

Manor Minutes

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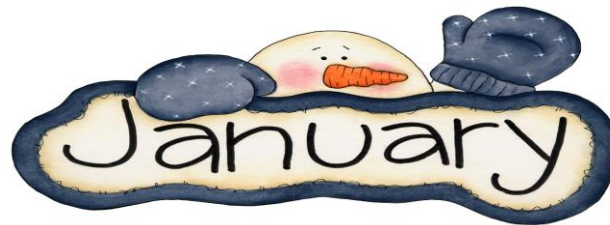
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Now that another Christmas has come and gone it's time for the New Year and all that comes with it. One of the things that we should do to usher in the New Year is to first commemorate and celebrate the year just passed. It has certainly been a remarkable year for this church. We had a great Christmas season with the return of both the Breakfast at the Manger play and the Drive-Thru Nativity. We had weddings and funerals and new members join by transferring membership and baptism. We had much fun and joy such as our Trunk or Treat and the church picnic, and we had hard times when members of our church were sick and in the hospital. Another year is done in the life of the church, and we can thank God for all that we have, all that we have been through, and all that is ahead of us.

With the New Year, it is now time to think of what is ahead for us. We often think of what is ahead of us every year on New Year's Day when we make resolutions, and most of the time those resolutions revolve around health, exercise, breaking bad habits and other things to help improve ourselves. Why not this year make at least one resolution that involves helping the church? With all these things that we have ahead of us we need God's gracious help and abiding wisdom, so we can all resolve to pray for the church in this year. But what else?

All of the activities of the church need help in planning and executing, so we can resolve to become involved in these ministries. Of course, all the activities will fail no matter how well planned or carried out they are if no one comes, so certainly a resolution to attend all that we do would be helpful. Likewise, none of this happens if the money isn't there to support our budget, so a new year's church resolution could be to contribute more if you are able.

These are all great resolutions that will help the church, but the best resolution that you could make for the church is simply to be here. If you haven't been to church in a while, or if you haven't been here as often as you think you should be then what better resolution could there be than that? I cannot say how much it means to me and the congregation to have as many people there as possible. Every Sunday when I look out into the pews or up onto the screen each face I see brings me great joy, but there is a space in my joy for each face that I do not see.

You can make any of these resolutions this year to help the church, but I guarantee you that making any of these resolutions also will go a long way to helping yourself as well.

Happy New Year,
Rev. Chris



January Birthdays

- 1 Pastor Gena
- 3 George Ashmore
- 4 Marsha Sams
- 8 Cole Jones
Stephen Rydzak
- 9 Doris Haniford
- 11 Ken Carroll
- 14 Ian Howsare
Perry Riffle
- 20 Shirley Bilby
Keith Jones
- 21 Sharel O'Connell
Lori Riffle
- 24 Melissa Robinson
- 26 Mary Wiseman
- 27 Eric Tarentino
- 28 Matthew Shetler
Tom Wallace
- 29 Hannah Rizor
- 30 Diane Sumney
Sandy Todaro
- 31 Cody Cavanaugh
Aaron Vanatta



JANUARY Anniversaries

- 10 Dick & Nancy McCann
- 16 Carl & Joyce Brandtonies



Dear Fairhill congregation,

Thank you very much for the wonderfully generous Christmas gift! You are so loving, and your giving inspires me. Your gift gave me some breathing room this Christmas season and allowed me to experience the joy of giving more than I otherwise would have. Thank you for these even more priceless gifts! You are a blessing to me and to Isaac.

With love, Pastor Gena

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Breakfast at the Manger celebration on December 18! Thank you to those who came; you were a wonderful display of support for our children and youth! We extend our deep gratitude to Amy, Becca and Jeff Caldwell for preparing the hot portions of our breakfast; to Tom and Tammie Wallace for arranging and decorating the tables; to the BYKOTA Sunday school class for contributing the drinks and cold breakfast items; to Kevin Puskarich for his work on repairing and setting up the stage scene, backdrop and lights; to Jody Mullis for accompanying the carols; to Beth Teagarden for working the lights; to Rev. Chris for assisting Jody and helping with play practices; to Cara Hritz for working the lights and helping us remember how to do things during play practice; and to Gene Sheller for his last-minute narration. Thank you to Wray Adams, our custodian, and to Karen Thomas, our administrative assistant, for their extra work. And many, many thanks to our children and youth for your hard work and joy in telling the story of Jesus' birth! Bryson Daniels, Grayson Daniels, Jayden Dube, Abby Graff, Eli Graff, Nora Graff, Deacon Hritz, Isaac Mayen, Ethan Plants, Nyka Rash, Cadence Shetler, Madison Shrontz, Charlotte Stillwell, and Owen Stillwell (playing two parts at the last minute!). Thank you to everyone who helped in some way to make this a joyous occasion!

Thank you all for your generous Christmas gift. It always is appreciated and makes the Christmas season much easier for my family but it is also the spirit of generosity that is the greatest gift. Thank you again for such a great blessing, Rev. Chris




SUBMIT YOUR REPORTS

Board Meeting

January 11

November-December
reports due January 4

2022 Annual Report
Reports due on January 4.
Please make sure you
submit 2 separate reports.

Fairhill Manor has been supporting the **Heaven's Basket Food Pantry** at the First Church of the Nazarene for a few years now, but upon hearing that they are ending this ministry we began taking our food donations to the Community Circle Food Pantry in downtown Washington last month. If you have any non-perishable food items you would like to donate you can continue to bring them to the church and place them on the table in the narthex by the coffee station and Rev. Chris will take them to the pantry at the beginning of each month. If you or someone you know would like to volunteer or are in need of their services they distribute the food every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9-12. The Community Circle Food Pantry is located at 69 E. Pine Ave in Washington, and they can be reached at 724-225-1540.



Have You Taken Control of Your Health Today?

Life Line Screening will be here at Fairhill Manor Christian Church on Tuesday, January 10, 2023 offering safe, painless, non-invasive preventive health screenings that are typically not a part of a routine physical. To be more proactive about your health for yourself, your family and your community, please register for these health screenings today.

There is no time like the present to take action!

Three ways to register:

- Call toll-free: 1-800-679-5191
- Online: <https://llsa.social/HC>
- Text: the word circle to 216-279-1607

Fairhill Manor receives 2 complimentary screening certificates for hosting this event.

COMPLIMENTARY SCREENING

Valued at USD 70.00

Good for 1 Individual Screening (worth \$70) or \$55 may be applied toward any vascular package valued at \$129 or more

Carotid Artery Screening, Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm, PAD Screening, Osteoporosis Screening, Atrial Fibrillation Screening

Please call Karen at the office (724) 225-8610 if you would like to use one of our complimentary screenings.

January 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
No Sunday School Worship 10:15am New Year's Day	Office Closed NA 7pm	Dartball @ Home 7pm	Stewardship/ Finance 5:30pm Library NA 6:45pm	NA 7:30pm		
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Sunday School 9am Worship 10:15am (Installation of New Officers) BYKOTA lunch and undecorate sanctuary	NA 7pm	Life Line Health Screening 8am-5pm Dartball @ Jefferson Ave 7pm	Bethany Class Zoom 11am Elders Meeting 5:30pm Board Meeting 7pm NA 6:45pm	Choir 6:30pm NA 7:30pm		
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Sunday School 9am Worship 10:15am Congregational Meeting	NA 7pm	Dartball @ Home 7pm	Bethany Class Zoom 11am NA 6:45pm	Personnel Committee 4pm Library Choir 6:30pm NA 7:30pm	Croppers 4-9pm Large Fellowship Hall	Croppers 8am-10pm Large Fellowship Hall
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Sunday School 9am Worship 10:15am	NA 7pm	Dartball @ Home 7pm	Bethany Class Zoom 11am NA 6:45pm	Choir 6:30pm NA 7:30pm		
29	30	31				
Sunday School 9am Worship 10:15am 5 th Sunday Offering for Funeral Dinner Fund	NA 7pm	Dartball @ Home 7pm				