

# The Messenger

MARCH 2017

## From the Pastor's Desk: The Truth We Cannot Escape

When Horace Bushnell began his teaching career at Yale Divinity School, he struggled to increase his faith. He prayed that God would give him more light, thinking that enlightenment was what he needed in order to become a better teacher. In time, however, he realized that it made little sense to ask God for more light when he had not yet been faithful to the insights God had already given him. The day when he understood that, he wrote in his diary, "I have moved from the agony of questions I cannot answer to the agony of answers I cannot escape." The best defense

against living the truths we know is to keep asking questions.

Some truths are perfectly clear. Wondering about killing your boss? This isn't exactly a grey area in the Bible. Neither are many of the things Jesus taught us about life. For example, he made it clear that love is better than hatred, even when it comes to our enemies. He was never ambiguous about our dependency on the love and mercy of the Father. It is all clear.

What we need are not the missing pieces to life's puzzle, but enough courage to live by the clear teaching we have.



Our lives have been placed into personal relationships in which we have been called to love and find joy. We have also been placed in the midst of a dark world that is desperate for any light it can find. There really isn't much question about what we should do in these places. The real question is, will we do it?

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### MARCH SERMONS & WORSHIP:

- **March 1**  
*Ash Wednesday*  
Supper 6PM;  
Worship 7PM
- **March 5**  
*Matthew 4:1-11*
- **March 12**  
*John 3:1-17*
- **March 19**  
*John 4:5-42*
- **March 26**  
*John 9:1-41*

## Health Screenings

Clen-Moore Presbyterian Church is hosting health screenings that could save your life. We are pleased to offer preventive health screening in collabora-

tion with Life Line Screening. The screenings test for stroke risk, vascular disease, and bone density and will be offered **March 24** in Fellowship Hall.

Call 1-888-653-6450, or go to [lifelinescreening.com](http://lifelinescreening.com) for more information and to pre-register.

*\*\*Rev. Weichman has three coupons for free screenings. If you would like one please call the church office: (724) 654-6657*

## Women's Bible Study

Women's Bible Study will resume for the Spring this month. Women of all ages—members or not—are invited to attend this informal Bible study & discussion time.

March meetings dates are Wednesdays: March 8, 15, 22 & 29 at 6:30 p.m. in the church Welcome Center. April meeting dates are April 5 & 12; same time and place.

## Men's Ministry

Men's Ministry will resume for the Spring this month. Men of all ages—members or not—are invited to attend this informal Bible study & discussion time.

March meetings dates are Sunday March 12 & Sunday, March 26th. Both meetings will take place at 6:00PM in the church Parlor.

## Baptism

Braxton Michael Greene, son of Tom & Marie Greene, was baptized on February 5, 2017. Grandparents are John & Elaine Meyers.



## Ash Wednesday

On March 1st, we will begin the season of Lent with a light supper of soup, salad, bread & dessert at 6:00 PM to be followed by an Ash

Wednesday service in the sanctuary at 7:00PM. Childcare will be provided.

The service will include singing, prayers, and brief message. You may receive the imposition of ashes and you will have the opportunity to write on a card those things of which you wish to ask God's forgiveness and pin them to the cross as a symbol of repentance.

Our friends from First, Shenango, Northminster, and Third Presbyterian will provide bread and salad and join us for dinner and worship as we usher in the season of Lent.

## Lenten Worship



In preparation for the holy season of Easter, we will devote Wednesdays in Lent to consider the words of Jesus as we journey to the cross.

Join pastors and Presbyterians from New Castle at Shenango Presbyterian Church on Wednesdays at 12:15 p.m. weekly for a light lunch and worship. There will be a free will offering for lunch.

March 8—Amy Na

March 15—Andrew Jillson

March 22—Becky Branch-Trevathan

March 29—Chris Weichman

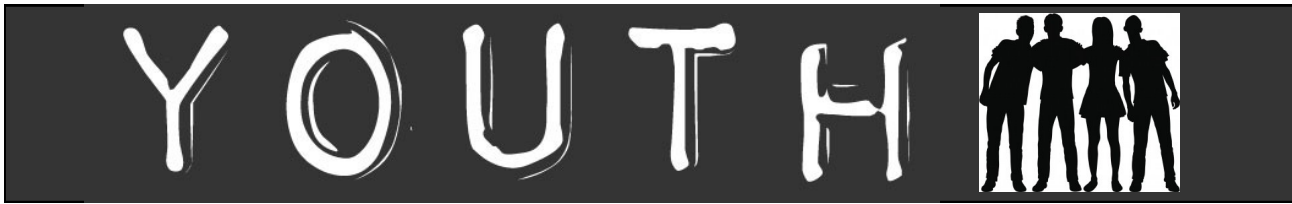
April 5—Rick Vogeley

Please make your reservations through Clen-Moore. Be sure to bring a friend!

## In Memoriam

- Alice Treser—January 21, 2017
- Donna Greco (sister of Barb Davies) - January 21, 2017
- Louise L. Badger—February 14, 2017
- Emily Meyers—February 18, 2017
- William Temple (son of Delores Temple) - February 18, 2017
- A gift in memory of Bev Nicolls was given by Margaret & Alan Wildt.
- Gifts in memory of Emily Meyers were given by Barbara Harper and by Richard & Melissa Meyers.





**C.2G.S.** - In Jr./Sr. High Sunday School Class we will be doing Christology & Discipleship using our "re:form" curriculum. We will discuss how the way we understand Jesus directly impacts how we follow Him.

**Confirmation Program** - March 12th and March 26th

from 9:30 -10:15 AM in the Grey Room (down the hall from the Youth Room). Our topics for discussion are The Sacraments #2 and The Bible, Creed, & Prayer.

**K.F.C. & FlipSide** - Sunday, March 5th - 4:00 - 5:30 PM. Open gym next door at the New Castle Christian Acade-

my. Includes a Bible Study and some food. Bring a friend!

Sunday, March 19th - Tentatively planning a Service/Mission Night. Details to come.

## Health Ministry

### Dates to Remember:

March 19, 2017 - blood pressure screening at the church breakfast at 8:30am in the Fellowship Hall.

March 21, 2017 - blood pressure screening at PrimeTimer's meeting at 9am in the Chapel area.

### March Health Hint:

"Knitting and other crafts may seem like pleasant hobbies, but research has shown that regularly engaging in them may have health benefits, such as reducing stress, improving mood, heading off cognitive decline, and coping with chronic pain. To get started, check with a local craft store in your area.

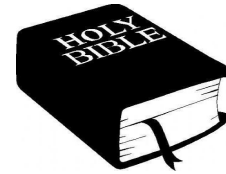
"There are many options available online, too; check

Meetup.com or search for knitters guilds in your city & state." (*The Wellness Letter, August, 2016*)

"You are closer to being more like our Creator when doing creative things."

~ Pastor Rick Warren, in a message given January 6, 2017

## 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*

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 Nursery Attendant, Sally Mescall

**THE SESSION**

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

**2019**

Stephen Cowher  
 David Esposito  
 Janice McConnell  
 Wilbur McCurley  
 Nancy Natale

**2018**

Barbara Harper  
 Sue McKissick  
 Tom Rapp  
 Gale Measel  
 Margy Turner

**2017**

Debbie Book  
 Jen Conrad  
 Tom Mansell  
 Don Nicolls  
 Seth Plyler

**THE BOARD OF DEACONS****2019**

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 Evelyn Genkinger  
 Sarah Plyler  
 Nancy Wozniak

**2018**

John Purdy  
 Dave Kerr  
 Sarah Esposito  
 John Caparoula  
 Becky Reese

**2017**

Bob Davies  
 Sandy Kely  
 Barb Richards  
 Bob Turner

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## February Mission Disbursements

**\$2,000**—Pine Valley Camp  
**\$500**—Meals on Wheels  
**\$500**—Crisis Shelter of Lawrence County

## Messenger Memo

The deadline to submit articles for the April *Messenger* is Monday, March 13.

Sign up to receive *The Messenger* via email; go to [ClenMoore.org/newsletter](http://ClenMoore.org/newsletter).

## March Helpers

### Hospital Visitation Elders

**5** Seth Plyler, Wilbur McCurley  
**12** Stephen Cowher, Dave Esposito  
**19** Janice McConnell, Nancy Natale  
**26** Barbara Harper, Sue McKissick

### Deacons of the Month

John Purdy, Dave Kerr

### Van Driver

*If you desire transportation to worship this month, please call the office no later than 4:30 p.m. on Fridays: (724) 654-6657.*

# March 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
			<b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b> 6PM Supper 7PM Community Worship	6PM Christian Ed., Library 6PM Handbell Rehearsal 7PM Choir Rehearsal		
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
10:30AM Worship 4:00-5:30PM KFC/FlipSide	5:45PM BBBS	9:30AM Prime Timers, Parlor 6PM Mission & Evangelism, Conf. Room 7PM Stewardship & Finance, Library 7PM Buildings & Grounds, Parlor	12:15PM Lenten Lunch, Shenango Presby. 6:30PM Women's Bible Study, Welcome Center	6PM Handbell Rehearsal 7PM Choir Rehearsal		6PM Worship24
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
9:30AM Confirmation Program, Grey Room 10:30AM Worship 6:00PM Men's Ministry, Parlor	<i>Messenger</i> Deadline	9:30AM Prime Timers, Parlor	12:15PM Lenten Lunch, Shenango Presby. 5PM Worship & Music, Library 6:30PM Women's Bible Study, Welcome Center	6PM Handbell Rehearsal 7PM Choir Rehearsal		
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
8:30AM Fellowship Breakfast & BP Screening 10:30AM Worship	5:45PM BBBS	9AM BP Screening, Chapel Classroom 9:30AM Prime Timers, Parlor 7PM Session, Parlor	12:15PM Lenten Lunch, Shenango Presby. 6:30PM Women's Bible Study, Welcome Center	6PM Handbell Rehearsal 7PM Choir Rehearsal	Life Line Health Screening, Fellowship Hall	6PM Worship24
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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, April 4. The cost is \$9

per plant; payment is due with your order.

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

