The Clen-Moore

Messenger



April, 2019

Lent Ends with Easter

Lent is a season in the life of the church that reminds the Christian to devote one's self to take time for self-reflection, examination, and practice. These are the exact words that kicked off our Messenger article last month. We are now preparing to arrive at the end of this journey with the onset of Holy Week.

Holy week kicks off with Palm Sunday worship. This familiar celebration remembers the parade of cheer crowds that ushered Jesus into Jerusalem. It concludes with an even more spectacular entrance, when Jesus returns from the dead! It is a week filled with strong spiritual emotion.

Like any journey, the destination is often as important as the steps along the way. In order to fully experience the power of Jesus' resurrection, we also walk the final moments of his pre-resurrection life on Maundy Thursday. This is when Jesus met with his disciples, ate together with them, and prepared them for the moments to come. We invite you to worship as Clen-Moore hosts our brothers and sisters from Northminster, Shenango, and First Presbyterian Churches here in New Castle **Thursday, April 18th, 7pm in our sanctuary**. During worship we will get the opportunity to pin to the cross those sins and burdens we have worked to shake off during the Lenten season.

We then will worship here at Clen-Moore together with our friends from Shenango Presbyterian Sunday morning, April 21 for our Easter celebration. This will be the first time our two churches will specifically be worshipping together as one. Our prayer is that this will give us a small glimpse into our potential future together. As we peek ahead into the future, know that no matter what lies ahead, we can rest assured that Jesus is the king of this world, because if death cannot defeat him, then NOTHING can.

Live with the same kind of resurrection power!

Your Co-pastors, Aaron and Michael

Date to Remember: April 28, 2019 - Health Ministry Team Meeting - after worship service in the library.



Health Note: Read of the Month:

Unshakable Hope: Building Our Lives on the Promises of God (underline this title)

Researchers say that social isolation and loneliness may be a greater public health threat than obesity. How can this be when society is more educated, entertained, and connected than ever before? The author, Max Lucado, writes that many people may be dying from a lack of hope. God's Word is filled with promises that give us hope since life is filled with problems. This book outlines and unpacks a dozen of the Bible's most significant problems to help equip us in overcoming difficult challenges. Like a light from a lighthouse on the shoreline, God's promises guide us and give us hope.

Life doesn't always turn out like we expect and hope is in short supply. It's then that we must decide what we will place our hope in the only lasting source of hope is the promises of God. This is a must-read for anyone struggling with purpose, wrestling with despair, and losing trust

(The Faith Connection, February, 2019).

(Error in last month's health tip- we need 6-8 glasses of water each day, not ounces, as stated)

<u>YOUTH PAGE</u>

C.2G.S. - The Jr/Sr High Sunday School class will be studying the following topics this month:

- April 7 1 Peter 5:5, Prov. 16:18 "Am I arrogant or do I have a healthy self-esteem?"
- April 14 Phil. 2:4, Psalm 112:5, Acts 20:35 "What is my responsibility to others?"
- April 21 The Easter message and why we are Christians.
- April 28 Psalm 73:21-26 "Does anyone care that I am alive?"

KFC/FlipSide

- Sunday, April 7th Nerf War/Easter Egg Hunt & Devotion with pizza and snacks. 4:00 7:00 PM.
- Sunday, April 28th Progressive Dinner...more info to come (this has nothing to do with politics!)

Confirmation:

Tier 1 Q & A Sessions

- Sunday, April 14th "Being Presbyterian and Our History" with Pastor Michael in the Confirmation Room 9:30 10:15.
- Saturday, April 20 Confirmation Retreat "The Intersection of Faith and Life" from 9:00 4:00 PM. Meet at the Church in the Welcome Area.



DAILY BIBLE READINGS

APRIL, 2019

1 Mark 10.1-31

2 Mark 10.32-52

3 Mark 11.1-33

4 Psalm 116 - 117

5 Psalm 118

6 Psalm 107

Fifth Sunday in Lent

7 Psalm 28

8 Mark 12.1-27

9 Mark 12.28-44

10 Mark 13.1-37

11 Psalm 34

12 Psalm 35

13 John 12.1-36

Palm / Passion Sunday

14 Psalm 25

15 Mark 14.1-31

16 Mark 14.32-72

17 Mark 15.1-20 18 Psalm 22

Good Friday

19 Mark 15.21-47

20 Mark 16.1-20

Easter

21 Psalm 32

22 Numbers 8.1-26

23 Numbers 9.1-23

24 Numbers 10.1-36

25 Numbers 11.1-35

26 Numbers 12.1-16

27 Psalm 47

28 Psalm 43

29 Numbers 13.1-33

30 Numbers 14.1-25





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

IN MEMORIAM

Gifts in memory of Dolores Temple were given by: Gail Keffer



SAVE THE DATE

April 14

Palm Sunday

April 18 Maundy Thursday Service Combined 7pm

April 21

Easter Sunday



April Helpers: Shirley Book and Lois Henneman

Sunday Driver: Amy Ball

724-652-2940



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 for the months of April, June, July and December. If you are interested, please contact Amy Ball at 724-652-2940.



SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY!!!

On behalf of the Sue DeVite Scholarship Committee, I am excited to announce this scholarship opportunity for any active Clen-Moore Church member who is entering a post-high school educational program.

There can be multiple recipients of the scholarship. The criteria within the guidelines must be met by the applicant, and the application must be completed and turned in to the committee by May 30th.

All of the details of the scholarship are within the application. Applications are available in the church office and we are working to make them available online through the church website. Please contact me with any questions.

~Pastor Aaron