



The Clen-Moore Messenger



APRIL 2025

Dear Church Family,

April brings us to the second half of our journey "On the Road with Jesus" this Lenten season, with the obvious climax on Easter. We have a ways to go, and I want to highlight some of the remaining mile markers along the way.

Sunday, April 6: Our Dominican Republic trip missionaries Tina Nesbitt, Christine Spicuzza, and Linda Turner will share about their experiences and make connections to the sermon text for that week found in Luke 18:35-43.

Sunday, April 13: (Palm Sunday) - Our children and youth will help to tell the story of Palm Sunday, among others, as we reflect on Luke 19:28-38 when Jesus travels the road to Bethany.

Thursday, April 17: (Maundy Thursday) - We will share in scriptures, music, and communion at 7pm, as Jesus takes the road to Calvary to his sacrificial death on our behalf, as found in Luke 23:26-43 and other scriptures.

Sunday, April 20: (Easter Sunday) - We will worship Jesus' triumph over death and the empty grave, as we rediscover him on our own journey to Emmaus in Luke 24:13-25. We will celebrate with an early 8:00 am worship service, followed by breakfast before Sunday school (and our regular worship service at 10:30 am).

As we prepare ourselves for the final leg of this journey, reflect on what the Lord has done through your Lenten season so far. Maybe you've slipped up on a new spiritual practice, or you need to resume some form of fasting to recenter. It could be the sin or prayer you pinned to the cross on Ash Wednesday that is now "out of sight, out of mind" that continues to plague you in some form.

Spiritual self-reflection is a vital aspect of our faith. It can be easy to go through the motions and not realize whether they have any meaningful impact on our lives. It reminds me of the final moments of Jesus' life before his arrest as found in Luke 22:46. Jesus is praying on the Mount of Olives with the disciples. After asking the Father to remove the cup from him unless it is His will, he says to the disciples, "Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not come into the time of trial."

The great news is that Jesus' death and resurrection means we will not have to come into that time of trial in the fullest sense. Our lives will still come with challenges. Don't fall asleep at the wheel on your journey with Jesus. Take a moment to pause and recall where the journey will lead—the empty tomb!

Bless and be blessed,

Michael



UPCOMING Events



Tuesday, April 1st	The office will be open from 7:45am to 4:30pm Bible Study 9:30am Ministry & Mission Team mtg. 6:00pm Admin. Mtg. 7:00pm	Tuesday, April 15th	Bible Study 9:30am
Thursday, April 3rd	The office will be open from 7:45am to 1:00pm and 2:30pm to 4:30pm	Thursday, April 17th	Staff mtg. 10:00am Maundy Thursday Service with communion 7:00pm
Friday, April 4th	Deadline for Easter flower orders.	Friday, April 18th	Good Friday
Sunday, April 6th	Prayer Team in Library 9:00am Choir rehearsal 9:00am in Sanctuary Sunday School 9:30am Confirmation Class Worship with communion 10:30am Luke 18:35-43—"Jesus on the Road to Jericho" Children in Worship after sermon	Saturday, April 19th	Confirmation Retreat
Monday, April 7th	Easter Egg Hunt 6:30pm—7:30pm Sponsored by 1-2-1 Mentoring	Sunday, April 20th	Early Service 8:00am Breakfast 8:30am—9:30am Prayer Team in Library 9:00am Choir rehearsal 9:00am in Sanctuary Sunday School 9:30am Easter Worship 10:30am Luke 24:13-35 —""Jesus on the Road to Emmaus" Children in Worship after sermon
Tuesday, April 8th	The office will be open from 7:45am to 4:30pm. Bible Study 9:30am Session mtg. 7:00pm	Pastor Michael off April 21-27	
Thursday, April 10th	The office will be open from 7:45am to 1:00pm and 2:30pm to 4:30pm Staff mtg. 10:00am	Tuesday, April 22nd	NO Bible Study
Sunday, April 13th	Prayer Team in Library 9:00am Choir rehearsal 9:00am in Sanctuary Sunday School 9:30am Palm Sunday Worship 10:30am Luke 19:28-38—"Jesus on the Road to Bethany" Children in Worship after sermon	Sunday, April 27th	Prayer Team in Library 9:00am Sunday School 9:30am Worship with Rick Vogeley preaching 10:30am Children in Worship after sermon
		Tuesday, April 29th	Bible Study 9:30am
		LOOKING AHEAD: Sunday, May 4th—Communion Sunday, May 18th—Deacon's mtg. Tuesday, May 20th—Election Day	



Deadline for May is April 22nd



April 2025

Health Tip from the Health Ministry Deacons



For Healthy Vision Month, here are a few eye opening tips:

Staring at screens decreases blinking frequency, which reduces moisture on the ocular surface. This can lead to discomfort and eye strain. Try these fixes:

- OTC drops may help lubricate and soothe your eyes.
- The 20-20-20 rule: every 20 seconds, look at something 20 feet away for 20 seconds.
- Blink! This naturally hydrates and refreshes your eyes.
- Exercise is good for your eyes as well as your overall health by boosting circulation in the eye vessels; this can also improve tear production."

(Melissa Barnett, OD, Director of Optometry at the University of CA, Davis)

Scripture: "For You have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, and my feet from falling." (Psalm 116:8)



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Food Pantry/Blessing Box Collection (Month 12) – April 2025



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| Chicken Noodle Soup – can | Stuffing – box |
| Chocolate Cake Mix | Sugar |
| Chocolate Frosting | Vegetable Oil |
| Shredded Wheat Cereal – box | Applesauce |
| Rigatoni Pasta – box | Spaghetti's |
| Coffee/Regular or Decaf – can | Ramen Noodles |



Mission Spotlight April—Frontier Fellowship



Frontier Fellowship is a mission organization whose primary goal is to preach the Gospel to the least reached places of the world, supporting efforts to establish local churches there. Our local contact for Frontier Fellowship, Denise Sciuto, has recently concluded her time with Frontier Fellowship after 15 years. During her ministry, Denise has worked to build relationships with Frontier's partners in Uganda, South Sudan, and Sudan. And though her time with Frontier is now done, our partners there continue to suffer from civil war and famine. Please pray that God will provide for and protect our brothers and sisters there as they navigate these extreme circumstances and that peace and stability would return to the region.



Easter Sunday Services & Activities April 20, 2025 Service – 8:00am



Easter breakfast will be served from 8:30am until 9:30am in Fellowship Hall. You do not have to attend early service to attend breakfast.

MENU: Egg Casserole, Fruit, Breakfast Sweets, Coffee & Juice

Sunday School for all ages – 9:30am
Worship Service – 10:30am



Communion will be served on:

Sunday, April 6, 2025
Thursday, April 17, 2025



CHOIR

We will be putting together a choir to sing in worship on **Palm Sunday, April 13th and Easter Sunday, April 20th**. We will hold rehearsals on Sunday mornings starting **March 30th** in the Sanctuary at 9:00am. If you are interested or have any questions please talk to Kathy Mansell.



Clen-Moore /Highland 1-to-1 Mentoring is hosting an Easter Egg Hunt!

When: Monday April 7, 2025 6:30 PM-7:30 PM

Where: At Clen-Moore Presbyterian Church outdoors, weather permitting!

What: Easter Egg hunt, light refreshments, Easter activities, provided by mentors and mentees from our program!

For: Sunday School students from Clen-Moore and Highland grades k-6 (parents, please stay!)

**RSVP by 4-4-2025 to Allisyn Wolfe
call or text 724-651-0215 or email
craymentor@gmail.com**

