

Dear Church Family,

Each new year that comes upon us is always a blessing from God and 2022 is no different. With the dawning of a new year, it gives us an opportunity to look behind us and do some inventory to see where the Lord has worked in our lives in both familiar and unfamiliar ways. In essence, we do an annual review of what Jesus has been up to in our personal lives and within our church family to try to see where He might be leading us in the coming new year.

Part of the way that we do this as a church is through our Annual Congregational Meeting which will take place on Sunday, January 23 after worship. This gives us an opportunity to reflect together (with thanksgiving) on how Jesus has been working through us and around us in the ministry and mission of Clen-Moore Church. Also, we anticipate what He might do in the coming year with hope and joy.

A new year gives us opportunity to set new goals for mission and ministry as we try to follow Jesus and what He wants to do through us in 2022. Pastors Michael and Aaron do this at the beginning of every year as we sit down together while on retreat. We work through what we believe God is wanting to do through our co-ministerial leadership at Clen-Moore. We already have some new ideas that we are excited about for this new year that we will share in the coming weeks and months ahead.

For the church, this can mean, at times, working towards change in ministry and the organizational structures (such as with the deacons in 2021), while introducing new ideas together with the session. All the while many of our leaders are also dreaming up new ways to bless one another and reach out to our community with the love of Jesus Christ. In the midst of this change and newness we carry on with the "normal" day-to-day operations that we do that keep the church functioning and ministry happening.

Often times you hear people say, "Follow your dreams!" This sounds like good advice and a new year might give someone an opportunity to dream anew. These dreams can be expressed as personal goals or resolutions. However, what if our dreams do not match up with what God is dreaming for us? Or what happens when we fail to reach our goals? What truly is our purpose in life and what gives it meaning?

Matthew 7:7-8 says, "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened."

Jesus reminds us in these verses that as His disciples, we should come to God in humility and awareness of our constant need for Him. As we seek to do what God wants to do through us, it connects our prayers with responsible action in pursuing the will of God, not our own will or dreams. This is done as we knock with perseverance and persistence in prayer, trusting that God will provide according to His sovereign and grace-filled will.

May all of our goals, dreams, and resolutions for 2022 be guided by God's grace and love as we seek to glorify and honor Him in all that we do! Amen.

Grace and Peace,  
Pastors Aaron & Michael

### Health Note:

**Move in New Ways:**

Routine exercise is the key to wellness and 24% of people in a Consumer Report survey said they ramped up activity during the pandemic. (Almost one third, though, reported a drop.) Wherever you are, keep this in mind: what all those reminders to get moving don't tell you is that over time, your body adapts to physical challenges. So while a mile run might have given you a heart-pumping workout when you first started it, once it starts feeling easy, you won't get the same health gains.



Switching up your regular fitness practice is a powerful way to get more out of exercise. 'Variety isn't only good for the body, but also for your mental state. It can prevent workouts from feeling repetitive and stale,' says Kyle Kercher, a certified exercise physiologist. Whether you are hoping to increase the benefits of workouts or just want to find a fun physical activity, trying a new fitness plan can leave your body feeling stronger and better! (Ashley Abramson, Consumer Report, Jan, 2022)

"The birth of Jesus made possible not just a new way of understanding life, but a new way of living it."  
(Frederick Buechner, Writer and Theologian),



### Youth Page



**C.2G.S.**—(Jr/Sr High Sunday School) At the persistent request of our students, we will begin a Bible study on various views of "end times," which is called eschatology. We will take a look at different Bible passages and discover what they mean about things concerning Jesus' return to earth.

**FlipSide**—For the month of January, we will do our annual family bowling outing as well as a possible snow tubing or sled-riding trip, which will be weather dependent. Therefore, we will schedule these things as we get a forecast for the month. Keep checking your emails.

**Confirmation** for students in 7th-12th grade will start in January, 2022. We will have an informational meeting on **Sunday, January 9th** after worship in the youth room. At this meeting, we will go over the details of the program and look over the calendar as well. Please contact Pastor Aaron with interest and with any questions.



We will be taking down Christmas decorations on Sunday, **January 2nd**, following worship services, and are in need of volunteers to help. There will be light refreshments provided.



**MESSENGER DEADLINE FOR FEBRUARY IS JANUARY 15th.**

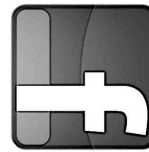
# DAILY BIBLE READINGS

## January, 2022

- 1 Hebrews 1.1-14
- 2 Hebrews 2.1-18
- 3 Hebrews 3.1-19
- 4 Hebrews 4.1-13
- 5 Hebrews 4.14—5.14
- 6 John 1.15-34
- 7 Psalm 32
- 8 Jeremiah 7.1-15
- 9 Jeremiah 7.16-34
- 10 Jeremiah 8.1-22
- 11 Jeremiah 9.1-26
- 12 Jeremiah 10.1-25
- 13 Jeremiah 11.1-23
- 14 Jeremiah 12.1-17
- 15 Jeremiah 13.1-27
- 16 Matthew 1.1-17
- 17 Matthew 1.18-25
- 18 Isaiah 9.1-7
- 19 Matthew 2.1-23
- 20 Matthew 3.1-17
- 21 Matthew 4.1-25
- 22 Psalm 24
- 23 Psalm 25
- 24 Psalm 26
- 25 Psalm 27
- 26 Psalm 28
- 27 Psalm 29
- 28 Psalm 30
- 29 Psalm 31
- 30 Matthew 5.1-20
- 31 Matthew 5.21-48



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Synod of the Trinity	\$ 2.40
General Assembly	\$ 8.98
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Thank you!



~The following are new members to the church and we would like to take this opportunity to welcome them. We are so glad they have chosen us to worship the Lord together and have fellowship.

**BILL & CINDY LYONS**



**This New Year's greeting is sent with love,  
in hopes that God blesses you from above.**



## Mission Spotlight!



**January**—Cru (formerly Campus Crusade for Christ)

Randy and Megan Veccia are missionaries serving with Cru (formerly Campus Crusade for Christ) in northwest PA. Randy leads and Megan serves on a team of staff members with a scope of reaching 16 college campuses and 56,000 students. The team currently has movements on five of those campuses which lets them reach just over 50% of their scope.

Randy casts vision and trains the Cru staff and students on how to lead ministry on college campuses, and Megan serves with and guides young women at Slippery Rock University. They and their daughter, Lily, are in the process of relocating permanently to western PA, with another baby on the way! Please keep them all in your prayers as they look to complete their transition and work to bring young men and women to Christ.



## Attention

Our Annual Congregational Meeting is scheduled for **Sunday, January 23, 2022** immediately following worship in the sanctuary. All members are invited to participate as we review the **2022** budget, go over ministry reports, and vote on the co-pastors terms of call.