

# Clen-Moore Presbyterian Church

## The Messenger—June 2026

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It's an exciting time to be an elder. I bet you never thought you'd hear that. People generally believe that serving on session is a serious job with heavy responsibility. And having been an elder in past years, that description is not untrue. But this year we added an additional duty that has made the job feel like a blessing.

The \$40,000 Mission Bonanza was created to inspire Clen-Moore Church to get involved with community charitable projects. Part of the plan gives each elder \$1,000 to donate to the beneficiary of his choice. Ask any one of the 13 session members and they will tell you we have learned the true meaning of "Blessed to be a blessing".

I thought you church members would like to know more about the recipients of our \$1,000 and why we chose them. I think you will find the following paragraphs interesting and inspiring.

Elder Christy Litrenta chose Community Pay It Forward for her support. This shop is the innovation of eastside resident, April Brightshue. She collects donations of clothing, furniture, household items, etc. and distributes these things absolutely free to people struggling financially. April had erected a backyard shelter for the shop which was destroyed last winter by a particularly bad snowstorm. She has had to temporarily close until a more permanent dwelling can be built. And of course, this would be an expensive project. Christy's \$1,000 and donations from others have made this possible. Construction underway! We think Community Pay It Forward is an awesome charity and praise Christy for supporting it.

Elder Cindy Lyons chose to give her \$1,000 to Autumn Marshall and her Haitian mission. When you realize all the incredible things Autumn has accomplished as she works to repair the children of Haiti, we can understand Cindy's decision. Cindy says it's easy to see the hand of God working in Autumn's life as he guides, guards, and directs her through many obstacles and dangerous situations. Cindy says, "Autumn works tirelessly and risks her life to show the love of Christ to the people of Haiti". That she does, Cindy.

Elders Janice McConnell and Nancy Natale chose as one of their recipients, the Mission Barn. I had never heard of the Mission Barn so I asked the girls to tell me why they chose it. Their reasons are very compelling. First, the organization builds wheelchair ramps for disabled people to allow them wheelchair access to their homes. Janice says, "They have a summer mission project for youth which has kids doing hands-on building of the ramps. I am hoping that we can connect our youth to this activity". The Mission Barn also packs buckets with supplies and then sends these filled buckets out to areas that have experienced some kind of devastation (floods, tornadoes, fires, etc). The buckets are filled with either hygiene products or cleaning supplies. Nancy says, "I personally chose them to receive part of my Mission Bonanza funds as they are one of our missions we will be supporting through VBS this year, and the children will help to prepare the disaster and hygiene buckets they provide." How great is that! Involving and encouraging our kids to be a blessing to less fortunate people they don't even know. This is a lesson they will take with them into adulthood.

These are only some of the stories. I have so much more to tell you, but right now there is a deadline to meet. I look forward to writing next month's article and sharing with you all the great work Clen-Moore is doing. In the meantime, we welcome any feedback, advice, and involvement from the congregation. Remember, it is blessed to be a blessing.

Elinore Snyder, Elder

### UPCOMING Events

Tuesday, June 2nd	No Bible Study No M&M Meeting Admin Meeting 6:00pm	Sunday, June 21st	<b>Father's Day</b> Pray Team in Library 9:00am Coffee House 9:00am Sunday School 9:30am Worship 10:30am No Children's Church VBS Kick Off Session Meeting after worship 12:00pm — 1:00pm
Thursday, June 4th	Softball vs New Life at Lackawannock Field 6:00pm		
Sunday, June 7th	Pray Team in Library 9:00am Coffee House 9:00am Sunday School 9:30am Worship with Rick Vogeley 10:30am Children's Church with Christina Plyler	<b>Monday, June 22nd through Thursday, June 25th Vacation Bible School 6:00pm—8:00 pm</b>	
Tuesday, June 9th	Session Meeting 7:00pm	Tuesday, June 23rd	Softball vs. Covenant at COG Field @ 6:15pm and Softball vs. Truth & Grace at COG Field 3 7:30pm
Thursday, June 11th	Softball vs Family Life at Family Life Field 6:00pm	Thursday, June 25th	End of VBS Meal
Sunday, June 14th	Prayer Team in Library 9:00am Coffee House 9:00am Sunday School 9:30am Worship/Communion with Rick Vogeley 10:30am Children's Church with Amy Plyler	Sunday, June 28th	Prayer Team in Library 9:00am Coffee House 9:00am Sunday School 9:30am Worship 10:30am Children's Church with Christine Spicuzza
Monday, June 15th	Michael returns from his Sabbatical	<b>LOOKING AHEAD:</b>	
Tuesday, June 16th	Staff Meeting 10:00am Promise of Life Mother's Group 10:00am Softball vs Genesis at Lackawannock Field 6:00pm	<b>July 12th:</b> Worship with Communion at The Apple Castle with a picnic	
Thursday, June 18th	Softball vs Covenant at COG Field 3 6:00pm	<b>July 18th:</b> Softball Tournament (All Teams)	
		<b>July 24th—July 26th:</b> Not So Youth Group Annual Camping and Floating Trip at Clear Creek Start Park	

**Deadline for July is June 19th**

**Dr. Kenneth E. Bailey Chair in Cairo, Egypt**

Dr. Kenneth Bailey has been a household name in Christian homes for years. Ken and his wife, Mickey, lived in New Wilmington after their retirement as missionaries. Dr. Bailey was a professor of New Testament Studies in Egypt, Lebanon, Jerusalem, and Cypress for 40 years. In their Christian faith and dedication to Christ, they were strong enough to raise their two children in an active war zone for many of those years. Mickey, prior to their mission, was a nurse to Dr. Jonas Salk and assisted with the perfection of the polio vaccine.

The Foundation for Middle Eastern New Testament Studies (FoMENTS) was founded in 2005 by Dr. Bailey to further Middle Eastern Christian scholarships and bring to light the largely unknown writings of Middle Eastern Christian scholars of earlier centuries. The Baileys learned Arabic and the Egyptian culture. This gave a total understanding that Jesus was Middle Eastern and not western.

FoMENTS is stepping up along with the Shenango Presbytery to a need of the Evangelical Theological Seminary in Cairo, Egypt. The goal, with all of the Presbytery Churches help, is to permanently endow this chair in Cairo where Ken and Mickey spent their early missionary years. \$400,000 is the cost to endow this chair. FoMENTS and its board of directors have pledged \$185,000. The Shenango Presbytery pledged \$25,000 and offered a second \$25,000 matching gift. With these totals, \$235,000 was already pledged leaving \$165,000 needed.

The Elders at Clen-Moore along with the Mission and Ministry committee made the decision for Clen-Moore Presbyterian Church to give \$5,000 from our Out Reach and Missions fund. For the rest of June, we are extending the opportunity for giving from our congregation. If you wish, you may put your contribution in an envelope and write Bailey Chair on it. Place it in the collection plate, the mailboxes on the wall, or mail it in to the office.

Back in March of 2025, the PCUSA disbanded much of its International Mission efforts and ended most of the positions of its missionaries on the ground. Thus, is the determination to begin a fundraising effort to endow this Chair beginning in September of this year.



**NOT SO YOUTH GROUP ANNUAL  
CAMPING & RIVER FLOAT TRIP**

**Date:** Saturday, July 25th

**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 Plyler 724-971-7088 or  
Courtney Plyler 724-761-6934 with questions.**



**2026 Camp Scholarships**

**Summer Camp scholarships are now available for any youth wishing to attend a church affiliated summer camp. Applications are available at the Church Information Center (outside the church office) or online - [www.clenmoore.org](http://www.clenmoore.org).**



“When summer comes around, it feels great to be outdoors! But it is important to take care of your health so the fun can continue. Make sure to protect your skin from too much sun exposure , wear a dark hat, and use sunscreen with an spf of at least 30or higher, Drink plenty of fluids, too, even adding fresh fruits like berries or lemon so you will drink more of it in hot humid weather. And try a new exercise routine like pickleball or simple walking . Also, be sure to use an insect spray to prevent bites, as well as checking often for ticks after being in high grasses, wooded areas, etc. Take care of your feet by choosing flip flops only for the beach or pool. Wear light supportive shoes for better protection from falls or cuts.”

( Taken from [optimal.com/](http://optimal.com/) healthy living.)  
These are just a few health tips to help you have a safe, fun-filled summer!

Scripture:  
“ Walk in all the ways I command you, that it may go well with you.” Jeremiah 7:23.



**Food Pantry/Blessing Box Collection  
June 2026**

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| <b>Instant Oatmeal-Variety Pack</b> | <b>Jello-box</b>  |
| <b>SPAM</b>                         | <b>Applesauce</b> |
| <b>Baked Beans</b>                  | <b>Cake Mix</b>   |
| <b>Spaghetti's-can</b>              | <b>Frosting</b>   |
| <b>Powdered Sugar</b>               | <b>Toothpaste</b> |
| <b>Paper Towels</b>                 | <b>Toothbrush</b> |