

The Messenger

SEPTEMBER 2014

From the Pastor's Desk: Middle East Unrest

I want to share with you a letter I received from Rev. Haitham Jazwari from Kirkuk, Iraq. I had the pleasure of spending a great deal of time with Haitham on my two trips to Iraq.

"About 10:30 last night, someone knocked on our door. Being that it was so late, and because of the tenuous situation in my city, my wife and I wondered who would be knocking on our door at this hour. We were not expecting anyone. So, I was afraid to open the door and wondered if I should. I thought it might be a criminal or a militant with a gun. I didn't know what to

expect. I hesitated, but finally decided to open just a crack and ask who was out there. The person answered me, 'I am a Christian from the Mosul area; I am a refugee.' I didn't know if I should believe him, so I asked, 'How can I be sure you're telling the truth?' He said, 'Here is my ID card; see for yourself.' My wife was very frightened. She whispered to me to keep a distance from the stranger. I inched toward him warily. I saw his ID card. He was a refugee. He had three daughters; the oldest was not more than 5 years old. We talked



for a long while. I promised him that our church would not leave him alone.

"Please pray that we will be able to support them. The Lord has enabled us to help many displaced Iraqis, regardless of their religion or affiliation. Christ's commandment to us is not to support and help only our own; rather, his commandment is that we serve everyone in his name.

"Once again, we find ourselves faced with a new challenge. Let us

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Rally Day Picnic

Grab a plate and save the date! A picnic will be held at the NCCA shelter after church

on **Sunday, Sept. 7**, to honor Rally Day. Look for sign-up forms in the bulletin.

SEPTEMBER SERMONS & WORSHIP:

- **September 7**
Matthew 18:15-20
- **September 14**
Matthew 18:21-35
- **September 21**
Matthew 20:1-16
- **September 28**
Matthew 21:23-32

Men's Ministry: *By Men, For Men, With Men*

It's called Man Time. Here are a few details:

1. It's short. It starts at 6:00PM and ends by 7:30. (Steelers schedule has been considered!)
2. We meet 7 times from September through December.
3. Discussion and video.
4. There's no singing.
5. Each session is its own lesson.
6. Men are given dilemmas and questions to wrestle with and problems to solve. The topics involve men being Christian men.
7. The sessions are highly visual and interactive. They get your blood pumping.

Opening Doors Update



The waste water issue that has been delaying construction has been resolved and we are now in the process of receiving permits from the city.

PC(USA) Update



Rev. Weichman and Elder Bob Sholler will be attending the Fellowship of Presbyterians/ECO meeting at the end of August to learn more about what is happening inside and outside the Presbyterian Church (USA).

Health Ministry



The Health Ministry Team will **meet on Sunday, September 21** in the church library following the worship service.

Blood pressure screenings will be offered at the Prime Timer's meeting on September 16 at 9:15AM in the fellowship hall. Screenings will also be done on Sunday, September 21 at the church breakfast at 8:30AM in the Fellowship Hall.

September's Health Concern: **PRESBYOPIA** - a defect of vision in advancing age involving loss of accommodation (visual) due to loss of elasticity of the crystalline

Coming Soon...

First Friday Family Fun Night is coming to Glen-Moore, starting the first Friday of next month, **October 3**. Enjoy games, activities, food, and fellowship with your church family on the first Friday of every month. Mark your calendars now!

If you would like to help with this event, please contact Amy Plyler or the Mission & Evangelism Committee.

lens. Onset occurs between 40-45 years of age.

SOLUTION: longer arms or corrective lenses.

Additional annoying alterations in visual acuity include the glare factor, decrease in peripheral vision, color perception changes, and slowed adjustment entering into dark from sunlight. But don't attribute all visual changes to the process of aging. Timely eye exams can prevent a treatable condition from progressing to a permanent disability. (Ex: glaucoma).

"We do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day." ~2 Corinthians 4:16



Fall Family Retreat @ Camp Lambec

The annual Clen-Moore retreat is just around the corner! We would *love* to have you join us for this weekend of **fellowship and fun!** All ages are encouraged to enjoy time with your Clen-Moore family.

Sept. 19-21
Camp Lambec, North Springfield, PA

PRAISE! WORSHIP! PEGGY GRAY'S CANDY STORE! GAMES!
CAMPFIRE! CLEN-MOORE FAMILY!

We will depart from church at 6pm Friday and return Sunday afternoon. If you can go only for part of the weekend—it will still be a blessing!

If you have any questions, please contact Joan Rapp at (724) 654-8235.

Cost: Weekend: \$36/person
One night: \$26/person
Saturday only: \$3/meal, per person

*Reservations and payment must be remitted by **September 9**. Checks should be made payable to Clen-Moore.*

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Weekend Stay: \$36 x # _____ Persons = \$ _____

One-Night Stay: \$26 x # _____ Persons = \$ _____

Saturday Only: \$3 x # _____ Meals = \$ _____

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Christian Education

Clen-Moore is blessed with some very dynamic Sunday School teachers. If you are not already attending a class, please consider visiting one of the following Bible studies. Classes meet every Sunday morning at 9:30.

This year's teachers are:

PRE-SCHOOL

Becky Reese
Nancy Natale
Karen Oliphant
Barbara VanHorn

PRIMARY DEPT.

Margie Tinstman
Amy Allshouse
Jennifer Conrad

JUNIOR DEPT.

Debbie Caparoula
Cassy Fullwood

JUNIOR/SENIOR HIGH

Aaron Christy

Bob Turner
Michelle Turner

SEEKERS

Gail Keffer
Evelyn Genkinger

OPEN CLASS

Seth Plyler

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Rev. Chris Weichman

JONO

John Book
Lou Hill
Alix Lockart
Dave VanHorn

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Jim Reese

IRVINE CLASS

John Book
John Meyers
John Karmecy
Tom Rapp
Dave Book

Perfect Attendance Contest

The Perfect Attendance contest for children will start Sunday, September 7 through Sunday, November 23. A gift card will be awarded to each winner.



To Our Sunday School Teachers

There's a time and place that's special each week,

Where we're eager to learn of the Word that we seek.

The lessons are studied and Scripture is read

But let us go back a few days instead.

Your week is so busy and filled with "to-do's"

Like everyone else, not a minute to lose.

Your family, your business, work never ending

Your precious few moments you're ever still lending.

But you make the time to prepare for Sunday

When you know someone will listen to the words that you say.

So with God's special guidance, with prayer and with time,

You prepare for each Sunday, the Word we can find.

Thank you for giving us an hour each week

Knowing it is the Word of the Lord that we seek.

And today we are blessed and grow more each day

Because you dedicate your love to the Lord in this way.

We wouldn't have Sunday School if it weren't for you.

So today we say "thank you" for all that you do.

~Dania Hann-Lachapelle

YOUTH

FALL RETREAT

Clear your calendars - you won't want to miss this one! This Fall we will be off to Seneca Hills (near Franklin, PA) for a weekend retreat on October 3-5. This retreat will have cool activities like rock-wall climbing, paintball, zipline, high ropes course, team building and gym time, plus powerful worship and Bible studies, great cabins, food, and so much fun! Youth families will be contacted with prices and specific details. Contact Aaron Christy with any questions.

C.2G.S. (CONNECT, GROW, GO, SERVE)

The 7th -12th Grade Sunday School class will wrap up its study on Mother Teresa and her book, *Loving Jesus*. We have been reading parts of Matthew's Gospel and the Letter

of James alongside of *Loving Jesus*. Through this study we are learning what it means to be a Christian, namely giving our lives fully to Jesus Christ in service and love of others. Faith by itself is no faith at all if it does not come with actions of mercy and love towards others.

New this year! Once every 4-8 weeks we will gather on a weekend evening or afternoon for extended fellowship, Bible study, and prayer. This September, we will gather on Sunday the 14th for dinner and games at the Christy home. Time will be announced in Sunday School. This is for the 7th-12th Grade Sunday School Class only.

KFC/FLIPSIDE

Sunday, September 7
BACK TO SCHOOL KICK-OFF! We will gather at the



home of Jeff and Natalie Mendenhall from 4:00 -7:30 PM for a cookout, campfire, capture the flag, and other games. We will welcome our incoming 4th grade students and share in a Bible study and prayer. Pick up and drop off is at the Mendenhall's: 289 Lilac Hill Lane, Volant, PA. (Contact Aaron for additional directions and if you need a ride).

Sunday, September 21
4:00 - 6:00 PM at the church. On this night, we will have an outdoor dodgeball game (or if it rains we'll be in the NCCA gym). Also, we will discuss our Fall Retreat and prep our Visitation Teams again for another round of visits to be carried out this Fall.

lyfe Sunday School

lyfe Sunday Schools starts again **September 7**, next to the Coffee House.

The lyfe Sunday School Class emphasizes the re-formation of our hearts so that we are

able to respond appropriately to the challenges of life. Holiness is about living from a pure heart so that we can function well in a dysfunctional world. It's about becoming the person God wants me to be –

someone who routinely and easily does the right thing, in the right way, at the right time. It is attentiveness to the Holy Spirit and to the condition and motives of the heart.

Children & Youth Christmas Musical: Christmas In the Castle: A Good King Wenceslas Musical”

Ages: K-12th Grade (plus parts for the pre-K class, to come later)

Sign-ups, practice, and tryouts for parts begins **Sunday, September 14 during the Children in Worship**. Then, just like last year, we will practice every Sunday during Children in Worship, up to the Sunday before the Musical. For those receiving speaking and singing parts, we will begin staying after church sometime in October, until about 1:00 PM, with

lunch provided. Then a full dress rehearsal the Saturday before the musical. A schedule will be passed out at the first practice.

Clen-Moore student musicals are done to give our young people an opportunity to lead in worship through the sharing of their gifts of song, voice, and stage. Although there is a performance level to the musical, we focus on the activity of the Holy Spirit working through us to lead the congre-

gation in the worship of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

A high level of commitment to all practices and rehearsals must be made for those wanting to be part of this musical.

If you are a parent or Church member and you are interested in helping, please see the Musical Director, Michalee Christy.

The musical will take place as part of the worship service on **Sunday, December 7.**

Messenger Memo

The deadline to submit articles for the October *Messenger* is Monday, September 8.

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

New Arrival



A son, Halen Samuel Plyler, was born to Sam and Courtney

Plyler on August 3, 2014.

Grandparents are Steve & Amy Plyler.

In Memoriam

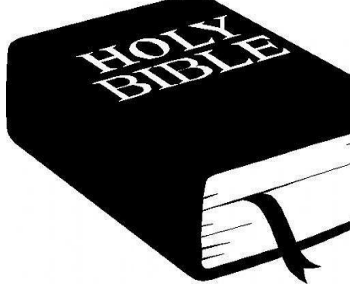
- Darlene Ann Warso, mother of Joseph Melichar.



Financial Snapshot *Year-to-Date July 2013*

	<i>Beginning Balance</i>	<i>Receipts</i>	<i>Disbursements</i>	<i>Ending Balance</i>
General Fund	\$25,000	\$167,096	\$198,252	(\$6,155)
Gen. Missions Fund	\$19,162	\$25,581	\$31,497	\$13,245
TOTAL	\$44,162	\$192,678	\$229,750	\$7,090

Daily Bible Readings

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| 1. Isaiah 46, 47; <i>Hebrews 11</i> | 14. 2 Peter 1-3; Ps. 101, 110 |  |
| 2. Isa. 48, 49; <i>Heb. 12</i> | 15. Zephaniah 1-3; Ps. 102 | |
| 3. Isa. 50:1-51:16; <i>Heb. 13</i> | 16. 2 Chron. 34; 2 Kings 22; Ps. 109 | |
| 4. Isa. 51:17-52:12; <i>James 1</i> | 17. 2 Kings 23:1-23; Ps. 103, 108; Prov. 28:1-19 | |
| 5. Isa. 52:13-53:12; Prov. 24:23-25:15; <i>James 2</i> | 18. 2 Chron. 35:1-19; Ps. 104, 107 | |
| 6. Isa. 54, 55; Prov. 25:16-28; <i>James 3</i> | 19. Ps. 105, 106; 2 Kings 23:24-30; 2 Chron. 35:20-27 | |
| 7. Isa. 56, 57; Prov. 25:16-28; <i>James 4</i> | 20. Habakkuk 1-3; Ps. 77 | |
| 8. Isa. 58, 59; Prov. 26:12-28; <i>James 5</i> | 21. Jeremiah 1:1-4:4 | |
| 9. Isa. 60, 61; Prov. 27:1-10; <i>1 Peter 1</i> | 22. Jer. 4:5-7:15 | |
| 10. Isa. 62-64; <i>1 Pet. 2</i> | 23. 2 Kings 23:31-24:7; 2 Chron. 36:1-8; Jer. 26, 7:16-8:3; Prov. 28:20-28 | |
| 11. Isa. 65, 66; <i>1 Pet. 3</i> | 24. Jer. 8:4-10:25; Prov. 29:1-9 | |
| 12. 2 Kings 21; 2 Chron. 33; <i>1 Pet. 4</i> | | |
| 13. Nahum 1-3; Prov. 27:11-27; <i>1 Pet. 5</i> | | |
| | 25. Jer. 11, 12; John 1 | |
| | 26. Jer. 13, 14; John 2 | |
| | 27. Jer. 15, 16; John 3 | |
| | 28. Jer. 17, 18; John 4 | |
| | 29. Jer. 19, 20; John 5 | |
| | 30. Jer. 25, 46, 47; John 6:1-15 | |

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join hands and help those who have come our way."

Psalm 107:4-9 records the words of those who are in exile, "Some wandered in desert wastelands, finding no way to a city where they could settle.

They were hungry and thirsty, and their lives ebbed away. Then they cried out to the LORD in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress. He led them by a straight way to a city where they could settle. Let them give thanks to the LORD for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for

mankind, for he satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things."

Let us remember in prayer those who are fleeing for their lives and those who will minister to them.

Pastor Chris

CHURCH STAFF

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Director of Youth & Family Ministry, Aaron
Christy

Church Organist, Dr. Jane Karski

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Church Secretary, Kathy Barkley

Nursery Care Provider, Christina Plyler

THE SESSION

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Gail Keffer, Clerk of Session

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Gail Keffer

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Seth Plyler

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Jen Hardisky

Sarah Plyler

John Purdy

Margie Tinstman

2014

Amy Ball

Beth Held

Cheryl Pilch

Rita Plyler

Bob Turner

September Helpers

Hospital Visitation:

7 John Karmecy, Gail Keffer

14 Seth Plyler, Sharon Esposito

21 Debbie Book, Tom Rapp

28 Bob Sholler and John Meyers

Deacons of the Month:

Cheryl Pilch, Sarah Plyler

Van Driver:

David VanHorn

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September 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	LABOR DAY	9:30AM Prime Timers, Fellowship Hall 7PM Building & Grounds, Parlor 7PM Deacons, Library	5:30PM Healthy Lifestyle Group, Parlor	6PM Christian Ed., Library 6PM Handbells 7PM Choir	10:30AM Bible Study, Library	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
RALLY DAY 11:30AM Church Picnic, NCCA Picnic Shelter KFC & FlipSide at Mendenhall Home	<i>Messenger</i> Deadline	9:30AM Prime Timers, Fellowship Hall 6PM Mission & Evangelism, Conf. Room 7PM Stewardship & Finance, Library	6PM Worship & Music, Library	6PM Handbells 7PM Choir	10:30AM Bible Study, Library	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
11:00AM Children's Musical Practice Begins C2GS at Christy Home 6PM Men's Ministry, Parlor	5:45PM BBBS, Fellowship Hall	9:15AM BP Screening, Fellowship Hall 9:30AM Prime Timers, Fellowship Hall 7PM Session, Parlor	5:30PM Healthy Lifestyle Group, Parlor	6PM Handbells 7PM Choir	LAMBEC RETREAT 10:30AM Bible Study, Library	LAMBEC RETREAT
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
LAMBEC RETREAT 8:30AM Fellowship Breakfast & BP Screening 11:30AM Health Ministry Team, Library 4-6PM KFC & FlipSide at Church		9:30AM Prime Timers, Fellowship Hall	5:30PM Healthy Lifestyle Group	6PM Handbells 7PM Choir	10:30AM Bible Study, Library	
28	29	30				
9:30AM New Member Class, Library 6PM Men's Ministry, Parlor		9:30AM Prime Timers, Fellowship Hall				

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New Members Classes

Have you been attending Clen-Moore for a while? 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 **September 28, October 5,**

and October 19 at 9:30AM in the Library.

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

HELLO

I'm new here.