

Dear Church family,

Though there is nothing particularly religious or Biblical about celebrating the New Year, God is in fact interested in new things. In Isaiah 43:19 the prophet spoke these words from the Lord: "Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?" There are no drastic changes anticipated in the near future, but as we are always in a state of discerning where the Lord is leading our church, and just as we learn to anticipate the presence of God through Jesus Christ during Advent, we continue to anticipate that He will do a new thing through us in the upcoming year. Here are some things to lift up in prayer, as well as be aware of as we begin 2023.

Beginning Sunday, January 8 and for the indefinite future, our adult Sunday school classes will combine into one class meeting in the parlor. There are many positive reasons for this, which included careful consideration from longtime teachers Jim Reese and Seth Plyler. In the month of January, Jim Reese will teach this class. We are grateful to both Jim and Seth for their many years of teaching! In the near future, Pastors Aaron and Michael intend on doing more teaching and preaching series through this combined class, as well as including other teachers in the adult class rotation.

We ordained and installed new elders to join our current elders serving on session in December. Our first session meeting of 2023 will be Tuesday, January 10, which will also serve as a training retreat to kick off the year. Keep your elders in prayer as they seek to serve the Lord through our church in the upcoming year and settle into new roles within our leadership. One major consideration for the first part of the year will be evaluating and restructuring our committees so they are functioning as efficiently and faithfully as possible.

On January 11-12, Aaron and Michael will be away on their annual planning retreat. This is when we dedicate time to reflecting on the prior year and discern 'what might be next' in the life of our church. The second week of January will be quite busy for the leadership of the church—please ask that the Lord would give us all clarity and direction on what He wants to see happen through Clen-Moore in 2023.

Last but not least, we will celebrate the work the Lord has done through our church on Sunday, January 22. Immediately following worship, we will have our annual congregational meeting, including reports from various committees and boards of the church. After that we will gather in fellowship hall for a luncheon. Looking back is important so we can see where we have been, as long as we don't stay there, and are willing to see new things the Lord may be doing.

It has been a blessing to be your pastors for the past four and half years. We look forward to another year of serving, worshipping, and living out our faith in Jesus Christ together in 2023!

Happy New Year!
Aaron and Michael



Health Tip from Health Ministry Deacons
"Resolutions Solutions"



Making a New Year's resolution is an opportunity for annual reflection and recommitment to one's best self. People who make a resolution are 10 times more likely to make a change than at any other time of year. Here is how to help your resolutions stick:

1. Set realistic and meaningful goals; start with small changes and build on past successes. Make sure the goal really energizes you!
2. Develop a specific action plan—the process of putting it down on paper forces us to be precise. Tip: schedule the hardest thing to do first thing in the morning!
3. Publicly declare your resolution—tell the important people in your life about it, the ones who support you.
4. Stay the course—it takes about 3 months to state a change and cement the behavior. Track your progress through an app using self monitoring, reminders, and rewards. Pick yourself up if you slip and this renews your resolve.
5. Get support—it can be a spouse, an online support group, Bible study, or friend to regularly check on and encourage you. (Lysa TerKeurst, Guideposts, January, 2023)

Scripture: "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new." 2 Corinthians 5:17.



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C.2G.S.— Jr./Sr. High Sunday School will embark on a journey through the New Testament Book of Ephesians. We will learn about what it means to be reconciled to God and to one another through Jesus Christ. In particular we will discuss the role that grace and faith play in these things and how it impacts our daily lives.

FlipSide—Sunday, January 8 - Nerf Wars is back! We will meet in the youth room at 4:00 PM and go until 6:00 PM. We'll have pizza and other snacks, and a Bible devotion. Friends are welcome.

Sunday, January 22 - We will be doing our annual bowling event. More details to come.



MESSENGER DEADLINE FOR FEBRUARY IS JANUARY 15th.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

January, 2023

- 1 Luke 1.1-2.6
- 2 Luke 1.27-56
- 3 Luke 1.57-80
- 4 Luke 2.41-52
- 5 Luke 3.1-14
- 6 Luke 3.15-22
- 7 Luke 3.23-37
- 8 Genesis 1.1-2.3
- 9 Genesis 2.4-25
- 10 Genesis 3.1-24
- 11 Genesis 4.1-26
- 12 Genesis 5.1-32
- 13 Genesis 6.1-22
- 14 Genesis 7.1-24
- 15 Genesis 8.1-22
- 16 Genesis 9.1-28
- 17 Genesis 10.1-32
- 18 John 17.1-23
- 19 John 17.13-26
- 20 II Peter 1.1-21
- 21 II Peter 2.1-22
- 22 II Peter 3.1-18
- 23 Deut'my 10.1-22
- 24 Deut'my 11.1-22
- 25 Deut'my 12.1-32
- 26 Deut'my 13.1-18
- 27 Deut'my 14.1-29
- 28 Deut'my 15.1-23
- 29 Deut'my 16.1-20
- 30 Deut'my 16.21-17.20
- 31 Deut'my 18.1-22



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The **2023** Per Capita apportionment is **\$37.25** per member.
The breakdown is as follows:

Presbytery of Shenango	\$ 25.00
Synod of the Trinity	\$ 2.40
General Assembly	\$ 9.85
TOTAL:	\$37.25

Please make checks payable to: **Clen-Moore Presbyterian Church** and clearly designate that it is for Per Capita.
Thank you!



May your faith provide you with peace and comfort in the new year!
Happy New Year!



We will be taking down Christmas decorations on **Sunday, January 8th**, following worship services, and are in need of volunteers to help. There will be light refreshments provided.

Revised office hours for 2023 are as follows:



Monday	Office Closed
Tuesday	8:30am to 4:30pm
Wednesday	Office Closed
Thursday	8:30am to 4:30pm
Friday	8:30am to 2:30pm

New hours include the office being open from 12pm to 1pm.



A Note from the Office:

Annual committee reports are due to the church office no later than **January 10, 2023**. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated!



Adult Sunday School Class

We want to welcome everyone to our new combined adult Sunday School class. Whether you are looking to join a class or wishing to return to a class, this would be a great time to do it. There will be different teachers and topics throughout the year. We will meet in the Parlor at 9:30am.

Sunday School Lessons
(January 8th to February 5th)

IS THERE HOPE FOR THE UNSAVED?

SALVATION

When is it too late to accept Jesus?

SHEEP AND GOATS

Are we born as goats of sheep?

HELL

Was hell created for unrepentant humans?

HEART DISEASE IN HUMANS

What are some prevalent forms of idolatry today?

NEAR-DEATH EXPERIENCES

Were there near-death experiences in the Old and New Testaments?



Attention

Our Annual Congregational meeting is scheduled for **Sunday, January 22, 2023** immediately following worship in the sanctuary. All members are invited to participate as we review the **2023** budget, go over ministry reports, and vote on the co-pastors terms of call. There will be a stuffed cabbage luncheon following the meeting.