

The Messenger

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From the Pastor's Desk:

The Grace of Giving

In 2 Corinthians 8 & 9, Paul explains the arrangements for an offering from the churches in Macedonia and Achaia to the poor churches of Judea. From these chapters we can draw out a few points on Paul's beliefs about giving:

Christian giving is an expression of grace (8:1).

"And now, brothers we want you to know about the grace that God has given the Macedonian churches." Paul doesn't begin by referring to the generosity of the churches but rather with the grace God has given them.

Christian giving can be a *charisma*; that

is, a gift of the Spirit (8:7)

"But just as you excel in everything...see that you also excel in this grace of giving." The Corinthians already excelled in spiritual gifts such as speech, knowledge, and love. Just as some excel in these gifts, some can excel in the gift of giving – it can be a special gift.

Christian giving is inspired by the cross (8:8,9)

Paul was not commanding the Corinthians to give generously. Rather he puts the sincerity of their love to the test by comparing them with others, especially



Christ.

Christian giving is proportionate giving (8:10-12)

What makes a gift acceptable is not the size or amount of the gift; rather, it is the willingness to give in proportion with what one has. "For if the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what he doesn't have."

Christian giving must be carefully supervised (8:16-24).

Handling money is risky business. Paul

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PC(USA) Open Forum

Clen-Moore members are invited to an **open forum on October 14, 2012**, during the Sunday School hour. The Session will present a brief summary of the recent Gen-

eral Assembly of the PC(USA). Members will have an opportunity to ask questions and express their opinions. Please plan to attend.

OCTOBER SERMONS & WORSHIP:

- **October 7**
World Communion Sunday
Jeremiah 29:4-9
- **October 14**
Matthew 13:44-46
- **October 21**
Luke 19:11-27
- **October 28**
2 Corinthians 8:10-12

Health Ministries News

The Health ministry Team will meet Sunday, Oct. 14, after worship, in the Library. This meeting will last only one hour, so please try to attend.

Our usual blood pressure screening cannot be scheduled this month; if anyone needs checked, we can do that on an individual basis. (Call Nancy Book at (724) 368-3279).

The Congregational Needs Assessment is planned for October or November during the worship service.

Flu shots are an important way to stay healthy this fall and

winter! Shots are available at most drugstores, at Challenges, and at some physicians' offices.

Health Tip of the Month:

As summer draws to a close, Fall is a perfect time of year to try some simple steps to control STRESS:

1. Take a 20 minute walk or bike ride
2. Focus on nature and your surroundings.
3. Listen to music
4. Write about your stress, then tear up the paper and throw it away!
5. Breathe deeply and with each exhale, breathe out your stress.
6. Read some favorite Bible verses and pray for ways to deal with your stress.



Spaghetti Dinner

Clen-Moore Presbyterian Church

Thursday, October

25, 2012

4:30 – 6:30 p.m.



Adults - \$8.00 per person, Children 5 – 12 - \$4.00, Under 5 - Free

All proceeds to benefit Missions

Youth News

C.2G.S. (Connect, Grow, Go, Serve): 7th—12th grade Sunday School class is studying tough questions about the Christian faith. Some of the topics we are discussing include: *Can someone lose their salvation? Why did Jesus get baptized? Is believing in Jesus really the only way to heaven? If there is only one God, why are there so many different religions? Why does God let bad things happen?* These topics are picked by the youth, so come and connect, grow, go, and serve.

FlipSide is planning a trip to the Com Maze in Springfield Township. More info to come.

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

- **Sunday Oct. 7th - Monday, Oct. 8th**—”KFC Fall Retreat: Crossing the

Bridge” at Seneca Hills Bible Camp. We leave on Sunday at 1:30 p.m. and return on Monday, at Noon (no school Monday). Activities include hiking, outdoor/indoor games, gym/game room time, Bible Rush & outdoor worship, food, and a climbing wall. We will be staying in cabins. Cost is \$20. Sign-ups were closed Friday, Sept. 28th, but if you are interested, contact Aaron to see if there is still room.

- **Sunday, Oct. 21st:** KFC local mission project night. We will meet at the church to go and do a service project for the Church. Details are still being worked out. 4—5:30 p.m.
- **November** is KFC Bowling month. We will meet to

go bowling on Sunday, the 4th, and then for “Turkey Bowling” on Sunday, the 18th, competing again against First Presby.

Children & Youth Christmas Musical is happening again this December. If you are interested and have yet to sign-up, contact Aaron Christy ASAP. Practice started on Sept. 30th, so it is not too late to join the cast.

Election Day Bake Sale:

Attention all Clen-Moore members: The Youth will host another bake sale at the Church on Election Day, Tuesday, November 6th, beginning at 8 a.m. All proceeds go toward KFC and FlipSide activities. We’ll need both bakers & buyers. Sign-ups to donate baked goods will begin Sunday, October 21st. Thanks!!

Messenger Memo

Clen-Moore’s newsletter is now available in your inbox! Go paperless and get *The Messenger* delivered straight to your email account by signing up at clenmoore.org/newsletter. Receiving your newsletter via email will help the church save money on paper & postage.

The deadline to submit articles for the November 2012 newsletter is October 15.

PEO Chapter Y Fundraiser

The PEO Chapter Y fundraiser to help educate women will be held at Clen-Moore in Fellowship Hall on Sunday October 21, after morning worship. The menu will be a choice of four homemade soups, a hot sandwich, pie and beverage. Lunch will be served from 11:45 to 1:30 at a cost of \$9. Take-outs will be available. For tickets, call Lois Henneman at 724-652-9034.

Rummage Sale

Lots of people have asked about the rummage sale! The Y2K class is going to have the rummage sale in March instead of October. More information will be forthcoming in the new year. Thanks for your patience!

Mission Memo *Late Spring/Summer Financial Support*

City Rescue Mission

(\$2,500): I just wanted to take a moment to thank you and your congregation again for the generous gift. I'm so thankful for the compassion that your congregation shows for individuals and families in need here in Western PA. Since your gift was received during our 2012 Matching Gift Challenge, that made it even more special because every gift received by May 31 was matched dollar-for-dollar up to a total of \$75,000. So, not only was your gift eligible to be doubled, its impact was doubled as well! God bless, *Kevin A. Green*

Cray Youth and Family Services, Inc. (\$500): Thank you for your sponsorship of this year's Big Brothers/Big Sisters

Bowl for Kids' Sake. Your church and your congregation have opened your hearts in so many ways to the children in the Big Brothers Program and have made life better for these children. For all that you do, I am truly grateful. Sincerely,
Steve Landman

Thank You

Latcom (\$84.50):

Thank you so much. Join me this month in personally praying the words of

Psalms 119:33-40. August praise and prayer for Chuck Ramsey. He continues to improve slowly, but he had a setback after a blood infection and after internal bleeding from an overdose of blood thinner. He is able to get around, but he tires easily. He asks that you pray for his healing, his stamina, and that he will be able to start rehab exercises soon. Also pray for Ceci

Ramsey as she takes the role of primary caregiver for Chuck during Tim's trip to Bolivia. Pray that she will have stamina and strength and that there will be no major problems in Tim's absence.

Northeast (PA) Wee Kirk

Conference (\$500): Thank you so much for your generous gift in the amount of \$500. It is because of gifts such as yours that we are able to sponsor this annual conference. Please convey our thanks to your congregation and Session for including this conference in your benevolence causes. We so much appreciate your support! In Christ, *Bill N. Lawrence*

Mission Aviation Fellowship

(\$1,500): Your heartfelt giving and prayers for the pilots, mechanics, communications and learning technologies specialists of MAF are deeply appreciated.

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Financial Snapshot *August 2012*

	<i>Mission Fund</i> <i>Current Month</i>	<i>Mission Fund</i> <i>Year-To-Date</i>	<i>General Fund</i> <i>Current Month</i>	<i>General Fund</i> <i>Year-To-Date</i>
Monies Received	\$2,715	\$27,582	\$20,910	\$206,029
Monies Spent:				
Operating Expenses	\$0	\$0	\$28,231	\$208,853
Missions	\$0	\$23,353	\$0	\$0
Total	\$0	\$23,353	\$28,231	\$208,853
Over (Short)	\$2,715	\$4,229	(\$7,321)	(\$2,824)

Mission Memo (continued)

ciated. Your faithful and generous gifts designated for our global ministry have been received and are already at work to help transform. Thank you for your generous support in this time of great challenge as we minister together in fields that are ripe for harvest. In His service, *Aaron Bear, Church Relations Manager*

New Wilmington Mission Conference (\$500): Thank you for your recent donation for the work of the NW Mission Conference. Your faithfulness to the Conference is appreciated as we seek to fulfill our Lord's Great Commission and motivate God's people to a life of fellowship with Him and service to Jesus Christ. As the New Wilmington Mission Conference will celebrate its 107th year, we will "look at the

nations and watch—and be utterly amazed" at the worldwide mission of our Lord. I thank God for your generous gift and pray that God's grace through Jesus Christ will come to you in abundance. May this year continue to be a year of ministry and service that is blessed by God for you! *Sue Ann Fairman, NWMC Office Manager*

Habitat for Humanity (\$1,000): On behalf of the Lawrence County Habitat for Humanity, I would like to thank you for your very generous donation. Your donation will be used to expand affordable housing in our county and to help a family in our community make the dream of owning their own home come true. Your support of the work that we are doing in this community is greatly appreciated. We

dedicated a new home for a family of five in Shenango Township and are in the process of renovating a home for a family in Ellwood City. As we strive to eliminate substandard housing in our community, we ask for your prayers for our volunteers, the families, and our ministry. May God continue to bless you and your families. Faithfully yours, *Sheree Cunningham, Executive Director*

September Mission Disbursements

\$1,000—Ingrid Reneau

\$1,000—LATCOM

\$1,000—Salvation Army

\$1,000—New Castle Christian Academy

UPDATE: Sleeping in the Dirt 2012



As of this writing, **Clen-Moore has raised more than \$4,500!!** We can now provide new floors for at least 18 Dominican families (at a cost of \$200 to \$250 per home). And the donations continue to pour in.

We have blown away our original goal of raising \$2,500 for new concrete floors in the Dominican Republic!

Many thanks to those who organized and prepared this event, to the campers who slept

in the dirt, and to the dozens of people, families, and local businesses which supported our efforts through donations and word-of-mouth. Glory be to God, with Whom all things are possible!

“What’s Happening” Summary of Session Minutes

This report is to keep you informed about what’s happening at Clen-Moore. Please feel free to ask any Session member about these plans and express your willingness to participate. We are trying to reach out to spread the Word of God throughout our church and into the community. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Session continues to study report of General Assembly and stand of PC(USA). **An open forum will be held October 14, 2012** during the Sunday School hour for the congregation to hear a brief summary of the report and express their feelings.

Parking lot has been sealed and lined. Great job by Building and Grounds Committee.

Square Dance for the entire family is planned for November 3, 2012 at Christian Academy.

A **Ministry Fair** will be held in November to let people know about various activities available in the church and ask for their participation.

Prayer time for Session and the entire Congregation is held

each Sunday Morning at 9 am. Nursery is available for children.

We will begin an **Evangelism program** this fall with Angel de la Cruz. More details to follow.

Nominating Committee is meeting. Members of the congregation are asked to present names of those people who are willing to serve on the various boards of the church. Requirements are in the church bulletin each Sunday. **A Congregational Meeting with the slate of officers will be held October 28** immediately following the Worship Service.

Personnel Committee presented updated job descriptions and requirements for Clen-Moore employees.

Charles Antonelli has been hired in a full-time position as custodian.

A new Building Policy was distributed and will be discussed at the next meeting.

The Building Committee is still meeting and hopes to have preliminary drawings of a **covered entrance at Circle Drive** available soon.

The Fellowship Hall kitchen is now licensed. A few changes needed to be made. License and other posters as required by the state will be posted in the kitchen.

Clen-Moore will host a program at our church to **teach the mentally challenged about Christ**, beginning on October 4. This will be led by Natalie Mendenhall, who is certified in this program.

Operation Outreach which will begin shortly at Clen-Moore. This program will be for counseling returning veterans.

VBS will once again join with First Presbyterian next summer; plans are already being developed.

Next year’s trip to the **Dominican Republic** will be April 13 through April 20, 2013.

Rev. Weichman will again spend part of his vacation with the Outreach Foundation. This year’s trip will be to northern Iraq, presenting God’s Word and helping struggling churches there.

Good Reads

Happy Fall! I have to say, as much as I like summer, I am ready for some blustery fall weather. The kind of weather

that is perfect for getting cozy with a stack of books. I have chosen three books to consider adding to your stack of cooler

weather reading material. The first book is titled **Meet Yourself in the Psalms** by

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Warren W. Wiersbe, an American pastor and Bible teacher. Wiersbe has worked in Christian broadcasting and is a prolific Christian author. *Meet Yourself in the Psalms* takes a look at thirteen lesser known Psalms and how they can help during life's difficult moments. Each of the thirteen Psalms is from the King James Version and is presented at the beginning of each chapter and followed by in depth discussions of each verse. Just as the title suggests, the author in his preface states that his "prayer is that you will not only meet *yourself* in the Psalms, but that you will also meet the Lord, and in meeting Him, find new vision and strength for life and service."

Our library has a section de-



voted to books of a more theological nature and ***Know What You Believe: A Practical Discussion of the Fundamentals of the Christian Faith*** by Paul E. Little is one of those books. It was originally published in 1973 but was updated and expanded by Paul's wife, Marie Little, in 1999. Paul and Marie were staff with the InterVarsity

Christian Fellowship for 25 years. Paul Little was also an associate professor of evangelism at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School in Deerfield, Illinois.

When researching this book, it became clear that this is a favorite for teaching new believers the basic truths of Christianity and for helping veteran Christians on their road to spiritual maturity. Study questions are included which make this book useful as a teaching tool.

With October comes Halloween, the day that many Christians struggle with and are not sure how to handle. There is a children's book in our library titled ***Halloween: Are You for Real?*** by Harold Myra, that puts a positive Christian spin on the day. If you are a Christian family that enjoys the gentler aspects of Halloween and are looking for a way to include Jesus in the day, then this book would be useful, but if you are a family that wants no part of the day, steering clear of this book might be a good idea.

I would like to add a note about the books featured in September's article: *The New Testament for Everyone*, by N.T. Wright, was purchased with funds donated to the library in memory of Ed Bush, Jean Purdy, and Jessie Wilt. I would like to thank all who contributed to those memorial funds.

From the Pastor's Desk (continued from page 1)

took precautions not to handle the arrangements himself, he had Titus help him (v.16-17). The offering was sent with two trustworthy people, Titus, and one praised by the churches (v.18). Thirdly, Paul and another brother were chosen to carry the gift to the recipients (v.19).

Christian giving resembles a harvest (9:6-11)

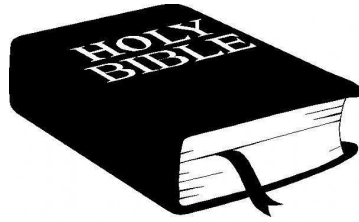
"Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously." We have heard the sayings, 'You reap what you sow; if you want to have a friend you have to be a friend.' We get the concept of 'seed money' from Paul's words: money that is put to work to produce a harvest.

Christian giving promotes thanksgiving (9:11-15)

Four times in these last verses Paul states his confidence that the ultimate result of their offering will be to increase thanksgiving and praise to God. Read these verses and see that this is at the heart of all spiritual giving.

Pastor Chris

Daily Bible Readings



1. Jeremiah 48, 49:1-33; *John 6:16-24*
2. Jer. 36:1-8, 45, 36:9-32; 35; Proverbs 29:10-27
3. 2 Kings 24:8-20a; 2 Chronicles 36:9-14; Jer. 37:1-38:13, 39:15-18; Psalm 89
4. Jer. 34:8-22; 49:34-36; *John 6:25-71*
5. Jer. 50, 51
6. Jer. 21, 22; *John 7:1-52*
7. Jer. 23, 24; *John 7:53-8:47*
8. Jer. 27, 28; *John 8:48-9:41*
9. Jer. 29, 30; *John 10*
10. Jer. 31, 34:1-7, 32
11. Jer. 33; 38:14-28; *John 11*
12. 2 Kings 24:20b-25:30; 2 Chron. 36:15-21; Jer. 39:1-14; 52:1-30; *John 12:1-11*
13. Ezekiel 1, 2; *John 12:12-13:17*
14. Ezek. 3, 4; *John 13:18-14:31*
15. Ezek. 5, 6; *John 15:1-16:16*
16. Ezek. 7, 8; *John 16:17-17:26*
17. Ezek. 9, 10; *John 18*
18. Ezek. 11, 12; *John 19*
19. Ezek. 13, 14; *John 20*
20. Ezek. 15, 16; *John 21*
21. Ezek. 17, 18; *1 John 1*
22. Ezek. 19, 20; *1 John 2*
23. Ezek. 21, 22; *1 John 3*
24. Ezek. 23, 24; *1 John 4*
25. Ezek. 25, 26; Prov. 30, *1 John 5*
26. Ezek. 27, 28; *2 John*
27. Ezek. 29, 30; Prov. 31:1-9; *3 John*
28. Ezek. 31, 32; *Revelation 1*
29. Jer. 40-42; *Rev. 2:1-17*
30. Ps. 46, 47, 48, 49, 50
31. Jer. 43, 44, 52:31-34; *Rev. 2:18-3:22*

In Memoriam

- Ron Ritchie passed away on August 29, 2012.
- Robert Cartwright passed away on September 5, 2012.
- Muriel Mottem passed away on September 9, 2012.
- A Memorial gift in memory of Ron Ritchie was made by Jack & Butch McConahy.
- Memorial gifts in memory of Anita Scott were made by niece Betty Edwards Johnson and her sons, Albert and Harold, and by Sam & Bernadette McBride, Pat Brinkman, the Cathedral Foundation, Richard & Glenna Grim, Ivan & Deanna Tribe, Mike & Becky VanHoose, Clen-Moore Irvine Bible Class, and the office staff of Dr. Robert M. Stiegel.



October Helpers

Hospital Visitation:

7 Margie Kerr, Tom Mansell
 14 Joe Lamb, Jeff Mendenhall
 21 Seth Plyler, Amy Allshouse
 28 Debbie Book, Nancy Grissett

Deacons of the Month:

Cheryl Pilch & Christy Litrenta

Van Driver:

David VanHorn (724) 652-7993

October 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	5:45PM BBBS, Fellowship Hall	9:30AM Prime Timers 7PM Building & Grounds, Parlor 7PM Deacons, Library	1:30PM Prayer & Praise 5:30PM Healthy Lifestyle Group, Parlor	6PM Handbells 6PM Christian Ed., Library 7PM Choir		
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
KFC Fall Retreat	KFC Fall Retreat	9:30AM Prime Timers 6PM Mission & Evangelism, Conf. Room 7PM Stewardship & Finance, Library	1:30PM Prayer & Praise 6PM Worship & Music, Library 6:30PM Walking w/Women of Faith 7PM Women of Faith, Parlor		10:30AM Bible Study, Library	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
9:15AM PC(USA) Open Forum, Fellowship Hall 11:30AM Health Ministry, Library 7PM Men's Ministry, Parlor	5:45PM BBBS, Fellowship Hall	9:30AM Prime Timers 7PM Session, Parlor	1:30PM Prayer & Praise 5:30PM Healthy Lifestyle Group, Parlor	6PM Handbells 7PM Choir	10:30AM Bible Study, Library	7PM Hors d'oeuvre Bash, Parlor
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
8:30AM Fellowship Breakfast, Fellowship Hall 4PM KFC Local Mission Project		9:30AM Prime Timers	1:30PM Prayer & Praise 6:30PM Walking w/Women of Faith 7PM Women of Faith, Parlor	4:30PM Spaghetti Dinner, Fellowship Hall 6PM Handbells 7PM Choir	10:30AM Bible Study, Library	Pumpkin Party
28	29	30	31			
7PM Men's Ministry, Parlor 11:45AM Congregational Mtg.		9:30AM Prime Timers	1:30PM Prayer & Praise			

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Hors d'oeuvre Bash

We are planning an Hors
d'oeuvre Bash!

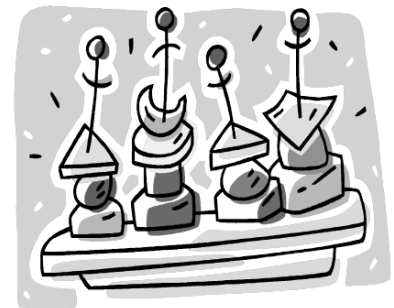
Saturday, Oct. 20

7 P.M.

In the Parlor

Please come, eat and bring a
favorite hors d'oeuvre or fin-
ger food.

Proceeds will go towards
medicine for people in the
Dominican Republic.



Last year we had plenty of
food, so plan to come and en-
joy the varieties. If you don't
want to make an hors d'oeu-
vre, just come and enjoy the
food and the fellowship!