



The Clen-Moore Messenger



OCTOBER 2024

Dear church family,

Have you ever forgotten a birthday, anniversary, or other important milestone celebration? I have to admit that while it crossed my mind several times, I have been remiss in promoting a milestone for Clen-Moore—this year marks our church’s 175th year of ministry in New Castle! Our names and faces have changed over the years, but we are privileged to continue the work of our ancestors from many generations ago.

We will celebrate with a homecoming of sorts on Sunday, October 20th, and welcome guest preacher Rev. Mike Loudon. He was raised at Clen-Moore, and later went on to serve churches in the New Castle area in the 1970s-80s, and then in Lincoln, Nebraska in the late 1980s and 1990s. He most recently served First Presbyterian Church of Lakeland, Florida for nearly twenty years before his retirement in 2018. Mike is quite the history buff, so he is excited to share more about our church’s history and ministry. Following worship, we will hold our annual “Harvest Dinner” fellowship luncheon.

Most of us cannot take credit for the majority of Clen-Moore’s history—the oldest long-standing members don’t even account for half of our church’s lifespan. We can, however, continue the legacy of faith that was handed down to us by faithful Christians we have never met--by doing the same for those who will come after us. More than a century ago, members of Clen-Moore couldn’t have imagined what our church and Christianity as a whole would look like in modern times. But here we are, following in the footsteps of those who have come before us. The question that remains is how we respond to the gifts we’ve been given.

One way is to give thanks—have gratitude for the sacrifices, faithfulness, and wisdom of pastors, elders, teachers, and members who established and enabled our congregation. There are many churches that haven’t or will not exist for 175 years. Additionally, we should seek to build on our foundation. Too often we measure the “success” of a church by things that are easily measured such as money and people. But neither gives a true indication of faithful worship, ministry, and mission dedicated to Jesus Christ. It is possible to have few people and little money and be quite faithful—we see that in the lives of our Christian brothers and sisters in underdeveloped countries. The opposite can also be true. Having an abundance of people or finances does not automatically equate faithfulness to Jesus.



I am reminded of Jesus’ words in Luke 16:10, from the New Living Translation: “If you are faithful in little things, you will be faithful in large ones. But if you are dishonest in little things, you won’t be honest with greater responsibilities.” The way we honor and continue the work of our spiritual ancestors through Clen-Moore Church is being faithful in little ways that build on one another. Like our ancestors, we have no idea what the church may look like in a few years, let alone in another century. But if we remain faithful to the little ways Jesus is calling us to live, worship, and serve, it is likely that 25 years from now, we can celebrate another milestone in the community of faith that we call Clen-Moore Presbyterian Church.

Bless and be blessed,
Michael



UPCOMING Events



Tuesday, October 1	Bible Study 9:30am Ministry & Mission Team mtg. 6pm Admin. Team mtg. 7pm	Sunday, October 20	Prayer Team in Library 9:00am Sunday School 9:30am Worship 10:30am 175th Anniversary with guest preacher Rev. Mike Loudon Harvest Luncheon after worship Women’s Bible Study 6:00pm
Sunday, October 6	Prayer Team in Library 9:00am Sunday School 9:30am Worship with communion 10:30am World Communion Sunday “Paul’s letter to the Philippians” Philippians 3:1-11 Hayride at Rodgers Tree Farm 4:00pm	Tuesday, October 22	Bible Study 9:30am
Tuesday, October 8	Bible Study 9:30am PEO-A mtg. 6:00pm Session mtg. 7:00pm	Sunday, October 27	Prayer Team in Library 9:00am Sunday School 9:30am Worship 10:30am “Paul’s letter to the Philippians” Philippians 4:2-23 Women’s Bible Study 6:00pm
Thursday, October 10	Staff mtg. 11:00am	Michael off October 28th—November 4th	
Sunday, October 13	Prayer Team in Library 9:00am Sunday School 9:30am Worship 10:30am “Paul’s letter to the Philippians” Philippians 3:12-4:1 Youth Group after worship	Tuesday, October 29	Bible Study 9:30am
Monday, October 14	PEO-Y mtg. 7:00pm	 	
Tuesday, October 15	Bible Study 9:30am		

Deadline for November is October 24th



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Health Tip from the Health Ministry Deacons

“Get Outside and Stay Active”

As the weather cools it is important to make sure you get outside. Spending time outdoors can boost your mood and overall well-being.

Take in the colors of the changing leaves with an autumn bike ride, help a neighbor rake his/her yard, or meet up with a friend for a hot tea-to-go and a walk around the neighborhood.

There is much we can do to promote better health when we go outside and stay active, even during cooler seasons.

(Online Fall Health Tips)

(And also, remember to get your annual flu shot this month! Focus on washing your hands and disinfecting surfaces in your home as flu season approaches.)

“I can do all things through Christ Who strengthens me.”
Philippians 4:13.

Communion will be served on:



Sunday, October 6th
Sunday, November 10th
Sunday, December 22nd



Happy Halloween



Food Pantry/Blessing Box Collection (Month 6) – October



Coffee/Regular or Decaf – can
Cherry Pie Filling
Salad Dressing/any variety
Spaghetti Noodles Pasta – box
Wide Egg Noodles - bag
Spaghetti Sauce – jar

Mustard
Carrots – can
Pudding – box
Stuffing – box
Peach Slices – can
Raisin Bran Cereal



HAYRIDE & HOT DOG ROAST



Sunday, October 6th
Rodgers Tree Farm—4pm

All are invited, come eat and enjoy a fun hayride around the tree farm. Hot dogs, baked beans, and, cookies will be served.



Let's talk about...
prayer

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Beginning October 20
Sunday Evenings
6 - 7:30 PM
In the Welcome Center

Text or call 717-576-3619 with questions!



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Mission Spotlight
OCTOBER—Promise of Life

Thank you for your support of Promise of Life Network! Through Clen-Moore's support, along with many others, we're able to provide help and hope to our local community.

2024 has been a great year for Promise of Life Network. We have continued to see lives saved and changed through our local medical ministry, and we have expanded our medical services to reach more individuals in new ways. Our parenting program has increased significantly, due to rising costs more families now than ever are in need of basic items for their children. Thankfully, we have never had to turn a family in need away. Our international ministry also continues to grow, and we have now spoken to over 24,000 international mothers. Many lives have been impacted this year, thank you for being part of their stories!



The Music Club Chorus will be presenting its 82nd performance of Handel's **MESSIAH Sunday, December 1st**, at Grace United Methodist Church, 135 Decker Drive, New Castle, at 3:00pm. Rehearsals will be Monday evenings 7:00pm, at First Presbyterian Church, 125 N. Jefferson Street, New Castle. Rehearsals began on September 30th. Singers of high school age and above are most welcome! Bring your score or purchase one at rehearsal. For more information, call 724-923-8602.

<http://www.ncmusicclubchorus.org/>
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