



The Clen-Moore Messenger



Dear Church Family,

It was customary for the youth at my home church to lead one worship service a year, dubbed “Youth Sunday” (for obvious reasons). I will never forget the preparation for one Youth Sunday when the conversation centered around choosing a Bible verse, and the idea that everything in the Bible is good...but some sections seem to be better than others. It was a rather humorous moment.

I think we all share in this sentiment. An obscure verse from Leviticus or I or II Chronicles does not seem to carry the weight, power, or importance of say, the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

As a preacher and teacher of God’s word, I admit that sometimes I get too concerned with ensuring that we cover the entire Bible, never repeating scriptures in a short period. Because I tend to have OCD tendencies regarding these types of things, I even have a spreadsheet that details every primary scripture used in worship since July 2018, when I originally came to Clen-Moore! It may seem excessive, but at times, it is quite helpful.

We certainly haven’t covered every single word, let alone every book of the Old and New Testaments. To my surprise, however, over the last five years we have covered very little of The Sermon on the Mount found in Matthew 5-7.

This section contains some of Jesus’ greatest teaching moments—the Beatitudes and the Lord’s Prayer, among many other moral and ethical teachings that are essential in the Christian life. They are worth repeating.

Beginning in May, we will explore in depth the Sermon on the Mount. Unlike previous series, I will not try to outline the entire series in advance. My goal is to take our time, turning over every rock and blade of grass along the way with curiosity and conversation. For example, the late, great scholar Ken Bailey breaks the Beatitudes down into two parts (Matthew 5:1-12).

I hope that this series will help us see these teachings of Jesus in light of His resurrection post-Easter. I know in my mind, I often read the Gospels in the moment Jesus was living with the disciples and others before His resurrection. As we unpack the Sermon on the Mount, I pray that we will experience it through the lens of our resurrected Lord, who was willing to die for these principles--and then return from death to prove His power through them!

Bless and be blessed,
-Michael




UPCOMING Events




Saturday, May 3rd	Cray Bowl-A-Thon	Thursday, May 22nd	The office will be open from 7:45am to 1:00pm and 2:30pm to 4:30pm Staff mtg. 10:00am
Sunday, May 4th	Prayer Team in Library 9:00am Sunday School 9:30am Worship with communion 10:30am Children in Worship after Children’s Message	Sunday, May 25th	Prayer Team in Library 9:00am Sunday School 9:30am Worship 10:30am Children in Worship after Children’s Message
Tuesday, May 6th	Bible Study 9:30am Ministry & Mission Team mtg. 6:00pm Admin. Team mtg. 7:00pm	Tuesday, May 27th	The office will be open from 7:45am to 4:30pm. Bible Study 9:30am Presbytery mtg. 6:30pm
Sunday, May 11th	Prayer Team in Library 9:00am Sunday School 9:30am Worship 10:30am No Children in Worship Happy Mother’s Day	Pastor Michael off May 29th—31st	
Tuesday, May 13th	Bible Study 9:30am Session mtg. 7:00pm	Thursday, May 29th	The office will be open from 7:45am to 1:00pm and 2:30pm to 4:30pm
Pastor Michael off May 15th—17th		Friday, May 30th	Graduate information/pictures due to office or email pictures to clenmoorechurch@gmail.com or text to Elinore Snyder at 724.510.5975.
Sunday, May 18th	Prayer Team in Library 9:00am Sunday School 9:30am Worship 10:30am Children in Worship after Children’s Message Deacon’s mtg. after worship	LOOKING AHEAD:	
Tuesday, May 20th	The office will be open from 7:45am to 4:30pm. Election Day Bible Study 9:30am Promise of Life Bible Study 9:30am	<u>Sunday, June 8th</u> Pentecost Graduation Sunday Confirmation & meal after worship	
		<u>June 16th—19th</u> VBS	
		<u>Saturday, June 21st</u> Rummage Sale	
		<u>July 25th—27th</u> Not So Youth Group Annual Camping and River Float Trip at Clear Creek State Park	



Deadline for June is May 21st



May 2025
Health Tip from the
Health Ministry Deacons



“Health professionals suggest that people who want to become physically fit should try a consistent program of walking. Sustained walking several times a week will improve your muscle tone and strengthen your heart.

The Bible reassures us that our spiritual lives will also reap benefits when we are consistent in walking with the Lord. Look at the many benefits a walk with God provides... ‘Walk in all the way that the Lord your God has commanded you, so that you may live and prosper and prolong your days in the land that you will possess.’

—Deuteronomy 5:33


‘I will walk among you and be your God, and you will be My people.’ —Leviticus 26:12

‘Blessed are all who fear the Lord, who walk in His ways. You will eat the fruit of your labor, blessings and prosperity will be yours.’ —Psalm 128:1,2.


‘Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength, they will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.’ —Isaiah 40:31”

(Taken from “Footprints” and the Bible).

There are many more references to walking with God in the Bible.




Food Pantry/Blessing Box Collection
(Month 1) – May 2025




Corn Flakes Cereal	Grape Jelly
Pickles—any kind	Ketchup
Body Wash	Sugar
Fruit Cocktail	Salt
Vegetable Soup—can	Facial Tissues
Coffee/Regular or Decaf—can	Mustard

he is risen




Mission Spotlight
May—Pine Valley




Pine Valley Camp, located outside of Ellwood City, has sought to provide residential camping to at-risk urban youth since 1995. By providing this experience, the goal for the campers to open their hearts to know and receive Christ's saving love.

The summer season is the heart and soul of Pine Valley camp, which begins in June! Staff are hired and ready to go, and they expect over 700 kids at camp this year. Pray that the Holy Spirit would move through the lives of campers, staff, and others as they learn and grow in Jesus this summer.



Communion will be served on:
Sunday, May 4, 2025
Sunday, June 1, 2025
Sunday, July 20, 2025






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Promise of Life



Promise of Life Network's parenting division, New Beginnings, is working with Clen-Moore Presbyterian Church to develop a "Mom's Group". The stated purpose of this group is to create a community for mothers who are feeling isolated while experiencing the trials of parenting little ones. We are hopeful to establish a consistent monthly group to occur the third Tuesday of each month from 10:00am until 11:30am. We are seeking Biblically sound women to provide mentorship and share their "learned experiences" from parenting. Additionally, we are seeking individuals who can assist with childcare during the group. If you are called to come alongside women and children please connect with Savannah Danko or Christina Edwards.



NOT SO YOUTH GROUP
ANNUAL CAMPING & RIVER FLOAT TRIP



Date: Saturday, July 26th
Where: Clear Creek State Park

Plan to meet at Clear Creek beach area at 11am. We will organize and carpool to our launch site. Clear Creek Picnic Pavilion 1 (right next to beach) is reserved for Clen-Moore all day. We will meet back here for a picnic and cookout around 4pm. Feel free to bring a dish or dessert to share.

Anyone who would like to camp that weekend must reserve a spot on your own. There are a number of camper, tent, and cabin sites available in Clear Creek and Cook forest area. Contact Sam 724-971-7088 or Courtney Plyler 724-761-6934 with questions.