

# Manor Talk

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Sunday November 5



*Thoughts from Rev. Chris*



“Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful.”  
(1 Corinthians 4:2)

The phrase “those who have been given a trust” from this passage by the Apostle Paul is sometimes translated “Steward”, and it is where we get our term stewardship. Although stewardship is often connected with money, there is much more for us to manage in our lives beyond the financial realm. Stewardship comes down to doing the right things with what we’ve been given. Whether it is money, time, relationships, or the environment, the key for Christians is to make thoughtful decisions rooted in biblical wisdom.

Our ability to be responsible stewards is utterly dependent on God’s guidance. We need God’s wisdom to navigate the many competing opinions swirling around how we use our finances, how we spend our days, how we approach our relationships with others, and how we care for the environment in which we all live since how we manage the things in our care demonstrates our faithfulness to God’s mission and kingdom.

Looking at the scriptures we see God’s guidance on our financial stewardship as being one tenth of our income, called a tithe, and when it comes to time one seventh as evidence by the command to keep one day as a Sabbath day. Our goal in the annual stewardship emphasis isn’t to guilt or convict anyone but to simply remind each person of the church’s need and God’s guidance on how to use what God has given us. Perhaps one tenth and one seventh are too much for you to do right now, but I hope you will all prayerfully consider how you can use your resources, all of them, to help the church.

This year we will begin our campaign on Sunday, November 5. Our theme is “Give Thanks and Give Back”. Soon you will receive our stewardship letter detailing the needs of the church with a pledge card. We hope you will fill out and return the card before November 19 when we will offer the pledges to God in thanksgiving for all the blessings God has given us and Fairhill Manor Christian Church in the past year. Of course the church needs money to pay its bills and its staff, but more than that it needs people to fill the pews and do its work.

Therefore, as you examine the stewardship of your resources please consider also how you can give to your church in time and talent in addition to treasure, for we have all been given a trust, which is the church, and we all long to prove faithful to it.

Rev. Chris



- 1 Dave Dague  
Justin Gatten
- 2 Mary Ellen Grebner  
Daniel Leasure
- 4 Oden Keene
- 6 Shirley Cavanaugh  
Lynn Lacock  
Beth Yeash
- 7 Lou Skariot  
Chuck Wiseman
- 9 Derek Glover  
Emme Howsare
- 10 Rob Wheeler  
Taylor Wheeler
- 11 Bryson Daniels  
Grayson Daniels  
Serena Dube  
Jackie Weaver
- 12 Jonathan Jacobovitz  
Garnet Withrow
- 14 Kevin Puskarich
- 15 Jeannie Allison  
Gary Ford
- 16 Susan Britko
- 17 Ashley Howsare
- 18 Eva Lou Engle  
Wyatt Newman
- 19 Carol Davis  
Jackie Keener
- 20 Marie Mountain  
Donna Stenski
- 21 Bette Jo Puskarich
- 23 Patty Pryor
- 25 Cecilia Greene  
Rev. Chris Stillwell
- 26 Betty Jo Riggle
- 27 Doug Bakaitis
- 28 John Samida
- 29 Zachary Keene  
Karen Palfreyman



- 2 James & Cara Hritz
- 10 Gary & Kathy Ford
- 22 Steve & Jodi Barlow
- 27 Jeff & Amy Caldwell

## Drive-Thru Nativity

A sign-up sheet for the Drive Thru Nativity characters will be in the narthex on November 5. For the outside positions, 50 PERSONS are needed. If you have family members, friends, anyone who would like to participate, please sign them up as well. If you worship on zoom and want to be a part of the Drive Thru Nativity, please call the church office and Karen will sign you up. Please also indicate which nights you are available. The dates are Dec 9 and 10 and you must be here from 5-8 PM.

Also on November 5 a sign-up sheet for the Drive-Thru Nativity food will be in the narthex. This is a good way to help with this large event if you are unable to participate otherwise.

Please contact Connie Sheller with any questions. 724-494-3318





If you have any non-perishable food items you would like to donate to the **Community Circle Food Pantry**, you can continue to bring them in and place them on the table by the coffee station in the front entrance of the church. Rev. Chris will take them to the pantry at the beginning of each month. **Items needed most at this time are: Gravy (Jar or Packets), Canned Vegetables (specifically corn and green beans), Corn Bread Mix, Pie Crust, Instant Mashed Potatoes, Stuffing (boxed), Canned Pumpkin, Canned Sweet Potatoes, Cranberries (canned), Jello/Pudding Mixes, Evaporated Milk, Cake Mixes, Frosting.** If you or someone you know would like to volunteer or are in need of the Food Pantry's services, they distribute the food every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9-12. The Community Circle Food Pantry is now located at **65 E Cherry Ave** in Washington, and they can be reached at 724-225-1540.

## Items Collected

FMCC continues to collect bottle caps for the Washington County park bench project. Please make sure the caps are clean and do not contain any paper or cardboard inside the cap.

Medicine Bottles – We are looking for a few individuals who could give a few hours of their time on a Monday or Tuesday in November to sort and pack medicine bottles. If you are interested in helping with this outreach project, contact the Church Office. We will set a time when we can meet in the Library to sort and pack bottles.

## Notes of Thanks

The Notes of Thanks concert will be held here at FMCC on **Sunday, November 12, at 6pm.** The concert will feature Pastor Betty Riecks, Pete Cimino & Button Box Band and the Ambassadors for Christ. A free-will offering will be received to aid needy families in the area. Refreshments will be served following the concert.

## Blessing Boxes

Money from your **Blessing Boxes** will be collected and dedicated on **Sunday, November 19.** You can bring your money or a check to FMCC with Blessing Box in the memo that day and keep your box for continued use. All money goes to the Church Mission Fund with 50% used for national and international women's studies, programs and development. This is sponsored by our Disciple's Women's Ministry. Thank you for recognizing your daily blessings in this way! If you have any questions, contact Connie Sheller.

## Thanksgiving Bounty

On November 19, the BYKOTA Sunday school class will again be sharing and displaying a **THANKSGIVING BOUNTY** for worship. This includes any fresh vegetables and fruits. These items are then donated to the City mission after worship. The class is inviting anyone from the congregation to bring something to be included. Items can be placed in the display before worship begins. Thank you for helping our class help others! Any questions ask Connie Sheller.

## Welcome Back Luncheon

As Thanksgiving approaches we have much for which to give thanks. In addition to the material blessings or needs being met, we have the fellowship of friends and family. Therefore we have another reason to give thanks this month, because Pastor Gena will return from her sabbatical! Her first Sunday back will be November 12. We would like to invite you to attend a **welcome back luncheon** for her and Isaac the following Sunday, November 19 after church. Mark your calendar and look for the more details to come in the Manor Minutes.



If you have left over candy from trick or treat, the **Children Worship & Wonder** center can always use small/minature candy to give to the children on Sundays. Thank you!

## Poinsettia Orders

**It's that time!!!**

Red and White Poinsettias can now be ordered for our Christmas Eve display. The Poinsettia Tree needs at least **33** poinsettias to complete. Order forms can be found in the bulletin during the month of November, and also in the Narthex.



## Angel Tree

The Salvation Army Christmas **Angel Tree** tags will be available November 10.

There will be tags for two age ranges: Birth – 6<sup>th</sup> grade and 7<sup>th</sup> – 12 grade. Place your present in a reusable tote bag and place under the tree in the Narthex by Sunday, December 10.



## Hanging of the Greens

The BYKOTA Sunday School class will be decorating the church on **November 26** at 5 PM. Several of our class members will be out of town for the holiday, so we are asking anyone from the congregation to come and help us, please! Finger foods will be available. Join us for a fun evening to begin this holiday season. Thank you!

The beautiful poinsettia tree that adorns our sanctuary each Christmas Eve is a tradition that we all look forward to every year. Please fill out this form and return it to the church office by **December 3rd with payment**. Indicate the color and number of poinsettias you would like to order. Cost per plant is \$11. Please **make checks payable to "Fairhill Manor" and indicate "Poinsettias" in the memo line**. Plants may be picked up following the Christmas Eve service.

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**ORDERS are due by December 3<sup>rd</sup>**

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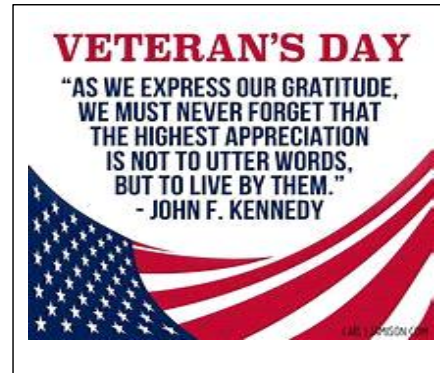
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## Guest Speaker – Sunday, November 26

Rev, Chris will be taking his last Sunday of vacation on November 26. Preaching in his place that Sunday, will be Shelly Kubincanek, church/community relations manager from the Washington City Mission. The first Sunday after Thanksgiving and the last Sunday before Advent is the perfect time for Shelly to share the ways in which the City Mission has been sharing the good news of Jesus Christ in the Washington area in word and especially in deed. Come that day to hear of how God has blessed the mission and led I it to be a blessing to others as well as hear what opportunities there are to help with its ministry. Let us give thanks for Shelly as she brings the message to Fairhill Manor, and let us give thanks for the City Mission as it brings the gospel to Washington.

### Veterans Day

While many realize that Veterans Day, which always falls on November 11, is a day to honor our Veterans, few realize the historical significance behind the day. Veterans Day originated as Armistice Day and marked the end of hostilities of World War I that occurred at the 11th hour on the 11th day of the 11th month.



# November 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
			NA 6:45pm	Bible Study w/ Rev. Chris 3-4pm via Zoom  Choir practice 6:30pm  NA 7:30pm		
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Sunday School 9am  Worship 10:15am	Large Hall Reserved Wallace 4pm-9pm  NA 7pm		Elders Meeting 5:30pm  NA 6:45pm  Board Meeting 7pm	Bible Study w/ Rev. Chris 3-4pm via Zoom  Choir practice 6:30pm  NA 7:30pm		
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Sunday School 9am  Worship 10:15am  Notes of Thanks 6pm	NA 7pm		NA 6:45pm	Choir practice 6:30pm  NA 7:30pm		Large Hall Reserved Palfreyman
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Sunday School 9am  Worship 10:15am Blessing Box Dedication  Welcome Back Luncheon	NA 7pm	Dartball @ Home 7pm	NA 6:45pm	 Happy Thanksgiving  Let us give thanks!  Church Office Closed	Church Office Closed	
26	27	28	29	30		
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