



Dear church family,

It is typically this time of year that we begin to think about the harvest season. Though pumpkin spice EVERYTHING can become cliché at best, it is good to remember the ways in which ultimately rely on God for every sustaining meal we receive. This, of course, also requires the faithful, hard work of farmers all over the country to sow and reap, but without the sun and rain from God, nothing would grow. This is one of the reasons so many of Jesus' teaching and parables are formed from agricultural metaphors—they are tangible reminders of God's provision in our lives. Unless you live in the remote wilderness by yourself and have no contact with the outside world, you rely on someone or something else, often God working through someone else's life and work.

The same is true in the life of the church. Without financial contributions combined with volunteer sweat equity, little ministry or worship would happen. Sometimes the miracle of Jesus feeding the 5,000 has been wrongfully explained this way; that it was not a miracle of multiplication, getting people to share was miraculous. While getting people to live more selflessly COULD be a miracle, that doesn't seem to be the case here. Otherwise, why would this story which can be found in all four gospels indicate an unexplained miracle? For example, John 6:14 says *"When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."* Thousands clearly seemed to understand that only someone with the power of God could perform such a work.

What we can take away from this story is that Jesus still asked for loaves and fish from his disciples as a starting point for the miracle. It is often said that anything that is free has little value, meaning that some amount of investment or buy in is required. This is why organizations like Habitat for Humanity, among others, require future homeowners to contribute a certain amount of labor to their new home. The same is true for our life together as the church; God might multiply what we put into it and increase it, but when you multiply any number by zero, you will always get zero.

We have had an abundant year at Clen-Moore by many standards, but there is always need. I have never heard church say they have more money than they know what to do with, or an excess of volunteers to put to work. So as a follow up to the stewardship letter you should have already received, remember that the work and needs of the church have been accomplished because you have trusted God to use and multiply your gifts. Trust that the same will be true into the future as you find new ways to invest your loaves and fishes for His kingdom. Be reminded of Paul's words to the Ephesian church: *"remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, for he himself said 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"*

Bless and be blessed!  
Aaron and Michael



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**Health Note**



"Exercising more and limiting (even avoiding) certain foods are among the key steps recommended to prevent cancer in an update from the American Cancer Society. Based on a review of current scientific evidence, it calls for 150-300 minutes of moderate intensity physical activity, or 75-100 min of vigorous intensity activity per week. Compared to the 2012 guideline, the update is notably even more cautionary about certain foods, recommending a diet that 'limits or does not include red and processed meats, sugar sweetened beverages, highly processed foods, and refined grains.' " (Wellness Letter, September, 2020)


Scripture:

"Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things, and be in health, just as your soul prospers." ( 3 John: 2)




**Don't forget to get your flu shot!**





**YOUTH CORNER:**



- Jr./Sr. High Sunday School is back together and we are continuing our DVD series on Characters in the Bible. In October we will be looking at Elijah, Daniel, Mary Magdalene, and Thomas and learning from both their faithfulness and failures, all the while seeing God's love and grace through them.
- KFC & FlipSide - will meet in the afternoon on **Sunday, October 18th**. We are planning a day outside on the ball field and roasting hot dogs. More info to come.

**MESSENGER DEADLINE FOR NOVEMBER IS OCTOBER 16TH**

# DAILY BIBLE READINGS

## OCTOBER, 2020

- 1 II Corinthians 9.1-15
- 2 Leviticus 23.1-24
- 3 Leviticus 23.26-44
- 4 Leviticus 24.1-25
- 5 Leviticus 25.1-24
- 6 Leviticus 25.25-55
- 7 Leviticus 26.1-46
- 8 Leviticus 27.1-34
- 9 I Timothy 1.1-20
- 10 I Timothy 2.1 - 3.16
- 11 I Timothy 4.1-16
- 12 I Timothy 5.1-24
- 13 I Timothy 6.1-21
- 14 Hosea 1.1-11
- 15 Hosea 2.1-15
- 16 Hosea 2.16 - 3.5
- 17 Hosea 4.1-19
- 18 Hosea 5.1-15
- 19 Hosea 6.1-11
- 20 Hosea 7.1-16
- 21 Hosea 8.1-14
- 22 Hosea 9.1-17
- 23 Hosea 10.1-15
- 24 Hosea 11.1 -12.1
- 25 Hosea 12.2-14
- 26 Hosea 13.1-16
- 27 Hosea 14.1-9
- 28 II Timothy 1.1-18
- 29 II Timothy 2.1-26
- 30 II Timothy 3.1-17
- 31 II Timothy 4.1-22

  
*Lord,  
Hear Our  
Prayer*



### IN MEMORIUM

Eleanor McConahy  
Donald Smith



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### 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.**



### A Message from Caring Friends

Do you know a church member, non-member, neighbor or friend that needs a pick-me-up? We would like to offer soup, rolls and cookies. You may pick them up in the freezer off of Fellowship Hall. We ask that you sign your name to the sheet on the freezer.

### October Deacons of the month:

Nancy Book & John Purdy



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### ANNOUNCEMENTS



**Congregational Meeting**—There will be an annual congregational meeting for members of the Clen-Moore Church on **Sunday, October 18th** after worship in the sanctuary to vote to amend one section of the Church By-Laws relating to Ruling Elders, and for the election of church officers. The Session is proposing that the Church By-Laws on page 3, article IV, section 1, letter C be amended from: "The Session shall consist of (15) Ruling Elders, but those currently serving may complete their term of office. The Ruling Elders shall be divided into (3) equal classes." to: "The Session shall consist of no less than (12) and no more than (15) Ruling Elders. Ruling Elders will be divided into (3) classes." If you have any questions regarding the meeting, please contact either Pastor Michael or Pastor Aaron. Thanks.

### PRIMETIMERS ARE BACK TO PRIMETIME

Primetimers will be meeting again on Tuesday mornings from 9:30-10:30 AM in The Parlor starting **October 6th**. We are picking back up where we left off last March on "Angels and Demons" and then moving into The Doctrine of Man/Humanity. All are welcome.



**Fall is Here!**