



The Clen-Moore Messenger



FEBRUARY 2025

Dear Church Family,

This February edition of the newsletter will focus on some important church news and updates: celebrating David Goff and wishing him farewell, information on upcoming congregational meetings, a 2024 financial recap and call to stewardship and faithfulness.

Celebrating David Goff

First, we celebrate and honor David Goff, who will be moving to a new ministry call in southwestern Ohio with his wife Melodi in late February. David has been a blessing to our congregation through teaching Tuesday morning Bible study and pulpit supply. To express our gratitude and well-wishes for his next chapter, we have invited him to preach one last time on Sunday, February 2. This means the final week of my series on "The Expectation Gap" will be two weeks later (as I'm already scheduled to be off February 9), but it will allow us the honor of celebrating David and his ministry with us for almost the past three years.

Sunday, February 23 – Congregational Meeting (Following Worship)

This meeting should be brief, with the stated purpose of "uninstalling" me as pastor. This may sound like a concerning change but fear not! It is merely a formality that allows our church to seek more affordable healthcare coverage outside of what the Board of Pensions can provide for me and my family. We added a clause to our bylaws in the fall of 2024 to keep my function as your pastor the same, while giving our church flexibility to provide for my healthcare coverage.

Sunday, March 2 – Annual Congregational Meeting (During "Fat Tuesday" Luncheon)

During this meeting, the Session will propose a revised version of our bylaws (reflecting our current function and mission more accurately) for the congregation to review and approve. We'll also break bread together and prepare for the Lenten season.

Financial Update





We are blessed to report a financial surplus this past year. This abundance is a testament to your faithful generosity and God's provision, and it's crucial to reflect on stewardship and how God expects us to manage our material resources. Stewardship is not merely about managing finances but about aligning our resources with God's purposes for our church and community. When money feels tight, we are to trust God to provide. When it is abundant we are to be abundantly generous. Remember the words of Jesus in Matthew 6:24: "No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money." As we celebrate another year, let us continue to learn to be devoted to Jesus as our master, who teaches us how to use our possessions to serve His kingdom, not our own.

Bless and be blessed,

Michael



UPCOMING Events

Sunday, February 2nd	Prayer Team in Library 9:00am Sunday School 9:30am Confirmation Class Worship with Dave Goff preaching and communion 10:30am Children in Worship	Tuesday, February 18th	The office will be open from 7:30am to 4:30pm. Staff mtg. 10:00am
Tuesday, February 4th	The office will be open from 7:30am to 4:30pm. Ministry & Mission Team mtg. 6:00pm Admin. Team mtg. 7:00pm	Thursday, February 20th	The office will be open from 7:30am to 1:00pm and 3:00pm to 4:30pm. Chili Cook-Off 5:30pm
Michael off February 5th – 10th & February 13th – 14th			
Thursday, February 6th	The office will be open from 7:30am to 1:00pm and 3:00pm to 4:30pm.	Sunday, February 23rd	Prayer Team in Library 9:00am Sunday School 9:30am Worship 10:30am Children in Worship Brief Congregational mtg. after worship
Sunday, February 9th	Prayer Team in Library 9:00am Sunday School 9:30am Worship with Rick Vogeley preaching 10:30am Children in Worship	Tuesday, February 25th	The office will be open from 7:30am to 4:30pm. Presbytery mtg. 6:30pm
Tuesday, February 11th	The office will be open from 7:30am to 4:30pm. Session mtg. 7:00pm	Thursday, February 27th	The office will be open from 7:30am to 1:00pm and 3:00pm to 4:30pm.
Thursday, February 13th	The office will be open from 7:30am to 1:00pm and 3:00pm to 4:30pm.	Sunday, March 2nd	
Friday, February 14th	Happy Valentine's Day 	Communion Confirmation Class Fat Tuesday Luncheon after worship Annual Congregational mtg.	
DR Mission Trip February 15th—22nd			
Sunday, February 16th	Prayer Team in Library 9:00am Sunday School 9:30am Confirmation Class Worship 10:30am Children in Worship	Wednesday, March 5th	Ash Wednesday Service 7:00pm
		Tuesday, March 11th	Bible Study resumes
			

Deadline for March is February 21st



February 2025
Health Tip from the
Health Ministry Deacons



"In the Bible, God promises His comfort and David cries out in the Psalms:

'Let me dwell in your tent forever!
Let me take refuge in Your wings!' Ps.61:4

Later David continues: 'He will cover you with His pinions, and under His wings you will find refuge; His faithfulness is a shield and buckler'. Ps 91:4.

Although we might express this idea differently, David is describing the soothing comfort the Lord offers us in the most personal ways. We can feel safe from all harm under the soft protective wing of an eagle. When we are feeling most fearful and alone, let us remember the prayer of David, wrap ourselves in a favorite blanket, and receive God's kindness and comfort toward us."

(Taken from Woman's Day, Feb 2025. p.14)



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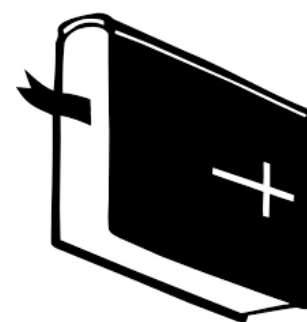


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**Food Pantry/Blessing Box Collection
(Month 10) – February 2025**

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| Vegetable Soup – can | Tea Bags |
| Whole Tomatoes – can | Tuna |
| Tuna Helper | Ramen Noodles |
| Elbow Macaroni Pasta – box | Pickles/any kind |
| Peanut Butter/Crunchy or Smooth | Peas – can |
| Long Grain Rice Sides – packet | Pudding – box |



**Mission Spotlight
FEBRUARY—5 Star
Updates from Haiti:**

Despite the pouring rain, 198 families were able to attend the Christmas party and received supply buckets. The last 50 are being delivered to families who couldn't travel. Over 80 inches of rain has fallen between October and January. Many families are flooded out and have experienced great losses. The Healing for Haiti campaign reached it's goal of raising \$125,000! Thanks to all who supported the fundraiser at Haitian Sensation, sent donations, or bought coffee and metal art. A 80,000 piece of Xray and surgery equipment has finally reached Haiti through a grant, allowing many of the kids access to surgery previously unavailable. The orthopedic surgeon has committed to operating every Saturday to get through the waitlist! Workdays are anticipated in February to repackage the powdered cauliflower.

Prayer Requests

1. That our area of Haiti remains safe.
 2. For wisdom for me when to head back.
 3. Smooth transition to the new donor system we are transitioning to in the next couple months.
 4. That we can find a safe way to get our medical mumba (peanut butter) safely and affordably from cap haitian to our town. We have been out of the red for our most severely malnourished kids for over a month. They have it back in stock but with road washed out no way of getting it.
- This is a very brief update, but if you'd like to hear more, be sure to subscribe to Autumn's email newsletters for more!

Be Alive & Thrive in 2025

Third Thursday Family Fun Nights being planned throughout the year. Join your church family **on Thursday, February 20th at 5:30pm** for the 1st event.



CHILI COOK-OFF



Make a pot of your favorite chili to share if you want to join the contest for the best recipe.
Prizes will be awarded.

Ice Cream Sundaes for dessert (in case the chili is **hot!!**)
Games & Devotions & Fellowship for all ages



Brief Congregational Meeting
Sunday, February 23rd after worship



Dominican Republic Partnership Update

A team of approximately 34 participants with willing hearts and various talents will make the trip to Sabaneta de Yasica in the Dominican Republic from 2/15/25-2/22/25. 11 of those folks from Georgia, members of Northminster Macon Church led by Rev. Ralph Hawkins, will move on from Sabaneta early in the week to the Samana Peninsula, on the other side of the island. This congregation has been laying the foundation for several years to branch out, partnering with another IED congregation in the DR, and will engage in some medical clinics and construction projects.

Three members of Clen-Moore Presbyterian will be joining in the Sabaneta group this year: Christine Spicuzza, Linda Turner, and Tina Nesbitt. The team will conduct medical clinics both on site and in nearby communities issuing needed medications once identified, our audiologist will provide hearing screenings and education, and the medical travel team will visit homebound clients, providing therapies and medical services. They will also issue medical equipment, and will deliver three additional wheelchairs for young clients for whom needs were identified during the 2024 trip. The education team will engage teenagers in a Bible School series.

Clen-Moore continues to provide financial support through mission funds for pharmaceuticals and for trip participants, and many congregants support the scholarship program for students of the Christian school and those who go on to university studies.

Following the trip and throughout the year, coordination, scholarship fundraising and distribution, and much planning continue for the partnership. We ask for your continued prayers for our upcoming travels and support for this vital mission partnership of Clen-Moore Presbyterian Church.