

Manor Talk

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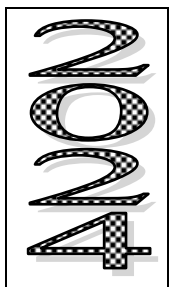
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Thoughts from Rev. Chris



Well it has finally come. After a cold, gray winter spring is finally here. The flowers are beginning to pop up from the ground amidst all the new grass. The birds and the warmth have returned, and we have just celebrated the crowning moment of the springtime, Easter.

After forty days of Lent in which we studied Christ's path to Jerusalem and betrayal and examined our own hearts and lives and girded ourselves for those needed improvements, our time to celebrate and rejoice has arrived. Every Easter, for me, brings with it a great sense of release that comes from a lighter church calendar, the ability to drink Coke again (my Lenten sacrifice), the arrival of spring, and the reminder that the kingdom of God is at hand and all are invited. I imagine that many of you have that same feeling.

If this is how we feel at Easter, knowing ahead of time that Easter will come no matter what, can you imagine how it must have felt for Jesus' own followers on that first Easter when it looked as if the sun/Son would never rise again? Many of them had abandoned him, now their guilt was washed away. They had all cried for him. Now their tears were dried and gone. All had questioned their faith and their life, but now their questions had been answered.

We celebrate Easter sometimes as an event that happened in the past, but this year I invite you to celebrate it as an event that continues to happen in the present and will continue in the future for that is the nature of the Easter event. Let us remember that God brings about resurrection not just in the past and in the future, but also in the present, so that when Easter comes and goes we won't simply move on to the next important day on the calendar. Instead we will continue to celebrate that He is risen!

I have a dear friend who reminded me in a difficult period of my life that "after three days there is always a resurrection." I have found this to be true. Maybe not in three days, but here is always sunshine after rain, laughter after pain, spring after winter. God's renewing power born out of faith did not just happen once 2000 years ago, but it happens today and tomorrow. Come, let us celebrate the many Easters that occur in our lives together.

Rev. Chris



18 Brian & Becky Ashmore
Sean & Megan Roach

- 1 Tom Glover
Gage Newman
- 4 Shyleigh Jacobs
- 6 Christian Lewis
- 7 Chad Britko
James Roupe
- 8 Don Greene
- 10 Barbara Moninger
- 11 Jody Mullis
Cody Weber
- 14 Bradley Dallatore
- 16 Deb Dotson
Kevin O'Connell
- 18 Isaac Caldwell
- 19 Giovanni Waters
Rob Waters
- 20 Chad Williamson
- 23 William Britton
Jenna Simpson
- 24 Jeff Sherman
- 25 Derek Gardiner
Ruthie Waters
- 27 Rachel Tarentino
- 30 Isaac Mayen

CAMP LAURELVIEW 2024 SCHEDULE

MAY 31ST- JUNE 2: FAMILY CAMP

JUNE 16- JUNE 22: CHI RHO CAMP

JUNE 23- JUNE 29: CONFERENCE CAMP

JULY 7-JULY 13: JUNIOR CAMP

JULY 14TH- JULY 17: MINI CAMP



Scholarships are available to cover part or all of the cost of camp. Ask Pator Gena for more information. Camp is often a life-changing experience for young people. Please encourage the young people in your life to participate.

New Membership Class

Rev. Chris will be starting a New Membership Class on April 28 during Sunday School and concluding on May 19 when we will hold baptism. Anyone who has not been baptized and is 12 years or older is invited to join. If you would like to take part in these classes contact Rev. Chris.

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 4x8x2 1/4" 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.

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 3, 2024.

April 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	NA 7pm		NA 6:45pm	Choir practice 6:30pm NA 7:30pm		
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Sunday School 9am Worship 10:15am	NA 7pm		Elders Meeting 5:30pm via Zoom NA 6:45pm	Choir practice 6:30pm NA 7:30pm		Elders Retreat 10am-4pm
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Sunday School 9am Worship 10:15am	NA 7pm		NA 6:45pm	Choir practice 6:30pm NA 7:30pm		
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Sunday School 9am Worship 10:15am	NA 7pm		Personnel Committee 4pm Library Stewardship/ Finance Ministry 5:30pm Library NA 6:45pm	Choir practice 6:30pm NA 7:30pm		
28	29	30				
Sunday School 9am New Membership Class during Sunday School Worship 10:15am	NA 7pm					

Fairhill Manor Christian Church Board Meeting
Secretary Report
March 13, 2024

We Assemble in God's Name

Moderator Gene Sheller called the meeting to order at 7:01pm by lighting the candle representing the Holy Spirit. He opened the meeting with a prayer.

We Celebrate our Past

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

Moderator Gene Sheller asked if there were any questions regarding these reports or if there were any comments from the person submitting these reports.

A motion to accept these reports was made by Gary Ford and 2nd by Carol Daniels. The motion was carried unanimously.

We Present Our Offering

The FMCC Board reviewed the submitted Ministry Reports. Reports submitted were from the Trustees, Stewardship/Finance Ministry and Personnel Committee.

Moderator Gene Sheller asked if there were any questions regarding these reports or if there were any comments from the person submitting these reports.

A motion to accept the Ministry Reports was made by Linda Reese and 2nd by Brian Shaw. The motion carried unanimously.

Concerns of the Past (Old Business)

Kevin Puskarich reported on the Stained Glass Skylight Project. Options were

1. Do nothing
2. Replace with a New Continuous Barrel Vaulted Skylight
3. Replace with Individual Skylights
4. Replace the Existing Skylight Glazing, gaskets and hardware

Discussion followed. Chuck Riggle asked where the money would come from. The Stewardship Finance Ministry will be meeting next week to decide where the money will come from, considering the growth monies from various church investments. Pastor Gena asked the Stewardship/Finance Ministry to come back to the Board with their conclusion of where the funds will come from for the stained glass roof project.

Motion to accept the Skylight Taskforce recommendation on Option 2 to replace the barrel vaulted skylight (specifically Option 2D Slagle Roofing for \$73,000) was made by Gary Ford and 2nd by Candy Wasalasky. Motion carried unanimously.

Issues of the Future (New Business)

Brian Shaw, Treasurer, pointed out from the Treasurer's Report that we are below budget with a deficit of \$22,265.28. He noted that there is approximately \$23,500 of growth from the Parsonage Fund. That growth could be used to offset the deficit and leave the Fund intact. Motion was made to use the money

from the growth of the Parsonage Fund for the deficit by Kevin Puskarich and 2nd by Peggy Oliverio. Motion carried unanimously.

Von Lacock of the Trustees stated that they bought a new freezer and then the refrigerator went out. They plan to use the old refrigerator for storage of pots and pans. The new freezer is installed and ready to use.

Rev. Chris Stillwell highlighted upcoming Holy Week services: Maundy Thursday at 7pm at Fairhill, Good Friday Service, 1pm at First Christian and Sunrise Service, 7am at Fairhill.

Leaving in God's Name

The meeting was adjourned by Moderator Gene Sheller. Rev. Stillwell closed the meeting with a prayer.

In Attendance

Gene Sheller (Moderator), Sharl Burk, Carol Daniels, Gary Ford, Sheila Harris, Cara Hritz, Von Lacock, Charles McConnell, Carmen Oliverio, Peggy Olivero, Kevin Puskarich, Rita Puskarich, Linda Reese, Chuck Riggle, Brian Shaw, Connie Sheller, Jill Throckmorton, Tom Ulery, Candy Wasalasky, Senior Minister Chris Stillwell*, Pastor Gena Sheller*.

Non-Member: Lois Shaw

*Indicates non-voting members.

Next Board Meeting is May 8, 2024, at 7:00 PM.

Submitted in Christian love,
Rita Puskarich, Board Secretary