

The Clen-Moore Messenger

Christ
The Way, the Truth,
and the Life.

OCTOBER 2018

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:

"Since The Last We Talked "

It has been exactly 8 years since my last family bio appeared in the Messenger. A lot has changed since then, including my hobbies. I have developed a love for hunting and rekindled my love for fishing again, because Abigail and Andrew have a desire to learn to do both. This led to a family addition, our bird dog who is an English Pointer named Ella (talk about energetic!) Michalee is in her 18th year teaching the 7th-12th grade choirs and music at Mercer. We are learning as a family what it means to be busy and run kids all over the place with sports, music, and friends, all while balancing church, faith, and family life in the midst of everything else. Abigail is now in 7th grade and she is trying some new things. She started marching band and really enjoys playing the trumpet. She will also become part of a swim team this year, which is a new endeavor for her. Andrew is in 4th grade and he continues to love sports and music. He also has 3 new room pets; two goldfish and a frog. The Christy's are very proud of our Clen-Moore Church family. I hope to serve Jesus Christ in the coming years by serving you all in my new role as your Co-Pastor. We believe that God has some great things ahead for all of us and we are excited to discover what those things are as we move forward together as a church family.

Grace & Peace,
-Aaron

Dear church family,

You may be wondering how Pastor Aaron and I choose who preaches on a given Sunday. When my grandmother asked me following our installation service, I joked "We flip a coin Sunday morning. It's like a pop quiz in school; it forces you to always be prepared!" But in all seriousness, I wanted to share that I will be preaching all of October with a series focused on eliminating false gods in our lives.

We are quick to turn to the Ten Commandments when we seek the most basic moral compass that the Bible provides for us. Some are quick to lament the lack of blue laws and the prevalence of soccer games on Sundays, making Sabbath observance less faithful. Most of us have known not to commit murder or steal—even non-Christians live by many of these 'ethical standards'. But what about the first two: "You shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol" (Exodus 20:3-4). What makes us different? **WHAT WE WORSHIP!**

I have heard it said before that it isn't a matter of IF we worship, but **WHAT** we worship in life. We know that as Christians we worship Jesus Christ. However, there are many false gods we worship that get in the way—everything from status to money, power, family, food, and even personal preference. Sin is anything that stands between us and God. Anything that we 'worship' (i.e. care more about than God almighty) is considered an idol.

This month-long series will examine the hidden false gods that plague our lives. As we do so, I pray that we would all examine our lives and understand how these idols take our focus and energy away from worshiping and serving Jesus Christ. If you want an easy-to-read and helpful book on the subject as we dive in, read "Gods at War" by Kyle Idleman. Some of his ideas will serve as inspiration for the series.

Bless and be blessed!
Michael



Dates to Remember:

10/16/18 - 9:15am— Blood pressure screening at Prime Timer's meeting in the chapel.

Health Tip:

"When we worry about an unknown future we often imagine the worst. This causes stress which can affect health in negative ways. Certain activities such as journaling, yoga, prayer, and even laughter have been found to lower stress. By engaging in stress reducing activities, we can keep our bodies from going into chronic stress mode and support our health and wellness. Identify one source of stress in your life and one way to address it. In your daily health journal, add 2000 steps, 3 glasses of water, and 3 servings of vegetables!"

(ChurchHealth, summer 2017, Vol 7, Number 3).

"Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you." Genesis 12:1.
(Abraham's faith helped him face the unknown.)

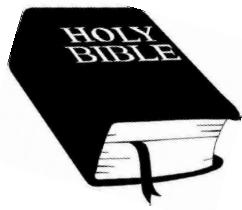


Youth Ministry Update

As part of the road ahead and with me being co-pastor, the youth leaders and I have met and did some re-visioning of how we would go about doing youth ministry in this new time. I shared in June with the youth and their families that some things would not change at all, some things would change just a little, and other things would change a bit more. Keeping with this promise, we will continue to hold regular youth group meetings the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month. We will have a regular youth meeting at the church on the 1st Sunday. Then, the youth leaders are in charge of planning a fun activity or mission event the 3rd Sunday of each month. In addition, we will be exploring some new opportunities to do just for the older youth to take part in. The biggest change is that we are bringing in a Student Youth Director Intern from Westminster College to take part in leading the 1st Sunday of the month youth ministry meetings. Then, this person will also teach the Jr./Sr. High Sunday School class on a regular basis. I will work directly with the Intern and help this person along the way. This means that I will be present at most youth events, just not for the whole time and giving space when needed. The person we have in mind is still in the interview stage and I hope to introduce you all to him by the time you get this information. Look for a calendar of events from October through May in your email. We are very excited about this new way forward with our youth ministry as other potential opportunities are in the works as well!

MESSENGER DEADLINE IS OCTOBER 18, 2018

DAILY BIBLE READINGS



October, 2018

- 1 Job 37.1-24
- 2 Job 38.1-41
- 3 Job 39.1-30
- 4 Job 40.1-24
- 5 Job 41.1-34
- 6 Job 42.1-17
- 7 Psalm 136
- 8 Leviticus 11.1-46
- 9 Leviticus 12.1-8
- 10 Leviticus 13.1-59
- 11 Leviticus 14.1-54
- 12 Leviticus 15.1-33
- 13 Leviticus 16.1-34
- 14 Psalm 90
- 15 1 Timothy 1.1-20
- 16 1 Timothy 2.1-15
- 17 1 Timothy 3.1-16
- 18 1 Timothy 4.1-16
- 19 1 Timothy 5.1-25
- 20 1 Timothy 6.1-21
- 21 Jeremiah 18.1-23
- 22 Jeremiah 19.1-15
- 23 Jeremiah 20.1-18
- 24 Jeremiah 21.1-14
- 25 Jeremiah 22.1-30
- 26 Jeremiah 23.1-40
- 27 Jeremiah 24.1-10
- 28 Obadiah
- 29 Zephaniah 1.1-18
- 30 Zephaniah 2.1-15
- 31 Zephaniah 3.1-20



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

IN MEMORIAM

Gifts in memory of Don Nicolls were given by:
Yvonne Klingensmith

Gifts in memory of Charles McGrath were given by:
Evelyn Genkinger
New Wilmington Police Department

SAVE THE DATE

- October 7th—New membership class for adults begins
- October 7th—Communion
- October 7, 21, 28—Men's Ministry
- October 10, 17, 24—Bible Study
- October 14th—Light of the City from Pine Valley Camp
- October 17th—Lifeline Screening



Clen-Moore has identified several pianos in the church that are for your taking or for sale. Please contact Kathy Mansell at 724-971-0921 if you are interested.



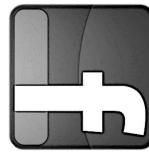
October Helpers: Amy Ball and Christy Litrenta

Sunday Driver: Nancy Natale



If you are in need of transportation to worship, please call the church office at 724-654-6657. We are in need of Sunday drivers, if you are interested, please contact Amy Ball at 724-652-2940.

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Dates: October 10, 17, 24
November 7, 14
Time: 6:30 p.m./Parlor
Leader: Steve Plyler



Featured: Movie: I CAN ONLY IMAGINE

Before he became lead singer of Mercy Me, Bart Millard suffered a painful childhood. Abuse by his father, Bart built walls around his heart. Using his story this movie is one of pain redeemed, restoration and how God can change even unlikely people. This movie and series of studies is about forgiveness, spiritual growth and hope.

The full length movie will be shown week one. Weeks 2-5 will feature DVD clips of comments from Bart Millard, Bible Study and discussion. Refreshments will be served.



HELP NEEDED IN THE CHOIR ROOM!



There are quite a few empty chairs that would love a warm body to warm their seats so you can lift your voices to praise and honor our Lord. It's never too late, and there is always room and opportunity for anyone, to share their talents through music.

As we prepare weekly for worship, as well as the upcoming Christmas season too, please join us to help lead the congregation in song, and to spread the gospel message.

Call Kathy Mansell @ 724-971-0921 if you have any questions.

