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# Manor Talk

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Be still sad heart and cease repining;  
Behind the clouds the sun is shining,  
Thy fate is the common fate of all,  
Into each life a little rain must fall,  
Some days must be dark and dreary.

Thus are the words of Henry Longfellow one of America's first great poets in his poem, "The Rainy Day". If only it were a little rain that has fallen in our lives! Indeed, in the spring time most days are dark and dreary, but let us rejoice that the rain waters the earth to prepare it for growth. The flowers have been especially vibrant and long-lasting this spring the grass and leaves particularly green and, on those days and moments when the clouds do part and the sun does shine we appreciate it all the more. Remember also the words of the prophet Joel who spoke to a people in desperate need of rain "Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in the Lord your God: for he hath given you the former rain moderately, and he will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain, and the latter rain in the first month" (Joel 2:23). That may be the oldest weather forecast on record, but it still holds true. Joel was speaking to a people in the desert, people who would be glad if a little rain in their life did fall, so let us be mindful of how blessed we are that our April showers give us such wonderful May flowers. Let us also count our blessings when the rain falls in our lives as well, trusting that the rains of struggle and sorrow are watering our hearts so that, when the rain stops we will see the sun and see the wonderful things God has been preparing for us.

Rev. Chris



**Blanket Sunday** will be held on Mother's Day, May 8, 2022. This is an event our Disciples Women's Ministries sponsors for Church World Service. These blankets are used around the world for refugees, displaced families, places of natural disasters, war, etc. \$10 will purchase a blanket. CWS is assessing the need in Ukraine right now and will be using lots of blankets for that particular situation. A single blanket can provide a person with warmth, a pillow, a place to store their belongings, shade from the sun, a way to carry wood or food, comfort to a wounded person, etc. Please give as you can. Cash will be accepted and checks may be written to: Disciples Women's Ministries or DWM. Envelopes will be provided. Questions please ask Connie Sheller.



## Birthdays

- 1 Eli Graff  
Doris Sorice
- 2 Aaron O'Connell
- 4 Chad Dotson  
Edward Jackman
- 5 Maggie Caldwell
- 7 David Davis II
- 8 Carl Brandtonies
- 9 Paul Huntsman
- 10 Craig Dotson  
Lucas Ramirez
- 11 Don Cavanaugh
- 12 Joyce Brandtonies
- 13 Gene Sheller
- 14 Deacon Hritz
- 15 Gannon McDonough  
Connie Sheller
- 17 Dick Moninger  
Peggy Oliverio
- 18 Alexis Bakaitis  
Rick Couch
- 23 Becky Ashmore  
Paul Harton
- 24 Maria Sheller
- 26 Colton Crowe
- 27 David Davis  
Cody Shultz
- 28 Deb Goodwin  
Jerry Puskarich
- 29 Cori Newman
- 30 Ashley Keene
- 31 Preston Allison  
Joshua Lee Ingram  
Brian Riffle

## Anniversaries

- 6 Mary & Chuck Wiseman
- 20 Hollan & Todd Martinek
- 22 Judy & Bob Hanning  
Darla & Rick Lewis
- 30 Julie & Eric Meier
- 31 Rita & Kevin Puskarich

On June 1, Duane (Bo) and Patty Pryor will celebrate their **70<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary!**

There will be an open house in the Large Fellowship Hall on Saturday, June 4 from 2-4pm to celebrate this momentous occasion. Light refreshments will be served. All are welcome.

*Celebrating  
70 years  
of marriage*

## May 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Sunday School 9am  Worship 10:15am	NA 7pm		NA 6:45pm	Choir 6:30pm  NA 7:30pm		
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Sunday School 9am  Worship 10:15am  Blanket Sunday	Prayer Shawl 11am Parlor  NA 7pm		Elders 6pm Shepherds Room  Board Meeting 7pm Library  NA 6:45pm	Choir 6:30pm  NA 7:30pm		
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Sunday School 9am  Worship 10:15am	NA 7pm		Stewardship/ Finance Ministry 5:30pm  NA 6:45pm	NA 7:30pm		
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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Looking ahead....

## Graduates!!



Fairhill Manor will be celebrating Graduate Sunday on June 5. If you are graduating or you have a family member who is, please contact the Church Office to let us know. Send an e-mail with the name of the graduate, school they are graduating from and their relationship to Fairhill member.



**Information is needed by June 1.**

# Sunday School Pentecost Picnic

There will be a Sunday School Pentecost Picnic following worship on June 5<sup>th</sup>. There will be food and fun to celebrate the end of the Sunday School term until the fall. Watch the Manor Minutes and the bulletin for more information.

