

# The Messenger

MAY 2012

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## From the Pastor's Desk

I want to share an email with you from a friend of mine. Having just celebrated Easter we now look forward to Pentecost: the gift of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the church. These words help us to make a connection between the two:

“Retelling the Easter story of Jesus’ first appearance to His disciples after His resurrection (**John 20:19-23**) is like living into the truth of our own lives. It is a story of transformation that provides the key to the power of the Easter reality in our lives.

The power of Jesus’ resurrection lies in God’s ability to turn death into life, or in the case of Jesus’ disciples, transforming a fearful room into a joyful one (**20:19-20**). Jesus does not come into our lives to make it more difficult than

what it already is. As He did when He spoke his first words in the midst of the disciples, His presence brings **peace**.

God’s new life in and through Jesus’ resurrection is the ever-present reality of God showing up in our lives to surprise us with newness in the midst of stuckness. God brings peace and joy in the midst of fear and anxiety.

But the story does not end there. The transformation from fear to joy effected by the peace of new life in and through Jesus leads to a completely different purpose in life. It is a transformational power that moves us into the world for the sake of bringing new life to others. In the words of Jesus, “*As the Father has sent me, I am sending you... If you forgive any-*



*one his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven” (20:21, 23).*

The key verse between the previous two verses provides the crucial link for understanding God’s sending and our calling in the light of God’s power alone: “... *He breathed on them and said, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit’” (20:22).*”

May the Easter power of Jesus’ resurrection move you forward on the holy gusts of the Spirit and into the lives of others to bring peace, hope, and newness!

~ Pastor Chris



## Mother/Daughter Banquet

Clen-Moore’s Presbyterian Women proudly presents the annual Mother/Daughter Banquet on **Friday, May 11, 2012**. This year’s theme is “His Eye is on the Sparrow.” The celebration takes place at

6PM in Fellowship Hall, with dinner provided by Steve Plyler and his kitchen crew. If you would like to attend, you can purchase tickets Sundays after church, or in the church office.

## MAY SERMONS & WORSHIP:

- **May 6**  
*The Lord’s Prayer: Give Us This Day*
- **May 13**  
*The Lord’s Prayer: Forgive Us Our Debts*
- **May 20**  
*The Lord’s Prayer: Deliver Us From Evil*
- **May 27 (Pentecost/ Communion)**  
*The Lord’s Prayer: The Power and the Glory*

## Health Ministry News

- **The Health Ministry has purchased an AED**, through funds provided by the Y2K class, Presbyterian Women, and the Deacons. It is located in the Circle Drive entrance. Persons trained in CPR and AED may use this life-saving device if needed. The Health Ministry will offer training in CPR and AED use coming up in June. Thank you to those organizations which contrib-

uted to this purchase for our congregation.

- **Blood pressure screening** will be offered during the monthly church breakfast on Sunday morning, **May 20**.

- The second meeting for the HM Team is scheduled for Sunday **June 3, 2012**, after worship, in the Library.

- The commissioning service for members of the HM Team is planned for **June 17, 2012**, during worship.

- **Health Tip for May:** "Any time your blood pressure or cholesterol are up, you are at risk. It is better to prevent a stroke than to deal with the consequences." ~ Dr. James McLaughlin, DO, UPMC

## Moment for Mission

From March 11-18, 31 people from a variety of backgrounds and congregations throughout the Eastern United States met in **Sabaneta de Yasica, Dominican Republic**, to carry out the annual mission trip planned by New Wilmington and Clen-Moore Presbyterian Churches. From Clen-Moore, Chris Weichman, Aaron Christy, Joel Nesbitt, and Tina Nesbitt participated in the mission trip.

This partnership of support from the

local evangelical congregation was again a great success this year. Medical clinics served more than 1,000 local people, and were blessed to have a dentist among our practitioners. The construction crew joined some Dominican friends to pour concrete floors into homes which had previously been dirt, remedying health issues and stabilizing foundations. The scholarship program was updated and plans made for the upcoming 2012-2013 school year. A

sports camp was conducted with the local preteens and teenagers, focusing not only on developing volleyball skills but also on the phrase "God First, Others are Second, I'm Third," allowing for meaningful interactions throughout the week. Participants in the trip would agree that they were among the most blessed of those involved in the week's happenings.

## Dominican Republic Mission Luncheon

Join the Dominican Republic Mission Team for lunch on May 20<sup>th</sup> after church. Tina Nesbitt, Joel Nesbitt,

Aaron Christy, and Chris Weichman will report on the trip and the opportunities we have in mission.

## April Mission Disbursements

**\$2,500**—New Castle City Rescue Mission

**\$500**—Samaritan's Purse

## Financial Snapshot *March 2012*

	<i>Mission Fund Current Month</i>	<i>Mission Fund Year-To-Date</i>	<i>General Fund Current Month</i>	<i>General Fund Year-To-Date</i>
<b>Monies Received</b>	\$3,252	\$9,491	\$26,585	\$78,669
<b>Monies Spent:</b>				
<b>Operating Expenses</b>	\$0	\$0	\$32,982	\$86,584
<b>Missions</b>	\$3,323	\$12,002	\$0	\$0
<b>Total</b>	\$3,323	\$12,002	\$32,982	\$86,584
<b>Over (Short)</b>	<b>(\$71)</b>	<b>(\$2,511)</b>	<b>(\$6,397)</b>	<b>(\$7,915)</b>

# VBS 2012



June 18-22, 2012

6:00—8:30PM

Our theme this year is “SKY... Everything is possible with God!”

We will have so many fun experiences—music, games, crafts, Bible stories, science experiments and (of course) snacks!

Watch for registration information in the church bulletin or on our website, [www.clenmoore.org](http://www.clenmoore.org)

**If you are interested in volunteering** for one night or even for the whole week, please call Karen Weichman at (724) 456-0408.

## Graduation Sunday

We are celebrating our graduates on **Sunday, June 3rd** during the worship service.

We want to celebrate the graduation of students in high school, college (all degrees), and the military. Please contact the church office by **Monday, May 21st** with your graduate's information: **Full Name,**

**Immediate Relations within Clen-Moore, Place Graduating from, Degree, and brief future plans.** Please do not assume that the office knows about your graduate...do call.

Congratulations to all of Clen-Moore's Graduates! God bless you in your future endeavors.

## Presbyterian Women Notes

Thanks to a wonderful contribution of fabric from Joan Carothers, the Presbyterian Women were able to send nine shirt protectors to Shenango Home, nine shirt protectors to Overlook, and 15 shirt protectors & 15 walker bags to The Haven.

**Thank you, ladies!**

We also received the following Thank You's in response to this mission project:

*“Dear Presbyterian Ladies,*

*Thank you so much for the shirt protectors for our residents. We appreciate your thoughtfulness and labor of love.*

*Fondly,*

*Sharyn McCaskey  
Shenango Home”*

*“Many Thanks - Your kindness is appreciated very much.*

*The clothing protectors are beautiful. The residents will love them! I am going to give them away as prizes.*

*Thank you,*

*Helen Paiano  
Activity Director  
Overlook Medical Clinic”*

## Baptism

The Sacrament of Baptism was administered to **Cayden Bryan McDowell**, son of Bryan & Kristin McDowell, Grandson of Gale & Valerie Measel and Charles & Marsha McDowell, on Sunday, April 8, 2012.

## Memoriam/Honorarium

- A memorial service will be held for Wilma Belknap on Sunday May 6<sup>th</sup> at 2:00PM in the sanctuary.
- A donation to the Interior/Exterior Renovation Fund is given to the Glory of God by the children and grandchildren of Nancy and Don Smith and in honor of their 59th Wedding Anniversary on March 21st and Don's birthday on March 22nd.

## Session Report

Just an update on what's going on. We think we are moving forward and hope you will come along!

On Saturday April 14 we delivered a gift of homemade cookies to the neighbors of Glen-Moore Church along with a card and an invitation to come to worship with us. It was a thank you for all the times we have parked in front of their homes, etc.

Sunday April 22, we had a guest minister, Angel DeLaCruz who changed his life completely after he met Christ and accepted him as his personal Savior. He also met with men from the community that evening for an evening of fellowship, encouragement, and dessert.

We noted the improvements made to the grounds by volunteers and the great job being done by our new janitor.

The session has formed a committee to look into a covered portico for a handicapped entrance, improving our sound system, and a few others things that need attention at our church as we seek to keep our House for God as nice as we want to keep our own home. Details will be forthcoming as the committee gets plans finalized.

Session had an all-day retreat to discuss our witnessing to the community and also discuss the problems and concerns facing our church today. Special emphasis will be placed on PCUSA, ECO,

FOP and other possibilities as we learn so we can answer questions and help our congregation have an understanding of today's problems and see where we stand as a congregation. These are troubling times for all denominations as things change around us and we seek to understand how God wants us to keep His commandments.

We look forward to your participation as things come up in the church. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask a Session member.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Gail K. Keffer*

Clerk of Session

## Daily Bible Readings

1. 1 Samuel 21, 22; Ps. 34, 56, 11
2. 1 Sam. 23; Ps. 13, 54; 1 Cor. 15
3. 1 Sam. 24; Ps. 57, 142, 143, 17, 36
4. 1 Sam. 25, 26; 1 Cor. 16
5. 1 Sam. 27:1-7; 1 Chron. 12:1-22; 1 Sam. 27:8-29:11; Ps. 6
6. 1 Sam. 30, 31; 2 Sam. 1:1-16; 1 Chron. 10; 2 Cor. 1:1-11
7. 2 Sam. 1:17-2:32; 1 Chron. 12:23-40; Ps. 9, 10
8. 2 Sam. 3; 2 Cor. 1:1-2:11
9. 2 Sam. 4:1-5:5; 1 Chron. 11:1-3; 3:1-4a; 2 Cor. 2:12-4:18
10. 1 Chron. 11:4-9; 2 Sam. 5:6-16; 1 Chron. 3:4b-9; 1 Chron. 14:1-7; 2 Sam. 5:17-25; 1 Chron. 14:8-17; 2 Cor. 5:1-62
11. 1 Chron. 13:1-14:7; 2 Sam. 6:1-11; Ps. 24, 25; 2 Cor. 6:3-7:16
12. 1 Chron. 15; 2 Sam. 6:12-23; Ps. 26, 27, 28
13. 1 Chron. 16:1-15; Ps. 105; 2

- Cor. 8
14. 1 Chron. 16:16-33; Ps. 96, 106; 1 Chron. 16:34:43
15. 2 Sam. 7; 1 Chron. 17; Ps. 32, 86
16. Ps. 65, 66, 67, 68; 2 Cor. 9
17. Ps. 138, 139, 140, 141; 2 Cor. 10
18. 1 Chron. 18; 2 Sam. 8, 9; 2 Cor. 11
19. 1 Chron. 19; 2 Sam. 10; 2 Cor. 12, 13
20. 1 Chron. 20:1-3; 2 Sam. 11, 12; Ps. 51
21. 2 Sam. 13, 14; Ps. 12
22. 2 Sam. 15:1-16:14; Ps. 3, 4, 7
23. 2 Sam. 16:15-17:29; Ps. 31, 55
24. Ps. 61, 62, 63, 64; 2 Sam. 18:1-19:8
25. 2 Sam. 19:9-20:43; Ps. 38, 39, 40, 41
26. 2 Sam. 20, 21; 1 Chron. 20:4-8; Ps. 33

27. 2 Sam. 22; Ps. 18
28. Ps. 19; 2 Sam. 23:8-39; 1 Chron. 11:10-47
29. 2 Sam. 24; 1 Chron. 21:1-22:1; Ps. 6
30. 1 Chron. 22:2-23:32; Ps. 30, 144, 145
31. 1 Chron. 24, 25; 1 Chron. 6:31-47; Ps. 88



*Good Reads is on vacation until September. Have a great summer and Happy Reading!*

# May 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
		9:30AM Prime Timers, Fellowship Hall 7PM Deacons, Library 7PM Building & Grounds, Parlor	1:30PM Prayer & Praise 6:30PM Walking w/Women of Faith 7PM Women of Faith, Parlor	2:45-4:30PM Volleyball @NCCA 6PM Handbells 7PM Choir	10:30AM Bible Study, Library	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
[Time TBA] Flip-Side Matinee & Pizza 7PM Men's Ministry, Parlor	5:45PM BBBS, Fellowship Hall	9:30AM Prime Timers, Fellowship Hall 6PM Mission & Evangelism, Conf Room 7PM Stewardship & Finance, Library	1:30PM Prayer & Praise 6PM Worship & Music, Library 7PM Personnel Committee, Parlor	6PM Christian Ed., Library 6PM Handbells 7PM Choir	6PM—Mother/Daughter Banquet, Fellowship Hall	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
		9:30AM Prime Timers, Fellowship Hall 7PM Session, Parlor	1:30PM Prayer & Praise 6:30PM Walking w/Women of Faith 7PM Women of Faith, Parlor	6PM Handbells 7PM Choir	10:30AM Bible Study, Library	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
8:30AM Fellowship Breakfast & Blood Pressure Screening 2PM KFC Trip 5:30PM FlipSide 7PM Men's Ministry	5:45PM BBBS, Fellowship Hall	9:30AM Prime Timers, Fellowship Hall	1:30PM Prayer & Praise	6PM Handbells 7PM Choir	10:30AM Bible Study, Library	
27	28	29	30	31		
		9:30AM Prime Timers, Fellowship Hall	1:30PM Prayer & Praise	6PM Handbells 7PM Choir	10:30AM Bible Study, Library	

**Hospital Visitation:**

- 6 Tom Mansell & Joe Lamb
- 13 Jeff Mendenhall & Seth Plyler
- 20 Amy Allshouse & Debbie Book
- 27 Nancy Grissett & Gail Keffer

**Deacons of the Month:**

Bob Turner & Michelle Fabich

**Van Driver:**

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## Youth Corner

**FlipSide (Jr/Sr High)**—

**“THE AVENGERS”** -  
Sunday Matinee &  
Pizza. We are going to see  
The Avengers movie  
on **Sunday, May 6th** at  
Westgate Cinemas. We will  
meet at the church 30 min-  
utes prior to the start of the  
movie. (Times have not yet  
been released). Then we  
will go across the street to  
Pizza Joe’s for some food  
following the movie. You  
only need money for conces-  
sion at the movies. Bring a  
friend.

**“SILVER RING THING”**  
- A VERY IMPORTANT  
EVENT. DO NOT MISS  
THIS. ONE OF THE MOST  
IMPORTANT MESSAGES  
YOU WILL HEAR IN  
YOUR TEENAGE YEARS.  
**“The Silver Ring Thing:  
Image Is Everything”**

**Tour is coming to New  
Castle High School on**

**Sunday, May 20th.** This is  
a free, live event about guys,  
girls, dating, waiting, love,  
second chances, and the best  
choices. We will meet at the  
church at 5:30PM and return  
to the church by 8:15PM.  
For more information, go to  
[www.silverringthing.com](http://www.silverringthing.com)

**C.2G.S. (Jr/Sr High Sun-  
day School)**—

We are continuing our char-  
acter study of Old Testament  
ancestors and how God still  
chose them, used them, and  
blessed them, in spite of  
their ordinariness.

We have deemed the first  
Sunday of every month,  
“Christian Cards Sun-  
day.” We play popular card  
games and add a Christian  
twist to them.

**KFC (4th-6th Grades)**—

**Picnic & Mini-Golf.** We  
will go to McConnell’s Mill  
State Park on **Sunday, May  
20th** for a picnic, some out-  
door fun, & Bible Rush.  
Then we’ll have a little com-  
petition at the putt-putt  
course nearby. We will meet  
at the church at 2PM and  
return by 5:30PM. **Bring \$2**  
for mini-golf. Your friends  
are always welcome. Special  
prizes for anyone who can  
beat Aaron at mini-golf.

**Save the Date:** Sunday,  
June 24—Go-Karts and  
Wings...yummy!

**SUMMER CAMPS**—

Anyone interested in going  
to a Christian youth camp  
this summer should contact  
Aaron Christy to learn more  
about your options and  
scholarship money that is  
available.