular youth groups with a Bible study,

snacks, and games. We'll meet in the Youth Room at 4:00 PM.

FlipSide is currently working on a local mission partnership and we hope to reveal this partnership and have much more info on it and other upcoming youth and mission events during our time together on the 17th.

FlipSide Only - 6th-12th Grade

Friday, April 8th - LCYM
Presents "THE SUMMIT"

Meet at Clen-Moore at 5:45 PM. We will gather at Clen-Moore and drive to New Life Baptist Church in Wilmington for an evening of

games, food, worship, and a guest speaker. There will be a great set up of games and fun in the parking lot at New Life, followed by indoor games, food, worship, and an inspiring message from Pastor Doug of Engage City Church.

This is the largest teen ministry gathering in Lawrence County. Invite your friends and come and have a great time! Pick up will be at Clen-Moore at 9:30 PM. Please RSVP with Aaron by Wednesday, April 6th.

Direct Debit Available for Tithes

Looking to simplify your giving? You can set up a direct debit in no time!

Your monthly tithe can be withdrawn from your checking or savings account the second Thursday of every month with nothing more than the completion of a short form and a voided check!

Most banks offer an online bill-pay system than can be set

up weekly or monthly, as you designate.

Just add Clen-Moore as a new payee and program your tithe to best suit your finances. You will no longer have to remember your check book and envelope every Sunday, and the church receives your tithe on a regular basis.

For the direct debit option, forms are available in the wel-

coming center and the church office.

We hope you will consider taking advantage of this opportunity!

Sincerely,
Clen-Moore Finance Committee

Health Ministry

DATES TO REMEMBER:

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

April 17 - Health Ministry Committee meeting at 11:30am in library

April 19 - Blood Pressure Screening at PrimeTimer's meeting in Parlor at 9am.

HEALTH TIP - Exercise Improves Children's Working Memory

School children who participated in a 10 week aerobic exercise program (45 minutes per session, 3 times a week), experienced improvements in working memory when compared with children in a control group. The children in both groups were provided with homework assistance sessions during the same time frame. The results suggest that children would not only benefit physically from regular physical exercise, but academically as well.

(Medicine and Science in Sports and Exercise, January, 2010).



The Lord has given us our bodies as living temples. We must do the maintenance to keep them healthy and to achieve wholeness of body, mind, and spirit. Children also need our encouragement to stay active and aware of the importance of a healthy lifestyle.

Thank You

Marcia Hill would like to thank her Clen-Moore friends for all their prayers, cards, visits and food over the past few months.

Clarence Jenkins would like to thank his Clen-Moore friends for all their prayers, cards and phone calls during his recent hospitalization and recovery.

Chris & Beth DeVivo would like to thank their friends at Clen-Moore for all the prayers, cards, visits and food during Chris' recovery from surgery.

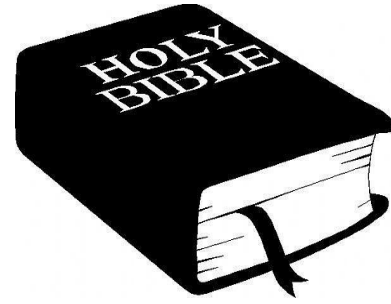
In Memoriam

- Cheryl Borgman, February 14, 2016 (daughter of Ralph & Nora Robinson)
- Rena Rapp Probst, February 16, 2016
- A gift in honor of Amy Plyler's birthday was given to the Big Brothers, Big Sisters ministry by Debbie Book
- A gift in memory of Rena Probst was given by Gail Keffer
- A gift in memory of Cheryl Borgman was given by Don & Nancy Smith
- A gift in memory of Mary Lou Fullwood was given by George & Karen Carenbauer
- A gift in memory of Susan Wiley Hardwick was given by Marcia & Jim Sherman
- A gift in memory of George & Dorothy Getty was given by the Getty family
- A gift in memory of Shirley Plyler was given to Opening Doors by Gale & Valerie Measel and by the Christian Fellowship Class



Daily Bible Readings

1. Joshua 5:13-7:26; *1 Thessalonians 2:17-3:13*
2. Jos. 8, 9; *1 Thess. 4*
3. Jos. 10, 11; *1 Thess. 5*
4. Jos. 12:1-13:23; 1 Chron. 5:1-10; Jos. 13:24-28; 1 Chron. 5:11-22; Jos. 14
5. Jos. 15:1-14, 20-63; 1 Chron. 2:3-4:23
6. Jos. 16, 17; 1 Chron. 5:23-26, 7:14-29; Jos. 18; 1 Chron. 7:6-12; 8:1-9:1
7. Jos. 19:1-9; 1 Chron. 4:24-43; Jos. 19:10-16; Jos. 19:17-23; 1 Chron. 7:1-5; Jos. 19:24-31; 1 Chron. 7:30-40; Jos. 19:32-39; 1 Chron. 7:13; Jos. 19:40-48; Jos. 19:49-20:9
8. Jos. 21:1-42; 1 Chron. 6
9. Jos. 21:43-24:33; Judges 2:6-9; Judges 1:1-15; Jos. 15:15-19
10. Jdg. 1:16-36, 2:1-5, 10-23, 3:1-11; *2 Thess. 1-3*
11. Jdg. 3:12-5:31
12. Jdg. 6-8
13. Jdg. 9:1-10:5; *1 Corinthians 1*
14. Jdg. 10:4-12:15; *1 Cor. 2*
15. Jdg. 13-16
16. Jdg. 17, 18; *1 Cor. 3, 4*
17. Jdg. 19-21
18. Ruth 1-4
19. 1 Samuel 1-3
20. 1 Sam. 4-7; *1 Cor. 5:1-6:11*
21. 1 Sam. 8-10; 1 Chron. 9:35-44
22. 1 Sam. 11, 12; *1 Cor. 6:42-7:40*
23. 1 Sam. 13-15
24. 1 Sam. 16; Psalms 15, 16; 23; *1 Cor. 8, 9*
25. 1 Sam. 17; *1 Cor. 10:1-11:1*
26. 1 Sam. 18; Ps. 73, 75, 76
27. Ps. 77, 78
28. Ps. 80, 81, 82; *1 Cor. 11:2-34*
29. 1 Sam. 19, 20; Ps. 35
30. 1 Cor. 12-14; Ps. 5



From the Pastor's Desk *(continued)*

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tians to join this process of experimentation, even if results do not live up to the original prayers and expectations.

"See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland."

~ Isaiah 43:19 (NIV)

Messenger Memo

The deadline to submit articles for the May *Messenger* is Monday, April 11.

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



CHURCH STAFF

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2018

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2017

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2016

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2017

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Nancy Book
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 Gene DeCaprio
 Eleanor McConahy

April Helpers**Hospital Visitation Elders**

3 Tom Rapp, Gale Measel
10 Margy Turner, Debbie Book
17 Jen Conrad, Tom Mansell
24 Seth Plyler, Clarence Jenkins

Deacons of the Month

Eleanor McConahy, Sandy Kelty

Sunday Driver

Bill Nesbitt
 (724) 654-0553

April 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10:30AM Worship 11:45AM Deacons, Parlor 4pm KFC & FlipSide 6PM Men's Ministry, Parlor	5:45PM BBBS	9:30AM Prime Timers, Parlor 7PM Buildings & Grounds, Parlor	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	5:45PM - 9:30PM FlipSide at LCYM Summit	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
10:30AM Worship 3PM Westminster Con- cert Choir and Cham- ber Singers	<i>Messenger</i> Deadline	9:30AM Prime Timers, Parlor 6PM Mission & Evangelism, Conf. Room 7PM Steward- ship & Finance, Library	5PM Worship & Music, Li- brary	6PM Handbell Rehearsal 7PM Choir Rehearsal		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
8:30AM Fellowship Breakfast & BP Screen- ing 10:30AM Worship 11:45AM Richards Re- tirement Reception 11:45AM Health Minis- try Meeting, Library 4pm KFC & FlipSide 6PM Men's Ministry, Parlor	5:45PM BBBS	9AM BP Screening, Par- lor 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		
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
10:30AM Worship		ELECTION DAY BAKE SALE 9:30AM Prime Timers, Parlor		6PM Handbell Rehearsal 7PM Choir Rehearsal		

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Treasurer Retiring

The Session would like to express its gratitude to **Denny Richards** for his 14 years of service to Clen-Moore as Treasurer. Denny will retire on April 15th.

There will be a punch and cookie reception after church on April 17th. Deborah Ringwelski has been hired as the new Treasurer and is currently in training.

