

Manor Talk

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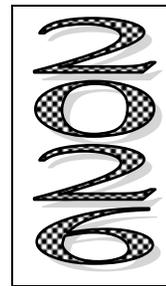
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Thoughts from Rev. Chris



You know it is common to have fish on Fridays during Lent. I don't know what you were planning to have for lunch, but here is some fish to go with it. I am sure that you have all seen the fish symbol used by Christians on stickers and signs. I don't know if you know why it was chosen as a Christian symbol. Let me explain.

The Greek word for fish is Ichthys which can be read as an acrostic, a word formed from the first letters of several words. It compiles to "Jesus Christ God's Son Savior" in ancient Greek which was the language of Jesus' time. The corresponding Greek words are Iesous, Christos, Theos, Huios, Soter.

- Iota (i) is the first letter of Iesous, Greek for "Jesus".
- Chi (ch) is the first letter of Christos, Greek for "anointed".
- Theta (th) is the first letter of Theous, Greek for "God's" the genitive case of Theos, Greek for "God".
- Upsilon (u) is the first letter of huios, Greek for "Son".
- Sigma (s) is the first letter of soter, Greek for "Savior".

Historians say the 20th-century use of the Ichthys symbol is an adaptation based on an Early Christian symbol which included a small cross for the eye on the Greek letters.

Moreover, before it was common for Christians to use a cross to identify themselves the fish was a symbol to mark the homes where they would meet, or it would be painted in such a way that the head of the fish would point the direction to go find the meeting place.

Of course, it also reminds us of the feeding of the 5,000 in which Christ fed so many with only five loaves and two fish, or his call to his fishermen disciples to be fishers of men. So much meaning in such a small symbol.

Now you can impress your friends at the local fish fry.

Rev. Chris



3/3 @ Home

Playoff schedule to be determined.



The **Washington County District Attorney's Office** will be holding a Scam Alert Seminar at FMCC on Wednesday, March 18, at 2pm in the Large Fellowship Hall. We hope you can join us to learn about scams and how to not fall victim to them.

Bethany College Founder's Day – March 6

Students, faculty, alumni, and guests are invited to join Bethany College on Thursday, March 6, as we celebrate our 185th Founder's Day and honor the legacy of Alexander Campbell. This year, we are pleased to welcome Dr. James L. Gorman, a leading scholar in American religious history, who will deliver a thought-provoking lecture, "What Has Alexander Campbell to Do with Christian Nationalism?"

Founder's Day Schedule:

Decima's Cafe

8:30 – 10:30 a.m., Bethany Memorial Church

Convocation

11 a.m., Commencement Hall - Keynote Speaker: Dr. James L. Gorman

Luncheon

Noon, Phillips Lounge

Wreath-Laying Ceremony

1 p.m., Campbell Cemetery

<https://www.bethanywv.edu/event/founders-day-convocation-2/>

For those unable to attend in person, the Founder's Day Convocation will be livestreamed, details coming soon!



- 1 Vanessa Duchess
- 4 Nyka Rash
- 7 Nicole Fowler
- 8 Chris Lewis
- 9 Dana Hess
- 11 Mallory Jones
Jordan Keener
- 12 Jessie Simpson
- 14 James Hritz
- 15 J. Brian Ashmore
- 20 Sandy Harton
- 20 Evelyn Ringer
- 21 Sandy Cope-
Yokoyama
- 22 Rev. Pat Donahoo
- 22 Darci Sprowls
- 23 Trenton Shriver
- 24 Ashley Fowler
- 25 Ruth Campbell
- 27 Patty McConnell
Anthony Mountain
- 28 Cathy Duchess
Adeline Dye
Amanda Henry
Morgan Swartz
Darlene Yater
- 29 Terry Houston
- 30 Maggie Graff
- 31 Debbie Dague



- 1 Russell & Deb Knight
- 15 Matt & Tiffany Shetler
- 17 Jason & Erika Vanatta



The **Community Circle Food Pantry** is going to try something new for Easter this year. Instead of packing extra items into a supplemental food box, they would like to collect enough donations to pack and distribute 200 Easter dinner bags and treats for the children. Avery United Methodist and Meadowlands United Methodist are providing Easter Baskets. For the dinner and treat bags the Food Pantry is in need of:

- Boxed potatoes (scalloped, au gratin or instant)
- Cake mix/Icing or Brownie mix
- Jello or Pudding
- Green beans
- Corn
- Canned fruit
- Baked beans
- Elbow macaroni
- Egg coloring kit
- Bag of candy for a family

Donations for the Easter bags will be accepted March 3 – March 17. Thank you for helping to provide Easter Dinner for our neighbors in our community who suffer from food insecurity and help to make this season memorable.



**Board Reports Due
March 5**

**Board Meeting
March 11**

March 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Sunday School 9am Worship 10:15am	NA 7pm	Dartball @ Home 7pm	Personnel Committee 6pm NA 6:45pm Disciples Women's Ministry 7pm	Founder's Day @ Bethany College Choir Practice 6:30pm NA 7:30pm		
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Sunday School 9am Worship 10:15am	Pastor's Cabinet 5:30pm NA 7pm		Elders Meeting 5:30pm NA 6:45pm Board Meeting 7pm	Choir Practice 6:30pm NA 7:30pm		
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Sunday School 9am Worship 10:15am	NA 7pm		Scam Alert Seminar 2pm NA 6:45pm	Choir Practice 6:30pm NA 7:30pm		Chuck Wiseman Memorial 11am
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Sunday School 9am Worship 10:15am	NA 7pm		NA 6:45pm	Choir Practice 6:30pm NA 7:30pm	Drive-Thru Fish Fry	
29	30	31				
Palm Sunday Sunday School 9am Worship 10:15am	NA 7pm					