

The Messenger

From the Pastor's Desk: Stepping Out and Stepping Up

Clen-Moore Presbyterian Church has been blessed with leadership for more than 125 years that has, through faith, allowed this body of Christ to reach out and serve this community and to reach in and grow in faith. We have reached another point where we need to move forward. If we are going to continue in this tradition, we must face the changing needs of our congregation and community.

The building we enjoy today has been built by past generations of believers who wanted to carry on a tradition of faith for future generations. Clen-Moore

was grateful to receive a gift from the estate of Al and Jean Genkinger that started the process of our looking at several areas of the church that need improvement. The areas we believe we need to focus on are:

- **Circle Drive** – Repave and widen the drive, add a covered entrance, add several handicapped parking spots, and address drainage issues.
- **Sanctuary** – Update the sound system and lighting, add side screen and projector, and modify the chancel to al-



low flexibility of space, handicapped access, and easier access to the choir loft.

Session appointed a task force in April to begin looking at these areas. Currently plans are being developed to present to Session and eventually to the congregation for review. As we move forward in this process, I am personally excited about the changes ahead. You will be hearing and seeing more information in the future.

Pastor Chris

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DECEMBER SERMONS & WORSHIP:

- **December 2**
Matthew 20:20-28, Isaiah 40:1-8
- **December 9**
Isaiah 40:27-31, Galatians 6:7-10
- **December 16**
Children's Christmas Musical
- **December 23**
Matthew 2:6, Micah 5:4
- **December 24**
7PM Candlelight Service
- **December 30**
Luke 2:41-52 & Carol Singing



Special Christmas Services

- **December 16:** Children's Christmas Musical
- **December 23:** Choir Cantata
- **December 24:** Christmas Eve Candlelight Service (7 PM)
- **December 30:** Carol Singing

Got Milk? We've Got Cookies!

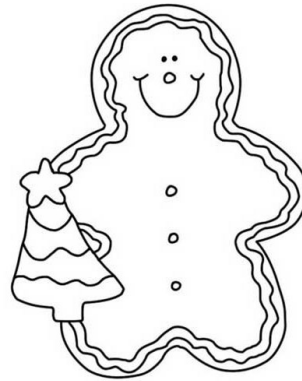
On **December 23**, Clen-Moore will have its fifth annual Cookie Walk for missions and for ourselves! It's double the fun and double the good. We are asking those who are willing to bake one batch of a family favorite cookie or candy. These are not to be store bought - just the good stuff! PLEASE bring your cookies to the Parlor as soon as possible on Sunday the 23rd, preferably before Sunday School so we can have them arranged and ready for you to pick up after church.

We will have plates and labels available after church at all the exits on December 16 for those who want them. Please bake a family favorite, good Christ-

mas time cookie or candy and put 6 of one kind on each plate and wrap them to keep them fresh. Please mark it as to whether or not it can be frozen and the name of the cookie.

One batch is all that we ask!! Please put six on a plate and then put them in a plastic bag and label them. Please indicate if they have nuts or other items that you think someone may not be able to eat because of allergies.

After church please come back to the Parlor, pick up any cookies you want to help celebrate



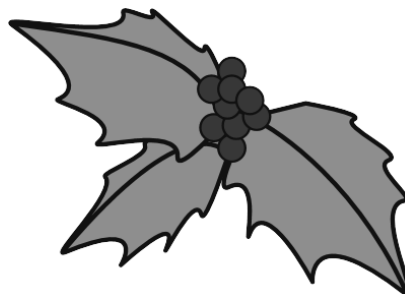
Christmas and help our missions. If you don't want to bake cookies, you can be the other participant who enjoys eating them! A donation

basket will be available for you to put your donation in towards the cookies you take. If you want to pay by check, make the check payable to Clen-Moore Presbyterian Church and mark it for Missions; it will be greatly appreciated.

We are looking forward to great cookies and a great time of fellowship. See you there with your cookies, or for your cookies, or both!

Holly Brunch

Attention all ladies of Clen-Moore Church, young, old, and young at heart: You are invited to begin the Christmas season by attending our annual PW Holly Brunch, Saturday, Dec. 1, 2012 at 9:30 AM in the church Parlor. Come and join us as we sing Christmas carols and enjoy a delicious brunch. Our own church organist, Dr. Jane Karski, will speak on "A New Way of Life."



Free childcare is available upon request. Please RSVP to the church office by Wednesday, November 28th.

12-12-12

Please bring your family and friends and join us we **celebrate Jesus 12 ways** on 12-12-12!

The party will be in Fellowship Hall and will include:

- Eating at 5:12 PM
- Creating at 6:12 PM
- Praising at 7:12 PM

Anyone who wants to really commemorate the birth of Jesus is invited to join us!

A Toy Store Comes to Life This Christmas

You are invited to come and experience a miracle this Advent season as an entire toy store comes to life just a few days before "The Big Day." The toys have questions about the real meaning of Christmas. Will they discover the true miracle?

Come and find out on **Sunday, December 16th**, during the worship service. Let the Holy Spirit move you as our children and youth capture your hearts while giving glory to God through their gifts of song and stage.



Invite your family and friends and be blessed by "Two Nights Before Christmas."

New Members Class Rummage Sale

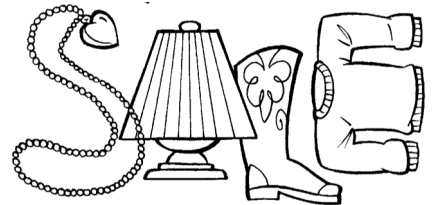
Have you been attending Clen-Moore for awhile? If you are interested in joining the church or would just like more information about Clen-Moore, we will be holding new member classes on **December 9 and 16** at 9:30 AM in the Library.

If you would like to participate speak with Rev. Weichman or call the church office at (724) 654-6657 and speak with Kathy.

Anyone cleaning out their garages or closets may want to remember the Y2K's annual rummage sale which will be held on **Saturday, March 9**. The church is willing to store any items donated to the sale beginning in January. Please, no adult clothing, but we will accept children's clothes that are in good condition.

It is very important that you clean all household items and

make sure that they are not broken or missing any pieces. If you are willing to help with this sale or have any questions, please contact Amy or David Ball at (724) 652-2940 or by email: ball692comcast.net.



Messenger Memo

The loss of New Castle's mailing facility on Cascade Street continues to cause delivery delays for *The Messenger*. You can ensure you'll always receive the newsletter on time by signing up to receive *The Mes-*

senger via email. Sign up at clenmoore.org/newsletter.

The deadline for articles to be included in the January newsletter is December 10.

Annual Reports Due

Reports from Sunday school classes, committees and ministries of the church are due in the office by **Monday, January 7**.

Health Ministry Team

The Health Ministry Team will be studying the results of the **Congregational Survey and Interest** form to see what programs and/or activities would be most helpful for our congregation.

At our last group meeting in October, we discussed our outreach to the sick, homebound, and bereaved, as well as trying to find new ways to help our congregation become a healthier one. We are looking forward

to attending the program by our organist, Dr. Jane Karski, at the PW Holly Brunch on Dec. 1, titled "A New Way of Life," following her serious bout with cancer (*see page 2 for more details*).

Remember to pray for those in our midst who have recently lost loved ones; the holidays can bring on deep sadness, loneliness, and grief for them. Anyone who is dealing with this should feel free to call any



member of the Health Team or the church office at (724) 654-6657.

Healthy Lifestyle Group

Wednesday, December 5, will be the last meeting of the year for the Healthy Lifestyle Group. This meeting will feature speaker Joey Commisso, owner of Strategic Fitness LLC.

Mr. Commisso is a former track & field star and is currently a worship drummer/leader at New Life Baptist Church. He started Strategic Fitness to teach student athletes how to become faster, and now teaches functional fitness to people of all ages.

Lois Henneman has been

working with Mr. Commisso and says, "I've lost 35 lbs. since the middle of June. I jokingly have called it boot camp but it has been more than that. His goal for his clients is Biblical and he motivates us from

"...I have never felt so good. I am off nearly all prescription meds and I will be off all by the end of the year."

~ Lois Henneman

the aspect that our bodies are a temple of the Lord. He is a 56 year old ball of fire.

"I have always strived to be healthy by feeding my family with what I thought was the best: whole grains and low fat, reduced sugar, etc. But this is a whole new way: eating real food and nothing processed or

packaged. It works and I have not felt deprived or hungry. I intend to eat like this the rest of my life, as I have never felt so good. I am off nearly all prescription meds and I will be off all by the end of the year."

Anyone is welcome to join the meeting at 5:30 PM in the Parlor.

The January meeting dates will be the 16th & 30th. In February, the Healthy Lifestyle Group will return to its 1st & 3rd Wednesday format.

Youth News

Due to the Christmas musical and practices (*see page 3 for more details*), there are not any FlipSide or KFC events planned. We will get together over Christmas break to see "The Hobbit" and for another winter activity, depending on the weather. So check the mail, church website, and announcements for updates.

C.2G.S. (Connect, Grow, Go, Serve) -

Jr./Sr. High Sunday School class will finish our "Tough Questions About the Faith" series: Why does God let bad things happen? What if my friends are not Christian? Did God create the devil? How do I stop doing the things I shouldn't do?

Senior High Confirmation Class

It has been called, "Communicants Class," "Confirmation Class," "Youth Membership Class," and yes, even historically, "Catechism." Whatever you want to call it, if you are interested in it, it will be getting underway this January. This does require a level of commitment and an ability to reflect on your experiences as you attend worship, read Scripture, attend church meetings, participate in a series of informative classes, visit the sick, and participate in God's

mission to the community through Clen-Moore Church. You will be paired with a mentor to help you along as you do this. Contact Aaron Christy with interest at the church office, or email dyfmcclenmoore@gmail.com. You must be a student in 9th grade or above to participate.

Worship Rated "G"

Over the past 9 months, Pastor Chris, the Christian Education Committee, and I have been



working together to discuss and plan ways for the children and youth to be incorporated into the worship life of the church on a regular basis. Pastor Chris wrote a very good "From the Pastor's Desk" article for the November Messenger discussing why we are doing this (the article is titled Worship Rated "G").

We want to offer an open discussion for those parents and families that these changes will impact the most. Even if you

are okay with these changes, we still would love to talk with you about our ideas and how we are thinking about implementing them. Also, we would love to hear your ideas as well. Please join us during the Sunday School hour in the 4th-6th grade class on **Sunday, December 2** to join the conversation. We will use Pastor Chris's aforementioned article as the background to begin the discussion. We hope to see you then!

Aaron Christy



“The Christian Fellowship Class is extremely grateful to the congregation for their support of our annual meatloaf dinner. We raised over \$570. Your generosity will allow us to provide Christmas presents for several local families in need.”

“We want to thank Gail Keffer and all the people who helped make our spaghetti dinner such a great success. We estimated that we served around 250 people! We had so many wonderful workers. It made all the preparation, serving, and clean-up go so smoothly. And, also, we want to thank all of you who came to enjoy the meal and support our mission.

“God has blessed our church with many willing hands and hearts!”

“We would like to express our heartfelt appreciation to Rev. Weichman, Barb Davies, and all our Clen-Moore friends for all the prayers, cards, and sympathy during the passing of our mother and sister, Phyllis Tanner. It truly does help to know there are so many caring people out there. Thank you and God bless you all.”

*Chris and John Karmecy
& family*

Rhonda Tanner

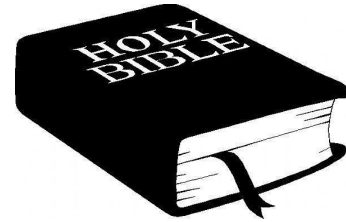
*Elaine and John Meyers
& family*

In Memoriam

- Flo Turner Zook passed away on November 4, 2012.
- George Dennis, father of Kathy Barkley.
- A memorial gift in memory of Flo Zook was made by Glenn & Yvonne Klingensmith.
- Memorial gifts in memory of Phyllis Tanner were made by Judy Felman & Family, Jim & Becky Reese, Joann Calvin, and Glenn & Yvonne Klingensmith.
- Memorial gifts in memory of Bob McConnell were made by Jim & Becky Reese, James & Eleanor Sherwood, Ruth Ketzler, Grace McClymonds, Don & Nancy Smith, Jayne Raybuck & Family, Joann Minner & J. Dale Siar, Mary Ellen Park, the Bev & Bob Howe Family, the Cindy & Jeff Kovac Family, Dorothy Bobosky, A. Anson & Connie Brosius, Dave & Pat Hunter, Dorothy Getty, and Fred & Barbara Rentz.



Daily Bible Readings



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| 1: Nehemiah 1-3; <i>Matthew</i> 5:27-48 | 10: Ps. 119:1-56; <i>Matt. 11</i> | 21: Job 18, 19; <i>Matt. 21:18-22:14</i> |
| 2: Neh. 4, 5; <i>Matt. 6:1-7:6</i> | 11: Ps. 119:57-112; <i>Matt. 12:1-45</i> | 22: Job 2, 21; <i>Matt. 22:15-46</i> |
| 3: Neh. 6, 7 | 12: Ps. 119:113-176; <i>Matt. 12:46-13:23</i> | 23: Job 22-24; <i>Matt. 23</i> |
| 4: Neh. 8; Psalms 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125; <i>Matt. 7-8:4</i> | 13: Malachi 1-4; Ps. 85; <i>Matt. 13:24-58</i> | 24: Job 25-28; <i>Matt. 24:1-35</i> |
| 5: Ps. 125, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131; Neh. 9:1-37; <i>Matt. 8:5-13</i> | 14: Job 1-3; <i>Matt. 14</i> | 25: Job 29-31; <i>Matt. 24:36-51</i> |
| 6: Ps. 132, 133, 134, 135, 136; <i>Matt. 8:14-34</i> | 15: Job 4, 5; <i>Matt. 15:1-16:12</i> | 26: Job 32, 33; <i>Matt. 25</i> |
| 7: Neh. 9:38-12:26 | 16: Job 6, 7; <i>Matt. 16:13-17:27</i> | 27: Job 34, 35; <i>Matt. 26:1-35</i> |
| 8: 1 Chronicles 9:1b-34; Neh. 12:27-13:31 | 17: Job 8-10; <i>Matt. 18:1-20</i> | 28: Job 36, 37; <i>Matt. 26:36-75</i> |
| 9: Ps. 146, 147, 148, 149, 150 | 18: Job 11; Ps. 82; <i>Matt. 18:21-20:16</i> | 29: Job 38, 39; <i>Matt. 27:1-31</i> |
| | 19: Job 12-14; <i>Matt. 20:17-34</i> | 30: Job 40, 41; <i>Matt. 27:32-61</i> |
| | 20: Job 15-17; <i>Matt. 21:1-17;</i>
Ps. 8 | 31: Job 42; <i>Matt. 27:62-28:20</i> |

Financial Snapshot *October 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	\$3,404	\$34,795	\$24,083	\$257,692
Monies Spent:				
Operating Expenses	\$0	\$0	\$21,940	\$252,307
Missions	\$4,000	\$31,524	\$0	\$0
Total	\$4,000	\$31,524	\$21,940	\$252,307
Over (Short)	(\$596)	\$3,271	\$2,143	\$5,385

2012 Contributions Deadline

Please turn in all 2012 contributions and offerings by **December 31, 2012**. Anything received after that date will be considered a 2013 contribution.



Good Reads

Christmas truly is "the most wonderful time of the year!" We celebrate the gift that God gave us over 2,000 years ago in the form of a tiny baby born in very humble surroundings. We know the angels rejoiced on that first Christmas Eve and I chose two books relating to those ethereal beings and one book that relates to the modern day secular tradition of big movie releases during the holidays.

Pastor and author Kurt Bruner, along with Fuller Theological Seminary graduate Jim Ware, wrote *Finding God in the Lord of the Rings*.

On December 14th, the much anticipated movie, "The Hobbit: Part One," is to be released. J.R.R. Tolkien, author of *The Hobbit* and *Lord of the Rings*, was a devout Roman Catholic and although he was known to deny that his stories are Christian

allegories it has been hard for Christians not to find God-driven truths throughout *The Hobbit* and the *Lord of the Rings* trilogy. In *Finding God in the Lord of the Rings*, Bruner and Ware reflect on those truths with insights into how Tolkien's strong faith fueled his imagination and shines through in his stories.

Published in 1975, Billy Graham's *Angels* has become a well-loved biblical study of angels. Reverend Graham uses scripture and the experiences of himself and others to affirm the presence of angels among us.

Billy Graham states in the preface, "It is still my prayer that God will use this book to bring comfort to the sick and the dying; to bring encouragement to those who are under the pressures of everyday living; to bring guidance to those

who are frustrated by the events of our generation."

The stars become angels who bring tidings of great joy to a small shepherd family on the first Christmas Eve in *A Night the Stars Danced for Joy*, written by Bob Hartman and illustrated by Tim Jonke. A shepherd and his family are gazing at the stars on a cold and frosty evening. Each has their own wish that night, and when the stars they are wishing on turn into a heavenly host their wishes are answered in a way they could not have imagined. This would be a great book to share with children this Christmas season.

With all the hustle and bustle of the holiday season, I hope all of us will find some quiet time to read and reflect on our many gifts from God, with the greatest of these gifts being Jesus Christ, born to be our Savior. Please have a very, merry Christmas and a safe New Year!



December Helpers

Hospital Visitation:

2 Tom Mansell, Joe Lamb
 9 Jeff Mendenhall, Seth Plyler
 16 Amy Allshouse, Debbie Book
 23 Nancy Grissett, Gail Keffer
 30 John Meyers, Steve Plyler

Deacons of the Month:

Beth Held & Amy Ball

Van Driver:

Sharon Esposito
 (724) 654-7395

December 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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						9:30AM Holly Brunch, Parlor
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	5:45PM BBBS, Fel- lowship Hall	9:30AM Prime Timers 7PM Building & Grounds, Parlor 7PM Dea- cons, Library	1:30PM Prayer & Praise 5:30PM Healthy Life- style Group, Parlor	6PM Christian Ed., Li- brary 6PM Handbells 7PM Choir	10:30AM Bible Study, Library	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
7PM Men's Min- istry, Parlor	<i>Messenger</i> Deadline	9:30AM Prime Timers 6PM Mission & Evange- lism, Conf. Room 7PM Stew- ardship & Fi- nance, Li- brary	1:30PM Prayer & Praise 6PM Wor- ship & Mu- sic, Library	6PM Handbells 7PM Choir	10:30AM Bible Study, Library	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
8:30AM Fellow- ship Breakfast & Blood Pressure Screening 10:30AM Christ- mas Musical	5:45PM BBBS, Fel- lowship Hall	9:30AM Prime Timers 7PM Session, Parlor	1:30PM Prayer & Praise	6PM Handbells 7PM Choir	10:30AM Bible Study, Library	
23 / 30	24 / 31	25	26	27	28	29
10:30AM Choir Cantata 11:30AM Cookie Walk	7PM CHRIST- MAS EVE NEW YEAR'S EVE	CHRIST- MAS 4:30PM Christmas Dinner	1:30PM Prayer & Praise	6PM Handbells 7PM Choir	10:30AM Bible Study, Library	

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Christmas Dinner

The annual Christmas Dinner will be held in the Fellowship Hall on **Christmas Day, Tuesday, December 25**. The free meal will be served from 4:30 – 6:30 PM. There will be no meal deliveries, but transportation can be provided if requested.

If you are willing to work, donate pies, or make a financial contribution, please call the church office to sign-up:



(724) 654-6657. Make sure to check upcoming church bulletin inserts for a list of the many ways you may participate.

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