



# The Clen-Moore Messenger



**SEPTEMBER 2024**

Dear church family,

I will fully admit, when I was younger I never much cared for "going back to school" after summer break. As I've grown older and served in the life of the church, however, I view this time of year as an exciting new starting point for ministry together.

In continuing the tradition at Clen-Moore, we will celebrate Rally Day on September 8. It will serve as our fall kick-off, and will include the beginning of a new teaching and preaching series on Paul's letter to the Philippians. This series will last through October.

You may think that eight weeks is a long time to spend on a book that is only four chapters long, especially after doing a broad overview series like "The Story". However, it's important to study God's word in depth and with patience as well. It is far too easy to speed-read our way through scripture and not take time to fully digest it and all the meaning that can be drawn from it.

First, I encourage you to save this reading schedule and read the passage several times each week leading up to a Sunday morning:

- September 8—Philippians 1:1-11
- September 15—Philippians 1:12-30
- September 22—Philippians 2:1-18
- September 29—Philippians 2:19-30
- October 6—Philippians 3:1-21
- October 13—Philippians 3:12-4:1
- October 20—Philippians 4:2-9
- October 27—Philippians 4:10-23

(The outline above will generally hold true through the next eight weeks, although we might deviate by a verse or two. We will share the upcoming week's readings in the bulletin and make updates accordingly.)

One of the most well-known facts about this letter is that Paul was in prison as he wrote it, and yet he rejoiced. He did not allow his circumstances to overshadow or diminish the power of the gospel. This reminds us that there is an important difference between happiness and joy. Happiness is dependent on circumstances, which change often. Joy is something that can remain steady regardless of those circumstances, and so Paul commands us to rejoice. As Christians, we are to rejoice in all circumstances, because there is no greater joy than finding grace and salvation in Jesus Christ.

There are numerous major and minor themes to explore in this series, but rather than write about them at length, I hope you'll take part! Paul was fond of all the churches he helped to plant -- even in his frustration with their struggles. He had an even higher regard for the Philippians as he states in 4:1, "Therefore, my brothers, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved."

I hope and pray that we also will stand firm in the Lord as we glean from the example of faith and ministry found in the church at Philippi!

Bless and be blessed,  
Michael



## UPCOMING Events



Sunday, September 1	Prayer Team in Library 9:00am Sunday School 9:30am Worship with communion 10:30am	Wednesday, September 11	Quaker mtg. 6:30pm
Tuesday, September 3	Bible Study resumes 9:30am Ministry & Mission Team mtg. 6:00pm Admin. Team mtg. 6:00pm	Thursday, September 12	Staff mtg. 11:00am
Saturday, September 7	Help needed to unload truck for 5 Star Global Ministry 11:00am	Sunday, September 15	Prayer Team in Library 9:00am Sunday School 9:30am Worship 10:30am Youth Group after worship
Sunday, September 8	Prayer Team in Library 9:00am Sunday School 9:30am New Sunday School Class for (7-12) grade begins 9:30am Worship 10:30am New Teaching/Preaching Series begins "Paul's letter to the Philippians"—Philippians 1:1-11 Rally Day Luncheon after worship in FH	Tuesday, September 17	Bible Study 9:30am
Monday, September 9	PEO-Y mtg. 6:00pm	Sunday, September 22	Prayer Team in Library 9:00am Sunday School 9:30am Worship 10:30am
Tuesday, September 10	Bible Study 9:30am PEO-A mtg. 6:00pm Session mtg. 7:00pm	Tuesday, September 24	Bible Study 9:30am
		Saturday, September 28	Quaker mtg. 11:00am
		Sunday, September 29	Prayer Team in Library 9:00am Sunday School 9:30am Worship 10:30am



**Deadline for October is September 20th**



**September 2024**  
Health Tip from the  
Health Ministry Deacons



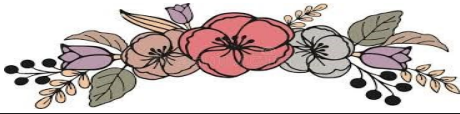
Stress and anxiety are a part of life! We are all frazzled or worried at times. That is perfectly normal, as daily life can be chaotic and out of our control. But the real problems arise when being stressed or anxious becomes the norm ~ we can't always see what it is doing to our spiritual, mental, and physical health, and getting a handle on it can be hard. Let's look at what some experts suggest to counter this so you can enjoy better health and more peace:

- Pray and spend time reading scripture.
- Cross something off your list.
- Do some stretches.
- Take a walk outside for at least 10 minutes.
- Have a laugh!
- Cancel something and replace with nothing!
- Play your favorite song.
- Splash cold water on your face for 15-20 seconds.
- Spend time playing with your dog or cat.

(Taken from Aug/Sept Guideposts, 2024)  
"Jesus tells us not to worry (Matthew 6:25).

There must be a way for us not to worry, because Jesus never tells us to do something that is impossible!"

(From Guideposts, August/Sept, 2024 and Joyce Meyer)



**Communion will be served on:**



Sunday, September 1st  
Sunday, October 6th  
Sunday, November 10th  
Sunday, December 22nd



**Food Pantry/Blessing Box  
Collection  
(Month 5) – SEPTEMBER**

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|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| Diced Tomatoes – can          | BBQ Sauce         |
| Vegetable Oil – bottle        | SPAM              |
| Hamburger Helper              | Jello – box       |
| Instant Mashed Potatoes – box | Black Beans – can |
| Mixed Vegetables – can        | Salt              |
| Diced Tomatoes – can          | Sugar             |



Starting **September 8th**, Elder Youth (those in 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grades) Sunday School will resume. Class will start around 9:30 AM and conclude around 10:15 AM. We will not follow any specific outside curriculum, instead we will study specific books and stories of the Bible in the contexts in which they were written, with a hope of better understanding what they meant to their original audiences and how they might apply to contemporary times.

**Mission Spotlight! SEPTEMBER**  
Caleb International Ministries

In March of 2024, Rev. Louis LaGatta, the Founder and Executive Minister of Caleb International Ministries, as well as a member of Clen-Moore Church, went home to be with the Lord. He served in this capacity for over 35 years. With his loss comes changes to the ministry, the first of which is to introduce his daughter and son-in-law, Jacquie and Jim Fee, who began serving as Co-Executive directors. This was part of plan put into place back in 2019 by Rev LaGatta and the board of directors. One of the new ministries proposed during this time was the "Good Works Division" to provide social ministries and to provide assistance to all those who are in need.

Jacquie and Jim Fee will be sharing a moment for mission Sunday, September 8th during worship as we learn more about the legacy and future plans for Caleb. Pray for their transition into their new roles and the ongoing work of Caleb.

**Scholarship recipients for this year:**

**Thelma & Harry Banks Scholarship:** Abby Christy



**Sue DeVite Scholarship:** Sam Ball, Carter DeVivo, Hunter Phillips, and Caden Richards



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**Youth Youth Group**  
*Sunday, September 15th after worship.*

Monthly Youth Group meetings will be held this fall. We will meet after church on:

- September 22 – Church games at the church
- October 13 – Painting and carving pumpkins at the church
- November 17 – Trampoline Park
- December – TBD during Christmas break

All meetings will include a Bible lesson and lunch or snacks. The September and October dates will be limited to youth in grades 2 – 8 but the trip to the trampoline park will be open to older and younger youth. December's event is TBD.



**Rally Day Luncheon**



**When:** September 8th (after worship in FH)  
**Menu:** Hamburgers, Corn on the Cobb, Homemade Salsa & Chips, Fruit, Sherbert, and Drinks.

If you would like to help, we will be prepping the food on Saturday, September 7, 2024, at 9:30am. Clean-up help would be appreciated on Sunday, September 8, 2024.