

Dear church family,

After spending several months in the Old Testament, our series "The Story" brings us into the New Testament. I hope that this journey has been enriching for everyone so far, helping us to dig deeper into the Old Testament, which lays the foundation for the coming of a new and righteous king—Jesus. The story of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection is powerful by itself, but even more so when you understand how He was the fulfilment of prophecy and Israel's expectations over thousands of years. As we shift into the New Testament, my goal is to help us see how the Old Testament is a springboard into the life of Jesus.

His life somewhat obviously begins in the Christmas story. It is a celebration of the incarnation of Jesus, a fancy way saying that God took on human flesh and came to live with us. This is powerful news, learning that God would be humble enough to come down to live in the same broken form as us, yet without succumbing to the temptation of sin. This is the reality Jesus experienced when tempted in the wilderness for forty days and nights, without food or water. We are close to the midpoint of Lent, which remembers this journey, as "The Story" brings us from birth, to death, and then new life.

As we travel through Lent, approach the cross, and finish at the miracle of the empty tomb, I would encourage all of us to note how close our finite, mortal nature comes into contact with God through Jesus' human, yet divine existence. Lent should certainly remind us of our limited and broken state as human beings. Yet the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ draws us out of that reality and into His—one marked by grace, love, and forgiveness. These gifts certainly don't come cheap; they come at the cost of Jesus suffering and dying on the cross. They are truths that shouldn't induce guilt or shame; rather they remind us that the greatest gift the world has ever known was paid for at a great price.

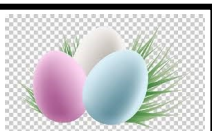
It is beyond incredible that God would choose to immerse himself in our pain by sending Jesus. But remember that He didn't stop there by staying dead. If He had, then the whole project would have certainly been a failure. He might have been remembered as a good teacher of God's ways, or even as a great prophet as many modern-day Jews might view Him. As the Messiah, or "anointed one" sent to be the next and best great king of Israel, He would have been seen as completely powerless. What king of Israel would allow themselves to be captured and killed in ridicule and shame without putting up a fight? The one who loved us more than life itself. And to prove it was all true, that He really WAS God...He came back from death, to show that while evil in this world might win a few battles, it will never win the war.

As we journey through Lent, Holy week, and the pinnacle of our faith—the empty grave and appearance of Jesus coming back from the dead on Easter, I hope and pray we will take it all in and realize how much God loved us to set these things in motion. Remember that Jesus fulfilled God's plan so that once and for all His chosen people of Israel, as well as all of humanity, might know righteousness before God without fail. Our king Jesus Christ lives and reigns for eternity, lives and moves through us by the Holy Spirit, and will one day return to finish what He started. In the meantime, know the deep grace and truth about God—that you can know Him and are deeply loved by Him.

Bless and be blessed,  
Michael



**UPCOMING**  
*Events*



Saturday, March 2	DR Trip returns	Tuesday, March 19	Bible Study 9:30am
Sunday, March 3	Sunday School 9:30am Worship with Communion 10:30am "The Story" Chapter 23, <i>Jesus' Ministry Begins</i> Matthew 1-2, Luke 1-2, John 1	Sunday, March 24	Palm Sunday Sunday School 9:30am Worship 10:30am "The Story" Chapter 26, <i>The Hour of Darkness</i> , John 13-18, Matthew 26-27, Luke 22-23
Tuesday, March 5	Bible Study resumes 9:30am Ministry & Mission Team mtg. 6:00pm Administrative Team mtg. 7:00pm (B&G, S&F, Personnel)	Tuesday, March 26	Bible Study 9:30am
Sunday, March 10	Sunday School 9:30am Worship 10:30am "The Story" Chapter 24, <i>No Ordinary Man</i> , Mark 4, 6 Luke 10, 15, Matthew 5-7, 9, 14, John 6 Deacons Health Ministry mtg. after worship Daylight Savings	Thursday, March 28	Maundy Thursday Service/Communion at Shenango 7:00pm
Tuesday, March 12	Bible Study 9:30am Staff mtg. 11:00am Session mtg. 7:00pm	Sunday, March 31st	Easter Sunday 8:00am Service/Breakfast following Sunday School 9:30am Worship 10:30am "The Story" Chapter 27, <i>The Resurrection</i> , John 19-21, Luke 24, Matthew 28, Mark 16
Friday, March 15	Easter flower orders due		
Sunday, March 17	Sunday School 9:30am Worship 10:30am "The Story" Chapter 25, <i>Jesus, The Son of God</i> , John 7-8, 11-12, Mark 11-12, 14		

**LOOKING AHEAD**

Friday, April 19

Lifeline Screening 8:00am to 5:30pm in FH.  
To register & to receive the special discount,  
please call 1-800-640-6307 or visit:  
**LLSA.SOCIAL/HC**

**Mark your calendars for VBS...**

VBS will kick-off on June 16 and run the evenings of **June 17—June 19.**  
**Theme to announced soon!**

July 26-28

Not So Youth Group Camping and Float Trip weekend.  
This is a churchwide event, all are invited!

**THE DEADLINE FOR APRIL IS MARCH 22ND.**

**Mission Spotlight**  
March — NCCA

The New Castle Christian Academy began its 2023-2024 school year as the only remaining Christian School in Lawrence County, serving over 200 students in pre-kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. As it has throughout its 32 year history, NCCA provides a rigorous academic curriculum within an environment where Christian values are emphasized. Students attend chapel weekly and are encouraged to pray with and for each other. Educators are free to share their faith with their peers and students. While there are always challenges, the school is poised to assume ownership of the McGill building from Clen-Moore by the end of the year. Our hope in the Lord is that the school continues to grow, not only in the lower grades, but also into a high school.

Clen-Moore has been a wonderful partner to NCCA through the years, and while we will no longer be your tenants, we hope that our mission partnership will continue. Your support of NCCA extends not only to the "churched" kids who attend the school, but also to the students whose families do not belong to or regularly attend church. As Lawrence County's demographics have changed, NCCA's mission has also shifted to serving a larger number of students who likely would have no other exposure to the Gospel.

If you would like to get involved, the annual Gala of Gifts will take place at the First Assembly of God Church on Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup>. You can also volunteer to help with clean up days, as a lunch room monitor, or keep NCCA in your prayers, that God will use the school as He sees fit.

Thank you!

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This is the Day the **Lord** has made,  
Let us **Rejoice** and be Glad in it.

Psalm 118:24



**Easter Sunday Services and Activities**

**March 31, 2024**

**Service—8:00am**

Easter Breakfast will be served from 8:30am until 9:30am in FH.  
You do not have to attend the early service to take part in breakfast.

**Menu:** Egg Casserole, Fruit, Breakfast Sweets, Coffee and Juice

**Sunday School for all ages—9:30am**

**Worship Service—10:30am**



**Sunday, March 31, 2024**

**May the joy of the risen Christ** fill our hearts and homes. May His blessings be upon us, and may we share the love and grace He has bestowed upon us with others. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.



**Monthly Financial Snapshot**



	<b>January</b>
Envelope, Loose, Rent, Misc. Income	\$ 20,789
Operating & Mission Expense	\$ 23,213
Difference	\$ (2,424)
Mission Support DR—Medicine	

**Health Ministry**  
**March 2024**



Dear Clen-Moore Church Members,

We want to make you aware of some changes to the scholarship established in 2021 by Dr. Pommersheim. Nancy Book and I wrote the criteria for the scholarship that was to be offered to a church member or relative of a church member for someone entering a nursing program. In 2021 we had two applicants/recipients.

Since that time there have been no applicants for the years 2022 and 2023. After some discussion, we approached Dr. Pommersheim about offering the scholarship to a student enrolled in the UPMC Jameson School of Nursing. He agreed. We have re-written the criteria for the School of Nursing and presented it to the Director of the School. It now has to be reviewed and approved.

If all goes as planned, a scholarship will be given to one or two students that meet the criteria and have completed the first year of the program.

If you have any questions, please see Nancy Book or me.

~Nancy Wozniak



Easter Flower orders are due no later than  
**Friday, March 15th.**



**Communion will be served on:**



March 3, 2024  
March 28, 2024  
(Maundy Thursday at Shenango)  
May 5, 2024

