

The Messenger

MARCH 2014

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From the Pastor's Desk: Joyful Repentance

The season of Lent prepares us for the splendor of Easter, the power of the resurrection and new life. We begin on Ash Wednesday by turning our attention to the stark realities of our human existence. This is a season of repentance and preparation. Repentance is rightfully associated with Lent. To repent is to turn away old sinful ways to a new way of life and living. But we think of repentance with the same joy as doing our taxes: "I better do it or I will be in trouble."

We have become so accustomed to thinking of repentance as an

unpleasant, obligatory rejection of the sin we "enjoy" that we have lost sight of repentance as a fundamentally joyous, restorative return to life in its fullness. To repent is to awaken from the sleep of ignorance, to rediscover our soul, to gain the meaning and purpose of our lives. It is the response to the One who *"demonstrates His love toward us, that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."* (Romans 5:8)

The gospel speaks of communion and love, the love that is true and costly. By allowing ourselves to be challenged by this



love, by courageously facing our imperfection and our weakness, we allow genuine healing to take place and new life to awaken within us.

Sin is the measure of our estrangement from God, but our awareness of our sin can be the occasion for our return to Him. This is the joyful and hopeful good news of the church. We can be healed. We can be saved. In the crucified and death-defeating body of Christ, fear gives way to love.

Pastor Chris

MARCH SERMONS & WORSHIP:

- **March 2**
Matthew 17:1-9
- **March 5**
Ash Wednesday
Dinner: 6PM
Worship: 7PM
- **March 9**
2 Corinthians 7:9-10
- **March 16**
Guest Preacher:
Aaron Christy
- **March 23**
John 4:5-42
- **March 30**
John 9:1-42



Clen-Moore is once again offering **Easter Lilies** for purchase

during the Lenten season.

The deadline to place an order is Monday, March 31. The cost is \$8.75 per plant; pay-

ment is due with your order.

Order forms will be printed in the March bulletins, or you may call the church office.

Mission Memo

The fast-growing Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus (EECMY) is a long-time partner of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). In the 1960s, American Presbyterians helped EECMY to start the Bethel Evangelical Secondary School (BESS). It is located in Dembi Dollo in the Didessa Valley, which is considered the “bread basket” of Ethiopia, with fertile soil and consistent rains. Local infrastructure, however, is not good: roads are often impassable during the rainy season and phone and electric systems are unreliable.

BESS is a boarding school that provides a high-quality education for the youth of the remote region it serves. The premier education which BESS provides has been the key factor enabling many of its graduates to become leaders in the Ethiopian Church and society. Gidada Bible School is in the process of moving to a diploma institution and is eager for P.C. (U.S.A.)’s accompaniment in that venture.

Ethiopia is the second most populous country in Africa. It has been an independent country since ancient times and, unlike other African

countries, it maintained its freedom from colonial rule except for a brief period of Italian occupation from 1936 to 1941. Its monarchy was overthrown in 1974 and the country is now a democratic republic. More than half of the population is Christian and a third is Muslim. While Ethiopia has struggled with severe poverty and hunger issues, it currently boasts one of the fastest-growing economies on the African continent.

Stephen & Brenda Stelle say they’ve spent their life together seeking to be faithful servants in God’s mission to the world. Brenda will teach English at BESS, and Stephen will work with the EECMY as a mentor/trainer of pastors. Because of the rapid growth of the EECMY, the church has a tremendous need for well-trained clergy.

Prior to entering mission service (July 2013), Brenda taught regularly as a substitute high school English teacher in the Sharpsville and Hermitage school districts. Stephen was pastor of Faith Presbyterian Church in Hermitage for 15 years, in addition to serving two rural Ohio churches.

February Mission Disbursements

\$3,000 - New Castle Christian Academy

\$500 - Big Brothers, Big Sisters

\$500 - Jameson Chaplaincy Fund

\$500 - Meals on Wheels

**The February Messenger incorrectly listed the January mission disbursement to the Dominican Republic partnership as \$500; the correct amount was \$5,000.*



Many thanks to all those folks who said “Yes” any time I asked them for a salad, dessert or to work a funeral luncheon. Cannot begin to tell you how much I appreciated all your help.

Joan L. Warren

YOUTH



K.F.C. & FlipSide

Sunday, March 2-

Snow Tubing Make Up Day at Avalanche Express in Meadville. Meet at the Church at 1:30 PM and return by 7:00 PM. Bring spending money for food. Dress warmly!!

**MUST have a signed waiver to snow tube. Go online to AvalancheExpress.com to download, print, and sign the standard release form. (Link at bottom of home page)*



Sunday, March 16:

This is the day for our specially planned team visits.

FUSION

Due to prior commitments, Aaron will not attend FUSION this month. However, *you* may attend on your own! Meetings are on Wednesdays, March 5th & 19th, from 6:30 - 8 PM at the New Castle YMCA.

C.2G.S.

After finishing our study on the 10 Commandments and the Apostles and Nicene Creeds, we apply these to our lives as Christian teens, comparing what we have learned against what the views of the world are from popular culture, media, politics, etc.

STUDENT CONFIRMATION GROUP

We will meet on dates set by the group for the classroom segment of the program.

SUMMER CAMPS

There is scholarship money available for students to attend a summer Christian camp. If you are interested in a scholarship or if your child wants to attend a camp but you need more information on what is out there, please contact Aaron Christy: dymclemmoore@gmail.com.

Financial Snapshot *Year-to-Date January 2014*

	<i>Beginning Balance</i>	<i>Receipts</i>	<i>Disbursements</i>	<i>Ending Balance</i>
General Fund	\$25,000	\$23,898	\$34,692	\$14,206
Gen. Missions Fund	\$19,162	\$3,613	\$7,600	\$15,175
TOTAL	\$44,162	\$27,511	\$42,292	\$29,381

Health Ministry

March is a great time to reflect on healthy food choices and holistic eating. Eating nourishes our bodies, minds and spirit. As Christians, we are encouraged to place our eating and drinking within the context of our faith (Romans 14:23). May the Lord richly bless all of your health choices, especially your choice of healthy foods!

Dates to remember:

March 16 - Church fellowship breakfast & BP screening at 8:30AM

March 16 - Health Ministry Team meeting in the Library at 11:30AM.

March 18 - PrimeTimers



meeting and BP screening at 9:15AM. Coming soon to Clen-Moore: a spring health fair! Keep an eye out for more information.

March is National Nutrition Month! Nourish your mind with the word puzzle below.

Find the hidden words in the puzzle:

BEVERAGES

FAT

NUTRITION

BODY

FOOD

PROTEIN

CALORIES

HEALTH

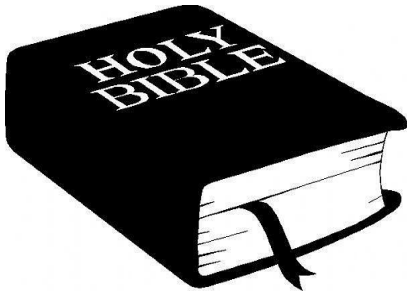
SODIUM

CHOLESTEROL

INFORMATION

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Daily Bible Readings



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| 1. Numbers 8, 9; <i>Acts 21:17-23:11</i> | 3:35 | 14:53-15:32 |
| 2. Num. 10-12; <i>Acts 23:12-35</i> | 11. Num. 30, 31; <i>Mark 4:1-34</i> | 25. Dt. 23:15-25:19; <i>Mark 15:33-16:20</i> |
| 3. Num. 13, 14; <i>Acts 24</i> | 12. Num. 32, 33; <i>Mark 4:35-5:20</i> | 26. Dt. 26:1-28:14; <i>Galatians 1</i> |
| 4. Num. 15, 16; <i>Acts 25:1-22</i> | 13. Num. 34-36; <i>Mark 5:21-43</i> | 27. Dt. 28:15-29:29; <i>Gal. 2</i> |
| 5. Num. 17-19; <i>Acts 25:23-26</i> | 14. Deuteronomy 1, 2; <i>Mark 6:1-29</i> | 28. Dt. 30:1-31:29; <i>Gal. 3, 4</i> |
| 6. Num. 20, 21; <i>Acts 27</i> | 15. Dt. 3:1-4:43; <i>Mark 6:30-56</i> | 29. Dt. 31:30-34:12 |
| 7. Num. 22, 23; <i>Acts 28</i> | 16. Dt. 4:44-6:25; <i>Mark 7</i> | 30. Joshua 1, 2; <i>Gal. 5, 6</i> |
| 8. Num. 24, 25; <i>Mark 1</i> | 17. Dt. 7-9; <i>Mark 8:1-30</i> | 31. Jos. 3:1-5:12; <i>1 Thessalonians 1:1-2:16</i> |
| 9. Num. 26, 27; <i>Mark 2:1-22</i> | 18. Dt. 10, 11; <i>Mark 8:31-9:50</i> | |
| 10. Num. 28, 29; <i>Mark 2:23-</i> | 19. Dt. 12, 13; <i>Mark 10</i> | |
| | 20. Dt. 14, 15; <i>Mark 11</i> | |
| | 21. Dt. 16, 17; <i>Mark 12</i> | |
| | 22. Dt. 18, 19; <i>Mark 13</i> | |
| | 23. Dt. 20, 21; <i>Mark 14:1-52</i> | |
| | 24. Dt. 22-1-23:14; <i>Mark</i> | |

In Memoriam

- Dickson Mitchell (brother of Jackie Bush)
- Ruth McGee
- A gift in memory of Mary Canning was given by the Irvine Bible Class.
- A gift in memory of Harvey & Eila Bush and Edward Bush was given by Patricia Tippie.
- Gifts in memory of Ruth McGee were given by Tim Durham, Jeff Poling, Thomas Neiderloh, Andy Bearden and Tony Lowe.



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

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 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

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2016
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 Brenda Matas
 Eleanor McConahy
 Anna Moore

2015
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 John Purdy
 Margie Tinstman

2014
 Amy Ball
 Beth Held
 Cheryl Pilch
 Rita Plyler
 Bob Turner

Messenger Memo

The deadline to submit
 articles for the April
 2014 *Messenger* is Mon-
 day, March 10.

Sign up to receive *The
 Messenger* via email: go
 to ClenMoore.org/ Newsletter.



March Helpers

Hospital Visitation:

2 John Karmecy, Gail Keffer
 9 Seth Plyler, Sharon Esposito
 16 Debbie Book, Tom Rapp
 23 Bob Sholler, John Meyers
 30 Jim Reese, Beth DeVivo

Deacons of the Month:

Evelyn Genkinger, Bob Turner

Van Driver:

David Esposito
 (724) 654-7395

March 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1:30 - 7PM KFC & FlipSide Snow Tubing, Avalanche Express	6PM BBBS, Ellhurst Roller Skating	9:30AM Prime Timers, Parlor 7PM Building & Grounds, Parlor 7PM Deacons, Library	ASH WEDNESDAY 6PM Supper, Fellowship Hall 7PM Community Worship, Sanctuary	6PM Christian Ed., Library 6PM Handbells 7PM Choir	6:30PM Christian Fellowship Class Game Night, Parlor	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	<i>Messenger</i> Deadline	9:30AM Prime Timers, Parlor 6PM Mission & Evangelism, Conf. Room 7PM Stewardship & Finance, Library	6PM Worship & Music, Library	6PM Handbells 7PM Choir		
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
8:30AM Fellowship Breakfast & BP Screening 4PM KFC/FlipSide	5:45PM BBBS, Fellowship Hall	9:15AM BP Screening, Parlor 9:30AM Prime Timers, Parlor	5:30PM Healthy Eating Group, Youth Room 6:30-8PM Fusion, NC YMCA	6PM Handbells 7PM Choir	9:30AM Bible Study, Parlor	
23/30	24/31	25	26	27	28	29
/	/	9:30AM Prime Timers, Parlor 7PM Session, Parlor		6PM Handbells 7PM Choir	9:30AM Bible Study, Parlor	

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2014 Lenten Season

We will begin the season of Lent on **March 5** with a light supper at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall, to be followed by an Ash Wednesday service at 7:00PM in the sanctuary. The service will include singing, prayers, and brief message. As is our new tradition, we will be joined by our friends from First Presbyterian, Highland, Third,

Northminster and Shenango.

Rather than using ashes, you will have the opportunity to write on a card those things of which you wish to ask God's forgiveness and pin them to the cross as a symbol of repentance.

