

Dear Church Family,


Easter and the resurrection of Christ is central to our salvation, but how we live out and share salvation from that point forward is just as important. After the resurrection, and before Jesus ascended to the Father in heaven, he shares these final words in Acts 1:6-8: *“So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”* We celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost, which this year falls on Sunday, May 23rd.

Aaron and Michael will begin a preaching series on the book of Acts starting on May 9. Acts is shorthand for “The Acts of the Apostles”, giving us insight on the early life of the church. While the gospels share the life of Jesus, and other New Testament letters help clarify and define our faith, Acts gives us a unique look at *how* the first Christians lived out their faith. Notice how in the passage above Jesus promises power from the Holy Spirit, and that power has a purpose—to be witnesses to Him. Though he uses some specific geographical locations, Jesus’ intent when using them was a call to witness to Him locally, regionally, and internationally. In other words, God sends us out into the world and the mission of the church is to take place wherever we happen to be.

This is an important time for us in the modern church to think about how we are called to witness locally, regionally, and internationally. As we anticipate being able to do more in-person activities as a church and emerge from the pandemic, it is also the right time to remember why we do what we do as the church. Remember that the ‘church’ is a word used to describe the spiritual family of Jesus, or more plainly put, Christ’s followers who gather in His name. We hope and pray that this series will challenge us to see the world in a new way, keeping the mission of Jesus at the forefront of all our efforts.

One of the hallmarks of the church we will see throughout the book of Acts is prayer. Praying in our private life is an important part of our relationship with Jesus, but we are also called to do it together. On Tuesday, May 4th at 7PM, instead of our monthly committee meetings, we are inviting everyone to join us for a prayer service. Gathering with the intent of praying together is good by itself—we also hope that this will kick off a new season in the life of our church. . As we learn from the witness of the beginnings of the church in Acts, start praying for how God might be using you and Clen-Moore Church to witness to New Castle, Lawrence County, and to the ends of the earth.


Grace and peace,
Aaron and Michael



Dates to Remember: May 9, 2021 Mother’s Day
May 16, 2021- Health Ministry Team Meeting after Worship
May 31, 2021- Memorial Day

“There is no safe way to tan, despite claims otherwise! After a study made of some of the largest gym chains in the U.S., 78 percent of them had tanning beds available. Ultraviolet radiation, whether from sunlight or sun lamps increases skin aging and skin cancer risk, with damage being cumulative— and numerous studies have confirmed a relationship between tanning beds and skin cancer, including basal cell carcinoma and melanoma A. “Gyms that offer tanning services may be perpetuating the notion that tanning is part of a healthy lifestyle, which undermines public health warnings about the dangers of indoor tanning,” the study reported. Many major gym chains, however, including LA Fitness and 24 Hour Fitness, as well as many local gyms do not offer indoor tanning.”
(Taken from University of California, Berkeley Wellness Letter, April,2020)


Inspirational Thought:
“I say a prayer of thanks every morning. When I put my feet on the floor, I set my attitude. I make a conscious decision that it’s going to be a good day!”
(Quote from Lori Allen, author, as published in Guideposts magazine, May, 2021).




Treasurer’s Report for the 1st Quarter of 2021 for the General Fund:

Year to Date Income	\$84,591
Year to Date Expense	\$82,464

Thank you for your continued financial support for the ongoing work at Clen Moore!



YOUTH PAGE



- As we move into May the youth group is looking forward to having more consistent and regular youth activities. Even as I write this, I am preparing for a meeting with the youth leaders this Sunday (4/25) after worship. We are doing a youth ministry reset. Ultimately, this will help to keep our programming focused on our relationship with Jesus Christ and each other, while also providing opportunity for ministry and mission. A schedule of events through the summer and the way forward will also be going out via email. We have some new ideas and opportunities that we will explore and hope to share with our youth and families in the following weeks. It is an exciting time and we are eager to see what God is up to with our youth ministry. In the meantime, we will wrap up our Sunday School unit on, "The Person of Jesus Christ" and move into a study on how daily Bible reading and prayer help to shape and influence our Christian ethics and decision making.

MESSENGER DEADLINE FOR JUNE IS MAY 21ST

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

May, 2021

- 1 Exodus 20.1-26
- 2 Proverbs 16.1-33
- 3 Proverbs 17.1-28
- 4 Proverbs 18.1-24
- 5 Proverbs 19.1-29 National Day of Prayer
- 6 Psalm 67
- 7 Psalm 144
- 8 Psalm 145
- 9 Deut'my 11.1-32
- 10 James 1.1-27
- 11 James 2.1-26
- 12 James 3.1-18
- 13 James 4.1-17
- 14 James 5.1-20
- 15 Jude Ascension Sunday
- 16 Psalm 146
- 17 Ezekiel 17.1-24
- 18 Ezekiel 18.1-32
- 19 Ezekiel 19.1-14
- 20 Ezekiel 20.1-29
- 21 Ezekiel 20.30-49
- 22 Ezekiel 21.1-17 Pentecost
- 23 Ezekiel 21.18-32
- 24 Ezekiel 22.1-31
- 25 Ezekiel 23.1-27
- 26 Ezekiel 23.28-49
- 27 Ezekiel 24.1-27
- 28 Ephesians 1.1-23
- 29 Ephesians 2.1-22
- 30 Ephesians 3.1-21
- 31 Ephesians 4.1-32



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SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY!!!



The Sue DeVite Scholarship is now available. This scholarship is for any active Clen-Moore Church member who is entering a post-high school educational program.

In addition to the Sue DeVite Scholarship and using the same criteria, there will be a special scholarship given to one applicant in honor of Harry & Thelma Banks.

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 **Monday, May 31, 2021.**

All of the details of the scholarship are within the application. Applications are available in the church office and can be picked up by appointment. They are also available to be emailed at your request. Please contact me with any questions.

~Pastor Aaron

Mission Spotlight! Christian Camps

Our mission spotlight this month is on one of our long-time partners, Frontier Fellowship. Frontier Fellowship strives to engage the world's least-reached places, supporting efforts to establish local churches that can proclaim the Good News of God's Kingdom to their communities and beyond. They work all across the globe, but especially in Africa, Asia, and the Middle East.

Clen-Moore donates \$2,000 annually to Frontier Fellowship and has close ties with Denise Sciuto, their local Associate Director. Denise partners specifically with believers and churches in Sudan, South Sudan, and Uganda. She has traveled there on multiple occasions to learn more about their ministries, and she loves to bring people with her! She will be speaking at Clen-Moore on May 16th to give us an update on Frontier Fellowship's current mission work there, and in the meantime she asks that you continue to lift them up in prayer. Specifically, please pray for those suffering from a recent increase in violence in Darfur, and that God would continue to watch over our partners as they lead a church-planting school.

Prayer Requests:

- There is new violence in West Darfur. At least 132 people have been killed and approximately 1,800 people have fled from Darfur into Chad. Chad is not a very hospitable neighbor. Pray for those who had to flee. Also, pray for those who are committing acts of violence to have a change of heart.
- Pray for the men leading the church planting school. They all had COVID. Praise God they are now well and did not require hospitalization. Also, pray for God's protection so they will not get sick again. There are not many ways to get a vaccine yet.

Deacons for the month of May:

Nancy Book & Teri Ellis

