



The Clen-Moore Messenger



JUNE 2024

Dear church family,

As we look toward the summer, we have a lot happening in the life of our congregation. Church softball season is in full swing, and I hope you can come out and spend time with us, even if you're unable to play. The middle of the month brings us to VBS as we take a trip to Camp Firelight with a kick-off meal after worship for everyone on Sunday, June 16. The following Saturday, we will have our rummage sale outside under the tent. Among many exciting events and programs, we finish the month by worshipping with Shenango Presbyterian Church for their last worship service on Sunday, June 30.

I want to begin by honoring the several centuries of ministry that have happened through our sister church, one of the oldest Presbyterian churches in the county founded in 1801! This congregation was partially responsible for founding the church that would eventually be named Clen-Moore. It is hard to quantify Shenango Church's impact on our local community, global mission, and ultimately the kingdom of God. Though we mourn their closure, we also celebrate and give thanks for their 223 years in New Castle and Lawrence County.

It may be bittersweet to see our brothers and sisters close the doors of their congregation, but it is also a strong reminder of our calling as the body of Christ. We often view church through the lens of earthly success, especially tangible things—money, people, programs, building size, and the ability to keep those things afloat. When it comes to the kingdom of God, Jesus never promises that specific congregations, institutions, ministries, or programs will exist forever. When Peter proclaims Jesus to be the Messiah in Matthew 16:18, he responds by proclaiming "and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it."

As we walk alongside our brothers and sisters at Shenango Presbyterian Church, whether they choose to join our fellowship at Clen-Moore or another church family, we rejoice in the promise that the universal Church will never die. Specific institutions may come and go, but in the same ways that our salvation is secure, so is the future of Christ's church.

As I approach six years of pastoral ministry here at Clen-Moore, I have a great deal of hope for our future, for the ways God is calling us to live, serve, and worship. But moments like the one we will share with Shenango Church remind us that the Church is also bigger than any one congregation. We are blessed to be among many tribes (local congregations) that seek to contribute to the kingdom of God. May the events of this month remind us that we are mighty and valued—because God has called us together to be his church, the hands and feet of Jesus here on earth.

Bless and be blessed,
Michael

UPCOMING Events

Michael on vacation May 31—June 8			
Sunday, June 2	Prayer Team in Library 9:00am Sunday School 9:30am Worship with Dave Goff preaching 10:30am	Tuesday, June 18	VBS 6:00pm—8:00pm
		Wednesday, June 19	VBS 6:00pm—8:00pm
Tuesday, June 4	Bible Study 9:30am <i>(Last one until 9-3-24)</i> Softball Game 6:15pm	Thursday, June 20	Softball Fellowship Night 1
		Saturday, June 22	Church Rummage Sale DR Meet & Greet
Sunday, June 9	Prayer Team in Library 9:00am Sunday School 9:30am Worship w/Communion 10:30am	Sunday, June 23	Prayer Team in Library 9:00am Sunday School 9:30am Worship 10:30am <i>(Take down tent after worship) Help needed!</i>
Monday, June 10	PEO-Y 11:00am		
Tuesday, June 11	PEO-A 6:00pm Softball Game 6:15pm	Thursday, June 27	Softball Game 6:15pm
		Saturday, June 29	Quaker mtg. 11:00am
Wednesday, June 12	Quaker mtg. 6:00pm	Sunday, June 30	Worship at Shenango 10:30am
Thursday, June 13	Staff mtg. 11:00am Softball Game 6:15pm		
Sunday, June 16	Prayer Team in Library 9:00am Sunday School 9:30am Worship 10:30am VBS Kick-Off & lunch after worship		
Monday, June 17	VBS 6:00pm—8:00pm		

LOOKING AHEAD
July 26 – July 28 Not So Youth Group Camping and Float Trip weekend.
This is a churchwide event, all are invited!
(More details inside the Messenger)

Deadline for July is June 21st



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Health Tip from the Health Ministry Deacons:



Building the Perfect Bedtime Snack includes these tips for better sleep:

1. Strive for a combo of carbs and protein to promote satiety and support the production of serotonin, a precursor of sleep-promoting melatonin. *(Ex: whole grain cereal and low-fat milk)*
2. Choose lower fat options-lying down after a high fat meal or snack can disrupt digestion, causing acid reflux and nausea. *(Ex: hummus and pita chips or veggie sticks)*
3. Consider hydrating foods-fruits and veggies provide extra water and key minerals which help produce better sleep, muscle and nerve function. *(Ex: chamomile tea and graham crackers)*

(Prevention magazine, April 2024, p. 33)

Check out the bulletin board in the welcome center for more tips to promote your health this summer!

Scripture: "Oh that I had wings like a dove! I would fly away and be at rest." (Psalm 55, 6)

Food Pantry/Blessing Box Collection (Month 2) – JUNE

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| Corn Flakes Cereal | Onion Soup Mix |
| Chocolate Cake Mix | Grape Jelly |
| Ketchup | Turkey Gravy |
| Ramen Noodles | Tomato Paste |
| Peanut Butter /Creamy or Crunchy | Sugar |
| Coffee/Regular or Decaf – can | Flour |

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All are invited to join in at Linda Turner’s home at 1865 Lockhart Drive, New Castle on June 22, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. for dinner and fellowship with our special guest from the Dominican Republic, Marleny Thomas. Marleny is a lay leader with the evangelical church in Sabaneta with whom we partner. She is a school teacher and was a long time scholarship recipient both in the Christian school and at university. She has recently gone on to earn her master’s degree.

The Dominican partnership is hosting her in Pennsylvania for a week at the end of June, and this event is your opportunity to hear about the DR and these programs! (Marleny will be at New Wilmington Presbyterian Church for their worship service on Sunday, 6/23/24 at 10:30 a.m. if you are interested in attending that as well!)

We will provide a meat course, table settings, drinks, and desserts. We are asking those coming to bring a pot luck item to share. We want Marleny to have a great taste of Western PA cooks and flavors! Please bring a lawn chair!

If you are interested in joining us for the pot luck dinner, please RSVP to Linda Turner at **(724) 971-8005 by June 15, 2024.**



CHURCH RUMMAGE SALE

The Mission and Ministry Committee is sponsoring a rummage sale on **Saturday, June 22nd from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm** under the tent in the front parking lot. Tables are available for \$10.00 each. You keep your proceeds.

Remember: Your trash is another’s treasure!



NOT SO YOUTH GROUP ANNUAL CAMPING—RIVER FLOAT



Date: Friday, July 26 – Sunday, July 28
Where: Cook’s Forest State Park and Campground – **Group Camp Sites B and C**

We will check into the campsites any time after 3:00 pm on Friday, July 26th. Checkout is by 3:00 pm on Sunday, July 28th. We will raft, kayak, or tube the Clarion River on Saturday and host outdoor “Camp” worship on Sunday morning. The whole church is invited to participate in any part of the weekend. Group TENT sites have been reserved and come at a minimal cost. There are other options in the area if tent camping is not a good option for anyone. More details will follow as we get closer to the trip. Feel free to contact Sam Plyler at 724-971-7088 with any questions.