

Dear church family,

Since November, my articles have focused on the leadership and organizational structure of our church. We have learned about the role of our elders and session in November, the service of our deacons in December, and in January the newly formed "Ministry and Mission" team, which is an amalgamation of three former committees working as one. This month will be the final piece to the puzzle as we look at the work of our administrative committees.

There are three core committees behind much of the ministry that happens here at Clen-Moore. The work of Building and Grounds (B&G) is obvious—they care for our property by physically repairing and maintaining it, whether by volunteer labor or hiring professionals. They also keep an eye on long-term needs to keep our facilities in tip-top shape. Stewardship and Finance (S&F) seeks to ensure our finances are in order and that we are being good stewards of the funds with which God has blessed us. Personnel functions as a liaison between the congregation and staff, holding staff accountable to their responsibilities, while also ensuring the church is supporting their work appropriately. All three of these committees are part of our ministry because of the way they SUPPORT the ministry and mission of the church. We do not have money, buildings, or staff for the sake of having them—they all exist to accomplish the work God has called us to as a congregation. These committees make sure we have the proper tools for the job.

An ongoing theme that you may have picked up on over the last year or so is that of "consolidation". As I've mentioned before, Clen-Moore is a much smaller church today than it was many years ago, but the structure we function under has not reflected this reduction. So in March, the session agreed to experiment with combining these three committees (B&G, S&F, and Personnel) into an "administrative team" that will meet together on the first Tuesday of the month at 7pm. This will allow the interplay between each committee to have a central forum for looking at the bigger picture and planning together, giving them a better opportunity to get on the same page. After joint business and conversation is complete, each committee can meet individually to deal with more detailed matters that the larger group doesn't need to consider.

In 1 Corinthians 12:27-28, Paul talks about the many gifts in the body of Christ, which includes many of those we have already discussed in previous weeks, but also mentions a form of administration. (from the New Living Translation): *"All of you together are Christ's body, and each of you is a part of it. Here are some of the parts God has appointed for the church: first are apostles, second are prophets, third are teachers, then those who do miracles, those who have the gift of healing, those who can help others, those who have the gift of leadership, those who speak in unknown languages."*

Other translations read "those who have the gift of leadership" as "organizers", "of guidance", or "administrators". We need people in the body of Christ who seek to organize and lead in administration, so others can tend to the work of ministry, mission, worship, and service. We are blessed to have many who already serve in these capacities, but we could always use more. Our hope is that bringing these committees together into a team setting will help bring all the needs for our vision as a church together. Back in November I described the work of our elders as the "spiritual and administrative leaders" of our church. The work of the administrative team will be to support and do some of the legwork for and with the elders, to streamline caring for the "nuts and bolts" of ministry so we aren't bogged down by them.

I hope the past several months have clarified everyone's understanding of how our church is organized to do fulfill God's call upon our lives. Prayerfully consider your part in the body of Christ in 2024, as we continue to come together for his purposes in our Lord Jesus Christ!

Bless and be blessed,
-Michael



UPCOMING Events



<p>Sunday, Feb. 4 Sunday School at 9:30am Worship with Communion at 10:30am "The Story" Chapter 19, <i>The Return Home</i>, Ezra 1-6, Haggai 1-2, Jeremiah 1, 8 Deacons Care Ministry mtg. after worship.</p>	<p>Sunday, Feb. 18 Sunday School at 9:30am Worship/David Goff preaching at 10:30am "The Story" Chapter 21, <i>Rebuilding the Walls</i>, Nehemiah 1-4, 7-8, Malachai 1-4</p>
<p>Tuesday, Feb. 6 M&M Team mtg. 6:00pm B&G mtg 7:00pm</p>	<p>Friday, Feb. 23 IF Gathering—7:00pm to 10:30pm Saturday, Feb. 24 IF Gathering—10:00am to 5:00pm DR Trip departs</p>
<p>Sunday, Feb. 11 Sunday School at 9:30am Worship at 10:30am "The Story" Chapter 20, <i>The Queen of Beauty and Courage</i>, Esther, 1-3, 5, 8, 9 Congregational mtg. during Fat Tuesday luncheon after worship</p>	<p>Sunday, Feb. 25 Sunday School at 9:30am Worship at 10:30am "The Story" Chapter 22, <i>The Birth of the King</i>, Matthew 1-2, Luke 1-2, John 1</p>

LOOKING AHEAD

Saturday, March 2	DR Trip returns
Sunday, March 3	Communion
Thursday, March 28	Maundy Thursday
Sunday, March 31	Easter Sunday

Wednesday, Feb. 14 Ash Wednesday Service with Shenango 7:00pm
Happy Valentine's Day

February 15-19 Pastor Michael will be off

Saturday, Feb. 17 Not So Youth Group 6:00pm



THE DEADLINE FOR MARCH IS FEBRUARY 22ND.

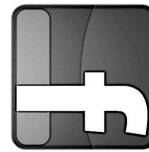
Mission Spotlight
February — 5 Star Global Ministry

For the past several years, Clen-Moore has supported 5 Star Global Ministry's efforts in Haiti. We were connected to this ministry by Autumn Marshall, who is its co-founder. Autumn's work in Haiti began with a mission trip, where she learned that disabled children in Haiti were not receiving adequate medical care due to poverty, a lack of access, and superstitions surrounding kids with disabilities. Seeing an opportunity to care for some of the least of these, she founded a clinic to provide medical services and support to families with special needs children. As circumstances in Haiti have grown more dire over the past few years, Autumn and her staff have been able to maintain their core mission, while also helping to provide food and other needed supplies for Haitians who are suffering from civil unrest and skyrocketing inflation.

During our partnership, Clen-Moore has funded solar panels, which provide a steady stream of electricity directly to the clinic. Without these, power was intermittent and unreliable, which jeopardized lives if the clinic was unable to run oxygen machines. We have also collected food for the clinic's annual Christmas Party and provide ongoing financial support through our mission's budget. Five Star's ministry not only helps to meet the physical and material needs of its community, but also exposes them to the love of Christ through word and deed.

More information can be found on 5 Star's website, <https://www.5star-ministry.com/>.

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dates
to Remember

Women's IF Gathering

Friday, February 23, 2024
 7:00pm to 10:30pm
 &
 Saturday, February 24, 2024
 10:00am to 5:00pm



LENT
 Pray + Fast + Give

A NOTE FROM THE OFFICE:



Annual Congregational meeting during Fat Tuesday luncheon following worship on **Sunday, February 11, 2024.**

This is before Ash Wednesday, which marks the beginning of Lent.



Health Ministry
February 2024



"Building your meals with the right foods can do wonders for your heart health, and even lower your heart disease risk." Try these 5 steps to heart healthy eating:

1. Cut way back on processed foods.
2. Reduce the amount of sodium you eat (step 1 will help with this).
3. Cut back on simple carbs, such as white rice, bread, pasta, and sugar.
4. Eat at least 5 servings of fruits and veggies a day for fiber and important nutrients.
5. Eat less saturated fat, found in fatty meats and high fat dairy products."

(From an article in Woman's Day, February, 2024 by Dr. Nieca Goldberg, cardiologist and Medical Director, Atria, NYC.)

Scripture: "and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds thru Christ Jesus".
 Philippians 4:6.

Looking Ahead: The Health Ministry Deacons will meet **March 10, 2024** after the church service in the Parlor.



ASH WEDNESDAY—**February 14th**

Service 7:00pm



DR Mission Trip



Departs—**Saturday, February 24th**
 Returns—**Saturday, March 2nd**

We are looking for donations of used eyeglasses and readers/cheaters! There is an ophthalmologist in the Dominican Republic who can check the prescriptions and issue the eyeglasses to those in need. Please place them in the designated box in the Circle Drive Entrance by **February 18th**. Gracias!

Monthly Financial Snapshot

	December	YTD
Envelope, Loose, Rent, Misc. Income	\$ 64,876	\$ 338,624
Operating & Mission Expense	\$ 20,055	\$ 310,356
Difference	\$ 44,821	\$ 28,268

Communion will be served on:



February 4, 2024
 March 3, 2024
 March 28, 2024
 (Maundy Thursday)
 May 5, 2024

