

The Messenger

From the Pastor's Desk: Being A Friend in Christ

Our character is mainly shaped by the people with whom we socialize. Children are shaped in their early years by their family. As they grow, their circle of relationships widens to include friends and classmates. As adults, we are influenced by a wide array of people: those with whom we eat, play, and work. It is our primary social community that makes us what we are at the deepest level.

As followers of Jesus, the church should act as our primary - but not exclusive - social community. So the question is, "How does the church shape us? How should we be shaped differently than the world around us?"

The apostle Paul in his various letters to different churches deals with these questions. He deals with these questions in what I call the "one another"

passages. These verses give shape to the relationships Christians are to have with one another:

Honor one another
(Romans 12:10)

Accept one another just as Jesus accepted you
(Romans 15:7)

Bear with one another
(Colossians 3:12-13)

Forgive one another just as Jesus has forgiven you
(Ephesians 4:2,32)

Pray for and confess sins to one another
(James 5:16)

Encourage one another
(Hebrews 3:13)

Instruct and confront one another
(Romans 15:14 and Galatians 6:1-6)

Warn one another
(1 Thessalonians 5:14)



In the Gospel of John, Jesus says, "I no longer call you servants... Instead, I have called you friends."

As Christians, we are friends of Christ and friends to each other. Friends have certain expectations of each other. The list of "one another's" is a list of expectations for those who are friends of Jesus. I suggest that you read them at some point and reflect on your relationships with your family and friends to see where the Lord may be leading you to become a better friend.

In the fall, we will look at some of these passages and how they challenge us to be followers of Jesus and friends to one another.

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SEPTEMBER SERMONS & WORSHIP:

- **September 4**
Jeremiah 18:1-11
- **September 11**
2 Kings 2:23-25
- **September 18**
Philippians 1:3-11
- **September 25**
2 Corinthians 1:18-22

Health Ministry

DATES TO REMEMBER:

September 18, 2016 - Blood Pressure Screening at the Church Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall at 8:30 AM.

September 18, 2016 - Health Ministry Meeting in the library immediately after the worship service.

September 20, 2016 - Blood Pressure Screening at PrimeTimer's meeting in the Parlor at 9:00 AM.

Letting our children know we are thinking of them and praying for them as they head back to school through a Bible verse in their lunchboxes or at breakfast can remind them of God's loving care for them . Here are a few examples to strengthen them spiritually each day:

"Have I not commanded you to be strong and courageous? Do not be terrified, do not be discouraged, for the Lord, your God will be with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9.

"The Lord does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, while God looks at the heart." I Samuel 16:7.

"God has said, 'Never will I leave you or forsake you'". *Hebrews 13:5*

"Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, 'this is the way, walk in it'." Isaiah: 30:21

"The Lord appeared to us in the past, saying 'I have loved you with an everlasting love, I have drawn you with loving kindness'." Jeremiah 31:3.



"I can do all things through Christ Who strengthens me". *Philippians 4:13.*

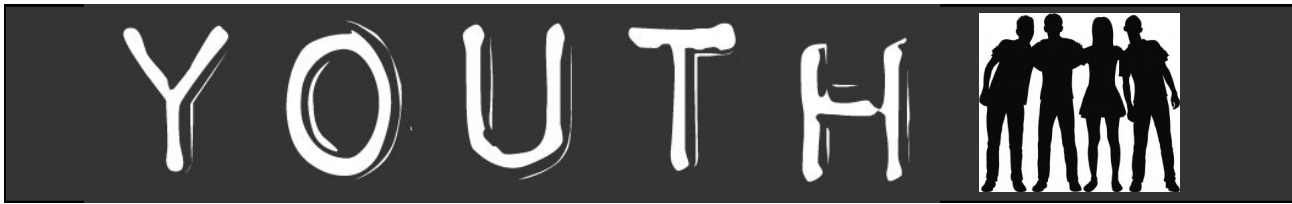
Remember also to include all those who come into contact with your child at school in your prayers - teachers, coaches, principals, nurses, counsellors, etc. - to be caring and understanding in helping our children at school.

(Taken from an article in The Faith Community Nursing Newsletter, August, 2016).

In Memoriam

- Beverly Jean Nicolls, August 3, 2016.
- Robert Symons (father of Natalie Mendenhall).
- Gifts in memory of Ruby F. Ballangee Gray were given by Lynn Michaels, Kim Vealey and Tracy Cogar; and by Karen Gray.
- Gifts in memory of Bev Nicolls were given by Glenn & Yvonne Klingensmith, Gail Keffer, and James & Gayle Ridge.
- A gift to the Youth Ministry in honor of Nancy and Paul Wozniak's 50th wedding anniversary was given by Sandra Woodward, Paula Tomsick, and William Ungar.





C.2G.S. (Connect, Grow, Go, Serve) - In Jr./Sr. High Sunday School, we will welcome our new 7th grade students and begin a long, arduous, but important journey through the book of Revelation and various other Biblical passages that speak to "The End Times" and the return of Christ the Lord. This journey is one that the students have asked to take and so we will begin with the first step in September, studying Old Testament prophecy,

apocalyptic language, eschatology, and so on. We will compare various views and find out where we stand within the reformed tradition.

K.F.C. & FlipSide

Sunday, September 11th - "Youth Kick Off Event" at the Mendenhall's home (289 Lilac Hill Ln., Volant) from 4:30 - 7:30 PM. We will welcome in our new KFC members, play some fun games like capture the flag, have a cookout and s'mores, and encourage one

another through God's Word. Friends are welcome.

Sunday, September 18th - "Take Me to the Zoo." This event is still in the making, and will require a great bit of help from leaders and the FlipSide students. The goal is to have an adult and a FlipSide student or two mentor a student in 1st-6th grade at the zoo. Details to come through announcements, emails, and probably a meeting.

Children & Youth Christmas Musical

Yes, that's right - *Christmas* musical! We will begin Christmas musical practice on Sunday September 11th, during the Children in Worship time and in that space. If you are a student going into K-12, you are welcome to come and participate.

There will be speaking parts available for those who want them. There will be solo parts available for those going into 3rd grade and above. Of course you can also just be a part of the cast and not have

any speaking or solo parts.

We will announce the musical title during practice and go over things then. If you want a lead, then you will need to be able to make a commitment to being at practices and rehearsals.

A schedule will be given at the first practice. After church practices for those with leads will begin on Sundays in October until 1:00 PM and go through November, with lunch or a snack being served.

The date of the musical, which is during worship, is **Sunday, December 4th**. We hope to see you at the first practice as parts will be given out by the second practice.

Come and share the good news about what God has done through Jesus Christ His Son through your gifts of music and stage. If you have any questions, please contact Michalee or Aaron Christy.

The Incarnation

Three Options to Reach the Unchurched

The Incarnation is God the Son, the Second Person of the Trinity, becoming flesh. What a deep and wonderful mystery!

It was in the fifth century, at a large council in the Greek city of Chalcedon, that the Incarnation was most fully explained (as well as humans can explain such a deep mystery): Our Lord Jesus Christ... truly God and truly

man...in two natures, without confusion...without division, without separation; the distinction of natures being in no way annulled by the union. Or, in words we are more likely to hear today, "As much human as if he were not God, and as much God as if he were not human." In the Incarnation is seen the nature of God, and the Christian faith rests on the foundation of the Incarnation.

Following Jesus in his mission to the world requires an imitation, even if in small ways, of his "enfleshment." And that means more than inviting people to church events.

Here's one way to look at it: Imagine a canyon. On one side of the canyon sits a church. On the other side lives a large number of people who are far from the church and far from God. The people of the church have at least three options:

1. Do Nothing

This first option is succinctly represented in statements such as, "If those people want to come, they know where we are." This is essentially the theme of option #1. Sadly, most churches seem to prefer this first option.

2. Build A Bridge

A second option is to build a bridge across the chasm, walk across that bridge, perform acts of kindness and get to know

the people on the other side, then invite them back across the bridge to the church. Some people will accept the invitation to cross that bridge to the church. The number of people willing to do so, however, is declining. Furthermore, this model extracts people from their context, essentially cutting them off from their networks of relationships with people far from God.

3. Dwell

There is at least one more option—an even better option. It is to build a bridge, walk across to the other side, serve the people in meaningful ways, and prayerfully wonder what church might look like among these particular people. Subsequently, it moves to starting new forms (fresh expressions) of church among the people there—churches that spring up naturally, contextually, within that setting and among those particular people.

More and more churches are finding this to be their calling—to incarnate the gospel through new forms, fresh expressions, of church. This is a more incarnational approach. In *The Message*, Eugene Peterson puts John 1:14 this way: "The Word became flesh and blood, and moved into the neighborhood."

Baptism



Isaac Robert Turner, son of Robert and Michelle Turner, was baptized on August 7, 2016.

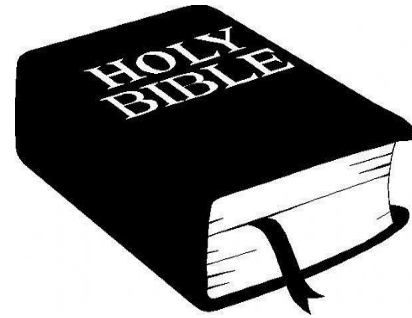
Thank you

Dianne DeEulio would like to thank **Caring Friends** for the kindness shown

to her during her knee replacement.

Daily Bible Readings

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



For the second year in a row, Clen-Moore hosted a community yard sale on August 13, 2016. This year's Breakfast & Treasures included a free breakfast for all in attendance. Many thanks to everyone who worked, donated, cooked and came out to support the cause!

CHURCH STAFF

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 Margy Turner

2017

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 Tom Mansell
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2016

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 Gail Keffer
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 Nancy Natale

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Messenger Memo

The deadline to submit articles for the October *Messenger* is Monday, September 12.

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



September Helpers

Hospital Visitation Elders

4 Margy Turner, Debbie Book

11 Jen Conrad, Tom Mansell

18 Seth Plyler, Clarence Jenkins

25 John Karmecy, Gail Keffer

Deacons of the Month

Sarah Esposito, Eleanor McConahy

Sunday Driver

David VanHorn (724) 652-7993

September 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
				6PM Christian Ed., Library		
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
10:30AM Worship	LABOR DAY <i>Church Office Closed</i>	9:30AM Prime Timers, Parlor 7PM Buildings & Grounds, Parlor		6PM Handbell Rehearsal 7PM Choir Rehearsal		
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
10:30AM Worship 10:45AM Christmas Musical Practice Begins 11:45AM Deacons, Library 4:30-7:30PM Youth Kick-Off Event, Mendenhalls	<i>Messenger</i> Deadline	9:30AM Prime Timers, Parlor 6PM Mission & Evangelism, Conf. Room 7PM Stewardship & Finance, Library	5PM Worship & Music, Library	7PM Choir Rehearsal		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
8:30AM Fellowship Breakfast & BP Screening 10:30AM Worship 11:45AM Health Ministry, Library	5:45PM BBBS	9AM BP Screening, Chapel 9:30AM Prime Timers, Parlor 7PM Session, Parlor		6PM Handbell Rehearsal 7PM Choir Rehearsal		6:00PM Worship 24
25	26	27	28	29	30	
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Worship 24

We are excited to bring to you
Worship 24!

Starting September 24th,
Clen-Moore will be offering a
worship service the second
and fourth Saturday evenings
each month start-
ing at 6:00PM.

This worship ser-
vice will be casual, open, and re-

laxed; a worship service where
you can feel comfortable in-
viting your friends and neigh-
bors to join you.

You will hear more about
Worship 24 in the coming

weeks, so be sure
to pay attention
to the bulletins,
the website and
social media.

