

Romans 3:23 says, "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." This verse reminds us that this is the reality in which we all exist in this world, we are sinners. Not one of us is perfect, neither can we save ourselves.

As the season of Lent approaches, beginning with Ash Wednesday, the church is called to take a step back and recognize our shortcomings, our mortality, and our inability to do anything about it.

It is a time of repentance, which is more than just asking for forgiveness. To repent is to turn 180 degrees away from our sins. In our turning, we re-orient ourselves on the new path that God has called us to walk through faith in Jesus Christ, who is the only one who can save us from our sins. "For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Romans 6:23).

God's desire for us is to walk with His own Son, whose path led Him to the cross and death. We are called to walk the same path of dying to our own desires, to our sins, and reorienting our lives to live solely for God and His desires for us.

Through God's grace and mercy then, we may know what it means to live for Him, ultimately leading to that glorious day that we call Easter, or Resurrection Sunday, winning victory over sin and death and opening up unending joy and peace as we serve Him.

To live in the light of the cross and resurrection, is to live, not by our own power and strength, but by the resurrection power of Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit.

Throughout lent we will focus our preaching on repentance while comparing what the believer's life looks like and the Christ-like behaviors that describe that life, with some of the big sins that we all struggle with.

We invite you to begin this journey of lent with us on Ash Wednesday, February 17. There will be a few different opportunities for you to participate with us, both virtually and in person. The details of this day are taking their final shape and we will share them with you through our weekly emailed announcements as well as announcements during Sunday morning worship.

So, come along and let's begin our lenten journey together!

Grace and Peace,
Michael and Aaron



Health Note

Date to Remember- **FEBRUARY 14, 2021** - Health Ministry Team Meeting after worship service in the library.



Health Tip:



"Before we embrace another holiday, Valentine's Day, where we look forward to sharing our love and gratitude to those we care about....first, consider doing some personal soul searching. Gradually 'let go' of destructive inner guards and open the heart more fully to others. Value friendships that are based on trust and unconditional love. Offer yourself grace and don't hold back sharing mercy to others. Finally, give thanks to God for the blessings given, known and unknown. Let's begin today!"

(Taken from Pittsburgh Mercy Faith Connection, February, 2021)

Scripture: "Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others." Philippians 2:4 NIV



 <p style="margin: 0;">If you are interested in CPR/AED recertification, please call Nancy Book at 724-584-2547. Date and time to be announced. Class is limited to 12 persons.</p> 
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 <h2 style="margin: 0;">YOUTH CORNER</h2> 
<p>C.2G.S. - Our 7th-12th grade Sunday School class will continue with our series on discipleship, discussing prayer, salvation and whether or not someone can lose it, and why Christians go to church (or not).</p> <p>Youth group activities have been put on hold, but we hope to get together this month for at least one fun outdoor activity. As always, watch your emails for updates.</p>

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

FEBRUARY, 2021

- 1 | Corinthians 2.1-16
- 2 | Corinthians 3.1-22
- 3 | Corinthians 4.1-12
- 4 | Corinthians 5.1-12
- 5 | Corinthians 6.1-20
- 6 | Corinthians 7.1-24
- 7 | Corinthians 7.25—8.13
- 8 | Corinthians 9.1-27
- 9 | Corinthians 10.1-33
- 10 | Corinthians 11.1-34
- 11 | Corinthians 12.1-31
- 12 | Corinthians 13.1-13
- 13 | Corinthians 14.1-40
- 14 | Corinthians 15.1-58
- 15 | Corinthians 16.1-24
- 16 Psalm 68
- 17 John 6.25-71
- 18 John 7.1-31
- 19 John 7.32-52
- 20 John 8.1-11
- 21 John 8.12-30
- 22 John 8.31-58
- 23 John 9.1-34
- 24 John 9.35—10.21
- 25 John 10.22-42
- 26 Psalm 69
- 27 Psalm 71
- 28 John 15.1-17

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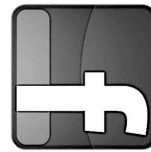
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A Sincere Thank You!!!

Pastor Michael and Pastor Aaron would like to say "thank you" to our congregation who prayed for us as we took our annual planning retreat last month. The details of what we believe that God is leading us to do in ministry and mission throughout this year will be divulged over the next few months, beginning with our committees, deacons, and our session.

As your co-pastors review our goals in our weekly meetings, these goals continually take shape in how we hope to present them and begin to implement them with our leaders, starting this month.

In spite of our pandemic, God is truly up to something at Clen-Moore Church. So get excited and get on board! We see God calling our church and leaders to more relational ministry, both vertically (our relationship with God) and horizontally (our relationship with each other, especially beyond our walls).

We believe that this vertical and horizontal relational focus will lead to more intentional ministry programming as we allow mission and ministry to flow from God's love within our hearts, and not just ideas within our head.

-M.S. & A.C.



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Thank you!



Deacons for the month of February:
Brenda Buchowski & Elaine Meyers

