

Manor Minutes

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“Ninety-nine percent of who you are is invisible and untouchable.”
R. Buckminster Fuller



R. Buckminster Fuller was an architect and he made this statement to explain how much of what shapes our world and life is beyond our senses. This is true in so many ways. The weather consists of air and pressure systems that we cannot see driven by forces half way

around the world. Our personalities are made up of electrons and neurons turning on and off in our brain that we can never observe. We are born into communities and societies that were set up long before we got there and subject to forces such as racism, class-ism, politics, marketing, and more that, although they lack physical presence, still exhibit great force.

More importantly we are flesh and blood human beings that are driven by our thought, desires, impulses, and our beliefs, and that reminds me of the catechism included in the Anglican Book of Common Prayer which defines a sacrament as "an outward and visible sign of an inward and spiritual grace." So not only are most of the forces that affect us invisible but the most important force, the grace of God, is not visible in the usual sense.

With that said, it can be seen. Grace can be seen whenever one person helps another, whenever one person forgives that they may be forgiven, whenever old enemies put aside their grudges and bury the hatchet, whenever a sick person regains health, whenever people lift one another up rather than tear each other down.

I cannot see the wind but I know it is there by the way it affects the trees and the flowers, not to mention my hair, and I know that grace is there not because I can see it, but because I see the way it changes the lives of those who have been touched by it.

May your life and our world continued to be touched by this amazing force.

Rev. Chris

Fairhill Manor Christian Church partners with First Church of the Nazarene, 1366 North Main Street Washington, to collect and distribute food through **Heaven's Basket** to help our neighbors in need in the community. The items that Heaven's Basket is most in need of are: mashed potatoes, rice, condensed soup, pasta/pasta sauce, macaroni & cheese, canned fruit, canned vegetables, pancake mix/syrup, oatmeal, peanut butter, and jelly. You can place your donations in the **"basket" in the Caring and Sharing Center** and they will be delivered to Heaven's Basket for you.



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| 1 | Angela Caldwell
Andrew Glover
Robert Sekorky | 4 | Craig & Debra Dotson
Terry & Janet Houston |
| 2 | Jeff Caldwell
Jason Vanatta | 5 | Tom & Sharl Burk |
| 3 | Robert Hanning | 8 | Von & Lynn Lacock |
| 4 | Nora Graff | 9 | Chris & Jessi Stillwell |
| 5 | Sharl Burk | 11 | Tom & Tammie Wallace |
| 6 | John Berg
Tiffany Shetler | 13 | Jeff & Amy Mountain |
| 7 | Karen Tarentino | 19 | Jonathan & Brittany Jacobovitz |
| 9 | Amy Caldwell
Sheri Leitsch | 20 | Ed & Diane Palfreyman |
| 12 | Vicki Tipton | 21 | Jim & Diane Cope |
| 13 | Paige Keener
Bernard Teagarden | 27 | Chris & Shawn Rice |
| 14 | Tom Burk
Christian Caldwell | 31 | Jack & Mandy Henry |
| 16 | Julia Howsare | | |
| 24 | Margot Hritz | | |
| 26 | Carolyn Blackhurst
Mark Dague
Matt Dague
Judy Hanning | | |
| 27 | Amy Mountain | | |
| 28 | Karla Glover
Von Lacock | | |
| 29 | Donna Bakaitis | | |
| 31 | Audra Allen
Candy Wasalasky | | |



TESTING 1...2....3....

We would like to begin having outdoor movie nights. But first, we need to test the projector, lighting, seating.... and so many other moving parts.

Our test run movie night will be Wednesday, August 3, weather permitting. Bring a blanket or chair and.....

Movie will start around 9ish or when it is dark enough to see the movie on the screen.

DRIVE-THRU NATIVITY – December 10 & 11

We have already begun planning for (hopefully) this year's **Drive-Thru Nativity**. After 2 years of not being able to have it, we are regrouping and moving ahead with the usual planning that is necessary. YOU will be needed as a set character, set chaperone, preparing and getting the sets up and down, lighting, food helper, advertising, getting animals, and much more. Sign-up sheets will be put out in September. Please mark the dates on your calendar and be ready to serve God and our community in one or more of these ways. If you have questions, ideas, or concerns, please contact Connie Sheller, director. (724-494-3318)

Blessing of the Backpacks

On Sunday, August 21 bring your backpack to worship to have it blessed before returning to school.



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sympathy

Fairhill Manor extends its sympathy to the family of Nadine Teagarden who passed away on Sunday, July 24. Please keep Beth Teagarden, Reita Melvin and their families in your thoughts and prayers. Our sympathy is also extended to Reita Melvin on the passing of her father-in-law on Sunday, July 24.

David Gayman, Linda Reese's brother-in-law, passed away on Sunday, July 24. Our sympathy is extended to Linda and to the Gayman family.



Disciples Mission Fund makes it possible for us to do more together than we can alone. Because of DMF, lives are transformed and ministry happens across the church and around the world.

Congregations are stronger when they participate in Disciples Mission Fund because they are part of something much larger than themselves – DMF makes it possible for Disciples to do ministry in places far beyond their own community.

Plus, congregations benefit from DMF in tangible ways as well: support from their regional minister through the search and call process, sending kids to church camp, ministry interns from Disciples seminaries, global mission partners, and so much more.

How has your congregation been impacted by Disciples Mission Fund?

On August 4, 2022, we will celebrate the work we do together as church because of Disciples Mission Fund. Follow [Disciples social media](#) for live events, stories, and updates throughout the day.

Please make a gift on DMF Day in celebration of all we are able to do together.
[Imagine what our gifts can do. \(disciplesmissionfund.org\)](https://disciplesmissionfund.org)

August 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Book Club 7pm Zoom NA 7pm		Personnel Committee 4pm Library NA 6:45pm Movie 9pm	DMF Day NA 7:30pm		
					Pastor Gena--	Vacation-----
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Worship 10:15am	Book Club 7pm Zoom NA 7pm		NA 6:45pm Elders Meeting 6pm Shepherds Room	NA 7:30pm		
Pastor Gena---	Vacation---	August 5 - 12	-----	-----	-----	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Worship 10:15am	Book Club 7pm Zoom NA 7pm		Stewardship/ Finance 5:30pm Library NA 6:45pm	NA 7:30pm		
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Worship 10:15am Blessing of Backpacks CW&W restarts	Book Club 7pm Zoom NA 7pm		NA 6:45pm	NA 7:30pm		
28	29	30	31			
Worship 10:15am	Book Club 7pm Zoom NA 7pm		NA 6:45pm	NA 7:30pm		