

Manor Minutes
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- Disciples Women's Ministry Tabitha – April 15, 6pm
- Choir Practice – April 16, 6:30pm

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The **Spaghetti Dinner** is April 25, 4:30-7. We have posters to advertise the dinner. If you know of a good place that allows posters, contact Kevin Puskarich or the Church Office for a flyer. Advance tickets will be sold. Contact Karen Thomas for tickets to sell. Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex if you can help before, during or after the dinner as well as a sign-up sheet for desserts needed.

Important Dates
and INFORMATION

- April 12 – Special Board Meeting following worship to discuss air conditioning bid
- April 23 – Meatball Makin' 6-8pm
- April 25 – Spaghetti Dinner 4:30-7pm
- April 26 – Car Show FMCC parking Lot 4-7pm
- May 10 – Mother's Day & Blanket Sunday
- May 21 – Tri-County Men's Dinner 5:30-8pm
- May 24 – Pentecost & Baptism

thank you

I would like to thank everyone for the cards, phone calls and visits during my recent hospital stay. Special thank you to Rev. Chris and Pastor Gena for their visits. I am truly blessed to have such a caring church family.
Louie Skariot

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Need help?? Ask Pastor Gena 😊





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Rev. Chris Stillwell, Senior Minister
Rev. Gena Sheller, Associate Pastor
Elders: Diana Crowe, Bread
Sheila Harris, Cup
April 12, 2026 – 10:15am

Prelude

Sam Johnson, organist

Adapted from a service created by Traci Smith. Learn more about her ministry forming faithful families at tracismith.com

Welcome and Responsive Prayer of the Day

Pastor Gena

Leader: What are the signs of resurrection you see in the world?

People: We see sunlight, rainbows, and flowers on trees!

Leader: What else do you see?

People: We see people helping, caring, and doing good deeds!

Leader: We are God's people! We believe in resurrection.

People: Thank you, God; thank you, Jesus; thank you, Holy Spirit. Amen and Amen.

Leader: Friends, hear the good news. In Christ, you are a new creation: the old is gone, the new
Has come! Let us greet each other with the peace of Christ, saying, "May the peace of
Christ be with you."

People: And also with you!

Announcements

Pastor Gena

Call to Worship

Chuck Riggle

Leader: Easter is more than just one day. Easter is a season! For this reason, we can say again,
"Christ is risen!" Say it with me:

All: Christ is risen!

Leader: He is risen, indeed! The news is so good we can say it again and again! Christ is risen!

People: He is risen, indeed! Alleluia, Amen!

Opening Hymn

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

Jody Mullis, pianist

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia! All creation, join to say, Alleluia!

Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia! Sing, O heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Pastor Gena

Three Alleluias for the World The leader instructs the congregation that after the words "we say" are spoken, the people will respond with "Alleluia, alleluia."

Leader: Let us pray. Creator God, we give you thanks for all that you have made.

For the sun and the moon, the stars and the planets. With hearts full of wonder, we say

People: Alleluia, alleluia

Leader: For those who are hurting, or anxious, or afraid, we pray with hope, O God. We ask for Your healing, your grace, and your presence. Knowing you hear all our prayers, we say

People: Alleluia, alleluia

Leader: For the season of resurrection we are now beginning, we ask for your presence, O God. May we notice the things that are growing in our lives — mercy, kindness, and love — each day. With grateful hearts, we say

People: Alleluia, alleluia

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Prayer Response:

“He Is Lord”

He is Lord, he is Lord! He is risen from the dead and he is Lord!
Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

Hymn

“Christ Arose”

Sam Johnson, organist

Low in the grave he lay, Jesus my Savior, waiting the coming day, Jesus my Lord! Up from the grave he arose, with a mighty triumph o’er his foes; he arose a victor from the dark domain, and he lives forever, with his saints to reign. He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!

Lesson One

We See the Empty Tomb

Rev. Stillwell

Reading: Matthew 28:1-2, 5-6 New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. But the angel said to the women, ‘Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay.

Anthem

“We Praise You, Oh God, Our Redeemer,” by Lloyd Larson

Choir

Lesson Two

We See Jesus in the Garden

Pastor Gena

Reading: John 20:11-16 New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb, and she saw two angels in white sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher).

Hymn

“In The Garden”

Sam Johnson, organist

I come to the garden alone, while the dew is still on the roses; and the voice I hear, falling on my ear, the Son of God discloses. And he walks with me, and he talks with me, and he tells me I am his own, and the joy we share, as we tarry there, none other has ever known.

Children's Message

Butterfly Prayer

Rev. Stillwell

For the children's message we'll teach a very simple practice found in the book *Faithful Families: Creating Sacred Moments at Home*.

Today I brought with me a picture of a butterfly. Butterflies are symbols of resurrection and new life. We find them in the Spring, brightening up our gardens. They are also a symbol of transformation because they start as caterpillars and become butterflies. Today I'm going to teach you a very simple prayer called the 'Butterfly Prayer.' There are no words; just a simple action. If your hands don't want to make this shape today, you can simply rest them on your heart or in your lap and breathe with us.

Here's what you do: gently cross your hands and touch your thumbs together to make a butterfly shape, like this: [Demonstrate. Palms facing you.] This is your butterfly! Then place the butterfly's wings on your collarbones like this: [Demonstrate] Finally, tap the butterfly's wings slowly. Tap. Tap. Tap. As you do, you can close your eyes and take a deep breath, or you can just sit quietly as you tap. Tap. Tap. Tap. Let's try it together for about 15 seconds. Tap, tap, tap. When you're done, you can just say 'Amen!'

I like doing the butterfly prayer anytime I need to take a minute and be still! Let's pray, "God, thank you for the gifts of Spring and new life, for the butterfly and its calming wings, and for the risen life you are growing in us. Amen."

Lesson Three We See Evidence of New Life and Resurrection in the World Gary Ford

Reading: Isaiah 55:12-13 New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition

For you shall go out in joy and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle, and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

Hymn "All Things Bright and Beautiful" Sam Johnson, organist

All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small, all things wise and wonderful, in love God made them all. Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings, God made their glowing colors, and made their tiny wings.

Affirmation of Faith (in unison) Rev. Stillwell

We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

Lesson Four We Bring the Good News Into the World Barb Bailey

Reading: Matthew 28:16-20 New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him, but they doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." Rejoice the Lord is King!

Call to Offering

Connie Sheller

Risen Christ, bring resurrection hope through these gifts we now bring! May they become signs of new life, and symbols of hope for a hurting world— a world yearning for the life-giving power of your saving love.

*The Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow! Praise God, all creatures here below! Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts! Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Dedication of Offering Prayer

Rev. Stillwell

God, you have given us so many gifts. Use them, we pray, along with these gifts of time, talent, and treasure, that the resurrection may be known throughout the whole world. Amen.

Invitation to Communion

Rev. Stillwell

Springtime is here and with it Easter. Praise God and rejoice! The cold is over. The snow is gone. The resurrection is come. It reminds me of a Wilco song that has a great line that says, “You have to die, if you wanna, wanna, be alive.” At first it sounds a little disturbing to hear this in a pop song, but Jesus said much the same thing when he said, “Those who want to save their life must lose it. (Lk 9:24)”

He certainly knew the truth of what he spoke as he went to the cross and died to himself and to the world and to this life in order to be resurrected into a new and better life. The same is true of the earth, which, as the Creation, is an extension of God, just as Christ was. Every year it must die in a winter of sleep and hibernation so that it can live again in a wondrous lush and beautiful springtime.

I always enjoy the spring, and I always look forward to the first time that I can drive with the window down, watch television with the door opened, and sleep with the windows up. I love the feeling that comes when I spring my clock ahead and feel the coming of the spring in my bones but I know that the joy of that feeling comes largely from having to watch the wonderful fall die to a cold winter.

If enjoying the life of springtime means suffering the death of winter, and if the only way to be resurrected into eternal life is to first experience the death of this life, then we as Christians must learn how to die. We must die to sin and selfishness. We must die to greed and hatred. We must die to ourselves and be born again as servants of a God who promises an eternal blossoming.

That is what happens when we come to this table. Here we shed our sin and receive a coat of grace. Here we lay our burdens down to the one who laid his life down, so that we can bloom again in this life and the next. Here we give up the winter of our life so that we can live eternally in the springtime of his love.

Communion Hymn

“Pass It On”

Sam Johnson, organist

It only takes a spark to get a fire going, and soon all those around can warm up in its glowing; that’s how it is with God’s love, once you’ve experience it: you spread God’s love to everyone, you want to pass it on.

Prayer for the Bread & Cup

We praise you, Lord, for this heavenly banquet that you have so freely given us. We thank you that we carry in our hearts the riches of this eternal goodness. May we pour it out wherever we go, lighting up the darkness with truth, speaking out hope where there is despair, and weaving your unconditional love into all that we do. Send us now in the power and strength of the Holy Spirit. May we live to be all that you call us to be. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

Words of Institution

Rev. Stillwell

For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

(1 Corinthians 11:23-26)

Sharing Holy Communion

You will receive the bread and cup together. Please hold them; we will take each together as one body. Disciples of Christ believe in an Open Table. All who profess Christ and follow Him are welcome to share His meal. Gluten free wafers are available in the Narthex.

Call to Discipleship

Rev Stillwell

If you need a community to belong to, if you are thirsty for the word of life, and want to live as a disciple of Jesus, join us in his ministry and mission. You are welcome and needed here. If in the work and worship of this congregation you are being nurtured and fed in Christ our Lord, we invite you to join us in his service. There is a place for you in this family of faith.

Closing Hymn

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

Sam Johnson, organist


Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love; hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive our fear and doubt away; giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

Benediction

Rev. Stillwell

May we go into the world remembering the very good news we have been told: Christ is risen! Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, amen.

Bible Quiz



According to Matthew's account, something remarkable happened to the earth on the day Jesus was crucified and again on the morning when Mary Magdalene and the other Mary visited the tomb. What occurred on both days?

- A. There was a flood on both days.
- B. There was an earthquake on both days.
- C. There was a huge fire on each day.
- D. There was complete darkness on both days.

Answer: B (Matthew 27:51; Matthew 28:2)



OUR EASTER GIFT

Thanks to Easter, what wonderful gift does God give us?

Directions: Start at the given letter, move one space in the direction each arrow points. Write the last letter in each sequence in the spaces provided. Then write those answers in order on the blanks below to complete 1 Peter 1:3, NIV.

A	B	C	D	E
F	G	H	I	J
K	L	M	N	O
P	Q	R	S	T
U	V	W	X	Y

1. C → ↓ ↓ _____
2. H → ↑ → _____
3. V ↑ → ↓ _____
4. I ← ← ↑ _____
5. T ↑ ← ↑ _____
6. P ↑ → → ↓ _____
7. D ↓ → ↓ ↓ _____
8. T ↑ ← ↑ ← _____



Praise be to the God and Father of our
Lord Jesus Christ!

In his great mercy he has given us

into a living hope through the
resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

1 Peter 1:3, NIV

Answer: new birth



Do you have a prayer request or need help? Please feel free to contact Rev. Chris (412-956-6590) or Pastor Gena (724) 263-0033 directly and confidentially. Or scroll down on the opening page of our website (www.fairhillmanorchurch.org) to "Requests for Prayer or Help." There you can send an email which will go directly to Rev. Chris. We are One Body in Christ!

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The brave men and women who serve our country make incredible sacrifices every day. We are forever grateful for their service and dedication. Please remember the military members that are deployed and away from their family that they may return to their homes safely.