The Messenger

From the Pastor's Desk: **Everything Must Change**

The gospel begins with the call to repentance. Repentance means that everything must change. What was up must go down, and what was down must come up. Everything must be seen as God sees it. Our whole being has to be renewed. God must become the center of our thinking and feeling.

That is a tall order. If you are like me, you realize that most of the time God is not

at the center of my thinking and feeling. More often than not, I am thinking about myself and my needs. And the truth is, no matter how good a Christian you are, you will struggle with this. What Jesus is saying is that our most basic human need is repentance.

Jesus came to save people, but he first called them to repent and follow him. Many Christians are attracted by his promise of salvation, but they do not want to repent fully. It is tragic that the worst enemies of Jesus are often religious people, not unbelievers. Even in Jesus' own lifetime, those

him, but the very religious

Pharisees and scribes who hated his message of repentance.

We must receive a new life; we must be changed. But it is God who must change us. And he may change us in a different way from what we had wanted or imagined. To be fit for God's



new future we must be changed by him. And that change is difficult. Like the Israelites wanting to leave their new found freedom in the desert for the security of slavery back in Egypt, we prefer the misery we know to the mystery we don't know.

Jesus said, "Do not be afraid. I am the first and the last, and the living one. I was dead, and behold. I am alive forever and ever. Because I live, you also will live."

Pastor Chris

APRIL 2013

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APRIL SERMONS & WORSHIP:

- April 7 Steve Plyler preaching
- April 14 John 21:1-19
- April 21 John 10:22-30
- April 28 Revelation 21:1-6

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who hated him most *"It is tragic that"* were not the soldiers who crucified

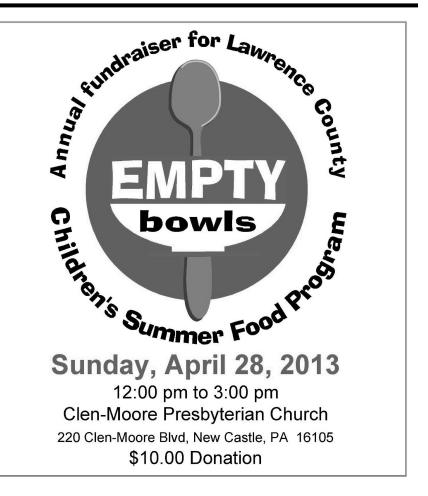
Empty Bowls

On April 28, Clen-Moore will host "Empty Bowls," a lunch sponsored by the Pittsburgh Food Bank to raise money for the New Castle Summer Feeding Program.

During the academic year, the lunch provided by public schools is the only balanced meal some children will receive. During summer break, some students go without a healthy meal.

The Summer Feeding program closes that gap by providing a balanced lunch for children in need. Last summer, 200 local children were fed lunch for six weeks.

Tickets to this month's event are ten dollars and 100% of the proceeds go to help support the New Castle Summer Feeding Program. Every donor will enjoy soup, bread, beverage, cookie, and keepsake ceramic bowl. Children under twelve eat for free.





The dates for the Women of Faith Conference in Pittsburgh are **October 4-5** at the Petersen Events Center in Oakland. The cost is approximately \$100 but there is a price break if we have 10 or more attending.

Please call the church office as soon as possible if you would like to attend this year. **Tickets will be ordered for the event by the end of April**. The details about transportation and lodging will be worked out at a later time.

If you have any questions or would be interested in helping to organize our group, please call Amy Plyler at (724) 654-9167.



SAVE THE DATE! Vacation Bible School comes to Clen-Moore on June 17-21.

We are once again partnering with First Presbyterian Church to put on the "Everywhere Fun Fair." This fun theme takes kids around the world to visit Christian children in other countries.

New for this year: The program is now two hours long and runs from **5:45-7:45PM.**

VBS is free and open to every child from preschool age to those entering 6th grade. (To be eligible, preschoolers must turn 4 years old by Sept. 1, 2013)

Our goal is to register 100 kids this year. To do that, we will need lots of volunteers. People to help with set-up & clean-up, crew leaders, and more. Even if you can only help for one night, we have a place for you! Just let Karen Weichman know you're interested.

Online registration will become available as we get closer to June. Keep checking our website, ClenMoore.org, for more information.

Main Points

- VBS: June 17-21
- Time: 5:45PM -7:45PM
- Eligible Students: anyone entering preschool - 6th grade (preschoolers must be 4 years old by 9/1/2013)
- Volunteers needed!

| | Beginning Balance | Receipts | Disbursements | Ending Balance |
|--------------------|--------------------------|----------|---------------|----------------|
| General Fund | \$25,000 | \$48,958 | \$67,547 | \$6,410 |
| Gen. Missions Fund | \$16,260 | \$9,383 | \$14,541 | \$11,102 |
| Total | \$41,260 | \$58,341 | \$82,088 | \$17,513 |

Financial Snapshot Year-to-Date February 2013

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Mission Memo

Have you noticed the line item on your offering envelope, "4R4," and wondered what it was? **4R4 = For Our Four** (missionaries).

This project was introduced several years ago. Money received into this account is sent monthly to the following four missionaries:

1. LATCOM (Chuck Ramsey, Bolivia)

- 2. Kevin and Wendy Mason (Hungary)
- 3. Mike Robison (Uzbekistan)
- 4. Dr. Ingrid Reneau Walls (Akropong, Ghana)

Receipts to this account totaled \$4,246 in 2012.

March Mission Disbursements

\$500 - Ministerial Chaplaincy Fund
\$500 - Right Here, Right Now
\$500 - Crisis Shelter
\$1,500 - Pine Valley Bible Camp
\$200 - Gideons (Outreach and Missions)



"The Church, Y2K Sunday School class, David and I would like to thank everyone who donated items and/or helped out with this year's Rummage Sale. The Lord has truly blessed our church with a caring and helpful congregation.

"Our thanks also go to Him for making the sale another big success. We raised approximately \$1600 to be used for church mission projects."

Amy Ball

"Dear Clen-Moore Presbyterian Women,

"We love our new handmade bibs! God Bless You All! Thank you so very much."

Carmellía

Southpoint at Jameson

In Honor & In Memory

- Betty Eisenhuth went home to the Lord on March 9, 2013.
- A gift in memory of Robert Brown was given by Mina Lou Murphy and Bob Murphy.
- A donation to the Interior/Exterior Renovation Fund has been given to the glory of God by the children and grandchildren of Nancy and Don Smith, in honor of their 60th wedding anniversary on March 21 and Don's birthday on March 22.

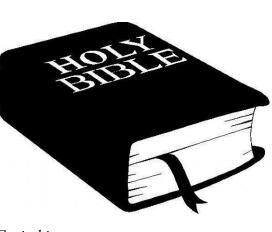


Daily Bible Readings

1. Joshua 5:13-7:26; 1 Thess. 2:17-3:13 2. Jos. 8, 9; 1 Thess. 4 **3.** Jos. 10, 11; 1 Thess. 5 4. Jos. 12:1-13:23; 1 Chron. 5:1-10 (Reuben); Jos. 13:24-28; 1 Chron. 5:11-22 (Gad); Jos. 14 (Caleb) 5. Jos. 15:1-14, 20-63; 1 Chron. 2:3-4:23 (Judah) 6. Jos. 16, 17; 1 Chron. 5:23-26, 7:14-29 (Ephraim/Manasseh); Jos. 18; 1 Chron. 7:6-12; 8:1-9:1 (Ben.) 7. Jos. 19:1-9; 1 Chron. 4:24-43 (Sim.) Jos. 19:10-16 (Zeb.); Jos. 19:17-23; 1 Chron. 7:1-5 (Iss.); Jos. 19:24-31; 1 Chron. 7:30-40 (Ash.); Jos. 19:32-39; 1 Chron. 7:13 (Naph.); Jos. 19:40-48 (Dan); Jos. 19:49-20:9 (Joshua)

8. Jos. 21:1-42; 1 Chron. 6 (Levi)

9. Jos. 21:43-24:33; Judges 2:6-9; Judges 1:1-15; Jos. 15:15-19 10. Jdg. 1:16-36, 2:1-5, 10-23, 3:1-11; 2 Thess. 1-3 11. Jdg. 3:12-5:31 **12.** Jdg. 6-8 13. Jdg. 9:1-10:5; 1 Corinthians 1 14. Jdg. 10:4-12:15; 1 Cor. 2 15. Jdg. 13-16 16. Jdg. 17, 18; 1 Cor. 3, 4 17. Jdg. 19-21 18. Ruth 1-4 **19.** 1 Samuel 1-3 20. 1 Sam. 4-7; 1 Cor. 5:1-6:11 **21.** 1 Sam. 8-10; *1 Chron*. 9:35-44 22. 1 Sam. 11, 12; 1 Cor.



23. 1 Sam. 13-15
24. 1 Sam. 16; Psalms 15, 16, 23; *1 Cor. 8, 9*25. 1 Sam. 17; *1 Cor. 10:1-11:1*26. 1 Sam. 18; Ps. 73, 75, 76
27. Ps. 77, 78
28. Ps. 80, 81, 82; *1 Cor. 11:2-34*29. 1 Sam. 19, 20; Ps. 35
30. 1 Cor. 12-14; Ps. 5

Good Reads



Greetings fellow readers! I have been a bit swamped in March and have not had time to write a Good Reads article. I apologize and it will be back in May! Have a Happy Spring!

6:42-7:40

Messenger Memo



The deadline to submit articles for the May *Messenger* is Monday, April 15.

Sign up to receive *The Messenger* via email; go to clenmoore.org/newsletter.

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April Helpers

Hospital Visitation:

7 Bob Sholler, John Meyers14 Jim Reese, Beth DeVivo21 Barb Harper, Lois Henneman28 Clarence Jenkins, Margie Kerr

Deacons of the Month:

Amy Ball & Evelyn Genkinger

Van Driver:

Jim Conway (724 654-3891)

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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| | 5:45PM BBBS, Fel- lowship Hall | 9:30AM Prime Timers 7PM Building & Grounds, Parlor 7PM Deacons, Library | 1:30PM Prayer & Praise 5:30PM Healthy Lifestyle Group, Parlor 6:30PM Walking w/Women of Faith 7PM Women of Faith, Parlor | 6PM Chris- tian Ed., Li- brary 6PM Hand- bells 7PM Choir | 10:30AM Bible Study, Library | |
| 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| 11:30AM—KFC to Splash Lagoon 7PM Men's Min- istry, Parlor | | 9:30AM Prime Timers 6PM Mission & Evangelism, Conf. Room 7PM Steward- ship & Finance, Library | 1:30PM Prayer & Praise 6PM Worship & Music, Library | 6PM Hand- bells 7PM Choir | 10:30AM Bible Study, Library | |
| 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| | 5:45PM BBBS, Fel- lowship Hall <i>Messenger</i> Deadline | 9:30AM Prime Timers 7PM Session, Parlor | 1:30PM Prayer & Praise 5:30PM Healthy Lifestyle Group, Parlor 6:30PM Walking w/Women of Faith 7PM Women of Faith, Parlor | 6PM Hand- bells 7PM Choir | 10:30AM Bible Study, Library | |
| 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| 8:30AM Fellow- ship Breakfast & BP Screening 4PM KFC Scav- enger Hunt 7PM Men's Min- istry, Parlor | | 9:30AM Prime Timers | 1:30PM Prayer & Praise | 6PM Hand- bells 7PM Choir | 10:30AM Bible Study, Library | |
| 28 | 29 | 30 | | | | |
| 12PM-3PM Law- rence County Empty Bowls | | 9:30AM Prime Timers <i>Women of Faith</i> Sign-Up Dead- line | | | | |

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Youth News

- K.F.C.
- Sunday, April 7: SPLASH LA-



GOON! We are taking a trip to Erie's indoor water park. We leave immediately following church and return to the church at 8 P.M. The cost is \$20 and you'll need a waiver/permission form. More details will be emailed.

• Sunday, April 21: SCAVEN-GER HUNT NEW CASTLE! 4 - 5:30 P.M. plus Bible Rush.

FlipSide

• Youngstown Phantoms Game & Movie Night. More details to come.

C.2G.S.

• We continue to explore the realities that teens face on a daily basis and how the Bible teaches us to live in the light of Jesus Christ, in spite of these realities. "Talk Sheets" help us to break down these realities, discuss them, and apply Biblical wisdom to them.

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