

Clen-Moore Presbyterian Church

The Messenger—May 2026

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When Bill Nesbitt said that we should give away \$40,000, we all looked at him like he had two heads. But as he began to explain, we became convinced that he was right.

It was during the November 2025 session meeting that we reviewed the proposed budget for 2026. The Lord and the congregation had been very generous to Clen-Moore and our budget showed a large surplus. We were about to approve the budget as presented when Bill made his suggestion. He said when people give to the church, they don't expect us to put the money away in a safe place; they expect us to use it to glorify God. Suddenly the parable of the three talents springs to mind. You will recall in Matthew 25 Jesus teaching his disciples the lesson of the three men who were given talents (coins) and told to invest them. Two of them used the money wisely and the third, not wanting to risk it all, buried his coins. In the parable God reprimanded this man severely. We realized that hiding our money away in a bank was tantamount to burying it. So, the conversation very quickly became "how to use the money" and not "should we use the money?" The more we discussed it, the more exciting it became. The distribution would be in two parts: first, \$27,000 would be designated for a local hands-on project; secondly, it was decided that each elder would be given \$1,000 to fund a cause of his choosing. The following is a list of the elders' disbursements to date:

- Cindy Lyons has donated to mission partner, Autumn Marshall and her Haiti project which aids impoverished children with birth defects and other health problems.
- Christy Litrenta has donated to *Community Pay It Forward*, a community shop-for-free experience available to those who are struggling. The proprietor is a single disabled woman.
- Ed Conti and Bill Nesbitt have partnered to donate \$500 to the family of the late Kenny Koziol as they have incurred serious debt during Kenny's illness.
- Marissa McCarren and Taylor Lubinski are devoting time, energy, and funds to helping a destitute family in Youngstown. Marissa became aware of their needs from a young brother and sister who are in her 3rd grade class. Marissa and Taylor's goal is to provide beds, bedding, and hygiene products for the children.
- Jen Conrad has donated funds so that a Laurel elementary school student can attend the academic games being held in Charlotte, NC. The school does not provide transportation and without the Clen-Moore money, the child would be unable to attend.
- Bill Nesbitt has identified a deserving person with the help of Shirley Book. Shirley is acquainted with a single-parent mother who is trying to better herself while raising a teenage daughter. Shirley says the gift of \$200 has been appreciated beyond words.
- Elinore Snyder was made aware of an elderly single woman who must still work to make ends meet. Through no fault of her own, she had no income for a month and was struggling to pay her utilities. A gift of \$200 helped her over the rough patch.

There are still funds to be distributed and the elders are inviting church members to become involved. We are encouraging the congregation to help us spend our talents!

With 13 elders on session, that would leave \$27,000 for a special project within the community which we have named Mission Bonanza. We are encouraging the congregation to give us suggestions, ideas and comments. We elders are so excited about the Bonanza project and would like the congregation to feel that same excitement. Our hope is that this project is a hands-on, get involved, church family supported project. Listed below are the names of the elders. We encourage you to give us your feedback. So speak to an elder, email or text, leave a voice mail. Please get involved. This is a Clen-Moore project, and we are sure everyone has something to contribute. Stay tuned. Next month I will report again on the progress of the Bonanza project. And remember, you are blessed to be a blessing.

Elinore Snyder

Clen-Moore Presbyterian Elders:

Jen Conrad

Cindy Lyons

Janice McConell

Elinore Snyder

Christy Litrenta

Bill Nesbitt

Stephen Cowher

Ed Conti

Taylor Lubinski

Nancy Natale

Sam Plyler

Tom Reynolds

Marissa McCarren

UPCOMING Events

Saturday, May 2nd	Mother/Daughter Tea 12:00pm in the Parlor	Sunday, May 24th	Pentecost Sunday Prayer Team in Library 9:00am Coffee House 9:00am Sunday School 9:30am Worship with Communion 10:30am Children's Church with Michelle Turner
Sunday, May 3rd	Prayer Team in Library 9:00am Coffee House 9:00am Sunday School 9:30am Worship with Jim Mohr 10:30am Children's Church with Brianna Hill	Tuesday, May 26th	Bible Study 9:30am Last Bible Study for the summer
Tuesday, May 5th	Bible Study with Rick Vogeley 9:30am M&M Meeting 6:00pm Admin. Meeting 7:00pm	Sunday, May 31st	Graduation Sunday Prayer Team in Library 9:00am Coffee House 9:00am Sunday School 9:30am Worship 10:30am Children's Church with Amy Plyler All Church meal following worship in the Fellowship Hall
Sunday, May 10th	Mother's Day Prayer Team in Library 9:00am Coffee House 9:00am Sunday School 9:30am Worship with Rick Vogeley 10:30am No Children's Church	Office Hours the week of May 4th through May 8th: Monday, May 4th & Tuesday, May 5th 9:00am-4:00pm Wednesday, May 6th 9:00am-12:00 noon Closed Thursday, May 7th & Friday, May 8th	
Tuesday, May 12th	Bible Study 9:30am Session Meeting 7:00pm	LOOKING AHEAD:	
Thursday, May 14th	Staff Meeting 10:00am	June 15th: Michael comes back from his sabbatical	
Sunday, May 17th	Prayer Team in Library 9:00am Coffee House 9:00am Sunday School 9:30am Worship 10:30am Children's Church with Courtney Plyler Deacons Meeting after worship	June 22nd—June 25th: VBS	
Tuesday, May 19th	Bible Study 9:30am Promise of Life Mother's Group 10:00am		

Deadline for June is May 22nd

Clen-Moore Presbyterian Church Staff:

<i>Pastor Michael Spicuzza</i>	<i>Terri Nystrom, Office Administrator</i>
<i>Dr. Jane Karski, Organist</i>	<i>Sally Mescall, Nursery/Pre-K Worker</i>
<i>Charlie Antonelli, Custodian</i>	<i>Gabe Danko, Seminary Intern</i>

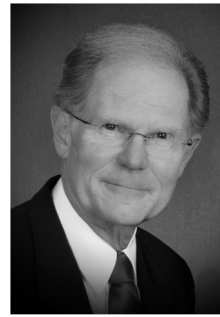
Clen-Moore Presbyterian Church Ruling Elders:

<i>Jen Conrad</i>	<i>Taylor Lubinski</i>
<i>Cindy Lyons</i>	<i>Nancy Natale</i>
<i>Janice McConnell</i>	<i>Christy Litrenta</i>
<i>Stephen Cowher</i>	<i>Bill Nesbitt</i>
<i>Ed Conti</i>	<i>Sam Plyler</i>
<i>Elinore Snyder</i>	<i>Tom Reynolds</i>
<i>Marissa McCarren</i>	

Clen-Moore Presbyterian Church Deacons:

<i>Amy Ball</i>	<i>John Purdy</i>
<i>Nancy Book</i>	<i>Becky Reese</i>
<i>Shirley Book</i>	<i>Debbie Reynolds</i>
<i>Sandra Bumgardner</i>	<i>Barbara Richards</i>
<i>Evelyn Genkinger</i>	<i>Tom Teleis</i>
<i>Shirlie Hardie</i>	<i>Linda Turner</i>
<i>Dave Kerr</i>	<i>Barbara VanHorn</i>
<i>Brenda Matas</i>	<i>Nancy Wozniak</i>

The Session welcomes The Rev. G. Richard (Rick) Vogeley D. Min. as the part time Interim Pastor filling in for Michael during his sabbatical. He will be handling all the pastoral duties, leading worship, teaching, and overseeing Session and it's various committees.



Pastor Vogeley is a native of Pittsburgh, PA. (Penn Hills), Grove City College - class of 1968; Master of Divinity Degree from Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Lou. KY - class of 1971; and Doctor of Ministry Degree from Luther Rice Theological Seminary, Atlanta, GA - class of 1979. He has served on the Board of Trustees of Carroll College in Waukesha, WI, the Church College Council of Montreat College in N.C. and on the Board of Trustees of Lyon College in Batesville, Arkansas - all Presbyterian related colleges.

Rick began his ministry at Clen-Moore in 1971 as the Associate under Jack Heinsohn and went on to serve 8 different Presbyterian churches in Pennsylvania, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan, Ohio, Arkansas, and Florida. Since his retirement in 2012 he has served as an Interim Pastor to 5 congregations here in W. PA. (Bethany Presby. in Mercer, First Presby. New Castle, New Wilmington Presbyterian, White Oak Springs, Renfrew PA. and Shenango Presbyterian, N.C.)

Rick and Patty (Allen) were married here at Clen-Moore in 1972 by Jack Heinsohn and she served as Christian Ed. Director at that time. They were foster parents to 20 new born infants while they were in Minnesota and Wisconsin. She is the musician in the family and has played, both piano and organ in many of the churches were Rick served, plus playing here at Clen-Moore a number of times for worship. They now reside in *Hunter's Woods* in Neshannock.

Rick plans to be in the office on Tuesdays for anyone who wants to stop by and can be reached by calling the office for an appointment if necessary.

Mission Spotlight
May—Pine Valley Camp

Clen-Moore has partnered with Pine Valley Camp for fourteen years now. Pine Valley is located at 504 Chapel Drive in Ellwood City. It is a non-denominational Ministry created in 1995 to offer a safe space and hope to children from difficult circumstances. Rebuilding Broken Lives through Christ is their mission.

The staff guide the campers through five steps to growing into faithful people:

- Encounter...learning about Jesus
- Knowing...choosing to walk on a good path
- Growing...developing a personal relationship with the Lord
- Serving...serving others so they may also encounter Jesus
- Go...and make disciples

Mini camp is for 6 - 7 year-olds. Kid's camp is for 8 – 12 year-olds. Teen adventure is for 13 – 15 year-olds. Activities at the camp include horseback riding, pedal carts, archery, canoeing, swimming, and water slides – all in the cathedral of nature – God's creation.

The staff participates with the campers by being completely present for them. Here the children learn to treat others with kindness, respect, humility, to extend grace and choose forgiveness.

Pine Valley Camp cares for hundreds of children every summer.



2026 College Scholarships

College Scholarship applications are available beginning May 1st for anyone entering a post secondary educational system. Completed forms must be returned by Sunday, May 31st and scholarships will awarded by June 30th.

Applications can be found online at www.clenmoore.org or at the Church Information Center, outside the church office.



GRADUATION SUNDAY MAY 31ST

We will celebrate graduates during our worship service on May 31, 2026. Recognized will be those graduating from high school, college (all degrees), military, and technical schools. Graduate information must be received at the church office by Friday, May 22nd. Information should include name, immediate family, school attended, degree received and future plans. This information plus a photo of the graduate can be emailed to the church at clenmoorechurch@gmail.com. There will be an All Church meal following worship in the Fellowship Hall.

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.



Food Pantry/Blessing Box Collection
May 2026

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| Cereal | Deodorant |
| Baked Beans-can | Soup - can |
| Beef Ravioli | Instant Pudding- box |
| Peaches- can | Mustard/Ketchup |
| Toilet Paper | Brown Sugar |



May is Food Allergy Awareness month. Were you or your child just diagnosed with a food allergy? Did you know as many as 32 million Americans live with food allergies?

Reading labels carefully is one of the most important ways to prevent an allergic reaction. Every ingredient matters when you live with food allergies. Nine foods account for 90% of all food allergy reactions: peanut, tree nuts, milk, egg, soy, fish, shellfish, wheat, and sesame. Even a tiny amount ingested can cause a severe reaction in someone with food allergies.