

On Sunday, June 19, during our worship service at the Apple Castle, we celebrated the birthdays of two men who are in their 90's. Afterwards, I (Aaron) thought about how much these men have been through in their lives, and how much they have seen and experienced concerning worldly matters.

For example, they would have been alive for more than a dozen wars and conflicts that America has been involved in throughout their lifetime, dating back to WWII. Not to mention, the many wars and conflicts that have taken place around the world that we have not been involved in. On top of that, we have explored space, and experienced natural disasters of biblical magnitudes like earthquakes, tornadoes, hurricanes and tsunamis.

We have seen how diseases and viruses kill and disrupt nations around the world as well as bring people together. There is so much more that can be said, but what, if anything, does the Bible have to say about any of this?

In times of hardships, people often turn to faith to make sense of what is going on around them. Christians, for the last many centuries, have turned to the Bible to try to help them understand the times they are living in.

Particularly, The Book of Revelation has been explored to see if there are any hidden meanings or secret codes that have been unveiled that speak to the events of our day and age. This begs the question, "Is this what Revelation was written for?" Well the answer is both "yes" and "no."

Revelation was certainly written for Christians facing hardships and persecution to stay faithful to Jesus Christ. It reveals that there is a battle taking place both in the world we can see, as well as in the world we cannot see, namely the spiritual realm. The truth is that Jesus Christ has already won victory, but yet the battle seems to continue to rage on generation after generation. So where is it all heading?

Revelation helps us to understand why we Christians worship together, why we do ministry and missions together, and why we have fellowship together. All of which will be highlighted more by various people from the church in the near future.

So, what are we to make of this New Testament book that everyone knows about, but few have read and studied? What hope do we have today in a world filled with doom and gloom?

You are invited to come and join in our combined Sunday School class in the air conditioned Parlor to learn about these matters and more as we explore and study Revelation together. We will begin this adventure on July 3 and continue on July 10, 17, 24, 31, and then throughout the Sundays in August. Class starts at 9:30 AM. Other teachers will be filling in with their own topics on the other Sundays that I cannot teach through Labor Day weekend. On several Sundays in July and August I will also be preaching on Revelation.

I certainly want to thank my brother and co-laborer in Christ, Pastor Michael, who has graciously agreed to let me take this adventure with you. "Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear, and who keep what is written in it, for the time is near." -Revelation 1:3 (ESV).

-Pastor Aaron and Pastor Michael

Health Note:

Continuing the information to promote brain health:

1. Get enough physical activity:

"We have long known that what's good for your heart is good for your brain—especially physical activity. Regular aerobic exercise boosts blood flow to your brain and also increases the size of your hippocampus, the part of your brain that's involved in verbal memory and learning, says Zaldy Tan, MD, of Cedars Sinai Medical Center in LA."

2. Choose Flavonoids:

"People who got as little as a daily half serving of flavonoid foods such as apples, berries, and pears, were less likely to report thinking declines than those who rarely ate them. Flavonoids may curb inflammation and cell damage, and aid artery blood flow, says Walter Willett, MD, professor of nutrition at Boston's Harvard University."
(Taken from Consumer Reports, June, 2022)

Scripture:

"But those who wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles, They shall run and not be weary, They shall walk and not faint." (Isaiah 40:31)



Health Ministry



C.2G.S. - Our Jr./Sr. High Sunday School Class will be participating in the combined Sunday School class in the Parlor while we study Revelation. This will take place through the end of August.

FlipSide:

- **Sunday - Wednesday, July 10—13th** - Come and participate in VBS. Sunday after worship, food trucks and more. Mon - Wed evenings is family VBS.
- **Friday, July 15** - Waldameer Park & Water World Trip!!! More info to come with prices and times for departure and return.
- **July 24—30** - Youth Mission Trip to Barbour County, W.V.
- **Sunday, Aug. 7** - Pool party, grilling and chilling, games, Bible Study and fire at The Christy's.
- End of August will be our going back to school party.



The Youth Mission Trip takes place on **Sunday, July 24th - Saturday, July 30th**. Five teenagers (Nora Ball, Abby Christy, Morgan Rimmer, Andrew Christy, and Jayden Rimmer) and three adults (Amy Ball and Pastors Aaron and Michael) will be participating. We are going with a group from Lebanon Presbyterian Church in West Middlesex and meeting up with other youth and leaders from around the states. We are partnering with World Servants who are the boots on the ground organization who have been in Barbour County, West Virginia doing mission and ministry and partnering with local churches for over 2 decades.

Deadline for September Messenger is August 25th.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

July 2022

- 1 Job 34.1-37
- 2 Job 35.1-16
- 3 Job 36.1-33
- 4 Job 37.1-24
- 5 Job 38.1-41
- 6 Job 39.1-30
- 7 Job 40.1-24
- 8 Job 41.1-34
- 9 Job 42.1-17
- 10 Psalm 62
- 11 Psalm 38
- 12 Psalm 39
- 13 Psalm 40
- 14 I Samuel 25.1-22
- 15 I Samuel 25.23-44
- 16 I Samuel 26.1-25
- 17 I Samuel 27.1-12
- 18 I Samuel 28.1-25
- 19 I Samuel 29.1-11
- 20 I Samuel 30.1-28
- 21 I Samuel 31.1-13
- 22 II Samuel 1.1-27
- 23 II Samuel 2.1-32
- 24 II Samuel 3.1-39
- 25 II Samuel 4.1-12
- 26 II Samuel 5.1-25
- 27 II Samuel 6.1-23
- 28 II Samuel 7.1-29
- 29 II Samuel 8.1-18
- 30 II Samuel 9.1-13
- 31 II Samuel 10.1-19

August 2022

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Mission Spotlight! JULY—Dominican Republic

For thirty years, several churches in western Pennsylvania and southern Ohio have engaged in a cross-cultural, Christian mission partnership with the ministry of La Iglesia Evangelica Dominicana in the Dominican Republic. This church was found by Presbyterian and Methodist missionaries around 1922. Clen-Moore Presbyterian Church became involved in 2007 and has since maintained financial support of the partnership and attendance in the trips by various Clen-Moore members.

Each visit made by the travel team is an opportunity to be a witness to the love and blessing of Jesus in Sabaneta de Yasica, on the northern coast of the island. Yet each visit is also a chance for us to learn about ministry, in a culture different from our own.

The main partnership areas include provision of medical clinics for the community, medical home visits for the homebound incorporating therapy and medical needs, construction projects, teacher to teacher instruction, children and youth activities including Bible school, and the scholarship program which provides tuition assistance for deserving elementary, high school, and college age students.

Sadly, the large group trip to Sabaneta de Yasica was cancelled due to the Covid-19 pandemic in 2020-2022, but the work of the partnership continued behind the scenes to keep programming and relationships moving forward. A small group of participants did journey to the DR in March 2022 as a means of providing a "mission trip of presence". They found that, despite the changes that the pandemic brought about in the world, the relationships and commitment to the DR partnership remain strong on both sides of the ocean. Tina and Brett Nesbitt travel to Sabaneta de Yasica from July 14-18, 2022 to attend the dedication ceremony of the new pastoral and mission house which our churches helped to fund and build. The 2023 trip has been slated for March 11-18, 2023. We encourage anyone who may be interested in participating in this lifechanging adventure to reach out to Pastor Aaron or to Tina Nesbitt at (724)730-5904.

Mission Spotlight! AUGUST—1-2-1

Clen-Moore's partnership with Cray's 1-to-1 Mentoring program (previously Big Brother's Big Sister's) continues to have such a positive impact on our community. The mentors, who come from Clen-Moore and Highland Presbyterian Churches, get together with their mentees twice a month as a group. The activities always include a meal, and outings that are educational, service-oriented, or designed to strengthen relationships. Most of the meals are prepared by church members from Clen-Moore and Highland. When activities are in the community, dinner is provided by the staff at Cray or in a local restaurant.

The children who are being served by Cray's 1-to-1 Mentoring Program come from single parent homes, or "non-traditional" family situations like foster care or living with grandparents. Many of them come from hard situations that involve poverty, parental incarceration, and other challenges. Cray is also home to the Compeer Youth Mentoring program, which accepts children who have a mental health diagnosis and matches them with a caring mentor to be a positive role model and friend. Both the mentors and mentees benefit from these friendships as they grow.

Over the course of the last year, the program with Clen-Moore and Highland has served nine mentoring matches. Some recent activities have included painting ceramics, team-building activities with Pastor Aaron, hosting a carnival for the residents at Jameson Care Center, and planting red flowers for Pentecost at Highland Church. It was also exciting to celebrate P.J.'s graduation from High School and the Project Search Program. P.J. has been matched for two years in the program. Immediately upon graduation, P.J. started his job at UPMC Jameson. Plans for the summer include picnics, bocci ball, mini-golf, and a park clean up.

