

The Messenger

JANUARY 2014

From the Pastor's Desk: A New Creation

It is always tempting in the month of January to write about or preach on New Year's resolutions. No doubt, most of us want to exercise a little more and eat a little less, spend more time with our family and give ourselves to more productive endeavors. The making of New Year's resolutions is nothing new. The practice goes back to 4,000 B.C., to the Babylonians. Even the ancients wanted to make a new start.

But in Christ the possibilities are so much greater. Paul writes that in Christ, followers of Jesus are new creations: *"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!"* (2 Cor. 5:17 NIV) It is an odd thing to say of

someone that he or she is "in Christ." People are not inside one another. Rather, Paul is writing about those who, having offered themselves to God, are united with Him through Jesus Christ in the Holy Spirit.

Those who are "in Christ" find themselves transformed, set free from the confining power of the present age. Because the Holy Spirit joins us to Jesus Christ, we share in everything that is His. In Christ, we become all that we could never be in the eyes of God if we are left to ourselves. We are not now suddenly functionally perfect saints, of course. We still limp along, straining between sin and mercy.



Being "in Christ" makes possible so much more than losing a few extra pounds. It brings assurance of God's love and forgiveness that makes new life possible.

Pastor Chris

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JANUARY SERMONS & WORSHIP:

- **January 5**
Luke 1:26-56;
Aaron Christy
Preaching
- **January 12**
Matthew 3:13-17
- **January 19**
John 1:29-42
- **January 26**
Psalms 27



Health Ministry

The Health Ministry Team will hold **its regular meeting on January 19, 2014** in the church library after worship.

Blood Pressure screenings will be done at the church breakfast on January 19, 2014, and at the Prime Timers meeting on January 21, 2014 at 9:15 am.

Here is a poem by Jan Burg, RN, to think about as we begin a new year:

My Resolution

“I won't look back; God knows the fruitless efforts, the wasted hours, the sinning, the regrets -- I'll

leave them with Him who blots the record, mercifully forgives, and then forgets.

“I won't look forward. God sees all the future, the road that, short or long, will lead me home. And He will face with me its every trial, and bear with me the burdens that may come.

“But, I'll look up -- into the face of Jesus. For there my heart can rest, my fears are stilled; and there is joy and love, and light for darkness. And perfect peace, with every hope fulfilled.”

Nurturing Christian Growth

EQUIP

TRAIN



SEND

LeaderFEST 2014

Shenango Presbytery is once again presenting LeaderFEST, an annual education event for the training of any and all church leaders. LeaderFEST will be held on **Saturday, January 11, from 8:30-1:30 PM**, at Westminster College.

There is something for everyone - Ruling Elders, Deacons, Sunday School Teachers, Youth Leaders - and 13 different seminars to choose from. Two great local Bible teachers, Rev. Dr. Kang Na and Rev. Dr. Ken Bailey, will

hold seminars on the topics of “Marriage” and “The Good Shepherd.”

The cost to attend is \$15 (lunch is included) if registered by **Monday, January 6**, or \$20 after the 6th.

You can register online and get more information at www.shenango.org, or register through the church office: (724) 654-6657.

LeaderFEST is planned and presented by Shenango Presbytery's Christian Education Committee.

YOUTH



K.F.C. and FlipSide are coming back together for regular youth group, beginning this month. Our experiment of separating the two groups seemed to be a bit premature, but well worth the effort. I have outlined information regarding K.F.C. and FlipSide below:

K.F.C. is considered 4th & 5th grade. FlipSide is considered 6th-12th grade. (We added 6th grade to FlipSide for ease of communication with LCYM events, Fusion Youth Group, and other activities with New Castle Youth).

K.F.C. and FlipSide will meet the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month. (No more 2nd and 4th Sunday meetings). Our regular meeting time is 4-5:30 PM.

We will separate the groups when needed for devotions, teaching, etc. One group will

go with Aaron and the other group will go with a Youth Leader.

Fusion (and any other LCYM events & activities) is 6th-12th grade. Fusion meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month (minus holidays) at the New Castle YMCA from 6:30 - 8 PM.

January's Tentative Schedule:

- **Sunday, January 5th** - K.F.C. & FlipSide Bowling.



- **Sunday, January 19th** - K.F.C. & FlipSide at the

church from 4:00 - 5:30 pm for games, food, fun, and devotion.

C.2G.S. Sunday School - We will revisit and finish our study on themes in the Gospel of John and the 3 Letters.

Coming in February: LCYM Dodgeball Tournament at the New Castle YMCA. This event was a huge hit last year and should prove to be another night of great fun.

Financial Snapshot *Year-to-Date November 2013*

| | <i>Beginning Balance</i> | <i>Receipts</i> | <i>Disbursements</i> | <i>Ending Balance</i> |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| General Fund | \$25,000 | \$287,341 | \$281,290 | \$31,050 |
| Gen. Missions Fund | \$16,260 | \$43,357 | \$42,240 | \$17,377 |
| TOTAL | \$41,260 | \$330,698 | \$323,531 | \$48,427 |

December Mission Disbursements

\$1,000 - M. Robison, Presbyterian Frontier Fellowship

\$1,000 - City Rescue Mission

\$1,000 - Ingrid Reneau

\$1,000 - LATCOM

Annual Reports Due

Reports from Sunday school classes, committees and ministries of the church are due in the church office by **Monday, January 6.**

Mission Memo

“Dear Friends,

“We are humbled that you have entrusted Mission Aviation Fellowship with your gift of \$1,500 for MAF’s global ministry. Your gift enables MAF to share the love of Jesus Christ through aviation and technology so that isolated people may be physically and spiritually transformed.

“Just as King David exalted with great joy along with his people when they brought their offerings willingly to the Lord in 1 Chronicles

29:9, we likewise rejoice with you. It is this mutual “joy of the Lord” that is our strength, as the prophet Nehemiah reminds us at the end of Nehemiah 8:10.

Thank You

“May you daily be strengthened by the abounding joy of the Lord that is yours for so willingly supporting MAF’s global ministry.

“In His service,

Aaron Bear

Mission Aviation Fellowship
Church Relations Manager”

Birth

A daughter, Audrey Elizabeth, was born on November 21, 2013 to Seth & Christina Plyler.

Grandparents are Steve & Amy Plyler and Tom & Debbie Reynolds.

Baptism

Alex Robert Tejada, son of Kristin & Francisco Tejada, was baptized on November 24, 2013.

Grandparents are Barbara & David Van Horn and Barbara & Dr. Francisco Tejada, MD.



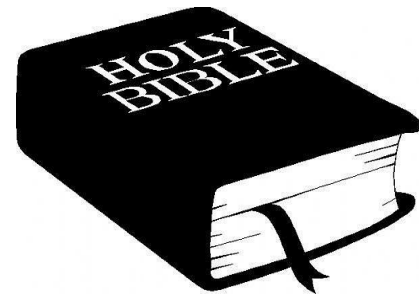
Messenger Memo

The deadline to submit articles for the February 2014 Messenger is Monday, January 13.

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

Daily Bible Readings

| | | |
|--|---|---|
| 1: Genesis 1-3 | 9:1-36 | 27: Exodus 1, 2; <i>Luke 18</i> |
| 2: <i>Luke 1</i> | 16: Gen. 29:31-30:43; <i>Luke 9:37-10:24</i> | 28: Ex. 3, 4; <i>Luke 19</i> |
| 3: Gen. 4, 5; <i>Luke 2:1-40</i> | 17: Gen. 31; <i>Luke 10:25-11:13</i> | 29: Ex. 5-7:13; <i>Luke 20</i> |
| 4: Gen 6-9; 11:1-9 | 18: Gen. 32, 33; <i>Luke 11:14-54</i> | 30: Ex. 7:14-9:12; <i>Luke 21</i> |
| 5: Gen. 10:1-20; 1 Chroni- cles 1:1-16; <i>Luke 2:41-3:38</i> | 19: Gen. 34:1-36:14; 1 Chron. 1:34-37; <i>Luke 12:1-12</i> | 31: Ex. 9:13-11:10; <i>Luke 22:1-38</i> |
| 6: Gen. 10:21-32; 1 Chron. 1:17-28; <i>Luke 4</i> | 20: Gen. 36:15-43; 1 Chron. 1:38-54; <i>Luke 12:13-59</i> | |
| 7: Gen. 11:10-14:24 | 21: Gen. 37, 38; <i>Luke 13</i> | |
| 8: Gen. 15-17; Psalm 105 | 22: Gen. 38-41 | |
| 9: Gen. 18, 19; <i>Luke 5</i> | 23: Gen. 42, 43; <i>Luke 14</i> | |
| 10: Gen. 20; <i>Luke 6:1-7:17</i> | 24: Gen. 44: 1-47:12 | |
| 11: Gen. 21-23; <i>Luke 7:18-35</i> | 25: Gen. 47:13-48:22; <i>Luke 15:1-16:18</i> | |
| 12: Gen. 24:1-25:11; 1 Chron. 1:32, 33; <i>Luke 7:36-50</i> | 26: Gen. 49; 1 Chron. 2:1, 2; Gen. 50; <i>Luke 16:19-17:37</i> | |
| 13: Gen. 25:12-18; 1 Chron. 1:29-31; <i>Luke 8</i> | | |
| 14: Gen. 25:19-27:40 | | |
| 15: Gen. 27:41-29:30; <i>Luke</i> | | |



In Memoriam

- Michele "Mickey" Cuda, sister of Cassy Fullwood.
- Mary Canning.
- Gifts in memory of Patti Chambers were given by Douglas Vanoort, the Robert Mills family, and the Wright family.
- A gift in memory of Dorothy Getty was made by David & Sharon Esposito.



CHURCH STAFF

The Rev. Chris Weichman, Pastor
 Director of Youth & Family Ministry, Aaron
 Christy
 Church Organist, Dr. Jane Karski
 Director of Choirs, Kathryn Bressler-Mansell

Church Treasurer, Dennis Richards
 Substitute Treasurer, Sharon Esposito
 Church Secretary, Kathy Barkley
 Nursery Care Provider, Anna Moore
 Church Custodian, Charles Antonelli

THE SESSION

Rev. Chris Weichman, Moderator
 Gail Keffer, Clerk of Session

2016
 Clarence Jenkins
 John Karmecy
 Gail Keffer
 Janice McConnell

2015
 Sharon Esposito
 John Meyers
 Tom Rapp
 Jim Reese
 Bob Sholler

2014
 Debbie Book
 Beth DeVivo
 Margie Kerr
 Seth Plyler

THE BOARD OF DEACONS

2016
 Nancy Book
 Jackie Bush
 Gene DeCaprio
 Brenda Matas
 Eleanor McConahy
 Anna Moore

2015
 Evelyn Genkinger
 Jen Hardisky
 Sarah Plyler
 John Purdy
 Margie Tinstman

2014
 Amy Ball
 Beth Held
 Cheryl Pilch
 Rita Plyler
 Bob Turner

December Helpers

Hospital Visitation:

5 Lois Henneman, Clarence Jenkins
 12 Margie Kerr, Tom Mansell
 19 Joe Lamb, Beth DeVivo
 26 Sharon Esposito, Debbie Book

Deacons of the Month:

Evelyn Genkinger, Bob Turner

Van Driver:

If you need a ride to worship, please call the office by Friday of each week: (724) 654-6657

January 2014

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--|------------------------------|--|------------------------------|---|----------------------------|---|
| | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| | | | NEW YEAR'S DAY | 6PM Hand-bells 7PM Choir | | |
| 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| TBA - KFC + FlipSide Bowling | 5:45PM BBBS, Fellowship Hall | 9:30AM Prime Timers, Fellowship Hall 7PM Building & Grounds, Parlor 7PM Deacons, Library | 6PM Worship & Music, Library | 6PM Christian Ed., Library 6PM Hand-bells 7PM Choir | 9:30AM Bible Study, Parlor | 8:30AM-1:30PM LeaderFEST, Westminster College |
| 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| | <i>Messenger</i> Deadline | 9:30AM Prime Timers, Fellowship Hall 6PM Mission & Evangelism, Conf. Room 7PM Stewardship & Finance, Library | 6:30PM Fusion, NC YMCA | 6PM Hand-bells 7PM Choir | 9:30AM Bible Study, Parlor | |
| 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| 8:30AM Fellowship Breakfast & BP Screening 11:30AM Health Ministry Team, Library 4-5:30PM KFC + FlipSide | 5:45PM BBBS, Fellowship Hall | 9:15AM BP Screening, Fellowship Hall 9:30AM Prime Timers, Fellowship Hall 7PM Session, Parlor | | 6PM Hand-bells 7PM Choir | 9:30AM Bible Study, Parlor | |
| 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | |
| 11:30AM Annual Congregational Meeting | | 9:30AM Prime Timers, Fellowship Hall | | 6PM Hand-bells 7PM Choir | 9:30AM Bible Study, Parlor | |

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Congregational Meeting



Mark your calendars! The annual Congregational Meeting will be held **January 26, 2014**, immediately following the worship service.

Your vote is important! Please make every effort to attend this brief but necessary meeting.