

Manor Talk

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The book of Ecclesiastes has a famous and important verse that has oft been quoted. It reads, "For every thing there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven." When I lived in Texas one of the aspects of life in the southwest that drove me crazy was the lack of seasons. It was hot there from November to April and hotter from May to October. As much as I liked the people and the city in which I lived I just could not get used to a place where there were no seasons. I often told those who would listen that I longed to return north to enjoy the changes of the seasons.

Every time after Christmas has passed and January arrives, I am reminded of the old saying, "Be careful what you wish for. You just might get it." As the snow has covered my car virtually every day since Thanksgiving, I am beginning to forget why it was that I ever wanted to experience this season in particular.

But before I get too down with the thought that spring is far off, I remember how wonderful this past spring was, and I know that a large part of my enjoyment came from suffering through the long winter.

Just as our Christmas celebration is so much better after 4 weeks of Advent and our Easter celebration so much more joyous after 40 days of Lent, so too is the springtime of our life made all the sweeter by the winter of our discontent. Likewise, our winters are made bearable by the promise of spring's eternal renewal, even if that spring does not come in this life.

But even in winter's coldest moments there are blessings to be found. Snow days cancel school and work and force us to take a much-needed short hibernation from the stress of our work. A fresh coat of snow can make any building look nicer than it has looked in years.

Moreover, winter is another side of life that we all experience; another gift from God, whether or not we always see it as such. When we aren't having to shovel snow, we can stay inside our warm homes and read that book we have been meaning to read. We can write that letter, make that call, or organize that attic we have been wanting to do for so long.

For every thing there is a season, and this season let us take the extra time we receive from the winter slow down to enjoy what really matters under heaven.

Rev. Chris



1/6 @ Bethlehem Lutheran
1/13 @ Home
1/20 @ Taylorstown Presbyterian
1/27 No Dartball – Bye Week

ALTAR Flowers

are a beautiful way to honor your loved ones: as a memorial for those departed, on a special occasion for those who are near and dear, or even “just because.” If you would like to order altar flowers, contact Karen in the Church Office at (724) 225-8610. The cost is \$35 for a vase arrangement. Flowers need to be ordered on the Monday of the week you would like them on the Altar. Order forms are also available in the Narthex.



SCHEDULE your Meetings

Make sure to schedule your meetings with the Church Office so it gets on the calendar and a space is reserved.

Community Circle Food Pantry

We started to keep track (count) items donated for the food pantry in May 2025. From May 2025 – December 2025 FMCC collected 94 jars of Peanut Butter, 61 jars of Jelly, 258 rolls of Toilet Paper and 1,346 other items. Great job!

FMCC is in need of a few clothes baskets or rubber maid totes to transport all of the items to the food pantry. If you are able to donate a basket or tote, please put it under the food collection table. Thank you.



Happy ANNIVERSARY

16 Carl & Joyce Brandtonies

- 1 Pastor Gena
- 3 George Ashmore
- 4 Marsha Sams
- 8 Cole Jones
Stephen Rydzak
- 9 Doris Haniford
- 11 Ken Carroll
- 13 Tammy Palfreyman
- 14 Ian Howsare
Perry Riffle
- 17 Patty Camps
- 20 Shirley Bilby
Keith Jones
- 21 Sharel O'Connell
Lori Riffle
- 24 Melissa Robinson
- 27 Eric Tarentino
- 28 Matthew Shetler
Tom Wallace
- 29 Hannah Rizor
- 30 Diane Sumney
Sandy Todaro
- 31 Cody Cavanaugh
Aaron Vanatta



SouperBowl Lunch & 2-Person Team Cornhole Tournament

Sunday, February 8, 2026

Large Fellowship Hall following worship

Sign up in the Narthex to bring a soup for lunch and to enter your team in the tournament. Donations of canned soup or cash will be accepted and donated to the Community Circle Food Pantry. Since 1990 this event has been held on the same Sunday as the football Super Bowl to raise awareness about hunger in our community. **You do not have to bring soup OR enter the cornhole tournament to attend. Just come for the fellowship!**



January 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
						
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Sunday School 9am Worship 10:15am	NA 7pm	Dartball 7pm @ Bethlehem Lutheran	NA 6:45pm	Choir Practice 6:30pm NA 7:30pm		
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Sunday School 9am Worship 10:15am 2026 Officer Installation	NA 7pm	Dartball @ Home 7pm	Elders Meeting 5:30pm NA 6:45pm Board Meeting 7pm	Choir Practice 6:30pm NA 7:30pm		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Sunday School 9am Worship 10:15am Congregational Meeting	NA 7pm	Dartball @ Taylorstown Presbyterian 7pm	NA 6:45pm	Choir Practice 6:30pm NA 7:30pm		
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Sunday School 9am Worship 10:15am	NA 7pm	No Dartball	NA 6:45pm	Choir Practice 6:30pm NA 7:30pm		