



The Clen-Moore

# Messenger



# Christ

The Way, the Truth,  
and the Life.

## April 2022

Dear Church Family,

Not long after this edition of the monthly newsletter, we will celebrate the ups and downs of Holy Week—Jesus’ journey to the cross. Then comes the pinnacle event of our Christian faith—the resurrection of Jesus from the dead, without which there would be no basis for hope in Christ, or a Christian faith at all. The pivotal events of Holy Week are a fulfillment of Jesus’ earthly work and teaching. It inaugurates the Kingdom of God breaking through to the earth in new way that had yet to be revealed. Our crucified Savior returns from death to rule in a way that no one can touch nor defeat.

When we enter into life with Christ, we become subjects of the kingdom. The challenge is that inauguration means something has begun, but is not yet complete. A new reign of God exists in the world, one without typical geographical borders to dispute (think of the Russian invasion of Ukraine). Instead, we serve as ambassadors in a foreign land. Jesus is King, but until He returns again for the final judgment, we are representatives of a spiritual kingdom without clear boundaries. So, what do we do with all of this?

Later on in the Book of Acts, we know Jesus sends the apostles out to spread the good news that this kingdom has come into being. The good news of Christ as king, who has control over life AND death, should convict us to respond as well. Part of that response is Christian mission. The word “mission” is used widely in the modern church as work that proclaims the good news, serves the poor, and seeks God’s peace and justice in the world. As subjects of Jesus’ kingdom, we take part in that work on behalf of our king.

We have an incredible privilege to participate in and celebrate mission here at Clen-Moore. We recently shared that the Mission and Evangelism Committee requested and received grant applications to help provide funding to our mission partners above and beyond our regular annual support. Thanks to generous estate giving and other surplus mission funds, we were able to gift \$95,000 to these five mission partners:

- ~**5 Star Global Outreach**—\$35,000 for a solar system that will stabilize their work in Haiti, where electricity is unreliable and expensive in rural areas.
- ~**Promise of Life Network**—\$20,000 to use toward building repairs and improvements for their New Castle facility.
- ~**CRU**—\$20,000 to help Randy and Megan Veccia secure housing near Slippery Rock University as an outreach to students.
- ~**Pine Valley Camp**—\$10,000 toward construction of their new dining hall.
- ~**New Castle Christian Academy**—\$10,000 toward the campaign to replace their current heating system.

As we rejoice in and share the hope of the resurrection, be sure to celebrate the impact we can have for God’s kingdom. We don’t do this out of pride or to boast. Rather, we praise God that we’ve been able to support these missions and the people they serve in a tangible way. After all, ministry and mission for Jesus is always about people.

All praise to our risen Lord!  
Aaron and Michael



### Health Note:

Health Tip:



**Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Hallelujah!**

We have spent these past weeks of Lent learning about ourselves and others through prayer, fasting, and study. Easter inspires us to move forward in our work of becoming whole and offers us the reality of joy. As the risen Christ shows us the wounds that brought Him to death, we remember our own woundedness, which is now transformed in the resurrection and brings us Christian joy!

Health Ministry

Read again the gospel stories of Christ’s appearance to His disciples (Luke 24: 14-32, John 20: 11-31 and John 21: 1-17) and be glad!

(NW Parish Nurses)



### Holy Week Worship Schedule

**April 10th** - Palm Sunday Worship Service at **10:30 AM**.

**April 14th** - Maundy Thursday Service at **7:00 PM** at Clen-Moore Church with Shenango Church. We will have a Tenebrae style worship service that will include Scripture readings and reflections, music, and communion.

**April 17th** - Easter Sunday Services and Activities:

Sunrise Service at **8:00 AM** in the Sanctuary.

Easter breakfast will be served from **8:30 AM - 10:00 AM** in Fellowship Hall.  
(You do not have to attend the Sunrise Service to take part in the breakfast).

Sunday School at **9:30 AM**.

Worship Service at **10:30 AM**.



## Messenger deadline for May is April 20th.



# DAILY BIBLE READINGS

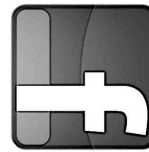
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- 1 Psalm 118
- 2 Matthew 21.1-22 Fifth Sunday in Lent
- 3 Matthew 21.23-45
- 4 Matthew 22.1-22
- 5 Matthew 22.23-46
- 6 Matthew 23.1-39
- 7 Matthew 24.1-31
- 8 Matthew 24.32 - 25.13
- 9 Matthew 25.14-45 Palm/Passion Sunday
- 10 Matthew 26.1-30
- 11 Matthew 26.31-56
- 12 Matthew 26.57-75
- 13 Matthew 27.1-26
- 14 Matthew 27.27-55 Good Friday
- 15 Psalm 22
- 16 Matthew 27.56-66 Easter
- 17 Matthew 28.1-20
- 18 Psalm 123
- 19 Psalm 124
- 20 Psalm 125
- 21 Psalm 128
- 22 Psalm 129
- 23 Psalm 130
- 24 Jeremiah 30.1-24
- 25 Jeremiah 31.1-22
- 26 Jeremiah 31.23-40
- 27 Jeremiah 32.1-25
- 28 Jeremiah 32.26-44
- 29 Jeremiah 33.1-26
- 30 Jeremiah 34.1-22



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## Dominican Republic Partnership Update

"From Saturday 3/12 - Saturday 3/19, seven members of the DR Mission Team travelled to Sabaneta de Yásica. Typically, our group has about 30 team members (prior to the pandemic). Ralph and Ella Hawkins, Joel and Ellie Postema, Carlos Balta, Sandy Davis, and Melanie Main arrived to Sabaneta with medicine, money, and so many smiles and hugs to our dear friends.

They were able to observe the ongoing construction of the new sanctuary for local congregation which is aimed at being more flood-proof. The small team provided some limited medical clinics. The hope for this "mission trip of presence" was their presence and their work would glorify God.

If you would like to see the work and fellowship of the week, you can go to the partnership's blog:

<http://sabanetadeyasica.blogspot.com>

Please keep the DR Partnership in your prayers, as we hope this trip will bolster our abilities to resume the needed work in the medical, rehabilitation, construction, and educational areas we engaged in prior to the pandemic."

## Mission Spotlight!

April—Frontier Fellowship

Frontier Fellowship works with communities all over the world to reach the more than two billion people who have never heard of Jesus. They seek 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. It is their hope that someday all people, from every distinct group on earth, will encounter the grace of God and become thriving expressions of the Body of Christ in their unique contexts.

Denise Sciuto is the local Associate Director for Frontier Fellowship. She partners with Sudanese and South Sudanese to support their work in Sudan, South Sudan, and Uganda. Denise has traveled to Sudan and Uganda to learn more about their ministries and she loves to bring people with her. Please pray for Denise and our partners in Africa and consider whether God may be calling you to join in!



Walk  
in the  
light  
of the  
LORD  
see John 5:28-29

thankful

