

Dear Church Family,

Our "June Mission Spotlight" is providing for the content of the co-pastors' article. For the past several months, since September of 2020, Clen-Moore Church has been praying for The Ebenezer Church of God in Christ. In that time our co-pastors have met with their co-pastors for lunch several times as we are getting to know one another better, support one another in ministry, and pray about how God might be calling our congregations together to possibly share in ministry.

We felt that it would be beneficial for us to share with you a little bit more about their church. What follows is from an interview with Pastor Joe Gunn, one of Ebenezer's co-pastors, who visited our congregation back in February with his family.

The Ebenezer congregation, 119 S. Jefferson St, has been worshipping together for about 90 years. They currently are worshipping around 50 people. They recently went through a ministerial leadership transition from a long-time senior pastor to co-pastors. This was one of the main reasons that Joe reached out to us, to inquire about how Clen-Moore goes about the "co-pastor" thing.

Ebenezer has been led by co-pastors for about the past 18 months, but because of the pandemic they have not been officially installed by their denomination, which has had some serious health struggles and leadership deaths due to COVID.

Ebenezer's church property is the largest African American owned facility in Lawrence County. Ebenezer Church has been a pillar in the New Castle minority community in so many ways. Their members have been very active in ministering to the needs of people who have faced very tough times and situations. They have been the boots on the ground in tough places. Although their resources are limited, the church continues to be used as a witness for Jesus Christ as they seek to serve him by loving their neighbors, especially those in great need and suffering great loss, like the loss of their children due to violence.

Like most churches in western PA, they have faced many difficult changes and challenges. As the children in their congregation grow up, get an education and jobs, they move away from the New Castle area, and do not return. This is not an uncommon thing for our church, but the attrition rate among the minority community in New Castle is incomparably high.


There have been other successful African American pastors that have been raised up in the Ebenezer congregation, to go on and either plant a new church, or pastor an established church. The well known and beloved Rev. David Young is one of those people.

One of the ministries of Ebenezer that has found great success is the more recent farm to table program. Distributing about 300 boxes weekly between their congregation and the community keeps them busy doing God's work. They also have had a long running successful women's ministry program that cares for the mental and spiritual health of women. They often use the giftedness of health and wellness professionals in the community to help in these areas.


Ebenezer recently lost a very dear member of their church who was a pillar of their congregation, Mother Lucy Dean. She was a prayer warrior, she led a weekly Bible-study for many years, she was a well respected community leader, and a true spiritual leader in their church. Pastor Len now takes a larger part in the leadership of their weekly Bible study.

Please continue to keep their congregation and their pastors in your prayers. We will continue our relationship with them, waiting for God to open up a door for us to share in ministry together. We have already invited them to participate with our church softball team. We hope that a relationship with our brothers and sisters in Christ from Ebenezer Church will remind us that the church is not any one race, color, or ethnicity. It is so much bigger and better than we can ever imagine, because we belong to God. Galatians 3:26-28 reminds us of this reality, "So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus." May these verses always ring true in our thoughts, words, and actions.

Grace & Peace,
Pastor Michael and Pastor Aaron



YOUTH PAGE



Summer Youth Schedule:

- **Sunday, June 6th - 6:00 - 7:30 PM** in Fellowship Hall - Youth group graduation party for our youth group seniors. This is for our youth and youth leaders. We will have a meal, some fun and games, and maybe a "light roast" of our grads and ask God's blessing upon them as well.
- **Friday, June 25 - 6:00 - 10:00 PM.** Party at Jeff and Natalie Mendenhall's. Giant slip-n-slide, cook-out, bible study, fire, smores, capture the flag, etc...
- **Monday, July 12th - Waldameer Park and Water World.** This is for youth, families, and friends of youth. You will have to RSVP for this event. I will send out more details in early June with cost and times and a few other details.
- **Mon. - Wed. July 19th-21st. City Serve with LCYM.** I don't have details for this event yet as it is still in the works. We will only do a combo of 2-3 days during this time. We will be serving our local community and making it a better place to live with minor work projects TBD. These are usually all day events with lunch provided. Once I learn more, we will share the details.
- **Sunday, August 8th - Pool Party & dinner at the Christy's** with our famous pool-side bible study.

C.2G.S.— The Junior/Senior High Sunday School class will study the wisdom books (Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, etc.) throughout the summer, applying practical Christian wisdom to every day choices and situations.

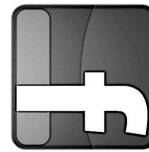
MESSENGER DEADLINE FOR JULY IS JUNE 18TH

June, 2021

- 1 Ephesians 5.1-33
- 2 Ephesians 6.1-24
- 3 Exodus 21.1-36
- 4 Exodus 22.1-31
- 5 Exodus 23.1-33
- 6 Exodus 24.1-18
- 7 Proverbs 20.1-30
- 8 Proverbs 21.1-31
- 9 Proverbs 22.1-16
- 10 I Peter 1.1-25
- 11 I Peter 2.1-25
- 12 I Peter 3.1-22
- 13 I Peter 4.1-19
- 14 I Peter 5.1-14
- 15 Exodus 32.1-16
- 16 Exodus 32.17 - 33.6
- 17 Exodus 33.7-23
- 18 Exodus 34.1-9
- 19 Exodus 34.10-35
- 20 Deut'my 34.1-12
- 21 Joshua 1.1-18
- 22 Joshua 2.1-24
- 23 Joshua 3.1-17
- 24 Joshua 4.1-24
- 25 Joshua 5.1-15
- 26 Joshua 6.1-27
- 27 Joshua 7.1-26
- 28 Joshua 8.1-35
- 29 Joshua 9.1-27
- 30 Joshua 10.1-15



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Dates/activities to remember:

Help plant our all-church garden in June— then tend it and watch it grow! Then enjoy the fruits or our labors in August!

Health Tip:

“WALK! There’s no easier way to do your body a world of good than walking, whether you are trying to manage your blood sugar, fight arthritic pain or stiffness, or keep your brain sharp. If 30 minutes a day seems like too much, break it into 3 ten minute strolls, says Cleveland Clinic exercise physiologist Christopher Travers, MS. Even more fun: Walk for a cause. Events like ‘Walk to end Alzheimer’s ’are held in more than 600 communities across America. Go to act.alz.org to find a walk near you to be part of the world’s largest event to raise awareness and funds for Alzheimer’s care, support, and research.”

(Taken from ‘Parade’, May 23-30, 2021).

Scripture: “God saw all that He had made, and it was very good.”

Genesis 1:31



GRADUATION SUNDAY 2020

Graduation Sunday is **June 6, 2021**. We will be celebrating graduates during our worship service. We want to celebrate the graduation of those in high school, college (all degrees), military, and any other graduating institutions.

Please contact the church office by **Thursday, June 3rd** with your Graduates information. **1.** Full name. **2.** Any immediate family relations to Clen-Moore Church members. **3.** Place graduation from. **4.** Degree. **5.** Brief future plans. **6.** For high school graduates that will not be in attendance, please email or text Pastor Aaron a picture of your graduate.

Please do not assume that the office knows about your Graduate... do call or email. Congratulations to all of Clen-Moore’s Graduates! God bless you and may you bless the Lord Jesus Christ in your future endeavors.



Happy
Father's
Day!

June 20, 2021



Deacons for the month of June:

Tom Teleis & Barbara VanHorn

