### The Clen-Moore

# Messenger

The Way, the Truth, and the Life.

Clen-Moore + Shenango = ?

## February, 2019

Greetings on behalf of the sessions of Clen-Moore and Shenango Presbyterian Churches! As some of you may know, Shenango has been without a pastor since September. Since then, Michael Spicuzza, co-pastor at Clen-Moore Church, has been moderating Shenango's session meetings. During this time, many options have been considered. A reoccurring frustration within Shenango Church has been the uncertainty of finding a part time pastor willing to serve in a long term capacity. Because of this, a more creative idea emerged in the course of several conversations. We are writing this letter to share this idea with both of our churches.

Our idea is to enter into a period of discernment together, beginning with the season of Lent. On the Sundays that Pastors Aaron Christy and Michael Spicuzza are not leading worship at Clen-Moore, they would provide worship leadership at Shenango. In addition, Aaron and Michael would moderate session, officiate funerals, and provide other basic ministry functions for Shenango. This period will last for six months, with the hope that God would make the outcome clear to us.

We know this letter has probably created more questions than it has answers. Therefore, we invite you to join us for an informational meeting following worship at Shenango Presbyterian Church on Sunday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, or at Clen-Moore Church, Sunday, February 10<sup>th</sup>. Meetings are open to both congregations and will cover the same content, so it is not necessary to attend both. Leadership from both churches will be present to share the vision that God has given us. In the meantime, please keep both of our congregations in your prayers.

Grace and Peace,

The sessions of:

Clen-Moore Presbyterian Church Shenango Presbyterian Church



### Dates to Remember:



February 15, 2019—Blood pressure checks at Prime Timers meeting.

February 17, 2019—Health Ministry team meeting after the worship service in the library.

Health Note: "February hosts both Valentine's Day and American Heart month. This topic is very important to us, since heart disease still ranks as one of the top of killers in America. However, there is some good news. Studies have shown that lifestyle accounts for more than 50% of the risk for heart disease and lifestyle is a factor over which we have almost full control! Those

who walk briskly for 30 minutes a day (even in intervals to add up to that) can reduce their risk of a heart attack or stroke. Develop an exercise plan that is do-able, fun, and convenient for you. You may want to share your plan with someone else who could be your prayer/ support friend. God encourages us to care for our bodies in a responsible way:

(1 Corinthians 6:19) 'Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit...? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body.'

(Taken from an article from the New Wilmington Parish Nurse program)

### <u>YOUTH PAGE</u>

• JR/Sr High Sunday School continues to meet with Mike Peters every Sunday morning at 9:30 am in the youth room.

### FlipSide/K.F.C.

- Sunday, Feb 3rd Hide N Seek games from 6:00-8:00 PM with snacks and devotion. Friends welcome.
- Sunday, Feb. 24th Family bowling make-up date from 2:00 4:30 PM at Colonial Lanes with Pizza.

### <u>CONFIRMATION</u>

- Sunday, Feb. 10th Q & A session with Pastor Aaron "What it means to be an active church member" @ 9:30 AM in the brown room by the youth room.
- Sunday, Feb. 24th Q & A session with Pastor Michael "The Sacrament of Baptism" @ 9:30 AM in the brown room by the youth room.

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Did you ever wish you could taste several desserts because they all looked so good instead of just tasting one? Save **February 10th** after church...Think about your favorite and plan to be a part of the Clen-Moore Dessert Bake Off!





We have been considering reviving the Clen-Moore Church softball team as an opportunity for fellowship and evangelism. It would be part of a local co-ed, slow pitch church softball league. It is still winter, but we need to see if we have enough interest to begin forming a team. Please email Pastor Michael or Aaron if you would like to take part!

Register or donate to the 9th annual Douse for a House Winter Plunge! This fundraiser supports Lawrence County Habitat for Humanity. The event will take place **Saturday February 9th.** For more information on donating or participating, contact Catherine Blandi via e-mail at **Plunge.habitat@gmail.com** or call the office at 724-652-3438.



### **MESSENGER DEADLINE FOR MARCH IS THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14th**

### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

#### February, 2019

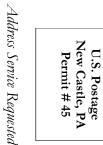
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### **IN MEMORIAM**

Gifts in memory of Bob Rapp were given by: Scott McGrath

### SAVE THE DATE

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February 3—Communion Youth Group February 10—Dessert Bake Off February 17—Health Ministry

### MANDATORY CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION & AWARENESS WORKSHOP

Dear Friends,

The State requires the church and ALL VOLUNTEERS & STAFF that work with children and youth to attend an annual Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Workshop. We have ours scheduled for **Sunday, February 24th** after church in the Fellowship Hall. A light lunch will be provided. A make-up workshop will be scheduled later in the spring.

At the workshop we will be informed and updated on state policies regarding mandated reporting and child abuse awareness and prevention, Clen-Moore policies, reviewing and signing our Clen-Moore specific covenant form, and a reading and signing a state mandated swear and affirm form. We will review your clearances with you to make sure they are current. If not, you will be informed how to obtain them and which ones you will need to obtain.

**February 24**—Child Abuse Prevention & Awareness Workshop *Youth Group Special Event* 

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.



February Helpers: Evelyn Genkinger and Christy Litrenta

Sunday Driver: David VanHorn 724-652-7993



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.

This is to be done annually. Most of you have attended these workshops before, but it is time to do it again. If you do not attend this workshop, sign the forms and make sure your clearances are current all by June, then you will not be allowed to volunteer with children and youth at Clen-Moore Church until these are all completed. Please R.S.V.P. to the Church office by Wednesday, Feb. 20th. Thank you for your cooperation and service to our Church family.

#### Grace & Peace,

Pastor Aaron & The Christian Education Committee