

Manor Talk

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SEPTEMBER

Thoughts from Rev. Chris



Well, September is finally here, and that means that fall cannot be too far behind. I know many are thinking, "How can the summer have past so quickly?" but I have been looking forward to the heat of August giving way to the cool of autumn for a while. I love to watch the leaves turn color and fall from the branch, and yet, if I knew that the trees would never bear leaves again, I would despair with every leaf that brushes the ground. The loss of each and every leaf on each and every tree would be to me a mournful death, but, because I know the tree will one day be replenished with a new generation of leaves filling its branches I can pause a moment and appreciate the leaves as they go.

In a way churches are like trees. Just as the leaves of a tree come and go, so do the people of a church. Some become ill, others move away, and all pass away at some point. For whatever reason people come and go in the church, and it can be a frustrating thing. If we knew that others would not come, it would be devastating every time someone left, but we know that by the grace of God people come and go, but still the church remains.

Each person is as beautiful and unique as an autumn leaf, and each one that "leaves" (sorry, I couldn't resist) for whatever reason makes the church that much less beautiful. However, we must remember that the church has lived through far more autumns than we have, and still it remains, because somewhere along the line, as people leave its doors, others come in, and the cycle starts all over again. If you find yourself thinking that you miss the beauty of the church when "so and so" was here, take a moment to give thanks to God for the memory of that person, and then give thanks to God for the beauty of the people who are to come.

Rev. Chris



From January 1 through August 31, FMCC has collected 140 jars of peanut butter, 117 jars of jelly, 498 rolls of toilet paper and 1,009 other food items for a total of 1,764 items donated to the pantry.

Thank you for your donations to the food pantry's back-to-school sack bags. Your generosity is praiseworthy.

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

The pantry values community involvement and serves as a vital resource, providing food assistance and support to those in need.

Mark your calendar.
It's time to make Church
World Service School Kits!
Please plan to stay after
Worship on September 27 to
put the kits together.



Last year the **Literacy Council** served over 500 individuals through English as a Second Language, Adult Basic Education and General Educational Development. Demand continues to grow and community support makes meeting these needs possible.

The Literacy Council will be holding their Annual Charity Trivia Event, Scholar's Bowl, on Thursday October 22, from 5-9pm at the Washington Elks Lodge, 138 E Maiden Street, Washington.

Would you like to be a part of a Fairhill Manor team (4-8 people) participating in the Scholar's Bowl? If so, contact the Church Office by September 22.

Also the Washington County Community Foundation's Annual Day of Giving will be Thursday September 10, from 8am-8pm. You can donate to the Literacy Council any many other local charities through the Day of Giving by visiting www.wccfgives.org.

Every gift helps strengthen literacy, education and opportunity throughout Southwestern Pennsylvania

MARK
YOUR
CALENDARS!

DRIVE-THRU NATIVITY
December 12 & 13
6-8pm



- 2 Declan Kunkle
Beth Teagarden
- 3 Susie Macik
Shelva Morrow
- 4 Dawn Couch
- 5 Adelaide Hess
Lynsey Johnson
- 7 Maureen Davis-Furshman
- 13 Russell Knight
Brian Shaw
- 15 Steve Skariot
Lauren Ware
Lynn Ware
- 18 Joy Barnhart
Michelle Ringer
- 20 Sammi Waters
- 21 Brooke Barlow
Eliza Barlow
Megan Faust-Piatt
Mike Nelson
Rolinda Sprowls
- 22 Sharon Ingram
- 23 William Leitsch
- 24 Thomas Foutz
Eric Meier
Nicole Wolf
- 28 Kathryn Hess
- 29 Conner Gatten
- 30 Windsor Keene



- 1 Steve & Louie Skariot
- 2 Rick & Dawn Couch
- 5 Gage & Morgan Swartz
- 7 John & Anna Berg
Chris & Lisa Gardiner
- 8 Ty & Kerri Lacock
- 11 Daniel & Kassie Riffle
- 24 Mike & Jackie Nelson



Take a minute and send our college "kids" a note.

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DARTBALL

- 9/8 – Fairhill at Glenn Street
- 9/15 – Home
- 9/22 – Fairhill at Jefferson Avenue
- 9/29 - Home



Board Reports due September 3

Board Meeting September 9

September 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
			DWM Ruth 1pm Personnel 6pm NA 6:45pm	Choir Practice 6:30pm NA 7:30pm		
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Worship 10:15am		Dartball @ Glenn Street 7pm	Elders 5:30pm NA 6:45pm Board Meeting 7pm	Choir Practice 6:30pm NA 7:30pm		
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Sunday School 9am Worship 10:15am Church Picnic 1:04pm	NA 7pm	Dartball @ Home 7pm	Stewardship/ Finance NA 6:45pm	NA 7:30pm		
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Sunday School 9am Worship 10:15am	NA 7pm	Dartball @ Jefferson Ave 7pm	NA 6:45pm	NA 7:30pm		
27	28	29	30			
Sunday School 9am Worship 10:15am Blessing of the Pets 5pm	NA 7pm	Dartball @ Home 7pm	NA 6:45pm			

Welcome, New Members

FMCC has had several new members join the congregation recently.

Please join us in making them feel welcome!

Tamera Frye

Fred Webb

Henry Thomas

Wendy Thomas

Shelby Thomas

Wendy shared that she is a former teacher and school counselor. She enjoys gardening, nature and spending time with family and friends. She looks forward to growing in faith and getting to know everyone at FMCC.

Shelby shared that she is an Environmental Science student at Penn West California. She enjoys hiking, reading, crafting and spending time with family and pets. She is thankful to be part of the FMCC family.



This special, informal service, will take place **Sunday, September 27 at 5pm** on our front lawn. You are invited to bring your pet on a leash or carrier to receive a blessing from Rev. Chris and Pastor Gena.

A blessing is a tangible way to feel God's grace, and so are our pets, so we hope you will come and invite anyone you know who has a pet to come and have their pet blessed just as they bless us. If your pet is not the going-out-of-the-house kind, we hope you will bring a picture of them to be blessed, and if your pet has passed, we hope you will bring pictures, urns, or other mementos of your beloved pet to be blessed as well.



**September 9
1:03pm**

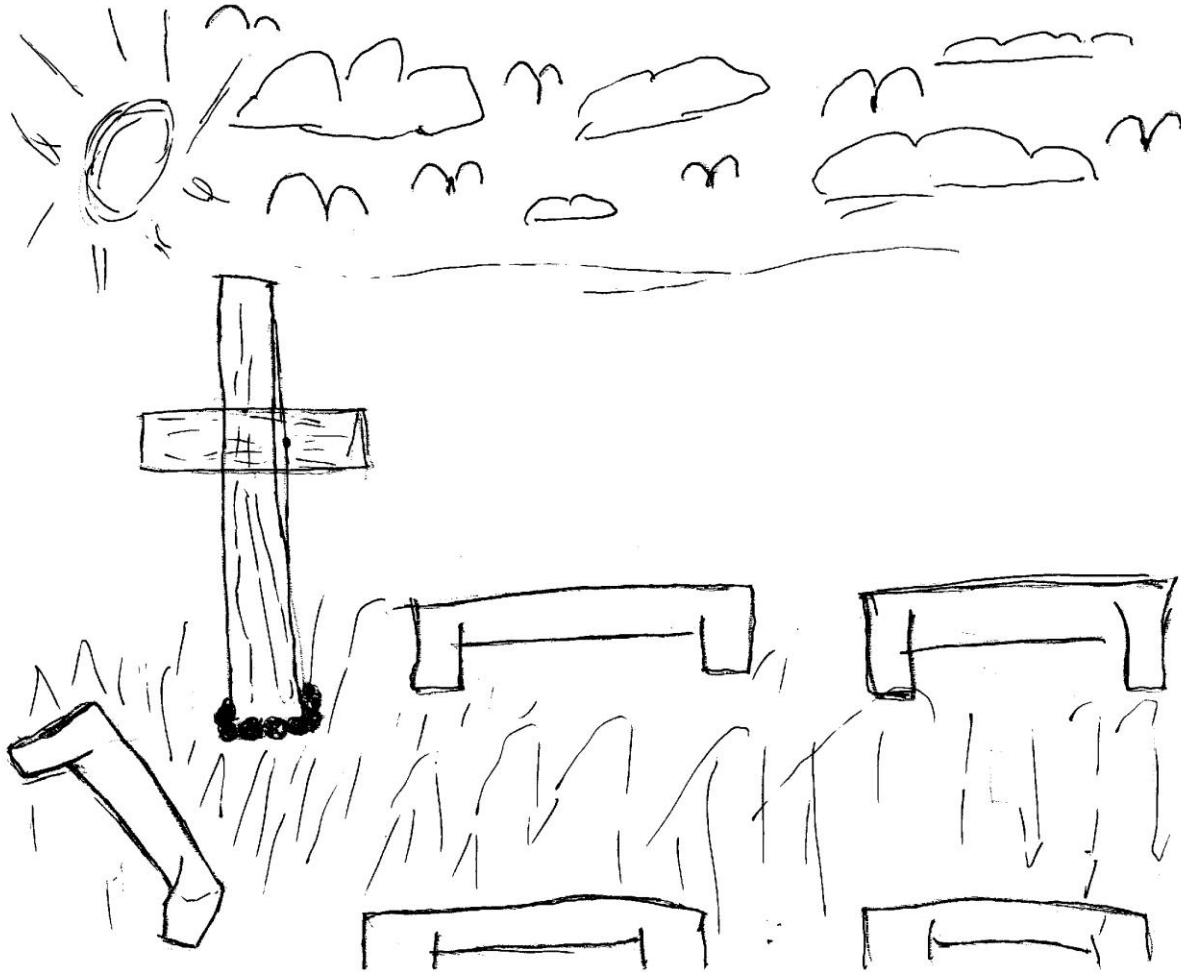
**Chicken, Hot dogs, Drinks provided
Bring a side dish to share**

BINGO

We are in need of some fun gifts for our surprise bingo. If you have an item you would like to donate (gift card, new or gently used item of \$25 value) please bring them to the office. We need about 8 or 9 items.

NEWS FROM CAMP

Grayson Daniels had a great time at Junior Camp this July at Camp Laurelview. This is what he says about camp...



“This is where we did vespers every day. What we would do is sit in a circle and sing a song. Also, we might talk about our Bible verse from that morning. Then, we'd pray together. Thank you to my church family for everything and I look forward to it every year.”