

Dear Church Family,

Believe it or not, March marks one year since the Coronavirus drastically disrupted our lives. In that time, it is amazing what now seems "normal" compared to back then. We are also in the midst of our Lenten series focusing on Galatians 5:16-26, as we seek to discover what has become normalized along our own journey, both the good and the bad. To quote Dr. Seuss in *The Lorax*, "A tree falls the way it leans; be careful which way you lean." The season of Lent is where we look inward, with the help of the Holy Spirit, discerning which way we might be leaning. One of the difficulties with sin is being aware which way we are leaning.

Then we have the double-edged sword of freedom. Think about Adam and Eve in the garden. They had the freedom to eat from any tree EXCEPT that one. When the boundaries are defined, we try putting a toe, then a foot, and eventually our whole body across the line to see what happens. Notice what Paul says after listing the fruits of the spirit: "There is no law against such things". How many times have we made an excuse of "well, because of the pandemic we can't do that right now"?

Guess what? No matter what rules or restrictions we may live under, there is no law limiting how much joy, peace, or love we give to the world. We can never be too kind or too patient with one another. Have you ever heard of a Christian accused of being too faithful to Jesus, or having too much self-control? Probably not. This is probably what Paul was hinting at back in his day too. Instead of looking at the Word and its limitations, maybe we look instead at the limitless possibilities that exist even now. It's only fitting, as we approach Easter, the day when we celebrate Jesus Christ breaking the limits on sin and death in our own lives, through the miracle that grants us the freedom we often abuse.

As we continue our Lenten journey to the cross, and then to the empty grave, try not to let your "works of the flesh" or sin get you down. At the same time, if you try too hard to produce spiritual fruit, you may miss the point. Instead, we focus on our compass, Jesus Christ. On each step of the journey, rely on the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Walking by faith and not by sight is less about knowing where you are going and more about knowing who is guiding you. Be guided by the Holy Spirit this Lenten season, and find joy in the journey as much as the destination.

Bless and be blessed,
Aaron and Michael




Health Tip:





"March is a great time to reflect on healthy choices and holistic eating. Eating nourishes our body, mind, and spirit and can strengthen our immune responses. As Christians, we are encouraged to place our eating and drinking within the context of our faith (Romans 14:23). We are also mindful of the use of fasting as a spiritual discipline. Fasting, however, is not to be entered in lightly, but it can be meaningful to draw us closer to God. May the Lord richly bless all of your good health choices, especially your choice of healthy foods!" (Taken from an article by the New Wilmington Parish Nurses).

Scripture: Isaiah 41:13 "For I, the Lord your God, will hold your right hand, saying to you, "Fear not, I will help you."



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.





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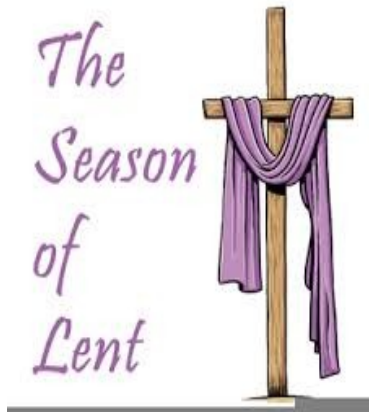


C.2G.S. - The Jr./Sr. High Sunday School Class will be working through a Bible study together, discussing what it means to be created in the image of God. Included in this will be a discussion about our own self image; how we think other people might see us and how that impacts our thoughts and actions; and how God sees us and ultimately what Jesus wants us to use our minds and bodies for.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

March, 2021

- 1 Ezekiel 1.1-28
- 2 Ezekiel 2.1 - 3.15
- 3 Ezekiel 3.16 - 4.16
- 4 Ezekiel 5.1-17
- 5 Ezekiel 6.1-14
- 6 Psalm 85 Third Sunday in Lent
- 7 John 16.1-33
- 8 Ezekiel 7.1-9
- 9 Ezekiel 7.10-27
- 10 Ezekiel 8.1-18
- 11 Ezekiel 9.1-11
- 12 Ezekiel 10.1-22
- 13 Ezekiel 11.1-25 Fourth Sunday in Lent
- 14 John 17.1-26
- 15 Ezekiel 12.1-28
- 16 Ezekiel 13.1-23
- 17 Ezekiel 14.1-23
- 18 Ezekiel 15.1 - 16.14
- 19 Ezekiel 16.15-43
- 20 Ezekiel 16.44-63 Fifth Sunday in Lent
- 21 John 11.1-44
- 22 Psalm 139
- 23 Psalm 140
- 24 Psalm 141
- 25 Psalm 142
- 26 Psalm 83
- 27 Psalm 72 Palm/Passion Sunday
- 28 John 12.1-19
- 29 John 12.20-49
- 30 John 13.1-38
- 31 John 14.1-31



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Marjorie Nord



ATTENTION

If you, or someone you know that is affiliated with Clen-Moore Church, are not able to receive our weekly prayer page and announcements, please contact the church office and we will be happy to mail a hard copy of them to you so you can stay afloat of what is happening at the church. Also, if you wish to receive them by email, but are not, please send us your email address with your request to be added to the group email list. Thank you.



Happy 100th Birthday to:

Betty (Ruth) Stevens

March 8, 2021

SPRING

~Daylight Savings time begins, Sunday, March 14, 2021~

~The 1st Day of Spring is Saturday, March 20, 2021~



HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY



Wednesday, March 17, 2021



HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SERVICES



As we journey through the season of lent and approach Holy Week at the end of March and early April, Clen-Moore Church will be offering a worship service on Maundy Thursday at 7:00 PM, and two Easter Services at 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM.

Maundy Thursday - We will have a tenebrae-like worship service at Clen-Moore at 7:00 PM on Thursday, April 1. There will be Scripture readings, reflections, music, and Holy Communion. We will be doing this jointly with Shenango Presbyterian Church and their pastor, Rev. Rick Vogeley.

Easter - In order to maintain a safe worship occupancy for Easter, there will be two worship services offered on Sunday, April 4, one at **9:00 AM and the other at 11:00 AM** (Notice, there is not a 10:30 service). **We ask that you please RSVP on our website or call the church office at 724-654-6657 by Wednesday, March 31, for either time** so that we do not surpass our safe occupancy numbers. Both Easter services will be live-streamed.

In addition, the nursery will be available for both services. We will not have Sunday School, and as always on Easter, there will not be Children's Church as families can sit and worship together.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping us to do our part in keeping one another as safe as we can while still celebrating our Christian journey together.



Deacons for the month of March:

Tom Teleis & Barbara VanHorn

