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Ever since the beginning of creation, men and women have striven for the same thing-Light. From the beginning of civilization to the creation of cities, nations, and empires the cry for more light has been our battle cry. It is cold in the dark, and light lends us warmth. It is somber in the dark, and light brings us cheer. The dark clouds our vision, while the light brightens our path.

Flying into the Dallas/ Fort Worth airport at night proves that our fascination with light knows no bounds. As you approach the runway it is hard to distinguish the runway lights from the dazzling array of sparkling, twinkling, glimmering lights that literally stretch as far as the eye can see. There are no hills, valleys, or rivers to break up the display; just a never-ending monument to the human love of light.

Looking at this awe-inspiring scene reminds me of the comic strip, Calvin and Hobbes. In one particular strip Calvin and his buddy, Hobbes, are out looking at the stars, and, in response to this awe-inspiring display of lights amidst vast darkness, they remark that it kind of makes them feel insignificant. In the next frame they have returned to their home and have turned on every electrical appliance and light in their home, yet still they yell, "More light!"

Light does so much for us, but of all that it does, its most important function is to prevent us from being faced with the vast, impenetrable, nothingness of the dark. Without light we are reminded that we are but a few lonely souls on a small planet in the cosmic middle of nowhere. Naturally this is hard to bear. Now that Christmas is over, and the artificial light of the houses and trees is gone, there is nothing left to distract us from the cold and dark reality of winter.

Where now will we turn for our light? We could install another spotlight on our house, buy another lamp for the living room, or turn up the nightlight in the bedroom hoping for just enough light to last until spring. Or we could come to worship where we will find a better kind of light. Although Christmas is over and epiphany will soon be past, still the light that God has given to the world shines. The light of the Christ candle still burns, and in the coming months, as electric bills, heating bills, and credit card bills come pouring in along with the dark and the cold, we need this light more than ever.

Come and experience this ultimate source of light. Come and help stoke the flame of Christ which grows stronger with each passing dreary day. Come and behold the light that makes each of us feel significant. Come and see the light!

Rev. Chris

2021 Fairhill Manor Elder Information

Elder Shepherds:		Families Served:
Tammie Wallace	(412) 217-2898	A-B
Connie Sheller	(724) 494-3318	C
Linda Reese	(724) 228-3643	D - F
Peggy Oliverio	(412) 997-4257	G-Ha
Jackie Nelson	(412) 997-6985	He-La
Diane Palfreyman	(724) 255-2898	Le-M
Craig Dotson	(724) 470-7989	N-P
JC Leasure	(724) 263-9183	R-Sha
Cara Hritz	(724) 809-3250	She-Sz
Gary Ford	(724) 344-2193	T-Z

Worship Assignments, January

ELDERS:

January 3: Linda Reese
 January 10: JC Leasure
 January 17: Connie Sheller
 January 24: Gary Ford
 January 31: Tammie Wallace

Worship Leader: (Call to Worship, Scripture Reading, Call to Offering)

January 3: Donna Stenski
 January 10: Serena Dube
 January 17: Gene Sheller
 January 24: Linda Reese
 January 31: Von Lacock

Fairhill Manor Christian Church Board Meeting

Secretary Report November 11, 2020

We assemble in God's name

Moderator Tom Ulery called the meeting to order at 7PM. The lighting of the Christ Candle was done by Tom Ulery. Senior Pastor Chris Stillwell provided devotions and prayer.

We celebrate our past

The FMCC Board reviewed the submitted reports for the Senior Pastor, Associate Pastor, Board Secretary, Treasurer (from the Financial Secretary), and Church Clerk. A motion to accept these reports was made by Jerry Puskarich and 2nd by Linda Reese. The motion carried.

We present our offerings

The FMCC Board reviewed the submitted Ministry Reports. Reports submitted were from Pastor's Cabinet, Elders, Trustees, Stewardship/Finance Ministry, Personnel Committee, and FMCC Croppers. A motion to accept the Ministry Reports was made by JC Leasure and 2nd by Ed Palfreyman. The motion carried.

Concerns of the Past

There was no old business.

Issues of the Future

1. The Fairhill Manor Christian Church 2021 Proposed Church Budget was presented to the Board. Financial Secretary, Brian Shaw detailed the budget and the changes within it. This proposal must be approved by the Board before going to the congregation for their approval. A motion to accept the proposed FMCC 2021 Budget as presented was made by Gary Ford and 2nd by Kathy Moninger Ford. The motion carried. The Stewardship/Finance Ministry was praised for all of the work which they did to present this Budget.

2. FMCC 2021 Church Officers were presented. The Calling Commission was thanked for all of the work which did. Peggy Oliverio was added to the list of Elders. There were a few clerical errors which will be corrected. A motion to approve the slate of officers for 2021 with the corrections was made by Gary Ford and 2nd by Tammie Wallace. Motion carried.

3. Senior Pastor Chris Stillwell would like to change the Sunday Worship Service start time back to 10:15AM beginning on November 29, 2020. A motion to change the Sunday Worship Service time to 10:15 AM on November 29, 2020, was made by Ed Palfreyman and 2nd by John Anderson. Motion carried.

Leaving in God's name

Moderator Tom Ulery closed the meeting with prayer at 7:30PM.

In Attendance (virtually by Zoom app)

Tom Ulery (Moderator), John Anderson, Sharl Burk, Amy Caldwell, Becca Caldwell, Gary Ford, Kathy Moninger Ford, Terry Houston, Cara Hritz, Von Lacock, JC Leasure, Carmen Oliverio, Peggy Oliverio*, Ed Palfreyman, Bette Jo Puskarich, Jerry Puskarich, Kevin Puskarich, Rita Puskarich, Linda Reese, Chuck Riggle, Brian Shaw*, Connie Sheller, Assoc Pastor Gena Sheller*, Gene Sheller, Senior Pastor Chris Stillwell*, Sandy Todaro, Tammie Wallace, Candy Wasalsky

* Indicates non-voting member

Next Board Meeting: January 13, 2021

Submitted in Christian love,
Sandy Todaro, FMCC Board Secretary



- 1 Gena Sheller
- 3 George Ashmore
- 4 Marsha Sams
- 8 Cole Jones
- Stephen Rydzak
- 9 Doris Haniford
- 14 Ian Howsare
- Perry Riffle
- 20 Keith Jones
- 21 Sharel O'Connell
- Lori Riffle
- 24 Mellissa Robinson
- 26 Mary Wiseman
- 27 Eric Tarentino
- 28 Matt Shetler
- Tom Wallace
- 29 Hannah Rizor
- 30 Sandy Todaro
- 31 Cody Cavanaugh
- Aaron Vanatta



16 Carl & Joyce Brandtonies

THANK
You
SO VERY
much

A BIG thank you to our family and church family for the phone calls, cards, meal drop offs, doing medicine pick up, food pick up, shoveling sidewalks and to the couple that came at 7 am to shovel our driveway for us while recovering from Covid. We have recovered by the grace of God and doing well. Merry CHRISTmas and a HEALTHY HAPPY NEW YEAR.

Carmen and Peggy