

Dear Church Family,

Hallelujah! Christ is Risen! This has been the resounding truth of Easter in the church for 2,000 years. Even though Easter is on one given Sunday, the church's liturgical calendar celebrates it every Sunday until Pentecost. This block of time is known as the Easter season. Part of the reason for this is so we do not too quickly forget to live out the message of resurrection. Because in reality, Easter is what we live out our whole lives!

We were reminded this Easter to allow the power of God, who raised Jesus from the dead, to live in and through us and challenge the way that we live in the world. This includes how we love others. One thing that Jesus' resurrection changes for the Christian is the way look at others, or at least the way we ought to look at them.

Matthew 7:2 says, "For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you." (NIV) There is a famous story about how one day Michelangelo was walking in Florence, Italy when he came across a piece of discarded marble. Rather than leave it lie there, he had the piece of marble brought to his studio. After examining it, he noticed that someone had already started to work on the marble, but had obviously cast it out as useless.

Michelangelo said, "There is an angel imprisoned in this piece of marble, and it is my task to bring out that angel." Michelangelo had the insight to see something beautiful within what another saw as rubbish. He just had to take the time to work with the marble and let the angel out. This is exactly what our business is as we strive to see the image of God in other people, to see them in the light of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. A grace and mercy that we ourselves do not deserve, but freely receive.

Everyone has been created in the image of God. When we live in God's resurrection power, Jesus not only helps God's image be revealed in us, but Jesus helps us to see the good in other people, the potential they have in Christ. In short, He helps us to love them, even when others do not and the world tells us we should not.

Christ-like love comes about through kindness, gentleness, and understanding. These things along with love, meaningful relationships, and the work of the Spirit are the tools that God uses to chip away the marble that is encasing who is really inside.

Death and resurrection is the power that reshapes and renews us. The Easter season reminds us that we are to both live into this power and to share it with others. The resurrection of Jesus Christ changes everything, including the way that we look at others and judge one another.

May God grant that we will become people who release the "angels" imprisoned in the twisted forms of humanity. May God's resurrection power save us from joining the ranks of those who stand idly by, doing little to nothing, and only pointing out the flaws and faults in others.

Find someone in your life, in your neighborhood, in your workplace, in your school, where ever God reveals them to you, and let God work his resurrection power through you as you love them in spite of what is encasing their true selves in Christ.

Grace and Peace,  
Aaron & Michael

### Health Note:

Date to Remember:

**May 15, 2022** - Health Ministry (Deacons) meeting following the regular worship service in the library.



Health Tip:

**"Celebrate Spring Showers:**

A walk in the rain lets you soak in sights, smells, sounds, and textures you would never notice on a sunny day. Count the insects and animals you spot - the rain will help hide the sound of your approach. List items you want to smell or touch while they are wet (think bark, moss, slippery stones). Look for droplets sparkling on surfaces, such as spider-webs and sunflower petals. What does the rain feel like on arms and faces? Practice mindfulness, remembering God's gifts to us through His Creation."

(Taken from Prevention magazine, April, 2022).

Scripture: "He has made everything beautiful in its time...Also, He has put eternity in their hearts, except that no one can find out the work God does from beginning to end." (Ecclesiastes 3:11)

### youth

**C.2G.S.** - Jr./Sr. High Sunday School Class will continue our fun Bible Study series called, "Believe It or Not." This series dives into odd stories in the Bible as we learn more about God's character and what it means to love and serve Jesus Christ and God's people.

**FlipSide**

-Sunday, May 1 - Youth Group Ice Cream Party, Bible Study, and some Minute to Win It games from **6:00 - 7:30 PM** at the church. Friends are always welcome!

-Saturday, May 21 - Youth and their families will have an opportunity to participate in the Promise of Life Network's "5K Run/Walk for Life," which will take place in the morning at Memorial Park in Grove City. Let me know if you are interested. More details to come.

**Confirmation Class**

-Sunday, May 1 - We will meet at **9:30 AM** in the youth room to review our journey and to prepare for going before the Session on Tuesday, May 10.

-Tuesday, May 10 - Students will go in front of the session at **7:00 PM** to share their reflection on their Confirmation journey and how it has impacted their relationship with Jesus Christ and the church. Session will then vote on receiving the students (aka confirmands) into membership.

-Sunday, June 5 - The Confirmation students will go before the Church during worship to share their public profession of faith.

**Summer Youth Mission Trip**

-Sunday, May 15 - We will have a mandatory informational and preparatory meeting at **6:30 PM** in the Youth Room. We will begin to build spiritual camaraderie among our team, pray for one another, and for those whom we will be serving. If you are coming on the trip, please plan on attending. Let me know ASAP if you cannot attend and why.

# DAILY BIBLE READINGS

## May 2022

1 Jeremiah 35.1-19  
 2 Jeremiah 36.1-32  
 3 Psalm 132  
 4 Psalm 133 Nat'l Day of Prayer (USA)  
 5 Psalm 127  
 6 Ruth 1.1-22  
 7 Ruth 2.1-23  
 8 Ruth 3.118  
 9 Ruth 4.1-22  
 10 I Samuel 1.1-28  
 11 I Samuel 2.1-36  
 12 I Samuel 3.1-21  
 13 I Samuel 4.1-22  
 14 I Samuel 5.1-12  
 15 I Samuel 6.1-21  
 16 I Samuel 7.1-17

17 I Samuel 8.1-22  
 18 I Samuel 9.1-27  
 19 I Samuel 10.1-27  
 20 I Samuel 11.1-15  
 21 I Samuel 12.1-25  
 22 Colossians 1.1-29  
 23 Colossians 2.1-23  
 24 Colossians 3.1-25  
 25 Colossians 4.1-18  
 26 Philemon  
 27 Philippians 1.1-30  
 28 Philippians 2.1-30 Ascension Sunday  
 29 Psalm 131  
 30 Philippians 3.1-21  
 31 Philippians 4.1-23

## GRADUATION SUNDAY 2022

Graduation Sunday is **MAY 29, 2022**. 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 **Tuesday, May 17th** with your Graduates information. **1.** Full name. **2.** Any immediate family relations to Clen-Moore Church members. **3.** Place graduating from. **4.** Degree. **5.** Brief future plans. **6.** For High School graduates that will not be in attendance, please email 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.

## 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 **Tuesday, May 31, 2022**.

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 mailed/emailed at your request. Please contact Pastor Aaron with any questions.

## MARG POMMERSHEIM MEMORIAL NURSING SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is available to recently graduated high school students who have been accepted into an accredited school of nursing that can issue the BSN degree and/or lead to registered nurse licensure. It is intended for the beginning student nurse who may need some financial help. It is not intended for help with advanced certifications.

- ◆ The applicants should be members of Clen-Moore Presbyterian Church or have some affiliation with the church.
- ◆ The amount of the scholarship is \$2,000.00. (It may be split if there are multiple scholarships awarded).

The application must be turned in by **Tuesday, May 31, 2022**. Applications are available in the church office and can be picked up by appointment. They are also available to be mailed/emailed at your request.



**Deadline for June Messenger is May 21st.**

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## Mission Spotlight! May-Pine Valley Camp, Ellwood City

Although Pine Valley Camp has been around since 1961, its mission changed in 1995 to a focus on rebuilding broken lives through Jesus Christ. This is when Pine Valley Camp became part of the Nehemiah Project, its partner ministry, which provides residential camping and enables urban and at-risk youth from the wider-Pittsburgh area and beyond, to experience camp.

Pine Valley Camp believes that fun builds the bridge to the heart of a kid. Therefore, they help kids experience God through creation, a loving community, and the gospel of Jesus Christ. Campers have a variety of opportunities to experience all of this fun through various age specific camps, starting at 6 years old all the way up to 15 years old, before they can become workers and counselors themselves.

Each of the camps brings the kids through an intentional step program that helps the child develop in their faith and awareness of their God-given gifts so they become faithful, serving, and passionate followers of Jesus Christ and great assets to their communities around them.

Clen-Moore Church has been financially supporting and praying for Pine Valley Camp for many years. The youth group and 1-2-1 program have served several dinners for camp, a group of volunteers went down for a work day to help in the building of the Lodge, we have heard from their directors during a moment for mission several times, and we have hosted the Light of the City Kid's Choir two different times.

We are grateful for the opportunity that God has given our church family to continue to support the Christ-centered ministry of Pine Valley Camp.

### Prayer Requests:

1. That God will continue to bless the staff and sustain their hearts with a vision of Jesus' love for the kids and families they serve. Staff: Matt (Mr. Matt) and Susan Reichart - Executive Camp Director and Camp Mom; Matt Reichart, Jr. (Matto) - Camp Director; Abel Carlton - Kids Camp Director and many other staff.
2. The counselors, work crew and all the volunteers who build relationships with the campers and show the light of Jesus Christ to them.
3. The campers. That God will lead the campers that He wants at camp and to hear and experience the love of Jesus Christ through camp.
4. The camp is still in need of girl counselors, some guy counselors, and a camp cook.
5. Funding for and the construction of the new Dining Hall.

**Communion will be served May 15th.**