

Manor Talk

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Thoughts from Rev. Chris



At this time of year, when we have just given out treats for Halloween, and we soon will be making our lists of gifts to give for Christmas, our thoughts naturally turn to giving. We have heard the old saying "It is better to give than to receive" and, while this is true, we also know that this truth doesn't always make it easier to give than to receive.

When it comes to giving there are basically three kinds. The first is grudge giving, which is the kind that says, "I have to." This giving comes from a hard heart and giving in this way only hardens the heart even further. The second is duty giving which says, "I ought to." This giving is good and necessary, but it lacks the pure heartedness of the third kind of giving, which is thanksgiving. This type of giving says, "I want to," and this is the type of giving that comes from a full heart.

When we give to one another, and especially when we give to God, we should be practicing thanksgiving, because we do so not because we have to, or even because we ought to, but simply because we want to. Paul told the Corinthians that "God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Co9:7) and I think that is because God knows that we have reason to be cheerful.

We are blessed with so much in our life given to us by God, that it is easy to take it for granted even though we would miss these blessings terribly if they were gone. That is why I am grateful that we have a day set aside to give thanks to God for all that we have.

As Thanksgiving Day approaches, let us remember that whatever we give to God, be it time, money, prayers, or service, let us give thanks with a grateful heart, for our hearts are full since God gave us Jesus Christ not because God had to or ought to but because God wanted to. Therefore, let us all give thanks.

Rev. Chris

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November 1



From January 1 through October 31, FMCC has collected 180 jars of peanut butter, 154 jars of jelly, 657 rolls of toilet paper and 1,288 other food items for a total of 2,279 items donated to the pantry.



Thanksgiving donations are needed no later than November 12 to prepare for the "Great Turkey Fixin' Distribution." Items requested are:

- Boxed Stuffing Mix
- Boxed Instant Masked Potatoes
- Canned Sweet Potatoes
- Turkey Gravy
- Cranberry Sauce
- Pumpkin Pie Filling
- Holiday Dessert Items

Happy Birthday

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



Board Reports Due to office by November 5.

Board Meeting – November 11, 7pm



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

Hanging of the Greens

The BYKOTA Sunday School class will be decorating the Sanctuary on **November 22** following the Appreciation Dinner. Everyone is invited to participate. Please come and enjoy the fun as we prepare for this Christmas season in our Church.



November 29

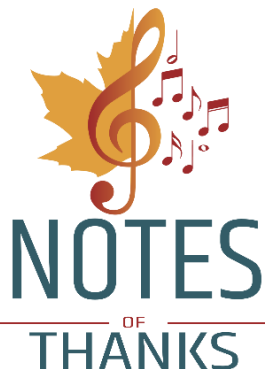
Devotionals will be available November 22 in the Narthex. If you are unable to pick one up in the Narthex, please contact the Church Office and we will try to make arrangements to get one to you.

Poinsettia Orders - It's that time!!! Time to order your Christmas Poinsettias. You can order **RED** or **WHITE** poinsettias. **New to the order form this year: you may choose to order a poinsettia without a color choice. If you don't have a color preference, then use this option. This will allow us to order the needed color/number to fill our poinsettia tree.** We need at least 33 poinsettias to form the beautiful Poinsettia Tree at the front of the Sanctuary. Order forms can be found in the bulletin and in the Narthex during the month of November. Paid orders are due to Karen in the Church Office by **November 30**.



Angle Tree Tags

The Salvation Army **Angel Tree** tags are scheduled to be delivered soon. Note: All gifts will need to be returned to FMCC by November 29th. Please watch the Manor Minutes for more details.



Notes of Thanks

The Notes of Thanks concert will be held here at FMCC on **Sunday, November 8, at 6pm**. This free concert will feature the Ambassadors for Christ, Dan Baker, Sam Johnson and Pastor Betty Riecks. Invite your family, friends and neighbors for a great evening of music and fellowship. A free-will offering will be received to aid people in our area. Refreshments will be served following the concert.

APPRECIATION *Dinner*

The excitement is mounting for our **Appreciation Dinner** after worship on Sunday, November 22nd! Come and enjoy a delicious meal of chicken and biscuits, scrumptious side dishes and of course, dessert! Sign up in the Narthex by November 15 or call the church office at (724) 225-8610 to RSVP so we can plan accordingly. Don't miss out on this great opportunity for great food and fellowship!





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 **November 30th with payment**. Indicate the color and number of poinsettias you would like to order. Cost per plant is \$12. Please **make checks payable to "Fairhill Manor" and indicate "Poinsettias" in the memo line**. Plants may be picked up following the Christmas Eve service.

#_____ RED Poinsettias

#_____ WHITE Poinsettias

#_____ Poinsettias (no color preference)

ORDERS are due by November 30th

Given by

In Memory/Honor of (circle one)

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November 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Sunday School 9am Worship 10:15am	NA 7pm	No Dartball	DWM Ruth 1pm NA 6:45pm Pastor Gena---	Choir Practice 6:30pm NA 7:30pm Vacation-----	Nov 4 – 10---	-----
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Sunday School 9am Worship 10:15am Notes of Thanks 6pm Pastor Gena ---	NA 7pm Vacation-----	Dartball @ Home 7pm Nov 4 – 10---	Elders 5:30pm NA 6:45pm Board Meeting 7pm	Choir Practice 6:30pm NA 7:30pm		
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Sunday School 9am Worship 10:15am	Stewardship/ Finance Ministry 5:15pm NA 7pm	Dartball @ St James 7pm	Elders 5:30pm NA 6:45pm	Choir Practice 6:30pm NA 7:30pm		
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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