

The Clen-Moore  
**Messenger**

**Christ**  
The Way, the Truth,  
and the Life.

## From the Pastor's Desk

May 2017

### Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Rabbi Pesach Krauss, former chaplain at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York, where he counseled patients and their families, tells an inspiring parable in his book *Why Me?* Two wood choppers have cut down a tree that is well over 100 years old. The younger man, observing the tree's growth rings, notices that five of the rings are very close together. There must have been a five year drought, he concludes, during which the tree experienced very little growth. The older timberman, known for his gentle wisdom, has a different perspective. The dry years were actually the most important years of the tree's life, he says. Because of the drought, the tree had to force its roots deeper and deeper into the soil in order to get the water it needed. Then when the drought ceased, it was able to grow taller and faster because of its deeper roots.

Likewise, our difficult times can be times of great growth. Words may not be able to describe the pain we may be enduring. Emotional and spiritual suffering can be as debilitating as physical injury. Yet with patient work, we will pass through our crisis. We will never be the same person we were before, but with stronger and deeper roots we will be able to grow more quickly.

As Billy Graham said, "The mountain top is for beautiful scenery, but fruit is grown in the valley." No matter where you are, on the mountain top, in the valley or the belly of a fish, you are not too far from God. God can, and will, bring you through the wilderness to the other side.



**Pentecost Sunday is June 4:** For the past four years we have been worshipping with the other Presbyterian churches of New Castle. We will gather again this year with a twist. **We will worship at 10:30 a.m. at Northminster Presbyterian Church.** We will have Sunday School that day at Clen-Moore but end at 10 a.m. to allow time to go to Northminster. Nursery and child care will be provided by combined church staff. You will be able to give your regular church offering to Clen-Moore in designated baskets for each church. In addition, a free will offering will be taken for the New Wilmington Mission Conference.

As the clergy, we believe worshipping in a church provides better facilities, particularly for children; a more worshipful experience; and allows us to show hospitality to our Presbyterian brethren. Future Pentecost services will rotate between our various churches.

*God Bless,  
Chris*



#### C.2G.S.

Jr./Sr. High Sunday School Class will continue to learn and discuss discipleship and Christology using our "re:form" curriculum.

#### K.F.C./FlipSide

- Sunday, May 7, is our going away party for Emma and Noelle Weichman. We will have it from 5-8 p.m., at the Mendenhall's, 289 Lilac Hill Lane, Volant. The evening will include a meal, games, reminiscing, gifts to share with the girls and prayer for Emma and Noelle as they prepare to depart for Erie in the summer. Let Aaron know by Friday, May 5, if you can come.

- Sunday, May 21, is Fun-Fore-All in Cranberry, including go-karts, mini-golf, arcades, pizza, bumper boats, etc. Time and details will

be announced through emails and the bulletin. (Probably after church until 5 p.m.) Cost is \$10 per person. Plus, you can bring your own spending money if you desire.

#### Confirmation 2017

- The Confirmation Class will be "examined by Session" at 7 p.m., Tuesday, May 16. During the examination, each "confirmand" will share his/her own Confirmation Journey and how they have grown in their relationship with Jesus Christ and in the knowledge of His Church.

The Confirmation Class will go before the congregation during worship on Sunday, May 28, to answer the questions of faith and membership.

*Confirmation Journey completed, active membership begins ...*



**Dates to Remember:** May 16 - Blood pressure screening at Prime Timer's 9:30 a.m. meeting, at; May 21 - Blood pressure screening at the church breakfast at 8:30 a.m.

**Health Note:** If you sit a lot, staying physically active for at least an hour a day may cancel out the increase in mortality rate associated with being sedentary, according to an analysis in the *Lancet*, which pooled data from 16 studies involving more than 1 million people. Day after day of prolonged sitting increases the risk of a range of health problems, including diabetes and cardiovascular disease. However, research has been inconsistent about whether, and how much, exercise counters these risks. The *Lancet* analysis concluded that about 60-75 minutes a day of moderate activity, such as brisk walking, was sufficient to eliminate the risk of premature death associated with sitting more than eight hours a day. (March 2017 University of California, Berkeley, Wellness Letter)

**"God changes caterpillars into butterflies, sand into pearls, and coal into diamonds using time and pressure. He's working on you too!"**

- Rick Warren

# DAILY BIBLE READINGS

1. 1 Samuel 21, 22; Ps. 34, 56, 11
2. 1 Sam. 23; Ps. 13, 54; 1 Cor. 15
3. 1 Sam. 24; Ps. 57, 142, 143, 17, 36
4. 1 Sam. 25, 26; 1 Cor. 16
5. 1 Sam. 27:1-7; 1 Chron. 12:1-22; 1 Sam. 27:8-29:11; Ps. 6
6. 1 Sam. 30, 31; 2 Sam. 1:1-16; 1 Chron. 10; 2 Cor. 1:1-11
7. 2 Sam. 1:17-2:32; 1 Chron. 12:23-40; Ps. 9, 10
8. 2 Sam. 3; 2 Cor. 1:1-2:11
9. 2 Sam. 4:1-5:5; 1 Chron. 11:1-3; 3:1-4a; 2 Cor. 2:12-4:18
10. 1 Chron. 11:4-9; 2 Sam. 5:6-16; 1 Chron. 3:4b-9; 1 Chron. 14:1-7; 2 Sam. 5:17-25; 1 Chron. 14:8-17; 2 Cor. 5:1-62
11. 1 Chron. 13:1-14:7; 2 Sam. 6:1- 11; Ps. 24, 25; 2 Cor. 6:3-7:16
12. 1 Chron. 15; 2 Sam. 6:12-23; Ps. 26, 27, 28
13. 1 Chron. 16:1-15; Ps. 105; 2 Cor. 8
14. 1 Chron. 16:16-33; Ps. 96, 106; 1 Chron. 16:34-43
15. 2 Sam. 7; 1 Chron. 17; Ps. 32, 86
16. Ps. 65, 66, 67, 68; 2 Cor. 9
17. Ps. 138, 139, 140, 141; 2 Cor. 10
18. 1 Chron. 18; 2 Sam. 8, 9; 2 Cor. 11
19. 1 Chron. 19; 2 Sam. 10; 2 Cor. 12, 13
20. 1 Chron. 20:1-3; 2 Sam. 11, 12; Ps. 51
21. 2 Sam. 13, 14; Ps. 12
22. 2 Sam. 15:1-16:14; Ps. 3, 4,
23. 2 Sam. 16:15-17:29; Ps. 31, 55
24. Ps. 61, 62, 63, 64; 2 Sam. 18:1-19:8
25. 2 Sam. 19:9-43; Ps. 38, 39, 40, 41
26. 2 Sam. 20, 21; 1 Chron. 20:4-8; Ps. 33
27. 2 Sam. 22; Ps. 18
28. Ps. 19; 2 Sam. 23:8-39; 1 Chron. 11:10-47
29. 2 Sam. 24; 1 Chron. 21:1-22:1; Ps. 6
30. 1 Chron. 22:2-23:32; Ps. 30, 144, 145
31. 1 Chron. 24, 25; 1 Chron. 6:31- 47; Ps. 88

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**The Bible is the only book whose author is ALWAYS present when one reads it.**



We will celebrate our graduates during the worship service on Sunday, June 11. We want to celebrate the graduation of those in high school, college (all degrees), military and any other graduating institution. Contact the church office at 724-654-6657 by Tuesday, May 30, with your graduate's information: **full name; any immediate family relations to Clen-Moore Church members; institution graduating from and degree (if applicable); and future plans.**

Please do not assume the office knows about your graduate...do call. Congratulations to all of Clen-Moore's graduates! God bless you and may you bless the Lord Jesus Christ in your future endeavors.

**Graduation Luncheon:** The Christian Education Committee will host a luncheon for our high school graduates and their immediate families (parents and siblings) following worship on Graduation Sunday, June 11, in the church parlor. Extended family members of graduates and Clen-Moore Church members are welcome to attend at the cost of \$10 per person. RSVP with number attending to the church office at 724-654-6657 by Tuesday, May 30.

**May Hospital Visitation Elders**

- 7 Janice McConnell, Nancy Natale
- 14 Barbara Harper, Sue McKissick
- 21 Tom Rapp, Gale Measel
- 28 Margy Turner, Debbie Book



I would like to thank the church for the lovely reception and my retirement gifts of a Wendell August Forge platter, Visa gift card, cross bracelet and picture frame. - Kathy Barkley

## Baptisms

*The sacrament of baptism was administered:*

**April 9** to Helena Grace Nero, daughter of Ben Nero and Nichole Barry, and granddaughter of Gary and Sue McKissick.

**April 16** to Savannah Jade Plyler, daughter of Sam and Courtney Plyler, and granddaughter of Steve and Amy Plyler; Leo August Anderson, son of Erik and Kali Anderson, and grandson of Bob and Barbara Davies.

**April 23** to Nathan Alexander Funk, son of Clifford and Jamie Funk.

**Worship 24: 6 p.m., May 13**

"Covering Clen-Moore," our final W24 event for this spring, will be a prayer service like we had in the fall as we pray for God's guidance and blessing upon our church in this, our new chapter. As we invite the Holy Spirit to be present with us, there will be elements of soft praise songs, scripture readings, guided and silent prayers, candle light and votive candles, and maybe even a hint of incense. Come and join us as we cover Clen-Moore Church in prayer and seek Jesus Christ and the Father's will for our church.

**Mother's Day is May 14.**  
 Make plans to celebrate all the wonderful women in your life.



Mark your calendar for 5:15 to 8:15 p.m., June 26-30, when VBS returns to Clen-Moore. Children will transform into Galactic Starveyors™ for a week of fun searching the visible to discover the invisible. Kids will enjoy dinner, fellowship and games. Register at clemmoore.org/vbs. For more information, contact Aaron or Michalee Christy.

**April Mission Disbursements**  
 LATCOM - \$800  
 Joshua and Terrilynn Pacella - \$800

**Sunday Driver**  
 If you are in need of transportation to worship this month, call Jamie Funk at 724-714-9136

**Deacons of the Month**  
 John Purdy and Nancy Wozniak