



# The Clen-Moore Messenger



**MARCH 2025**

Dear Church family,

The beginning of March brings us to the Lenten season. On Sunday, March 2 after worship we will prepare for the journey with our Fat Tuesday luncheon. We will also hold our annual congregational meeting during this time, as we receive reports from various groups and teams within the church. Once we've gotten all the sugar and lard out of the cupboards, we will begin the Lenten season with our Ash Wednesday service on March 5 at 7pm. I hope you will be able to use these opportunities to kickstart your Lenten journey.

Starting the first Sunday of Lent and running through Easter Sunday, we will embark on a series titled "On the Road with Jesus". I am borrowing an outline from my close friend and fellow pastor, the Rev. Augie Hurst. When he described to me how often Jesus is on the road in the gospel of Luke, I was intrigued by the idea. I am eager to walk through it with you this year. The scriptures will be listed each week in the bulletin, but here is the entire outline:

- Sunday, March 9: Luke 2:41-52 - "Jesus is Left Behind"
- Sunday, March 16: Luke 9:28-36 - "Jesus Heads for the Mountains"
- Sunday, March 23: Luke 10:25-37 - "Jesus and Roadside Assistance"
- Sunday, March 30: Luke 17:11-17 - "Jesus Takes the Scenic Route"
- Sunday, April 6: Luke 18:35-?? - "Jesus on the Road to Jericho"
- Sunday, April 13: Luke 19:28-38 - "Jesus on the Road to Bethany"
- Thursday, April 17: Luke 23:26-43 - "Jesus on the Road to Calvary"  
(Because of the format of our Maundy Thursday worship, there will not be a sermon on this scripture, but it will be a key reading in the service.)
- Sunday, April 20: Luke 24:13-35 - "Jesus on the Road to Emmaus"

What most attracted me to this series is the sense of Jesus being on the move and on a journey. To me this is one of the major themes of Lent—it is a journey! We begin with the earthly ministry of Jesus, experience the highs and lows of Holy Week—including Jesus' crucifixion and death—which led to the miracle of the resurrection. It is an adventure that represents the peaks and valleys of our human experience that Jesus shares with us.

Our journeys of faith are rarely linear, even we seek to follow the footsteps of our Lord more closely every year. This path certainly leads to Jesus, but I also hope you will note His presence walking right next to you along the way.

Bless and be blessed!  
-Michael

## UPCOMING Events

Sunday, March 2nd	Prayer Team in Library 9:00am Sunday School 9:30am Children in Worship Confirmation Class Worship with communion 10:30am Congregational mtg. during Fat Tuesday Luncheon after worship in FH.	Monday, March 17th	Happy St. Patrick's Day
Tuesday, March 4th	Ministry & Mission Team mtg. 6:00pm Admin. Team mtg. 7:00pm Fat Tuesday	Tuesday, March 18th	The office will be open from 7:30am to 4:30pm. Bible Study 9:30am
Wednesday, March 5th	Ash Wednesday Service 7:00pm	Thursday, March 20th	The office will be open from 7:30am to 1:00pm and 3:00pm to 4:30pm.
Sunday, March 9th	Prayer Team in Library 9:00am Sunday School 9:30am Children in Worship Worship 10:30am Luke 2:41-52 - "Jesus is Left Behind"	Sunday, March 23rd	Prayer Team in Library 9:00am Sunday School 9:30am Children in Worship Worship 10:30am Luke 10:25-37 - "Jesus and Roadside Assistance"
Tuesday, March 11th	Bible Study resumes 9:30am Session mtg. 7:00pm	Tuesday, March 25th	The office will be open from 7:30am to 4:30pm. Bible Study 9:30am
Thursday, March 13th	The office will be open from 7:30am to 1:00pm and 3:00pm to 4:30pm Staff mtg. 10:30am	Thursday, March 27th	The office will be open from 7:30am to 1:00pm and 3:00pm to 4:30pm.
Sunday, March 16th	Prayer Team in Library 9:00am Sunday School 9:30am Children in Worship Confirmation Class Worship 10:30am Luke 9:28-36 - "Jesus Heads for the Mountains"	Sunday, March 30th	Prayer Team in Library 9:00am Sunday School 9:30am Children in Worship Worship 10:30am Luke 17:11-17 - "Jesus Takes the Scenic Route"
		April 4	Deadline for Easter Flowers
		April 7	Easter Egg Hunt 6:30pm—7:30pm
		April 13	Palm Sunday
		April 17	Maundy Thursday Service w/communion 7:00pm
		April 18	Good Friday
		April 19	Easter Sunday—Early Service 8:00am/breakfast Easter Sunday Worship 10:30am



**LENT**  
Pray + Fast + Give

**Deadline for April is March 21st**



**March 2025**  
Health Tip from the  
Health Ministry Deacons



**How to have a Healthy Lent**

What comes to mind when you think of Lent? For many it is a time of giving up certain foods or habits; some choose to give up something during the 40 days of Lent as a way of sacrificing for their faith, in a spirit of repentance. It is also a great time to increase prayer and giving to a favorite charity. Here are some tips to help observe Lent without ignoring your health:

- \* Try intermittent fasting in the evenings. Studies show that your body regulates blood sugar better earlier in the day. By fasting in the evenings you may help your body even out its glucose levels.
- \* If you want to give up a certain food, try giving up something you know isn't supporting your health, like processed foods, refined carbs, or sugary drinks.
- \* Be sure you get plenty of protein in your diet if you are eating less meat, like beans, eggs, fish, and nuts.
- \* Try adding a habit to honor your body, like a new exercise routine or meal prepping ideas.

(Taken from www.nutrisense.io.)

Scripture: 1 Peter 5:6

"Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you."

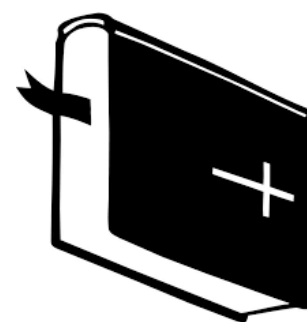


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**Food Pantry/Blessing Box Collection  
(Month 11) – March 2025**



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|-------------------------------|----------------|
| Spaghetti Sauce – jar         | BBQ Sauce      |
| Spaghetti Noodle Pasta – box  | Ketchup        |
| Variety Pack Oatmeal          | Jello – box    |
| Hearty/Chunky Soup – any kind | Mustard        |
| Whole Potatoes – can          | Fruit Cocktail |
| Coffee/Regular or Decaf – can | Corn – can     |



**Mission Spotlight  
March—NCCA**



With the second half of the school year under way, there is a lot going on at NCCA. Students celebrated their annual multi-cultural lunch on Friday 2/21 and the school held a Valentine's dance on 2/7. Archery and soccer teams are showcasing NCCA students' athletic abilities. Early in March, NCCA will hold a week-long history fair. It is exciting to watch the school and its students flourish in a safe, friendly, and academically rigorous environment.

On April 25, NCCA will hold its annual Gala of Gifts at First Assembly of God Church on Pulaski Road. Those interested in the event can contact the school office at 724-658-5858.

NCCA would not be where it is today without the generosity and grace of Clen-Moore. The 180 students currently in attendance may not know you, but because of you, they have an opportunity to know the Lord. Thank you so much for your stewardship and continued generosity!



**Easter Flowers**



Pricing is not available for Easter flowers as of yet. You will be informed through announcements and order forms will be placed in bulletins when the office receives prices.

Thank you for your cooperation.



**Fat Tuesday Luncheon**



Please join together on **Sunday, March 2nd** for our Annual Fat Tuesday Luncheon after worship. The menu will be pancakes, sausage, fresh fruit, Amish doughnuts, juice, coffee, and/or tea. You may even pick up a beaded necklace or two! Looking forward to seeing you!



*Have mercy upon me,  
O God,  
according to thy lovingkindness:  
according unto the multitude  
of thy tender mercies blot out  
my transgressions.  
Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity,  
and cleanse me from my sin.  
For I acknowledge my transgressions:  
and my sin is ever before me.*

Psalm 51:1-3



**Communion will be served on:**  
Sunday, March 2, 2025

