

Manor Talk

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Thoughts from Rev. Chris



“If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector.” (Mt 16:15, 17)

This is Jesus’ advise to his followers in the early days of the faith for a problem that he knew would surely come up time and again. Any organization involving people will be an organization involving conflict. People have trouble getting along, and even husbands and wives, sons and daughters, and lifelong friends have periodic disagreements. I have often said that if I only associated with people who agree with me all the time, I would be completely alone and the same is true for all of us. Part of the work of being a Christian is learning how to live with others, and so this teaching by Jesus is particularly important for us.

As a minister, I come back to it often because frequently people in the church take issue with one another, what they say, what they do, what they don’t do. I always try to encourage reconciliation, because most of the time no hurt was intended and just letting someone know they have offended you will inspire heartfelt apology. Sometimes it does not, however, and that is when I emphasize as firmly as I can the last verse of this teaching.

Jesus commands us to make every possible attempt at reconciliation, and if it does not work, we do not have to associate with that person, but he does not give us permission to leave the church, to leave his body as a result of a disagreement with one member. Let me emphasize how seminal this teaching is. It is only the second time the word church is used in the Bible coming after Jesus promises to build the church upon the Rock, Peter. Now that Jesus has introduced the idea of a church the first teaching on how to be church is this teaching.

We may be having a problem or a disagreement with another brother or sister, but they are still our brother and sister in Christ, and we cannot divorce them any more than we could divorce our own siblings, but it is okay if you need to distance yourself from them for a time. What is not okay is if you let a disagreement with one person sever your tie with the body of Christ as a whole.

I like to summarize it in this way: If there are forty or so people in the church whom you love and whom you would miss if you didn’t see, why would you stop coming because one person upsets you? You only hurt yourself and the church. October is the time of homecoming, and if you haven’t been coming lately because of a problem you have had with one person, I hope you will consider the relationship, history, and friendship you have in many, many more.

Imagine the joy you would inspire in the church and in yourself if you come to the place where you belong.

Rev. Chris



From January 1 through September 30, FMCC has collected 163 jars of peanut butter, 135 jars of jelly, 597 rolls of toilet paper and 1,144 other food items for a total of 2,039 items donated to the pantry.

The food pantry's wish list for the upcoming holidays will be shared soon.

2027 Calling Commission

Sharl Burk	Jody Mullis
Serena Dube	Rita Puskarich
Sheila Harris	Chuck Riggle
Cara Hritz	Louie Skariot
Jill Throckmorton	

Please be open to the invitation to serve that the Calling Commission may extend to you. Take some time to pray in the coming days about how God may use your gifts during 2027.



- 3 Cameron Jones
- 4 Nancy Sherman
- 5 Lois Shaw
- 8 Wanda Chicone
Andrew Cope
- 10 Abby Graff
- 12 Jodi Barlow
Colin Britko
Cara Hritz
- 14 Zachary Houston
Jim Wheeler
- 16 Steve Barlow
Linda Reese
- 18 Colby Meier
Sophia Roach
- 19 Charlotte Stillwell
- 22 Terry Allison
- 25 Anna Houston
Cori Houston
- 30 Walker Newman



DRIVE-THRU NATIVITY
December 12 & 13

6-8pm

Character
SIGN-UP sheets
are in the Narthex



- 2 Dave & Carol Davis
- 6 Kevin & Lauren Kunkle
- 10 Jerry & Bette Jo Puskarich
- 15 Robert & Jill Throckmorton
- 22 Sam & Misty Caldwell
- 29 Troy & Lisa Shriver

October 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
				Life Line Screening 8am- 5pm Choir Practice 6:30pm NA 7:30pm		Spaghetti Dinner 5-7pm
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Sunday School 9am Worship 10:15am	NA 7pm	Rummage Sale Set Up 9am-1pm Dartball @ Laboratory 7pm	Rummage Sale Set Up Noon-5pm DWM Ruth 1pm NA 6:45pm	Rummage Sale Set Up 9am-1pm Choir Practice 6:30pm NA 7:30pm	Rummage Sale 8am-5pm	Rummage Sale 8am-2pm
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Sunday School 9am Worship 10:15am	NA 7pm	No Dartball	Elders 5:30pm NA 6:45pm	Choir Practice 6:30pm NA 7:30pm	Rev. Chris Vacation	Rev. Chris Vacation
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Sunday School 9am Worship 10:15am Rev. Chris Vacation	NA 7pm	Dartball @ Home 7pm	NA 6:45pm	Choir Practice 6:30pm NA 7:30pm	Croppers 4pm-11pm	Croppers 8am-8pm
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Sunday School 9am Worship 10:15am Trunk or Treat 4pm	NA 7pm	Dartball @ Washington Alliance 7pm	NA 6:45pm	Choir Practice 6:30pm		

Fairhill Manor Christian Church
Board Report
Secretary's Minutes
September 9, 2026

We Assemble in God's Name:

Moderator Gary Ford, called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. He opened with a devotion, prayer and by lighting the Christ Candle.

We Celebrate Our Past

The FMCC Board reviewed and submitted reports from the Senior Minister, Associate Pastor, Board Secretary, Treasurer and Church Clerk.

Moderator Gary Ford asked if there were any questions regarding these reports or if there were any comments from the person submitting the report.

Remarks:

Pastor Gena wanted to add to her report that the football snacks will start 9-10-2026 at 3:00 p.m. She contacted the Athletic Director and two coaches from Wash High. She stated the track snacks in the Spring went over well and the athletes were receptive and appreciative.

Rev. Chris stated the pop machine is not working. Pastor Gena asked if it was a used one when purchased. Gene Sheller stated yes it was.

Serena Dube asked how the general fund is doing. Brian Shaw stated the general fund has about \$30,000 and at this point is doing okay.

A motion to accept these reports was made by Jody Mullis and seconded by Jerry Puskarich. The motion was carried unanimously.

We Present Our Offering

The FMCC Board reviewed the submitted Ministry Reports. Reports were submitted from the Pastor's Cabinet, Trustees, Stewardship/Finance Ministry, Personnel Committee, Gathering to Grow, Disciples Women's Ministry, Men's Ministry, and FMCC Croppers.

Moderator Gary Ford asked if there were any questions regarding these reports or if there were any comments from the person submitting the report.

Remarks:

Connie Sheller stated the Disciples Women's Ministry (DWM) packed 100 pad pouches, 70 underwear and leggings for McGuffey School District.

Connie also reported that she and Kevin Puskarich are working on updating the Drive-Thru Nativity scenes. She suggested a committee be established at the end of this year. She also said the stable needs improvements to replace boards etc. Terry Houston said he has lumber that was donated in the garage.

Rev. Chris stated the Tri-County Men's Ministry will meet at First Christian Church in November.

Jerry Puskarich's notes on the Stewardship Finance Ministry are attached.

A motion to accept these reports was made by Peggy Oliverio and seconded by Jody Mullis. The motion was carried unanimously.

Concerns of the Past (Old Business)

Rev. Chris asked if the City Mission donation box in the parking lot is being used? Several people stated they have been placing things in it.

Spaghetti dinner is October 3, 2026.

Rummage sale is October 9 and 10, 2026.

Issues of the Future (New Business)

Ed Palfreyman stated he got a bid for painting 27 windows and 12 doors for a cost of \$5,800.00 from Already Painting. This does not include the cost of the paint. He also got a bid from Adam West Painting for a cost of \$7800.00 for just the 12 doors.

Jerry Puskarich stated the paint would cost between \$750.00 to \$1,000.00.

Serena Dube asked if they got a bid for the inside painting. Ed Palfreyman answered "no this bid is for outside doors and windows only."

Camen Oliverio made a motion to except Already Paintings bid and Connie Sheller seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

Other Discussion

Ed Palfreyman said a bid for the garage roof from Nicolella's was \$4,900.00.

Jerry Puskarich stated a few other bids are needed. He also thinks we need to make project lists for things that may need done in the future.

Ed Palfreyman said we need to decide what to do with the furniture in the garage. We will need that space soon.

Pastor Gena said Serena Dube's son could use some of it. Sheila Harris is also going to take some pieces. We also have the rummage sale coming up and if there is anything left, we could call the City Mission.

Gary Ford announced the Calling Commission is made up of 4 Elders, 2 Deacons, and 2 Members of the church.

Elders: Chuck Riggle, Sheila Harris, Jody Mullis, Serena Dube

Deacons: Rob Throckmorton, Sharl Burk, Louie Skariot

Members not on board: Cara Hritz, Rita Puskarich

A motion was made to accept the Calling Commission as listed and seconded. Nomination forms will be in the Narthex beginning on September 20, 2026.

Terry Houston asked for approval for the water fountain for \$1,400.00.

Motion to except the approval for the water fountain was made by Jerry Puskarich and seconded by Carol Davis. The motion was carried unanimously.

Leaving in God's Name

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 P.M. with prayer by Rev. Chris.

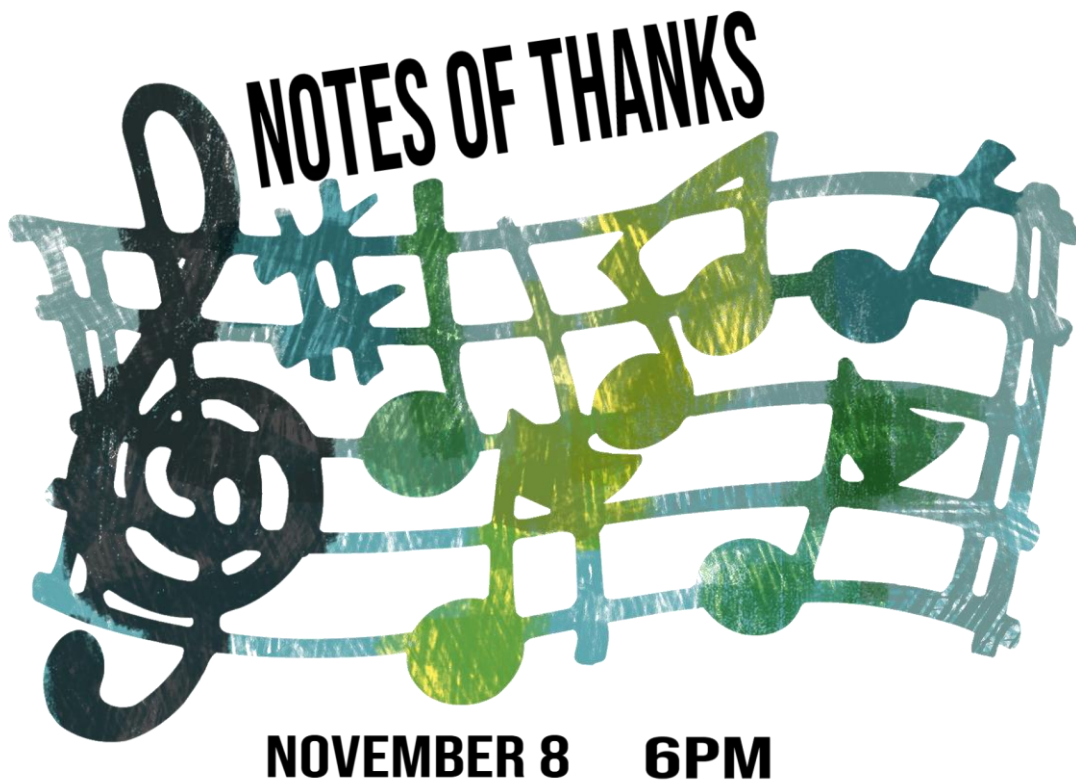
Next Board Meeting will be November 11, 2026, at 7pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Candy Wasalasky
Board Secretary

In Attendance:

Gary Ford – (Moderator), Carol Davis, Dave Davis, Serena Dube, Sheila Harris, Terry Houston, Von Lacock-Zoom, Jody Mullis, Jackie Nelson, Ed Palfreyman-Zoom, Jerry Puskarich, Kevin Puskarich-Zoom, Brian Shaw*, Connie Sheller, Gene Sheller, Jill Throckmorton, Candy Wasalasky, Associate Pastor Gena Sheller*, Senior Minister Chris Stillwell*, Carmen Oliverio, Peggy Oliverio, Chuck Riggle

*Non-voting members



NOVEMBER 8 6PM