

Manor Talk

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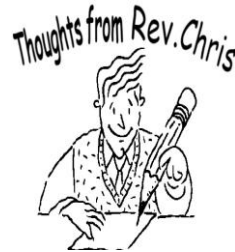
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Now that we have made it to summer, I like to look out into my backyard and see the flowers and plants growing in our garden. The yellow of the daylilies, the green of the plants and the red of the tomatoes and peppers bring a splash of color into my life. I also enjoy seeing the impatiens and other flowers out front. Jessi and I were careful to plant each one in their place giving them all enough room to grow and flourish. Our garden would be so perfect if everything turned out the way we wanted.

But then the animals came. It appears a deer is coming through at night and enjoying the buffet. A groundhog that was living underneath our porch ate all the flowers outside of his hole as if we placed them there especially for him. As if this wasn't enough, I threw the squashes, pumpkins, and gourds that were left over from Trunk or Treat into the garden last fall, and some seeds from one or more of these vegetables have taken hold and grown a plant so big it threatens to overwhelm all the others. I would remove it except that it is the best thing we've been able to grow so far this year.

What do we do when the unexpected intrudes into our life? How do we respond when something we don't count on springs up and becomes so large it threatens to crowd out every beautiful thing in our life? We do tend to focus on the negative to the exclusion of the positive, and, as a result, the negative grows and grows like a vine, and the positive withers in its shadow.

Let us remember the words of Christ who said, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit." (John 15:1-2) Some things grow in our life that we do not want. Remove them. Other things do not grow as we would want them. Let them go. Still others flourish and bear fruit. Cherish them. If everything were perfect it would be Heaven. In this life we should keep planting seeds knowing that they will not all grow. Therefore, we should celebrate all the more the fruit (and vegetables and flowers) wherever we find them.

Rev. Chris



From January – May 31, FMCC has collected 56 jars of peanut butter, 49 jars of jelly, 158 rolls of toilet paper and 589 other food items for a total of 852 items donated to the pantry.

You're doing an amazing job supporting our community. Keep up the great work!

We Need The Following:
Peanut Butter
Jelly
Toilet Paper



June 5, 8am-5pm
June 6, 8am-2pm

Set up: June 2, 9am-1pm
June 3, 1-5pm
June 4, 9am-1pm

“Pay what you can, take what you need”



June 7



Fairhill Manor will be celebrating 50-year members of the church on Sunday, June 21.



Rev. Chris will be on vacation June 14 and June 22-27. Karen Thomas will be on vacation June 18 – July 5. While Karen is away, we will not be publishing the Manor Minutes. The June and July newsletters have been combined into this one newsletter.



If there is a **hymn** that is near and dear to you and hasn't been sung in awhile, contact Rev. Chris or the Church Office. We will try and sing it during the summer.



- 1 Gerry Huntsman
- 3 Brynn Martinek
David Waters
- 6 Darla Lewis
- 8 Becca Caldwell
- 9 Julie Meier
Diane Palfreyman
- 10 Patty Fraley
Catherine McVay
- 12 Eleanor Boyles
Shawn Dallatore
Janet Kademenos
Nan Sekorky
- 14 Jayme Britton
- 15 James Cope
Sandy Paul
Grace Vanatta
- 17 AJ Rizor
- 18 Jessi Stillwell
- 19 Diana Crowe
- 21 Sandy Vanatta
- 22 Jeanne Riffle
- 24 Ray Ingram
Jakob Mountain
Garrett Newman
Jace Simpson
- 27 Cami Allison
Katey Gardiner
- 28 Johanna Vanatta
- 30 Liliene Hess
Zachary Kunkle



- 4 Gary & Carolyn Blackhurst
- 7 Aaron & Johanna Vanatta
- 8 Jeanne & Perry Riffle
- 20 Robert & Kelly Leitsch
- 21 Doug & Maggie Graff
- 28 Doug & Patty Fraley
William & Sheri Leitsch

Memorial Brick Garden Laser-Engraved Bricks

The attractive engraved pavers are specially made for Fairhill Manor and are hard-fired for years of enduring beauty. The paver stones are 4x8x2¼” and can be ordered with three lines of text with 20 characters per line including all punctuation and spacing with one clipart. Letters on the brick will be 15mm tall and in the font – Zapf Humnst. Deadline to order new bricks is **August 1**. The order form can be found in the Narthex and attached to this newsletter.

The bricks will be \$40.00 each.

Contact the Church Office (724) 225-8610 if you are interested. Bricks will be dedicated on All Saints Day, November 1, 2026.



July Board Reports due July 6

Board Meeting – July 8

**Washington Wild
Things**



Save the Date - June 26

FMCC is going to the Washington Wild Things game on **Friday, June 26!** This year we will have 25 tickets for the Community Room. Tickets are \$10 each. Sign-up in the Narthex or call the Church Office (724) 225-8610. Deadline to purchase tickets is June 12.

June 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Pastor's Cabinet 5:30pm NA 7pm	Rummage Sale Drop Off/ Set Up 9am-1pm	DWM Ruth 1pm Rummage Sale Drop Off/Set Up Noon-5pm DWM Tabitha 6pm NA 6:45pm	Rummage Sale Drop Off/ Set Up 9am-1pm Choir practice 6:30pm NA 7:30pm	Rummage Sale 8am-5pm	Rummage Sale 8am-2pm
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
BYKOTA class 9am Worship 10:15am Graduate Sunday	Blood Mobile 11am-3pm NA 7pm		Elders Meeting 5:30pm via Zoom NA 6:45pm	Choir practice 6:30pm NA 7:30pm	Deadline to purchase Wild Things Game Tickets	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
BYKOTA class 9am Worship 10:15am Rev. Chris Vacation Day	NA 7pm		NA 6:45pm	Choir practice 6:30pm NA 7:30pm		
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Worship 10:15am 	NA 7pm Rev. Chris....	Vacation.....	NA 6:45pm June 22 - 27	Choir practice 6:30pm NA 7:30pm 	Wild Things Game 7pm
28	29	30				
Worship 10:15am	NA 7pm					

July 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
			DWM Ruth 1pm DWM Tabitha 6pm NA 6:45pm	NA 7:30pm	Office Closed	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Worship 10:15am	NA 7pm		Bible Study 2pm Elders Meeting 5:30pm NA 6:45pm Board Meeting 7pm	NA 7:30pm		
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Worship 10:15am	NA 7pm		Bible Study 2pm Personnel Committee 6pm NA 6:45pm	NA 7:30pm		
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Worship 10:15am	NA 7pm		Bible Study 2pm NA 6:45pm	NA 7:30pm		
26	27	28	29	30	31	
Worship 10:15am	NA 7pm		Bible Study 2pm NA 6:45pm	NA 7:30pm		



- 1 Elina Ringer
Sydney Shultz
Stacy Waters
- 3 Charles A. Riggle
- 4 Ron Keener
- 5 Anna Berg
Nash Martinek
- 7 Charles McConnell
- 8 Carol Brown
- 10 J.C. Leasure
Robert Leitsch
Philip Tarentino
- 11 Colt Allison
Parker Throckmorton
- 13 Laura Houston
Cindy Shaw
- 14 Robert Dallatore
Nancy Hollowood
- 15 Sharon Harps
Kathy Moninger-Ford
- 19 Brittany Jacobovitz
- 21 Courtney Gatten
- 22 Alice Cokeley
Samantha Shaw
- 23 Judy Wheeler
- 24 Camden Allison
- 25 Doug Fraley
Jackie Nelson
- 26 Jamie Hatfield
Steve Ringer
- 27 Aryn Hess
Alivia Lacock
- 28 Jacob Ashmore
Rob Throckmorton
- 29 Rita Hritz
Kathleen Krajacic
Eden Vanatta
- 30 Barbara Bailey
Amber Crowe
Peggy Murdock

- 4 Zachary & Ashley Keene
- 8 Carmen & Peggy Oliverio
- 11 Steve & Michelle Ringer
- 15 Ron & Jacki Keener
- 20 John & Sandy Vanatta
- 26 Gene & Consuello Sheller
- 27 Cody & Sydney Shultz
- 30 Tom & Karla Glover



Reverend Chris will hold a **Summer Bible Study**, Wednesdays in July and August. The topic will be the apostle Peter, and he will be using Adam Hamilton's study "Simon Peter: Flawed but Faithful Disciple." It will meet at 2pm on July 8, 15, 22, 29 and Aug 12, 19, and 26. Light refreshments will be provided. Stay tuned for more info.

FAIRHILL MANOR CHRISTIAN CHURCH
BOARD MINUTES
MAY 13, 2026

WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Moderator Gary Ford lit the Christ Candle and opened the meeting at 7pm with a devotion on Remembrance. The group sang Happy Birthday and shared cake for Gene Sheller's 85th birthday.

WE CELEBRATE OUR PAST

Moderator Ford asked if anyone wanted to highlight anything from their report.

Rev. Chris reminded us of the Men's Dinner at Fairhill on May 21. He mentioned Blessings Services to be on June 7 at the Pavillion downtown and could use someone else to help at the table.

Pastor Gena highlighted working with Isaac Mayen on the Track Snacks. At its peak, 19 kids had been served. 20-30 more people now know where our church is. They spent around \$350 on snacks.

Brian Shaw noted that the church's investments had done really well. \$270,000 in gains in the 5 investments.

Correction: In the Minutes on pg. 14, it should be "Trustee Fund" not "Memorial Fund". Also, a correction, in Rev. Chris report in 4th bullet point - "words" should be corrected as "cords".

Pastor Gena stated that corrections should happen at the Board Meeting. This should be for content corrections. Spelling and grammar could be corrected by the Church Secretary

A motion to accept the Minister, Associate Pastor, Secretary and Treasurer's Reports was made by Peggy Oliverio and second by Gene Sheller. Motion passed.

WE PRESENT OUR OFFERING

Ministry Reports- A motion to approve the Ministry Reports was made by Carmen Oliverio and second by Linda Reese. Motion passed.

CONCERNS OF OUR PAST (Old Business)

1. Car Show -Cruisin' the Manor Car Show (Dalton Harps) asked about use of the church restroom for upcoming car shows. Discussion followed. It was decided to let them use the upstairs restroom and close or lock other doors. The hallway is to be blocked off past the restroom doors. Whether or not to charge them a fee was tabled for this year. Selling food or beverages is still be considered.

Motion to let the car show use the restrooms on the first floor with boundaries and someone from Fairhill on the premises was made by Gene Sheller and second by Carmen Oliverio.

2. Kevin Puskarich asked a question as to the status of the air conditioning installation for the small fellowship hall and the payment schedule. Von Lacock said that 50% had been paid and a last payment of \$5,800 will be made. The Small Fellowship Hall air conditioning should be done the coming week.

Kevin Puskarich noted that \$1,500 had been made on the Spaghetti Dinner and 10 sauces were still available in the freezer. He noted how clean the kitchen was and thanked the “Sparkle Sisters” and helpers for the shiny kitchen.

3. Linda Reese wanted to thank the Literacy Counsel along with EQT for cleaning the church garden and putting in fresh mulch.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Carmen Oliverio with a Second by Sheila Harris.

Rev. Chris closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Rita Puskarich
Substitute Board Secretary