# The Messenger

SEPTEMBER 2012

#### From the Pastor's Desk

Our world has an obsession with perfection. We are bombarded by commercials that offer hope for attaining the perfect body, the perfect partner, the perfect house or having the perfect wedding. Author Chris Hedges has pointed out that science and reason have been so elevated in our culture that society believes it is on the path to perfectibility. This ignores the fundamental understanding of human nature and sin:

"The concept of human sin is a stark acknowledgement that we can never be all-powerful, that we are bound by human flaws and self-interest. The

concept of sin is a check on the dreams of a perfect world. Material advances in science and technology do not equal moral improvement. The secular utopians of the twenty-first century have forgotten they are human."

Ultimately, the search for perfection is rooted in the human desire for happiness. Where science and reason are "saviors," the letter of James draws attention to the reality of human nature and of sin. We place our hope in the "wisdom that comes from above." Through the power of God's grace we are able to put faith into action. Through



God's grace the believer leads a life that strives for maturity and integrity. This cannot be accomplished alone but must be done in community and by God's grace one grows deeper in faith.

As we look at the book of James in September, we will see that the message of the book continues to challenge us to live out our faith. The understanding of perfection in James is that of wholeness or completeness, so that you may lack nothing.

Pastor Chris

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#### SEPTEMBER SER-MONS & WORSHIP:

- September 2

  James 1:17-27
- September 9
  Promotion Sunday
  James 2:1-13
- **September 16**James 3:1-12
- September 23
  James 3:13-4:4
- September 30
  James 5:13-20

## Coming Up...

- Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup> we celebrate **Promotion Sunday** for children moving up in the Sunday School Program.
- Keep your eyes open for church officer nomination forms in the bulletins this month.

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### **Health Ministries News**

Summer has been a busy time for the Health Ministries
Team. We hope to continue to provide meaningful programs and support for our congregation during the upcoming Fall months. We have appreciated the help of Lori Tormey, RN, Parish Nurse, who commissioned 2 more members of the Health Team on Sunday, Aug 12; she also attended our bimonthly meeting on that day and gave us more ideas for any health concerns at Clen-Moore.

Some of our upcoming activities include:

1. Blood Pressure Screening: Sept. 16th

- 2. Diabetic Program
- 3. Creation of a "Health Area" and bulletin board nearer to the Sanctuary.
- 4. Distribution of a Congregational Needs Assessment form.
- 5. Development of a Self-Care Plan to energize and strengthen our Team members.
- 6. Continuation of meal & grief support ministries.

If you need help with a health concern, call Nancy Book (724-368-3279) or Lois Henneman (724-652-9034).



"You are the body of Christ. Every one of you is a member of it. And God, indeed has placed in the Church apostles, prophets, teachers, worker of miracles, those with gifts of healing, services of help, power of administration, and the speaking of various tongues." ~ 1 Corinthians 12:27

## **Healthy Eating & Lifestyle Group**

At the first meeting for this small group, we talked about the Firehouse plant-based diet and watched the accompanying movie, "Forks Over Knives." The Esposito family have been eating this way for eight months. They hosted the group in their home, prepared snacks, showed the movie, and led the discussion.

On July 18, Sandy Kelty introduced the Ornish diet to the group. Clarence Jenkins

showed us how bad posture had caused him thyroid problems and how he has corrected the problem. We have discussed other options and exercises that we want to review.

The Group has decided to meet the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month at 5:30 P.M.in the Parlor. Everyone is welcome (four men are currently involved). We are not suggesting anyone subscribe to a particular lifestyle. Just come to pick up a tip or recipe that may help you feel better.

Any questions, call Barb Harper at 724) 658-2805.

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## Men's Ministry

Men's Ministry has announced its fall dates. All men are welcome to join this dedicated group which seeks to follow the Lord. (All meeting times are 7 P.M. unless otherwise noted)

• **Sept 16** \*Lunch immediately after church

- Sept 30
- Oct 14
- Oct 28
- Nov 11
- Nov 18 \*Lunch immediately after church
- Dec 9

## **Presbyterian Women**

Mark your calendars for our upcoming events:

#### Fall Tea

Saturday, September 15 at 9:30 A.M. in the Fellowship Hall. Our speaker will be Phil Gallo, who will present his "Trees in Pots," some of which include the Bonsai tree and Cedars of Lebanon.

#### Spaghetti Dinner

Thursday, October 25. Pro-

ceeds will go toward the Health Ministries Team's projects and the AED purchase for our church.

#### Clearance Sale!!!

Our "Stirring the Soul" Cookbooks are now bargain-priced at just \$8 per book. This price includes the 2011 supplemental recipe packet. Profits from the sales go toward Clen-Moore PW mission projects, both locally and in other countries.

# **Church Directory**

#### **DON'T FORGET!**

LifeTouch photographers will be at Clen-Moore Sept. 10-15 to take pictures



for our new church directory. You can schedule your 10-minute photo session before & after worship, or by going to ClenMoore.org.

There is no cost to be photographed and every family will receive a complimentary 8×10 portrait.

We hope you'll take the time to be a part of this directory. When members can identify one another, they can get to know one another – and the whole church can grow as a family!

#### Women of Faith—Fall Series

The Women of Faith have started a new series for the fall entitled "Becoming More Than A Good Bible Study Girl." The six week session will be held on the following Wednesdays:

- August 29
- September 12
- September 26

- October 10
- October 24
- November 7

The series, by Lysa TerKeurst, includes a DVD and encourages women to use disappointments for good, embrace the joy of the Lord, and discover the life-changing words of Scripture. Participant guides

are \$10 and available through the church office.

The Women of Faith Bible study/discussion group meets at 7 P.M. in the Parlor. Participants are also invited to join "Walking with Women of Faith" (an energetic, invigorating walk around the church) at 6:30 P.M., before Bible study begins.

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The annual Clen-Moore Retreat is just around the corner! Please join other C.M. family members for a weekend of <u>fellowship</u>, <u>food</u>, <u>and fun</u>. All ages are encouraged to share in this fellowship!

**Dates: Sept. 21 - 23** 

Location: Camp Lambec, North Springfield, PA

PRAISE! WORSHIP! PEGGY GRAY'S CANDY STORE! GAMES! CAMPFIRE! CLEN-MOORE FAMILY!

We will depart from church at 6 PM Friday and return Sunday afternoon. If you can go only for part of the weekend – it will still be a blessing!

If you have any questions, please contact Joan Rapp at 724.654.8235.

Reservations and payment must be remitted by Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>.

Checks should be made payable to Clen-Moore.

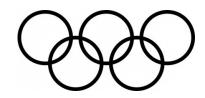
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#### **Youth News**

K.F.C.—Kids For Christ (4th-7th Graders)

1. Sunday, Sept. 16th "Already Back to School
KFC Olympics" @ the
church from 4:00 - 5:30
p.m. Come and compete
for a gold medal. Plus, special welcome of our new
4th graders, quick Bible
Rush. and a sweet snack.



- 2. Sunday, Oct. 7th Monday, Oct. 8th "KFC FALL RETREAT: Crossing the Bridge" @ Seneca Hills. There is no school on Monday so we will leave on Sunday afternoon and return Monday, after lunch. Friends are welcome. Look for cost, time, and permission forms in the mail.
- 3. <u>Leaders Only Fun & Fellowship</u> on Friday, Sept. 7th @ the Mendenhall's. Check your mail for time.
- 4. Partnering with Parents of KFC Students. Sunday, Sept. 30th during the Sunday School hour in Fellowship Hall. The leaders of KFC want to share our vision for the KFC ministry with you. We also want to start a conversation about how we can better serve

you, through walking alongside of you in making KFC students into disciples of Jesus Christ.

#### **FlipSide**

(8th-12th Graders)

- C.2G.S (Connect, Grow, Go, Serve) Sunday School Class - During September we'll tackle difficult questions concerning the Christian faith.
- 2. <u>Sunday, Sept. 23rd</u> "See You At The Pole Rally" at the Riverwalk in downtown New Castle. We will gather for prayer and get excited about See You At The Pole and the upcoming One Night Event.



3. Wednesday, Sept. 26th ONE NIGHT returns to
New Castle High School
Auditorium. Brian Head
Welch, former lead guitarist for Korn, is the guest
speaker and his band will

rock the place. Come and check out this awesome event that will challenge and inspire you in your Christian faith. Friends are welcome. Contact Aaron to sign up.

#### **Exciting news for FlipSide!!!**

There is in the making, through Lawrence County Youth Ministries, a new way of doing youth group. Many local churches have a smaller number of Jr./Sr. High students participating in youth group regularly. This makes it hard to run an effective weekly program. But even those churches with very active youth groups have a desire to get together with youth from other churches. LCYM is in the process of creating a "Community Youth Group," where all churches will be invited to meet and do youth ministry together at a neutral location. This has the potential for great impact in New Castle as we share ministry together, across boundaries that would normally keep us apart. There is an exciting buzz about this news, but it is still in the planning stage. We hope to launch something this Fall, or no later than the New Year. Stay tuned...

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## **Big Brothers/Big Sisters**

The Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Clen-Moore had a great summer with their "Littles." We did things like walk the trails at Pearson Park and attend a Seawolves baseball game in Erie. We enjoyed picnics at McConnell's Mill, swimming

We are so grateful for the support of our church family in

at SNPJ, and riding

All in Cranberry.

go-carts at Fun-Fore-

providing dinners, activities, and opening their homes to our active group. Many of the kids are hitting the teen years which

> brings a new set of challenges for us, but we continue to follow the Lord's guidance as we seek to serve and glorify Him.

We continue to ask for your prayers and wholeheartedly welcome anyone who feels called to join us as a Big Brother or Sister. We meet the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month. It's worth it just to see things like Barb Harper playing kickball, Dave VanHorn hiking (not!) and Aaron Christy playing foursquare!!

#### Mission Memo June 7, 2012

Presbyterian Frontier Fellowship raises funds to support many projects in security sensitive areas and are not able to list them or give details on the website. But things are happening in "closed countries" which show great opportunity to share the Gospel.

Kids' Club is a self-sustaining project that teaches the gospel to children in a Central Asian country where the vast majority of the population is Muslim. Muslim parents are happy to send their children to Kids' Club because of the quality of early childhood education offered by well-trained and loving national teachers. Kids' Club equips teachers professionally and spiritually and

provides them with a livable wage as well as a spiritual community of support for learning and growing together. Many of the children who have

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graduated from Kids' Club have gone on to receive scholarships at top elementary schools because Kids' Club provided

them with an excellent foundation for learning. Though Kids' Club expenses are mostly covered by the modest donations of families, there are times when a parent cannot pay full tuition. PFF has a fund to provide a partial scholarship for these families.

"We are in a critical season, needing prayer now for brothers and sisters in Central Asia. Even as we pray and stand with our brothers and sisters in diffi-

cult places, there is much hope and great blessings to keep us encouraged. As one Central Asian friend said, 'Do not go back to the US and just talk about

the oppression we face here. Much more important, talk about the joy we experience in Jesus and how God is blessing us.'

Big blessings ~ Mike."

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## **Music Ministry**

The Bible says, "Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!" ~Psalm 150:6

Have you ever thought about how many ways you can praise the Lord? Our church has many ministry opportunities in which you may be interested. As Choir Director, I'd like to invite you to join one of our choirs. I am certain that you will find a choir that will help you to share your talents and gifts with us here at Clen-Moore. Please join us as we create music and worship our wonderful Lord together!

The Handbell Choir rehearses on Thursday evenings from 6:00 - 6:55 P.M. across the hall from the Adult Choir room. The Adult Choir rehearses on Thursday evenings from 7:00 - 8:30 P.M. and Sunday morning at 10:10 A.M. in the Choir room (located on the ground

floor in the new wing.) The Praise Team rehearses at least once a month in the Sanctuary, usually on a Tuesday evening at 5:30 P.M.

The Music Ministry is a vital part of our worship services and many members have given of their time and talents for many, many years. I'd like to recognize Carolyn McCampbell, as she has recently "retired" from singing in the Adult Choir. Carolyn has been a member of the choir for at least 35 years!! And there are at least 8 other members who have logged 20 plus years. What a blessing these people are! Wouldn't you like to be a part of this legacy? And remember, instruments are just as welcome in worship as are vour voices!

I look forward to welcoming

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back in September those who are returning to our choirs, and I look forward to welcoming new members to these choirs, too. I'm sure that once you have come to rehearsal and

created music together with other members of the choirs, you'll want to keep coming.

If that opening Bible verse could be our theme this church year, then I want everyone to find a way to praise our Lord. I hope you will choose to do this through our Music Ministry! If you have any questions, please call me at (724) 971-0921 or see me after worship on Sundays.

I hope to see you at rehearsals!

In His Name, Kathy Mansell

### Financial Snapshot July 2012

	Mission Fund	Mission Fund	General Fund	General Fund
	Current Month	Year-To-Date	Current Month	Year-To-Date
<b>Monies Received</b>	\$4,614	\$24,866	\$30,912	\$185,118
<b>Monies Spent:</b>				
Operating Expenses	\$0	\$0	\$20,526	\$180,621
Missions	\$50	\$23,353	\$0	\$0
Total	\$50	\$23,353	\$20,526	\$180,621
Over (Short)	\$4,564	\$1,513	\$10,386	\$4,497

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A Mega Big
"Thank You!" to
all of those folks
who have so generously given and
worked for the be-

reavement committee through these past months, you know who you are: THANK YOU!!

You cannot know what it means to me, when I ask for a donation for a funeral lunch or for somebody to work and you quickly reply, "YES!"

From the bottom of my heart, I give thanks that this church is so loving and giving. A super great group of Christians! THANKS AGAIN!

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We would like to thank the members of the church who came to help us celebrate our 50th anniversary. We

received so many warm wishes from family and friends. A special thanks to Clarence Jenkins for his help to us getting set up and putting things in order after the party.

We have been blessed with two wonderful children and five super grandchildren. The Lord has been good to us. May God bless you as He has blessed us.

Russ & Bobbie Gibson

## **Wedding Bells**

Congratulations to Emily Rapp & Sasha Macedo, who were married at Clen-Moore on July 7, 2012.

#### **New Arrival**

Charlotte Mae
Fair was born
June 3, 2012,
to Donny & Jill
Fair. Proud
grandparents
are Jim & Becky Reese.

Joan Warren

## In Memoriam

- Eileen McLure passed away on May 25, 2012.
- Kathryn Myler passed away on June 21, 2012.
- Dolores "Lenny" Wilson passed away on July 3, 2012.
- Evelyn Measel, mother of Gale Measel, Jr.
- Sara Blews, sister of Tom Teleis.
- Fred E. Harding, Sr. passed away on July 19, 2012.
- Anita Scott passed away on August 9, 2012.
- Marian Davis, mother of Becky Reese.
- Memorial gifts in memory of Dolores "Lenny" Wilson were made by: Thomas Clark & family, Gail Keffer, Don & Nancy Smith, Tom Anderson, Greg & Carolyn Feigh, Dave & Cheri Jantzen, Saul & Susan Krell, Lee & Virginia Rutherford, Dave & Carmen Shell, Glenn & Yvonne Klingensmith, Kent & Geraldine Fusselman, Edward & Eleanor Pearson, Ed & Jane VanDusen, the Manseau family, and Mark Graham.
- Memorial gifts in memory of Anita Scott were made by Charles Alborn and by Donna Brown.



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#### **Good Reads**

The New Testament for Everyone is a set of 18 books that are individually titled: Matthew for Everyone, Mark for Everyone, Luke for Everyone, John for Everyone, Acts for Everyone, Paul for Everyone (Romans through Titus), Hebrews for Everyone, The Early Christian Letters for Everyone (James through Jude), and Revelation for Everyone.

The entire set is translated and written by N.T. Wright, former Bishop of Durham, in the Church of England, who is now a research professor of New Testament and Early Christianity at the University of St. Andrews. He is a top Biblical scholar and theolo-

gian who has written more than thirty books for both scholars and laymen.

Mr. Wright takes each book of the New Testament and not only provides his own translation, but breaks the text down into manageable sections of 2—15 verses. After each section of text, there is a very

readable discussion of how the text is important to our lives in today's world. This format is excellent for helping the reader really focus on God's

Word and it's meaning.

Publishers Weekly states,
"Readers who have been frus-

trated by the lack of accessible biblical commentaries for laypersons will welcome the series." Each book includes a glossary and would be great for Sunday school classes or personal study and/or devotions.

Hopefully you can find time to check out this new set of books and the many other great books in our church library. Have a great September!

## **Letter From the Editor**

I hope you have been enjoying The Messenger these past few months. It has been my privilege to compile all of the news & happenings at Clen-Moore into this newsletter.

The Messenger is about more than just the "news." It's about *all* the people of Clen-Moore. It should include the things that are important to

*you*, and it should include everyone's ideas.

If you have an idea for an article you would like to see printed or a suggestion to make The Messenger even better, please do not hesitate to let me know. I will do my best to include everyone's input. You can reach me via email:

bethdevivo@gmail.com, by telephone: (724) 535-8121, or just see me after church one day.

The deadline for articles to be included in the October newsletter is September 14.

Thank you!

Beth DeVivo

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## **Daily Bible Readings**

- 1. Isaiah 46, 47; *Hebrews 11*
- **2.** Isa. 48, 49; *Heb. 12*
- **3.** Isa. 50:1-51:16; *Heb. 13*
- **4.** Isa. 51:17-52:12; *James 1*
- **5.** Isa. 52:13-53:12; Prov.
- 24:23-25:15; James 2
- **6.** Isa. 54, 55; Prov. 25:16-28; *James 3*
- 7. Isa. 56, 57; Prov. 25:16-28; *James 4*
- **8.** Isa. 58, 591 Prov. 26:12-28; *James 5*
- **9.** Isa. 60, 61; Prov. 27:1-10; *1 Peter 1*
- **10.** Isa. 62-64; 1 Pet. 2
- **11.** Isa. 65. 66; 1 Pet. 3
- **12.** 2 Kings 21; 2 Chron. 33; *1 Pet.* 4
- **13.** Nahum 1-3; Prov. 27:11-271 *1 Pet. 5*

- **14.** 2 Peter 1-3; Ps. 101, 110
- 15. Zephaniah 1-3; Ps. 102
- **16.** 2 Chron. 34; 2 Kings 22; Ps. 109
- **17.** 2 Kings 23:1-23; Ps. 103, 108; Prov. 28:1-19
- **18.** 2 Chron. 35:1-19; Ps. 104, 107
- **19.** Ps. 105, 106; 2 Kings 23:24-30; 2 Chron. 35:20-27
- **20.** Habakkuk 1-3; Ps. 77
- **21.** Jeremiah 1:1-4:4
- 22. Jer. 4:5-7:15
- **23.** 2 Kings 23:31-24:7; 2 Chron. 36:1-8; Jer. 26, 7:16-8:3; Prov. 28:20-28
- **24**. Jer. 8:4-10:25; Prov. 29:1-9

- **25.** Jer. 11, 12; *John 1*
- **26.** Jer. 13, 14; *John 2*
- **27.** Jer. 15, 16; *John 3*
- 28. Jer. 17, 18; John 4
- **29.** Jer. 19, 20; John 5
- **30.** Jer. 25, 46, 47; *John 6:1-15*



## **September Helpers**

#### **Hospital Visitation:**

- 2 Amy Allshouse, Debbie Book
- 9 Nancy Grissett, Gail Keffer,
- 16 John Meyers, Steve Plyler
- 23 Beth DeVivo, Barb Harper
- 30 Lois Henneman, Clarence Jenkins

#### **Deacons of the Month:**

Delores Temple & Suzanne Frankovich

#### Van Driver:

Evan Tinstman (724) 657-9501

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## **Christmas Musical Coming Again**

Children and youth in grades K-12 are invited to be a part of this great worship event, which reminds everyone of the truth of Christmas.

Sign-ups are before & after worship on **Sept. 9th & 16th.** We will need your contact information and what role you may want to play in the musical.

Practice begins on Sunday, Sept. 30th, during the Chil-



dren in Worship time, and will include a number of Sundays after church.