

Dear Church Family,

In preparation for this edition of the Messenger, I thumbed back through previous June articles among some others, which was an interesting reminder of the past. There are some activities, programs, and events that existed a few years ago that no longer do. Others continue in new ways. And some that didn't exist even a year ago are now part of the life of our church. We cling tightly to life so that it would not change, yet if there is one constant in life, it is that—change.

Where Clen-Moore found itself in June of 2020 was the most eve-catching to me. At that point in time, COVID was still a fairly new journey. Yet for at least some, not being able to gather for in-person worship and activities was very frustrating and difficult to accept. It was in that article that we announced we would return for in-person worship in July of 2020.

It can be easy to forget where we have come from, and how far we had to journey to get there. Throughout the history of ancient Israel, the people struggled to remember God's deliverance in their lives. We are reminded of this in **Deuteronomy 6:12-14**: "Then take care lest you forget the Lord, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. It is the Lord your God you shall fear. Him you shall serve and by his name you shall swear."

While I think it would be a poor interpretation of scripture to compare directly the way God provided for his people through the Exodus to the inconveniences brought about by the pandemic, the message is timeless. When we are living in a convenient rhythm of life, our focus on God can blur and easily slip away. I'm not suggesting that Clen-Moore (or most other churches that I am aware of) has wandered astray. But there is always room for introspection and reflection to be done to help keep us on the narrow path focused on Him.

God was constantly reminding the Israelites of the past as a reminder of what to hope for in the future. This is where I want to leave off today. Before we can move forward, we remember the places where God's grace shone, even in ways that we didn't deserve. It can help us feel Jesus' presence through the comfort of the Holy Spirit, sustaining us through more turbulent times ahead. Last but not least, whether we look at the world around us and think there is nothing new and the world is just as crazy as it's ever been, OR we feel like the end is near and Jesus couldn't come back soon enough (or somewhere in between) -- we have hope that He is in control. Because "in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us." Be reminded of what Jesus has done in the past, where He is in the present, and cling to Him with hope as we move forward into the future.

Bless and be blessed, Aaron and Michael





Health Tip: During the summer we will be focusing on several ways to improve and maintain brain health.

You have probably heard that eating fish has brain benefits, and plenty of research backs this up. For instance, a study published last November in the journal Neurology found that healthy people over age 65 who eat two or more weekly servings of fatty fish like salmon, tuna, and sardines may have a lower risk of developing vascular brain disease, which can cause dementia. Dining on fin food four or more times weekly offers the most benefit. 'Fatty fish is rich in omega-3's, which help quell brain inflammation, says Walter Willett, MD, professor at Boston University's School of Public Health.' It may also be that fish is a healthy substitution for foods high in saturated fat, like red meat, In the second description of the second d (Consumer Report, June, 2022.)

Scripture: "Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers." (1 John 1:2.)



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**C.2G.S.** - With the onset of June and the beginning of summer we will explore some interesting Bible topics as we discuss what it means to be Christians who are responsible, respectful, forgiving, gentle, kind, and mission oriented.

#### Youth Group & Summer Youth Mission Trip:

We are scheduling some fun summer activities, including a trip to Fun Fore All, Waldameer Park and Water World, a pool party at the Christy's, among some other things. We will also hopefully get to do a local mission day of service that is still being worked out. Then, we have VBS and a few meetings to prep for our summer mission trip.

Our summer mission trip location has been changed due to circumstances beyond our control. We will be going to the Chestnut Ridge area of Barbour County, W.V. to work with World Servants. We will be doing a neighborhood VBS and a home building project. This area is very close to where we used to do our summer mission trips through 2016, in Flemington, W.V.

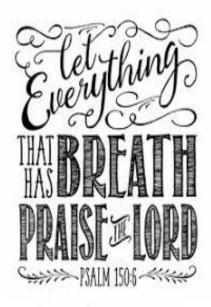
The dates of July 24-29 are still the same and we will still be going with our friends from Lebanon Presbyterian Church in West Middlesex.

# **Deadline for July Messenger is June 21st.**

# DAILY BIBLE READINGS

#### June 2022

1 Psalm 134 2 Psalm 135 3 Psalm 136 4 Psalm 138 Pentecost 5 Psalm 139 6 | Samuel 13.1-22 7 | Samuel 14.1-23 8 | Samuel 14.24-52 9 | Samuel 15.1-35 10 | Samuel 16.1-23 11 | Samuel 17.1-24 12 | Samuel 17.25-58 13 | Samuel 18.1-30 14 | Samuel 19.1-24 15 | Samuel 20.1-42 16 | Samuel 21.1-15 17 | Samuel 22.1-23 18 | Samuel 23.1-29 19 | Samuel 24.1-22 20 Proverbs 28 21 Proverbs 29 22 Proverbs 30 23 Proverbs 31 24 Deut'my 19.1-21 25 Deut'my 20.1-20 26 Deut'my 21.1-23 27 Deut'my 22.1-30 28 Deut'my 23.1-25 29 Deut'my 24.1-22 30 Deut'my 25.1-19



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# Sunday, June 19th

Worship will be held at the Apple Castle & Communion will be served.

## Mission Spotlight! June—CAMP LAMBEC



Camp Lambec continues its history of offering a variety of camps throughout the summer including: Family Camps A, B, & C, Music Camp, and Wet-N-Wild. Lambec continues to go through updates to the cabins and other facilities. This year brings a new board director as well as new summer staff.

Clen-Moore Church's history is tied to Family Camp B and some of our folks continue to bring their families to enjoy a week of summer fun, fellowship, and study during this time.

### 2022 Graduates



**Samuel William Ball** is graduating from Neshannock High School. He is the son of Amy Ball. His siblings are Scott and Nora. Sam plans to attend John Carroll University in the Fall and major in Finance.

**Katelyn Elizabeth Book** is graduating from Slippery Rock High School. She is the daughter of Bob and Amy Book. Her brother is Josh and her grandparents are John and Nancy Book. Katie will be attending Slippery Rock University and majoring in Health & Physical Education. She will also be competing on the SRU Women's Track & Field Team.

#### College and Graduate School:

High School:

**Scott Ball** received his Bachelor's of Science in Safety Management from Slippery Rock University. He is the son of Amy Ball. He is working as a Safety Manager at Ellwood Engineered Castings in Hubbard, OH.

As Lambec prepares to begin their summer weeks of camp, please keep all of them in prayer.

Please pray for:

- The new camp staff.
- The camp board, including our own Amy Verone who is on the board.
- Rev. Dennis Molnar (retired) who is the new summer camp director.
- Pray that God will move in the lives of those people of all ages who attend camps this summer and that they will grow closer to Jesus Christ and to one another.
- Pray that the needs of the camp to run things smoothly will be met.

**Jessica A. Conrad** received her Master's of Science of Nursing with a Focus in Women's Health from Kent State University. She is the daughter of Rick and Jen Conrad and the granddaughter of John and Nancy Book. She will be taking her certification test to become a Nurse Practitioner in July.

Janna S. Conrad received her Bachelor's of Science in Civil Engineering from Penn State University. She is the daughter of Rick and Jen Conrad and the granddaughter of John and Nancy Book. She will start in June working at Hatch Engineering and Consultants in Pittsburgh.

