



# The Clen-Moore Messenger



**July/August  
2024**

Dear Church Family,

As we shift into the latter months of the summer, our patterns and activities change quite a bit. Many of our regular activities take a short sabbatical, while other unique experiences emerge. We will hold our annual outdoor worship service at the Apple Castle pavilion on Sunday, July 14. If you'd rather not sit at a picnic table, bring your favorite lawn chair! Also note that because of fieldwork and improvements at the farm, you cannot drive all the way up to the pavilion this year or you'll get stuck! Please park in the gravel parking lot and walk over. We hope this can serve as an annual 'reunion' of sorts for Shenango Church folks who may choose to attend different churches. We will also share communion by intinction.

The weekend of July 26-28 is another highlight of the summer, our annual 'Not So Youth Group'- sponsored camping and float trip. The entire church is invited to join us for this event, which will be in Cook's Forest this year. Primitive tent camping sites have been reserved for Friday and Saturday night. The float trip will happen late Saturday morning. On Sunday morning, we will gather for worship around the campfire. David Goff will lead worship back home at Clen-Moore while those on the trip will worship in the woods. There will be more details in the bulletin, but you can contact Sam Plyler to reserve a camping spot or to learn more details.

I want to highlight that on July 28, August 4, and August 11 our friend David Goff will be teaching a three-week adult Sunday school series on the Quaker tradition. David himself is from this Christian background, and will share about their history, theology, and practice. Learning about other Christian traditions is a great way to challenge our own beliefs and give clarity to our own faith in Jesus Christ.

Lastly, I want to invite everyone to dwell on and practice a word that I mentioned at the beginning of this letter—sabbath. It is commanded by God that we take one day out of seven to do no work and rest. I fully admit this to be an area that I model poorly for you as a pastor, and struggle to practice well. Maybe you feel the same? My hope is that collectively we can learn to rest and sabbath. Remember that sabbath is not only rest and lack of work, though these are primary components. It is also a day we give and devote to God, taking a break from life to give Him intentional space in our lives. Remember that the sabbath is a gift. In Mark 2:27 Jesus says in response to the Pharisees questioning the actions of His disciples, "The sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the sabbath". Learn to receive the gift of sabbath as a spiritual practice this summer! It is something I'll be seeking to implement more consistently in my life as well.

Bless and be blessed,  
-Michael

## UPCOMING Events

JULY		JULY continued	
Sunday, July 7	Prayer Team in Library 9:00am Sunday School 9:30am Worship 10:30am	Sunday, July 28	Prayer Team in Library 9:00am Sunday School 9:30am Worship 10:30am with Dave Goff preaching
Monday, July 8	PEO-Y mtg. 11:00am	<b>AUGUST</b>	
Tuesday, July 9	PEO-A mtg. 6:00pm Softball Game 6:15pm	Sunday, August 4	Prayer Team in Library 9:00am Sunday School 9:30am Worship 10:30am with communion
Wednesday, July 10	Quaker mtg. 6:30pm	<b>Michael off August 5<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup></b>	
Thursday, July 11	Staff mtg. 11:00am Softball Game 6:15pm	Sunday, August 11	Prayer Team in Library 9:00am Sunday School 9:30am Worship 10:30am with Dave Goff preaching
Sunday, July 14	Worship at Apple Castle 10:30am with communion	Monday, August 12	PEO-Y mtg. 11:00am
Monday, July 15	Youth & Family Waldameer Trip	Tuesday, August 13	PEO-A mtg. 11:00am Ministry & Mission Team mtg. 6:00pm Admin. Team mtg. 7:00pm
Tuesday, July 16	Softball Fellowship Night	Sunday, August 18	Prayer Team in Library 9:00am Sunday School 9:30am Worship 10:30am
Saturday, July 20	Softball Tournament	Tuesday, August 20	Session mtg. 7:00pm
Sunday, July 21	Prayer Team in Library 9:00am Sunday School 9:30am Worship 10:30am	Sunday, August 25	Prayer Team in Library 9:00am Sunday School 9:30am Worship 10:30am
<b>Friday, July 26 – Sunday, July 28</b> <i>NOT SO YOUTH GROUP</i> Annual Camping – River Float Trip Cook's Forest State Park and Campground/Group Campsites B & C		Saturday, August 31	Quaker mtg. 11:00am
Saturday, July 27	Softball Tournament Make-Up Quaker mtg. 11:00am		

**Deadline for September is August 23rd**



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Health Tip from the  
Health Ministry Deacons



"An easy way to do your body a world of good is just to WALK, whether you are trying to manage your blood sugar, fight arthritis pain or stiffness, or to keep your brain sharp.

If 30 minutes a day seems like too much, break it into 3 ten minute intervals, says Cleveland Clinics exercise physiologist Christopher Travers, MS. Even more fun: walk for a cause. Events like Walk to End Alzheimer's are held in more than 200 cities across America. (act.alz.org)."

Scripture: "But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus cleanses us from all sin."(1 John 1:7)

**LOOKING AHEAD:**

Meeting of Health Ministry Deacons will be planned for August, 2024.



*He will cover you with His feathers &  
Under His wings  
you will find refuge*

*Psalm 91:4*



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**Food Pantry/Blessing Box  
Collection  
(Month 3) – JULY**



Crispy Rice Cereal  
Variety Pack Oatmeal – box  
Whole Potatoes – canned  
Chicken Noodle Soup – can  
Raisin Bran Cereal  
Brown Sugar – bag

Tea Bags  
Corn – canned  
Spaghetti's  
Pork and Beans  
Tomato Paste  
Applesauce – jar



**Food Pantry/Blessing Box  
Collection  
(Month 4) – AUGUST**



Toilet Paper  
Toothpaste  
Women's Deodorant  
Hair Conditioner  
Feminine Products

Facial Tissues  
Men's Deodorant  
Shampoo  
Body Wash

**"Christmas in July"**

It is time for our annual "Christmas in July" collection drive for 5 Star Global Ministry/Autumn Marshall. As the conditions in Haiti continue to deteriorate, the need for items is greater than ever. We will be one of several churches pulling together to collect hygiene and food products (listed below) and filling 'blessing buckets'. Fliers with information will also be available at the church. You can place items in/around the white buckets in the sanctuary. We have also agreed to be a collection site for area churches who are participating, and will plan a packing day in early August to prep everything for shipment. Autumn is extremely grateful for your continued support!



**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 26<sup>th</sup>. Checkout is by 3:00 pm on Sunday, July 28<sup>th</sup>. 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.



**Communion will be served:**

Sunday, July 14th  
Sunday, August 4th

