



**The Clen-Moore**  
**Messenger**



*Christ*  
The Way, the Truth,  
and the Life.  
**April 2024**

Dear Church Family,

First, I want to thank you all for following along as we have spent the majority of the last seven months in "The Story". By the time this month is over, we will have completed a 31-week/chapter journey through the Bible. One of my passions is to help Christians discover that one of the foundational keys to having a strong faith is by knowing the entire Bible, not just the New Testament. This series helped to give a solid overview of this, though it is not a true replacement for reading the entire Bible cover to cover. I pray that with this first step, we will all keep diving deeper into scripture and discover what the Lord has in store for us.

Without forgetting the final weeks of this series that focus on the New Testament letters, I want to take a moment to look ahead. In May we will shift to a new series, which I promise will not be nearly as long. While reading and studying the Bible should always be a spiritual exercise and not just an academic or knowledge-based pursuit, at times "The Story" could emphasize the knowing, focusing a bit less on the spiritual. That will all change as we begin our new series in adult Sunday school and worship based on the book "Hearing God" by Dallas Willard. We will be in this study for a total of six weeks throughout May and June, with a Sunday or two off during that stretch.

At the end of the 'a word from the author' section, Willard writes: "My hope is that this book will help you develop an ongoing relationship with God that will involve conversation, communion and consummation." If our spiritual lives in Christ are not seeking, or able to work toward these ends, we are missing the fullness of what we are offered in Jesus. Willard continues on to say in various places and ways that the difficulty we face is actually knowing and understanding how "Hearing God" truly works. In the forward by James Bryan Smith, he notes that the following questions (among others) are ones that Willard answers in the book, which we will also explore through teaching and preaching:

- How do we know when we are in God's will?
- How do you know it is God who is speaking with you?
- What about when we do not hear from God?
- How do I know I am not hearing the voice of Satan?
- Why do some people hear God speaking and not others?
- What should I think when someone tells me that God has spoken to them?







If these questions resonate with you, then this series is probably for you!

If you are interested in reading the book through the series, you can find it almost anywhere books are sold. This is not at all required to take part in Sunday school or the sermon series, but we will share which chapters of "Hearing God" correspond with each upcoming week for those who want to dig deeper and read along. (Note, the actual book is nine chapters, plus an intro and an epilogue, so it isn't as straightforward as one chapter per week.) We may watch video excerpts in Sunday school of Willard teaching, or conversations around a table he had with Richard Foster and John Ortberg on various topics in the book. The great news is there are free resources available at [www.dwillard.org](http://www.dwillard.org) if you would like to view them for your own personal study.

As we prepare to transition from a long teaching and preaching series into a much shorter one, my hope and prayer is that it will help us all grow in a deeper relationship with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Bless and be blessed,  
Michael

 <b>UPCOMING Events</b> 		
<p>Tuesday, April 2    Bible Study 9:30am Ministry &amp; Mission Team mtg. 6:00pm Admin. Team mtg. 7:00pm (B&amp;G, S&amp;F, Personnel)</p>	<p>Sunday, April 21    Sunday School 9:30am Worship 10:30am "The Story" Chapter 30, <i>Paul's Final Days</i>, <b>Acts 20-21, 27, Ephesians, 2 Timothy</b> Blessing Box dedication luncheon after worship</p>	
<p>Sunday, April 7    Sunday School 9:30am Worship 10:30am "The Story" Chapter 28, <i>New Beginnings</i>, <b>Acts 1-10, 12</b></p>	<p><i>Michael Off—Study Leave—April 23 through 29</i></p>	
<p>Tuesday, April 9    Bible Study 9:30am Session 7:00pm</p>	<p>Tuesday, April 23    Bible Study 9:30am Election Day Outreach (details on back side of this page)</p>	
<p>Thursday, April 11    Staff mtg. 11:00am</p>	<p>Sunday, April 28    Sunday School 9:30am Worship with Dave Goff 10:30am "The Story" Chapter 31, <i>Revelation</i>, <b>Revelation 1-4, 19-21</b></p>	
<p>Sunday, April 14    Sunday School 9:30am Worship 10:30am "The Story" Chapter 29, <i>Paul's Mission</i>, <b>Acts 13-14, 16-20, 1Thessalonians,</b> <b>1 Corinthians, Galatians, Romans</b></p>	<p>Tuesday, April 30    Bible Study 9:30am</p>	
<p>Tuesday, April 16    Bible Study 9:30am</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;"><b>LOOKING AHEAD</b> <b>Mark your calendars for VBS...</b> <i>VBS will kick-off on June 16 and run the evenings of June 17—June 19.</i> <b>Theme to announced soon!</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>July 26—28—Not So Youth Group Camping and Float Trip weekend. This is a churchwide event, all are invited! (More details on back side of this page)</b></p> 	
<p>Friday, April 19    Lifeline Screening 8am—5pm (FH)</p>		
<p>Saturday, April 20    Not So Youth Group 6:00pm</p>		

**THE DEADLINE FOR MAY IS APRIL 19TH.**

**Mission Spotlight**  
**April — Frontier Fellowship**

Frontier Fellowship has been dealing with a lot of change lately. At home, the organization is currently in the middle of a leadership transition, as Rev. Richard Haney is stepping down as Executive Director and passing the torch to Ethan Collins, who lives in Arizona with his family. Meanwhile, Sudan itself has been in turmoil, which has caused many of Frontier Fellowship's partners in the North to relocate to the city of Juba in the South. Many of these individuals are well educated, and Denise hopes that their presence will be a blessing to the South Sudanese. Denise is currently in the midst of planning a trip to Juba, where she will spend time with the Greater Reach Alliance pastors and the South Sudanese Evangelical Church, and she is looking for two or more people to join her. If you are interested, please reach out to her at 724-766-1678 or dsciuto@frontierfellowship.com.

Please pray that others will join Denise on her trip to Juba, that the church there will be blessed with trained teachers, and that Frontier Fellowship would have an easy transition and enter its new phase with enthusiasm!

**Election Day—Tuesday, April 23rd**

With 2 precincts voting at Clen-Moore, we would like to show some hospitality to our neighbors in the area coming through our doors on April 23rd. We need homemade cookies, muffins or treats that can be easily packaged to hand out, along with a beverage and welcome flyer. Volunteer greeters are also encouraged to spend an hour or two on Election Day to assist.

Please contact the church office at 724.654.6657, or sign up during Sunday worship if you're interested in participating.

Thank you!



Church softball season is just around the corner! The season begins sometime in mid-May and runs through July, ending with a Saturday tournament (official dates TBD). Games are typically on Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

Please contact Pastor Michael if you're interested in playing.



**Not So Youth Group**  
**Annual Camping/River Float**



**Date:** Friday, July 26—Sunday, July 28  
**Where:** Cook Forest State Park and Campground  
 Group camp sites B and C

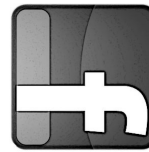
We will check in to the campsites any time after 3pm on **Friday, July 26**. Checkout is by **3pm on Sunday, July 28**. We will raft, kayak, or tube the Clarion River on Saturday and host outdoor "camp" worship on Sunday morning. The whole church is invited to participate in any part of the weekend. Group TENT sites have been reserved and come at a minimal cost. There are other camping options in the area if tent camping is not a good option for anyone. More details will follow as we get closer to the trip. Feel free to contact **Sam Plyler (724-971-7088)** with questions.

**Monthly Financial Snapshot**

	<b>February</b>	<b>YTD</b>
Envelope, Loose, Rent, Misc. Income	\$ 25,596	\$ 46,385
Operating & Mission Expense	\$ 29,548	\$ 52,761
Difference	\$ (3,952)	\$ (6,376)

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**Health Ministry**  
**April 2024**



When we celebrate Easter, we are celebrating not just bunnies and jelly beans, but new life! We know we have new life because God raised Jesus from the dead, and because of that new life we are being made new. In his letter to the church in Corinth, Paul rejoices:

'Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come; The old has gone, the new is here!' (2nd Corinthians 5:17)

We can participate in the new life God offers when we choose to release the old and welcome the new. What will that look like for you this spring? Woman's Day, April, 2024, Candace Bure, p.18

**Looking Ahead:**  
 Health Ministry Deacons meeting—  
 (date to be announced)



**Communion will be served on:**  
 Sunday, May 5, 2024



**Luncheon—April 21st**

On **Sunday, April 21st** we will have a celebration luncheon. We will dedicate our blessing box project, and introduce Jonah LaPietra, who built it for us as his Eagle Scout project. This project will introduce and kick off a new ministry collaboration with The Neighborhood Pantry in Mahoningtown and members of Church of Genesis, who started this ministry. There may also be a Super Bowl winning Steeler joining us! Please RSVP to the church office by calling (724.654.6657) or responding to the bulletin insert to ensure we have enough food and space to celebrate this new ministry partnership.