

Dear church family,

As we find our way into chapter four and beyond in our series "The Story", we will soon witness the life of the Israelites wandering around in the desert for forty years as they prepare to enter the Promised Land. It is filled with many of the same challenges churches have found themselves in for years, but especially as of late as we live in an unstable environment. The people complain to the leader about their predicament, and even when God's miraculous provision of food falls from the sky, or water pours from a rock—they are never happy. Of course, this would never describe any one of us, would it?

The reality is, no matter who is in charge, officially or otherwise, it is easy to point the finger at one or a few key leaders. In fact, I have found myself doing this a lot lately as I watch two of my favorite Pittsburgh football teams (Pitt and Steelers) struggle to figure out how to run a competent offense...as I point fingers at the quarterback, offensive coordinator, and ultimately head coach for not doing their jobs well enough.

In Genesis 18, Moses is facing a similar leadership crisis—he can't be the judge of the people and help them with all of their inquiries about God. Wisdom on the situation comes from his father-in-law, Jethro. He shares with him that he needs a team around him to help him on the journey, and leaders who can guide groups both big and small. Something similar happens in Acts 6, when the apostles are struggling to keep up with the workload of ministry, so they call others to serve.

While you will hear me refer to our church as a family, it also should be viewed as a team. There are so many places in life where solid cooperation within a group is necessary for its health and success—sports teams, marching bands, theater companies and businesses alike. Even healthy families have members who serve in different roles for the greater function of the group. Over the next several months, we are going to highlight the work of four key areas in the leadership and function of our church. One goal is to help everyone learn and understand more clearly how our church family "functions" and who is involved. A second goal is to encourage everyone in the life of our congregation to discern their role within our body. Though we as a church can survive shifting from having two pastors down to one, our ability to thrive will only come through team effort. We have great teams in place all ready, but there are surely folks waiting to "come off the bench" or step on stage after being the understudy.

As we dig further into our series "The Story", I hope and pray that you begin to see your bigger role in God's grand plan. None of us may ever be featured as heroes of the faith in the Bible, but we can play that part in our own little corner of God's kingdom called Clen-Moore Church!

Bless and be blessed!
-Michael

Mission Spotlight

October—Promise of Life

Thank you for your support of Promise of Life Network! Through Clen-Moore's support, along with many others, we're able to provide help and hope to our local community.

2023 has been a great year for Promise of Life Network. We have continued to see lives saved and changed through our local medical ministry, and we have also added well women exams to reach women who don't have regular medical care. Our parenting program has also increased, and even though prices for many items have risen we have never had to turn a family in need away. Our international ministry also continues to grow, and we have now spoken to over 20,000 international mothers. Many lives have been impacted this year, thank you for being part of their stories!

UPCOMING
Events

Sunday, Oct. 1	Sunday School at 9:30am Worship at 10:30am "The Story" Chapter 4, <i>Deliverance, Exodus 1-17</i> Communion w/Shenango Hayride at Rodgers w/Shenango 4pm-7pm	Tuesday, Oct. 17	Bible Study at 9:30am
Tuesday, Oct 3	Bible Study at 9:30am Ministry & Mission Team mtg. at 6:00pm	Sunday, Oct. 22	Sunday School at 9:30am Worship at 10:30am "The Story" Chapter 7, <i>The Battle Begins, Joshua 1-24</i> Congregational Meeting after worship Harvest Luncheon after worship in FH Women's Bible Study at 6:00pm
Sunday, Oct. 8	Sunday School at 9:30am Worship at 10:30am "The Story" Chapter 5, <i>New Commands and a New Covenant, Exodus 19-40</i> Women's Bible Study at 6:00pm	Monday, Oct. 23 —	Sunday, Oct. 29 Pastor Michael will be away on study leave.
Tuesday, Oct. 10	Bible Study at 9:30am S&F mtg. at 6:00pm Session mtg. at 7:00pm	Tuesday, Oct. 24	Bible Study at 9:30am
Thursday, Oct. 12	Staff mtg. at 11:00am	Sunday, Oct. 29	Sunday School at 9:30am Worship at 10:30am—David Goff preaching "The Story" Chapter 8, <i>A few good men... and women, Judges 2-14</i> Women's Bible Study at 6:00pm
Sunday, Oct. 15	Sunday School at 9:30am Worship at 10:30am "The Story" Chapter 6, <i>Wandering, Numbers 10-27, Deuteronomy 1-34</i> Youth Group after worship Women's Bible Study at 6:00pm	Tuesday, Oct. 31	Bible Study at 9:30am



THE DEADLINE FOR NOVEMBER IS OCTOBER 19th.



Health Ministry October



"Fall brings the splendor of autumn leaves, harvest celebrations, crisp apples, and pumpkin pie! But, it also brings the beginning of cold and flu season also (Covid is showing up again!) Most colds and flu strike in the fall and winter. Many people believe this is due to the cold weather, but it really is because we are now indoors together and viruses spread more easily. Also, lower humidity dries out nasal passages, making them more susceptible to infection. The best way to break the chain of infection is washing hands often, using hand sanitizer, and keeping hands away from nose, eyes and mouth.

Staying away from others when sick is very important too. The annual flu vaccine is a good idea, especially if you are elderly or your health is compromised. If you do become sick with a cold, drink fluids, take your favorite cold remedy, and rest at home. Try chicken soup-it will hydrate a thirsty body, soothe a sore throat, and relieve stuffiness."
(NW Parish Nurses)

You may call the church office at **724.654.6657** if you would like some soup! A health ministry deacon can bring some to you! Stay well!!

Scripture: 3 John 2

Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things, and be in health, as your soul prospers."



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Youth Page



Iron's Mill, Sunday October 15th—immediately following worship we will gather for lunch at the church, and I will lead a short Bible study before we head to Iron's Mill for the rest of the day. I'm still looking into the cost, but it will be less than the admission listed on their website. Please RSVP to me (Michael) so we can have enough food prepped for lunch and to ensure we have enough vehicles to transport.

Communion will be served on the following dates:

Sunday, October 1st
(with Shenango)
Sunday, November 5th
Sunday, December 3rd



"Hebrews" men's small group Thursday, September 28th—8:00pm

All men of the church are invited to join together as we discuss topics of faith and life together. We typically meet towards the end of the month, at a local restaurant or some-home, but because date and location vary, call/text Pastor Michael if you want to get involved or learn more.



Generous Gestures



Generosity is defined as giving to others not simply anything in abundance but rather giving those things that are good for others. Thoughts, words, time, influence, and attention are all forms of generosity.

Proverbs 11:25 says "A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed."

October brings cooler temperatures and refreshing air. Let's use that as our motivation to be generous, refreshing others along the way!



HARVEST LUNCHEON (Bounty of our Garden)



Sunday, October 22nd following worship in FH.
Come and share the bounty of our church garden again this year.

Menu: Stuffed Peppers, Mashed Potatoes, Beans, Corn Casserole, Dessert, and Drinks



HAYRIDE & HOT DOG ROAST Sunday, October 1st

Rodgers Tree Farm—4pm to 7pm with Shenango
Because of this event there will be no Women's Bible Study this week.



A Note from the Office



The office will be open Monday through Wednesday, **September 25th, 26th & 27th**, and will be closed on **September 28th, 29th, and October 3rd, 5th, 6th, & 10th.**

Monthly Financial Snapshot

	August	YTD
Envelope, Loose, Rent, Misc. Income	\$ 22,343	\$ 201,330
Operating & Mission Expense	\$ 25,779	\$ 240,637
Difference	\$ (3,436)	\$ (39,307)

Mission Support—Promise of Life