



**Christ**  
The Way, the Truth,  
and the Life.  
**July/August 2023**

Dear Church Family,

It feels strange to write in our newsletter for the first time without Pastor Aaron. I never liked the cliché “all good things must come to an end”, but instead believe that few things in life are permanent, including pastoral tenures. We will miss the Christy family, and we should pray that God would continue to minister to them and through them in their new home. My hope is that over the summer we will take some time to recognize losses for what they are and come to a place of closure, as we prepare for a new chapter in our church life together.

As the prophet says in **Isaiah 43:19**, he reminds us “*See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.*” Sometimes a moment that seems empty or scarce is actually the fertile ground in which God is planting new seeds.

There are many considerations that our elders will need to discern as we move forward, such as possible staffing needs and finances, among many others. I imagine some things will take us longer that we hope they will, but as we make this transition, please pray for the elders and other leadership of the church that we might make wise, Spirit-led decisions that are perceptive of the new things sprouting up in our midst.

I also thank you in advance for your patience as I re-learn what it means to lead as a solo pastor, after having functioned in a shared co-pastoral role for the last five years.

In that same vein, I want to share some things that might help us move through this transitional period in our church. One is to note that typically, my day off will be Friday instead of Monday. It could change, but as I seek new patterns of life and work, this is my plan. One thing I have realized, often the hard way, is that when I do not observe proper sabbath, I am not at my best — mentally, physically, or spiritually. I am working hard to make Fridays a fruitful day of rest and personal worship, and I hope you will help me keep that boundary. You will frequently find me in the church on Tuesdays and Thursdays when the church office is open, so the best way to ensure my presence for you is to call, text or email to get on my schedule.

This transition gives us an opportunity to start from a clean slate. Though Aaron and I have tried our best to be faithful to God and our call to serve as shepherds of the Clen-Moore flock, we are not perfect. I invite you to share constructive feedback with the elders and me. It will help this new chapter of ministry to be more fruitful and faithful to our work as a church. Aaron’s departure has already caused me to look in the mirror and ask the Lord where I need to grow and mature in my own leadership, and it’s a journey we should all take together.

Last but not least, the key word is TOGETHER. The church isn’t a building, but rather the people who gather in the building. Similarly, the life and faith of a church does not (or should not) rest solely on the shoulders of the pastor. I try to set a high example to emulate, to be well read so I am an adequate teacher of scripture, and a person of prayer and deep faith as a leader. But it takes the entire body of Christ to be the church, and so this is a reminder that we may all be called to greater responsibility to participate in the life of our church. We have a strong family of faith at Clen-Moore, and I believe our current circumstances will make us stronger if we draw closer together.

It has been a privilege to be your pastor for the last five years, and though some of my role, function, and title will be shifting, I am excited and eager to serve for many more years to come.

To God be the glory,  
-Michael

*thank you*

My family and I want to say thank you from the bottom of our hearts for the wonderful celebration that you provided for us on our last Sunday here at Clen-Moore Church. We were overwhelmed by your generosity and love. Thank you for the hugs, handshakes, food, cards, gifts, prayers, tears, and the well wishes. Most especially thank you for your fellowship that we have together only in Christ Jesus and to Him be glory and thanksgiving forever and ever. Now from Numbers 6:24-26, “The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.” -*The Christy's*

### **Christmas in July! Mission project for 5 Star Global Ministry**

Last year we collected over 600 shelf stable proteins to provide a Christmas meal for the families that 5 Star serves in Haiti. This year we will collect hygiene products that will be given to families, as well as some canned foods that will be used for the Christmas meal at the party. Soon you will find a Christmas tree in the sanctuary covered in “tags” that have items we’re seeking to collect on them (including the quantity.) Take one (or more) tags and commit to bringing those items back by the end of July so they can be packaged and shipped in early August. Autumn Marshall has instructed us to buy generic items, because generic items in the US are like brand name products in Haiti.

For the hygiene packs we will need 200 of the following items. Each of these items is close to \$5US or more in Haiti right now and all can be gotten for \$1-\$1.50 at dollar tree, dollar general, Ollies or Walmart if you get off brands: baby powder (regular size), toothpaste (regular size tube), deodorant, bar soap, lotion.

For the Christmas meal we’ll need 20 cans of SPAM, 10 cans of peas, 10 cans of carrots, 10 cans of corn, and 6 large powder drink cool aid mix. Please take the tags to help us track what has been claimed and what is needed or contact the church office to find out what items are yet to be claimed. We will place the collected items under the tree through July. Thank you again for your continued support of this mission!

-The Ministry and Mission Team

**THE DEADLINE FOR SEPTEMBER IS AUGUST 18th.**

# DAILY BIBLE READINGS

## JULY 2023

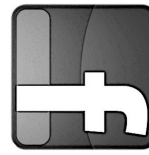
- 1 | Corinthians 12.1-31
- 2 | Corinthians 13.1-13
- 3 | Corinthians 14.1-40
- 4 | Corinthians 15.1-34
- 5 | Corinthians 15.35-58
- 6 | Corinthians 16.1-24
- 7 | Leviticus 8.1-36
- 8 | Leviticus 9.1-24
- 9 | Leviticus 10.1-20
- 10 | Leviticus 11.1-38
- 11 | Leviticus 11.39 - 12.8
- 12 | Leviticus 14.1-32
- 13 | Leviticus 14.33-56
- 14 | Leviticus 15.1-33
- 15 | Leviticus 16.1-34
- 16 | Isaiah 25.1-12
- 17 | Isaiah 26.1-21
- 18 | Isaiah 27.1-12
- 19 | Isaiah 28.1-29
- 20 | Isaiah 29.1-24
- 21 | Isaiah 30.1-18
- 22 | Isaiah 30.19-33
- 23 | Isaiah 31.1-9
- 24 | Isaiah 32.1-20
- 25 | Isaiah 33.1-24
- 26 | Isaiah 34.1-17
- 27 | Isaiah 35.1-10
- 28 | Psalm 10
- 29 | Psalm 11
- 30 | Psalm 12
- 31 | Psalm 13



## AUGUST 2023

- 1 Acts 11.1-30
- 2 Acts 12.1-25
- 3 Acts 13.1-12
- 4 Acts 13.13-52
- 5 Acts 14.1-28
- 6 Acts 15.1-35
- 7 Leviticus 17.1-16
- 8 Leviticus 18.1-30
- 9 Leviticus 19.1-37
- 10 Leviticus 20.1-27
- 11 Galatians 1.1-24
- 12 Galatians 2.1-21
- 13 Galatians 3.1-29
- 14 Galatians 4.1-31
- 15 Galatians 5.1-26
- 16 Galatians 6.1-18
- 17 | Kings 15.33 - 16.34
- 18 | Kings 17.1-24
- 19 | Kings 18.1-15
- 20 | Kings 18.16-46
- 21 | Kings 19.1-21
- 22 | Kings 20.1-21
- 23 | Kings 20.22-43
- 24 | Kings 21.1-29
- 25 | Kings 22.1-28
- 26 | Kings 22.29-53
- 27 Psalm 49
- 28 Psalm 50
- 29 Psalm 51
- 30 Psalm 52

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### CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES




**Our Children Need YOU!**  
*"Train a child in the way he should go,  
 and when he is old, he will return from it."*  
 (Proverbs 22:6)


The Ministry and Mission Team are seeking volunteers for Children's Workshop. (KINDERGARTEN THROUGH 4th GRADE) It meets during the church services from September to June. A lesson plan is provided.

Many volunteers mean less weeks one would serve. Consider team teaching with your spouse or friend. Please pray and ask God if this is one of your talents. Our children are our future.

**Please call the church office at 724.654.6657  
 or use the tear-off in the church bulletin.**




### Health Ministry




"Add this to your summer bucket list: Spend more time by the water, whether it's the ocean, a lake, or the pond at your local park. It's good for your physical and mental health, research says. Being around blue spaces appears to have a positive impact on stress and anxiety — all factors involved in maintaining good heart health and overall wellness!" And while you're at it, remember to hydrate by drinking cool water throughout the day, also.  
 (Woman's Day, July, 2023)

*Scripture: "He who believes in Me, as the scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers in living water..." (John 7:38)*

Date to Remember: **July 23, 2023:** CPR and AED review class after church from 12:15-2:00pm. Cost will be \$10 each. Please register with the church office by **July 20th.** Class will be limited to 12 participants.



### 2023 Scholarship Recipients



Sam Ball is the recipient of the Sue DeVite Scholarship & Caden Richards is the recipient of the Harry & Thelma Banks Scholarship.




### Sunday, July 30th

Worship will be held at the Apple Castle with Shenango.



### Generous Gestures



Everything we have and everything we do is a result of some gift that God has placed in our hands. Do you recognize that on a daily basis? Do you realize it could all be taken away in the blink of an eye? Giving generously to the church is a direct way to show your gratitude to that very kind Giver of every good and perfect gift.

### Monthly Financial Snapshot

|                                  | May        | YTD         |
|----------------------------------|------------|-------------|
| Envelope, Loose, Rent            | \$ 20,577  | \$ 124,973  |
| Operating & Mission Expense      | \$ 30,211  | \$ 167,044  |
| Difference                       | \$ (9,634) | \$ (42,071) |
| Mission Support—Pine Valley Camp |            |             |