

The Messenger

DECEMBER 2016

From the Pastor's Desk:

Advent: Come, Lord Jesus! Our Lord has Come!

Since the first century, as Christians awaited the advent of the true Light, they prayed and sung the word *Maranatha*, "Come Lord Jesus!"

In Aramaic, the language Jesus spoke, *maranatha* may be written as two words:

marana tha – "Come Lord Jesus!" or

maran atba – "Our Lord has come."

The first looks toward the future; the second recognizes that the Lord has already come.

The two directions in these translations help

us to more fully understand the meaning of Advent. In Advent, we both remember the past and hope for the future. In Advent, both the beginning and the end times meet. We live between *maranatha*, our prayer for the future coming of the Lord, and *maran atba*, our belief that the Lord has come in the birth of the Christ child.

In Advent, we expectantly wait for the One who has already come. We hope for the restoration of the afflicted and the grieving, yet we delight that healing has come in Christ. We



long for the beating of swords into plowshares, yet we rejoice that the Prince of Peace has already appeared.

Advent balances the tension between memory and hope, between past and future. We can freely embrace the "new thing" prophesied by Isaiah (43:19) that God is doing among us right now.

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Christmas Worship & Sunday School Notes

Please note the following Advent additions & changes to our regular worship schedule:

Christmas Eve—
7:00PM candlelight worship service

Christmas Day—
9:30AM—NO SUNDAY SCHOOL.
All classes for infants, children & adults are canceled.
10:30AM worship service



DECEMBER SERMONS & WORSHIP:

- **December 4**
Children's Christmas Musical
- **December 11**
Isaiah 35:1-10
- **December 18**
Isaiah 7:10-16
- **December 24**
Christmas Eve
7PM Candlelight Service
- **December 25**
Christmas Day
Isaiah 52:7-10

Circle of Friends Benefit Concert

Clen-Moore is excited to again host “A Circle of Friends Choirs” on **Friday, December 9 at 7:30 PM** with a 90-minute upbeat Christmas concert.

A Circle of Friends Choirs brings together more than 50 singers and musicians of all denominations who share their faith in God with others

through Christian and secular music.

This concert is free and open to the public and will benefit the Lawrence County Backpacking Program through a free will offering. The program provides a backpack full of nutritious, non-perishable food for nearly 500 Lawrence County school

children to take home each weekend. For some children, this will be the only food they will have to eat until they return to school.

Light refreshments will be served after the concert. Last year’s concert was a great success. We hope you will join us again this year!

Annual Cookie Walk

The eighth annual Cookie Walk will be held **December 18th** after church in the Parlor.

We are asking those who are willing to bake one batch of a family favorite cookie and put six of one kind on each plate, put them in a plastic bag and label them. Bags, plates, and labels will be available at the church. Bring your cookies to the Parlor as early as possible

on the 18th so they can be arranged for the sale after church.

If you are not a baker but love to eat cookies, please stop by the Parlor after church on the 18th. Choose from any of the half-dozen cookie packages that will be available. You may put any donations towards your cookies in the offering basket that will be provided.



All proceeds are going to the Salvation Army to purchase winter coats for those in need.

2016 Contributions

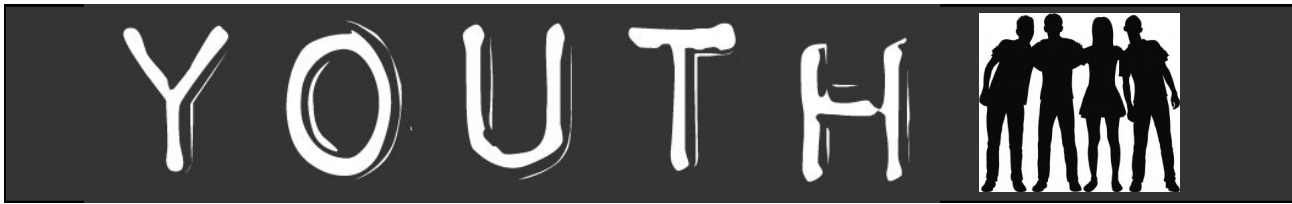
Please turn in all 2016 contributions and offerings by December 31, 2016. Anything received after that date will be considered a 2017 contribution.

Annual Reports Due

REMINDER! Annual reports from Sunday School Classes, Committees and Ministries of the Church are due in the church office by Friday, January 6th, 2017.

Congregational Meeting

Clen-Moore’s annual congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, January 29th, immediately following 10:30AM worship. Annual reports including the treasurer’s report will be reviewed. All church members are encouraged to attend.



C.2G.S. - (Connect Grow Go Serve)

Jr./Sr. High Sunday School Class continues our study on Revelation and end-time theology, wrapping it up by the new year.

K.F.C. & FlipSide

We will have two events taking place during December in addition to our Christmas Musical (*see page 8*). **Nerf War 2** and then a **Christmas Party** with a meal. The dates, times, and details will be determined by group consensus. So keep

watch of your emails and bulletin announcements!

2017 Student Confirmation Class

The student confirmation class will begin in January. Any student in grades 8-12 who is interested in becoming a member of Clen-Moore Presbyterian church should contact Aaron Christy via email, telephone or in person by **Sunday, January 8th**.

Our confirmation class is a two-tiered program with a traditional classroom aspect as

well as adult mentors. Each student is paired with an adult church member to share in the journey of confirmation together.

More will be explained at our initial meeting on January 22nd, after worship in the Parlor.

Contact Aaron Christy with any questions:

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Health Ministry

Dates to Remember:

December 4, 2016 - Blue Christmas Service, New Wilmington Presbyterian Church. More information in Sunday bulletins.

December 18, 2016 - blood pressure checks at Church Breakfast at 8:30am in Fellowship Hall.

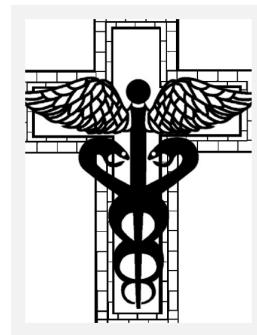
December 20, 2016 - blood pressure checks at Prime-Timer's meeting at 9:00am in the Parlor.

Health Note:

"Make room in your busy days throughout this month to take a few minutes each day to do the following:

1. Read Scripture,
2. Reflect on a brief devotion, and
3. Pray and prepare for the Savior to come.

"You are my quiet retreat. I wait for Your Word to renew me...therefore, I lovingly embrace everything that



You say." Psalm119:114, 119 (MSG)

(Taken from "The Faith Connection", November, 2016.)

Daily Bible Readings

1: Nehemiah 1-3; *Matthew 5:27-48*

2: Neh. 4, 5; *Matt. 6:1-7:6*

3: Neh. 6, 7

4: Neh. 8; Psalms 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125; *Matt. 7-8:4*

5: Ps. 125, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131; Neh. 9:1-37; *Matt. 8:5-13*

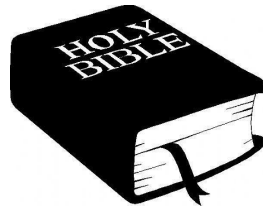
6: Ps. 132, 133, 134, 135, 136; *Matt. 8:14-34*

7: Neh. 9:38-12:26

8: 1 Chronicles 9:1b-34; Neh. 12:27-13:31

9: Ps. 146, 147, 148, 149, 150

10: Ps. 119:1-56; *Matt. 11*



11: Ps. 119:57-112; *Matt. 12:1-45*

12: Ps. 119:113-176; *Matt. 12:46-13:23*

13: Malachi 1-4; Ps. 85; *Matt. 13:24-58*

14: Job 1-3; *Matt. 14*

15: Job 4, 5; *Matt. 15:1-16:12*

16: Job 6, 7; *Matt. 16:13-17:27*

17: Job 8 -10; *Matt. 18:1-20*

18: Job 11; Ps. 82; *Matt. 18:21-20:16*

19: Job 12-14; *Matt. 20:17-34*

20: Job 15-17; *Matt. 21:1-17*; Ps. 8

21: Job 18, 19; *Matt. 21:18-22:14*

22: Job 2, 21; *Matt. 22:15-46*

23: Job 22-24; *Matt. 23*

24: Job 25-28; *Matt. 24:1-35*

25: Job 29-31; *Matt. 24:36-51*

26: Job 32, 33; *Matt. 25*

27: Job 34, 35; *Matt. 26:1-35*

28: Job 36, 37; *Matt. 26:36-75*

29: Job 38, 39; *Matt. 27:1-31*

30: Job 40, 41; *Matt. 27:32-61*

31: Job 42; *Matt. 27:62-28:20*

In Memoriam

- Doris Candioto— November 6, 2016
- A gift was given by Russ & Bobbie Gibson in honor of June DeEulio's 90th birthday on October 19, 2016.
- A gift in memory of Bev Nicolls was given by Dr. & Mrs. Roland Nord.



Clen-Moore Session Notes

The Session of Clen-Moore Church met on November 15, 2016. Here are some notes of what is happening at our church:

- Rev. Weichman presented a challenge to the Session and offered prayer before the meeting started. He challenged the Session to look at their job description in the Book of Order and

the Scriptures to see what the focus should be for 2017.

- The ceiling in the organ pipe chamber has been repaired by Measel Construction. There was damage to the ceiling from water. The organ has been cleaned and tuned.
- The Christian Education committee has begun work

on Vacation Bible School. This requires a lot of planning and cooperation from other members of the church. Keep your ears tuned for future plans.

- All committees are working on budgets for next year as we seek to use our monies well to help spread God's Word.

Dominican Mission Trip

If you are interested in going on the mission trip to the Dominican Republic in 2017 please contact Rev. Chris Weichman. The dates will be March 11th to the 19th.



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, Deborah Ringwelski

Substitute Treasurer, Sharon Esposito
 Church Secretary, Kathy Barkley
 Church Custodian, Charles Antonelli
 Sunday Custodian, Clarence Jenkins
 Nursery Attendant, Sally Mescall

THE SESSION

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

2018

Barbara Harper
 Sue McKissick
 Tom Rapp
 Gale Measel
 Margy 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, *Vice-Moderator*
 Barb Richards, *Moderator*
 Bob Turner

2016

Nancy Book
 Jackie Bush
 Gene DeCaprio
 Eleanor McConahy

November Mission Disbursements

\$1,000—The Outreach Foundation

\$2,000—Salvation Army Lawrence County

\$1,500—Pregnancy Resource Center

Messenger Memo



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

December 5.

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

December Helpers

Hospital Visitation Elders

4 Tom Rapp, Gale Measel
11 Margy Turner, Debbie Book
18 Jen Conrad, Tom Mansell
25 Seth Plyler, Clarence Jenkins

Deacons of the Month

Bob Turner, Gene DeCaprio

Van Driver

If you desire transportation to worship this month, please call the church office at (724) 654-6657 before 4:30pm on Friday.

December 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
				6PM Christian Ed., Library 6PM Handbell Rehearsal 7PM Choir Rehearsal		9:30AM Holly Brunch, Parlor
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT 10:30AM Worship/Children & Youth Christmas Musical, Sanctuary 11:45AM Deacons, Library	5:45PM BBBS <i>Messenger</i> Deadline	9:30AM Prime Timers, Parlor 7PM Buildings & Grounds, Parlor		6PM Handbell Rehearsal 7PM Choir Rehearsal	7:30PM A Circle of Friends Benefit Concert, Sanctuary	6:00PM Worship24
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT 10:30AM Worship	5:45PM BBBS Christmas Dinner, Parlor	9:30AM Prime Timers, Parlor 6PM Mission & Evangelism, Conf. Room 7PM Stewardship & Finance, Library	5PM Worship & Music, Library	6PM Handbell Rehearsal 7PM Choir Rehearsal		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT 8:30AM Fellowship Breakfast & BP Screening 10:30AM Worship 11:30AM Cookie Walk, Parlor 5PM Youth Christmas Wing Dinner	5:45PM BBBS	9AM BP Screening, Parlor 9:30AM Prime Timers, Parlor 7PM Session, Parlor		6PM Handbell Rehearsal 7PM Choir Rehearsal		CHRISTMAS EVE 7:00PM Traditional Candlelight Worship
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
CHRISTMAS DAY 9:30AM No Sunday School 10:30AM Worship	<i>Church Office Closed</i>	9:30AM Prime Timers, Parlor	6PM Youth Night			NEW YEAR'S EVE 2016 Annual Contributions Deadline

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Children & Youth Christmas Musical

D.B.A.B. (Don't Be Afraid Brigade)

Sunday, Dec. 4

During 10:30AM Worship

It is time for the angels of heaven to announce the birth of the Christ child, but they are not sure how to go about announcing this great news for all the nations. They are nervous and must rehearse their parts for this big day that God has chosen for this time in history.

Come and be part of this great annual worship celebration as our children & youth lead us in worship of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, by reminding us what this season is all about. They will share their talents with you through song and sage, leading our hearts to worship the Almighty God!