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Manor Talk

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“If the only prayer you ever say in your entire life is ‘thank you’, it will be enough.”

Meister Eckhart



This quote by the noted German Theologian is one of my favorites and one by which I try to live my life. Praying can be difficult. It can be hard to find the words to express yourself, especially for people who are not used to expressing themselves. Likewise, the thought of speaking directly to God can be intimidating. What if I say the wrong thing? What if I leave something out? Of course, people also often feel like they are intruding on God and don't want to bother him. So, if you're ever unsure of how to pray or what to pray, just try praying, "Thank you".

As we enter into a season of thanksgiving, I invite you to remember what the scriptures say about thankfulness:

Offer to God the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and pay your vows to the Most High. Psalm 50:14

Bless, give thanks, and gratefully praise God in full congregations, even the Lord, O you who are from [Jacob] the fountain of Israel. Psalm 68: 26

These words of the Psalmists remind us that God delights in us, and blesses us daily. It is right for us to be thankful, but giving thanks, in and of itself, is for our benefit as well. When we give thanks, we give what is due, and we are reminded that we exist because of incredible generosity. This turns our outlook away from ourselves and onto God and to others who have blessed us as well. When this happens, we are drawn out of soul destroying selfishness and recognize how much we need God and others. This in turn should inspire us to be a blessing to others, to give unto others as God has given unto us.

Parents work incredibly hard to teach their children to say please and thank you, and we call these things niceties, but that is not a strong enough name for them.

Given that when Jesus healed ten lepers only the one who returned to give thanks to Jesus was given his full blessing, maybe we should refer to thankfulness as a necessity rather than a nicety.

Rev. Chris

Join us in Worship on November 7 as Rev. Thaddaeus Allen will be here for Rev. Chris' Service of Installation.

We will also be observing All Saints' Sunday on November 7, to remember those who have passed away in the last year.



- 1 Dave Dague
Justin Gatten
- 2 Mary Ellen Grebner
Daniel Leasure
- 6 Shirley Cavanaugh
Lynn Lacock
Beth Yeash
- 7 Louvilla Skariot
Chuck Wiseman
- 8 Tina Jaquay
- 9 Derek Glover
- 10 Fred Engle
Rob Wheeler
Taylor Wheeler
- 11 Serena Dube
Jackie Hainer Weaver
- 12 Jonathan Jacobovitz
Garnet Withrow
- 14 Kevin Puskarich
- 15 Jeannie Allison
Gary Ford
- 16 Susan Britko
- 17 Ashley Howsare
- 18 Eva Lou Engle
Wyatt Newman
- 19 Carol Davis
Jacki Keener
- 20 Donna Stenski
- 21 Bette Jo Puskarich
- 23 Patty Pryor
- 25 Cecilia Greene
- 26 Betty Jo Riggle
- 27 Doug Bakaitis
- 28 John Samida
- 29 Zachary Keene
Karen Palfreyman

Birthdays

Anniversaries

- 2 James & Cara Hritz
- 10 Gary & Kathy Ford
- 18 Fred & Eva Lou Engle
- 22 Stephen & Jodi Barlow
- 27 Jeff & Amy Caldwell

Upcoming events:

November 21: Baptism

Come and celebrate with our Membership Class as they join the church through the waters of baptism. Nyka Rash, Eli Graff, Molly Johnson, and Owen Stillwell have been learning about what it means to be a part of the Body of Christ so let's have as many members of that body present as possible to uplift them, and maybe you will be uplifted too.

November 21: Congregational Meeting following worship

November 28: 1st Sunday of Advent

November 30: Deadline for poinsettia orders

November 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	NA 7pm		NA 6:45pm	Personnel Committee 4pm Library Choir 6:30pm NA 7:30pm	Croppers 4-9pm Large Fellowship Hall	Croppers 9am-6pm Large Fellowship Hall
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Sunday School 9am Worship 10:15am Service of Installation All Saints' Sunday	Prayer Shawl 11am Parlor NA 7pm	Dartball 7pm @ Home	Elders 6pm Shepherds Room Board Meeting 7pm Library NA 6:45pm	Choir 6:30pm NA 7:30pm		
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Sunday School 9am Worship 10:15am	NA 7pm	Stewardship/ Finance Ministry 5:30 pm Library Dartball 7pm @ Home	NA 6:45pm	Choir 6:30pm NA 7:30pm		Large Fellowship Hall Reserved
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Sunday School 9am Worship 10:15am Baptism Sunday Large Fellowship Hall Reserved	Prayer Shawl 11am Parlor NA 7pm	Dartball 7pm @ Fourth Presbyterian December Newsletter Deadline	NA 6:45pm	NA 7:30pm 	Church Office Closed	
28	29	30				
Sunday School 9am Worship 10:15am 1 st Sunday of Advent	NA 7pm	Dartball 7pm @ Home Deadline to Order Christmas Poinsettias				



The beautiful poinsettia tree that adorns our sanctuary each Christmas Eve is a tradition that we all look forward to every year. Please fill out this form and return it to the church office by **November 30th with payment.** Indicate the color and number of poinsettias you would like to order. Cost per plant is \$10. Please **make checks payable to “Fairhill Manor” and indicate “Poinsettias” in the memo line.** Plants may be picked up following the Christmas Eve service.

_____ RED Poinsettias

_____ WHITE Poinsettias

ORDERS are due by November 30th

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In Memory/Honor of

— (circle one)

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