

The Clen-Moore
Messenger

Christ
The Way, the Truth,
and the Life.
September, 2020

Dear church family,

To be a Christian means to belong to the body of Christ. As Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians 12:12, "For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ." In the eternal sense, there is one church of Jesus Christ of which every believer is a member. Within His kingdom, there are many smaller tribes, or immediate families of all different types—Presbyterians, Catholics, Baptists, Methodists, and those who are not affiliated with a denominational tradition. Membership in a local church first and foremost means a commitment to love and serve Jesus.

The Presbyterian Church has an official category of membership for the ordering of (think organized) the ministry of elders, deacons, and pastors, among other things. A person can participate in and contribute to the life of our church without ever being an "official" member; yet membership is one way to declare commitment to the Lord and a local body of believers. Churches often will look at a long list of names and try to determine what qualifies someone as an "active member" of the church, and then proceed to remove names to have a more accurate understanding of who comprises the local body of Christ. It quickly becomes a difficult and political-eggshell-walking game of trying not to offend people or asking whether Christmas and Easter count as enough to stay on the list. It becomes unnecessarily divisive. So this fall we are going to approach things a bit differently.

We will be asking EVERY member of Clen-Moore to renew their membership. In the next few weeks, you will receive a letter along with a response card to reaffirm your commitment to Clen-Moore Church. Simply fill it out and return to the church via mail, the offering mailboxes, or the church office mail slot. If you have found a new church home but want to continue receiving communication from the church, simply check the second box. There is also an opportunity to update your contact information, so it is easier for us to stay in touch.

If for any reason you do not receive a card and letter in the mail, please let us know! Part of this process is to help clean up our database so it more accurate. On the other side of things, if you would like to commit to membership at Clen-Moore, we will be having our annual new members class this fall. We know of a few folks who have already inquired about it. If you are interested in learning more, reach out to Pastor Aaron or Pastor Michael.

This process will help paint a better picture of our church family. Speaking of pictures, last but not least, once this process is complete, we will be able to produce a new pictorial church directory. Many have asked when we would create a new one, as the most recent was from 2013. Our hope is that the end result will help to bring our church family together during a season where we have spent much time apart.

Grace and peace,
Aaron and Michael



Health Note



"Water is essential to all living things. It is the most abundant substances on earth and in our bodies. All living things need a large amount of water to function and grow. Most of us don't drink enough water on any given day - 6 to 8 glasses of water should be our daily goal. Dehydration can occur without a person knowing it, especially with older persons and during hot summer days. When hiking or exercising, have water available. Even Jesus got thirsty. He asked for a drink of water from the woman at the well, and again when He was dying on the cross. Water refreshes and cleanses us. With "living water" God refreshes our souls. May we let the cleansing water of God's grace wash over us and fill us with the life giving waters of the Holy Spirit."
(Parish Nurse notes, NW Presbyterian Church)

Scripture: "Whosoever shall drink of the water that I give will never thirst; the water that I give shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life", John 4:14.

	<p>YOUTH CORNER: Please see your emails for our youth group plans as we are planning and hoping to do at least one youth group event each month.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>	
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MESSENGER DEADLINE FOR OCTOBER IS SEPTEMBER 17TH

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

SEPTEMBER, 2020

- 1 II Chron. 1.1-17
- 2 II Chron. 2.1-18
- 3 II Chron. 3.1-17
- 4 II Chron. 4.1-22
- 5 II Chron. 5.1-14
- 6 II Chron. 6.1-25
- 7 II Chron. 6.26-42
- 8 II Chron. 7.1-22
- 9 II Chron. 8.1-18
- 10 II Chron. 9.1-31
- 11 II Chron. 10.1-19
- 12 II Chron. 11.1-23
- 13 II Chron. 12.1-16
- 14 II Chron. 13.1-22
- 15 II Chron. 14.1-15
- 16 II Chron. 15.1-18
- 17 Proverbs 10
- 18 Proverbs 11
- 19 Proverbs 12
- 20 Proverbs 13
- 21 Proverbs 14
- 22 Proverbs 15
- 23 II Corinthians 1.1-24
- 24 II Corinthians 2.1-17
- 25 II Corinthians 3.1-18
- 26 II Corinthians 4.1-18
- 27 II Corinthians 5.1-21
- 28 II Corinthians 6.1-18
- 29 II Corinthians 7.1-16
- 30 II Corinthians 8.1-24

*Lord,
Hear Our
Prayer*



IN MEMORIUM

David G. Ball



SAVE THE DATE

- Sunday Worship can be viewed live or recorded by going to:
www.clenmoore.org, and click on the blue box that says "Watch Sunday's worship service" or on Facebook live.
- Sunday School for all ages and Children in Worship resumes on Sunday, September 13th.

ATTENTION...

All Sunday School classes will resume on **Sunday, September 13th**. The adults are in the same rooms as before and the students are all now on the 3rd floor of the Ebenezer wing (which is the west side of the church and nearest the big parking lot). The Pre-K Class, the Primary Class (K-3rd), and the Junior Class (4th-6th), are all moved into their new locations, while the Jr/Sr High class is in the same room. The teachers will welcome the students as they come to their rooms. Each of the 4 rooms will have signs so that you know where to go. We do ask that students try to wear masks, but we know that it will be difficult for some kids to do, so we will ask, but not enforce or judge those who cannot.



September Deacons of the month:
Teri Ellis & Christy Litrenta



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Financial Status as of July 31, 2020:



YTD Income	\$183,280
YTD Expenses	<u>\$184,907</u>
Net Balance	\$ (1,627)

Thank you for your financial support as we continue to meet our personnel, worship, building, and mission commitments. Praise God, the giver of all good things!



Scholarship Recipients



On behalf of the Scholarship Committee, we would like to congratulate and announce the following recipients for the Sue DeVite and The Harry and Thelma Banks Scholarships.

The college students are:

- Emily Allshouse**
- Hannah Jones**
- Brett Nesbitt**
- Janna Conrad**
- Jaymie Conrad**
- Scott Ball**
- Anthony Litrenta**
- Lindsey Litrenta**

We pray God's blessings upon all of you throughout this academic year.