

When I look back on my life, I can think of a number of things that have brought me happiness. I think of toys when I was a child, cars when I first lived on my own, clothes that have stayed with me throughout the years, and my home in which I live. All of these things have brought me joy and I am sure that you could also think of a list like this, but I think you would agree with me that the most special things in life are not things.

When we count our blessings I am sure we all begin with our family, parents and children, our husbands and wives, our brothers and sisters, and our friends, all of whom make our life so enjoyable and who provide blessings that cannot be bought or found anywhere else in this world. There is one sort of blessing, however that any of us could go and purchase and which would provide us with love and light far outpacing any possession and that is a pet.

Not everyone owns a pet, of course, but everyone I know who does own one loves them with all of their heart because of the love they give in return. Pet owners know that they can be treated terribly by the world and when they come home they will find a source of joy and unconditional love waiting to embrace them. In this way pets are one of the best representations of God's love for us we can have in this world.

Because I know we have so many pet owners in our congregation and our community I would like to invite to you to our first (as far as I know) Blessing of the Pets event on Sunday, September 28, at 4pm. This special, informal service, will take place on our front lawn where you are invited to bring your pet on a leash or carrier, to receive a blessing from myself and Pastor Gena.

A blessing is a tangible way to feel God's grace, and so are our pets, so we hope you will come and invite anyone you now who has a pet to come and have their pet blessed just as they bless us. We will have light refreshments as well, so I hope you will mingle and perhaps make some new friends. If your pet is not the going out of the house kind, I hope you will bring a picture of them to be blessed, and if your pet has passed we hope you will bring pictures, urns, or other mementos of your beloved pet to be blessed as well.

They say old dogs can't learn new tricks. I don't know that that is true, but I know churches can. So help us learn this new trick by joining us with your pet and with your friends and their pets to give thanks for one of the greatest blessings that God has given to us.

Manor Talk

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- 2 Declan Kunkle
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- 4 Dawn Couch
- 5 Adelaide Hess
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- 13 Russell Knight
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- 15 Steve Skariot
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- 18 Joy Barnhart
Michelle Ringer
- 20 Sammi Waters
- 21 Brooke Barlow
Eliza Barlow
Megan Faust-Piatt
Mike Nelson
Rolinda Sprowls
- 22 Sharon Ingram
- 23 William Leitsch
- 24 Thomas Foutz
Eric Meier
Nicole Wolf
- 25 Norma Antill
- 28 Kathryn Hess
- 29 Conner Gatten
- 30 Windsor Keene

Happy ANNIVERSARY

- 1 Steve & Louie Skariot
- 2 Rick & Dawn Couch
- 5 Gage & Morgan Swartz
- 7 John & Anna Berg
Chris & Lisa Gardiner
- 8 Ty & Kerri Lacock
- 11 Daniel & Kassie Riffle
- 24 Mike & Jackie Nelson

B R I C K O R D E R S

Memorial Brick Garden Laser-Engraved Bricks

The deadline to order new Memorial Garden bricks is September 7. Bricks in the Memorial Garden are Regimental Red in color and 4" x 8" x 2¼" in size. The first line of text on each brick reads "In Honor" or "In Memory." Two additional lines of text can be engraved with up to 20 characters per line (including punctuation and spacing).

The letters of text are 15 mm tall and engraved in the Zapt Humnst font. One clipart can be used on each brick and is included in the cost of the brick.

The 4"x8" bricks will be \$40.00 each. Keepsake Mini Replica bricks are also available for purchase. The mini replicas will not be placed in the Memorial Garden but are ones that you may want to have for your home. Please see the sales flyer for more information and pricing.

Contact the Church Office (724) 225-8610 if you are interested. Bricks will be dedicated on All Saints Sunday, November 2, 2025.



Please submit your board reports to the office by noon on Thursday, September 4.

Thank you



Thank you for your continued support of the **Community Circle Food Pantry**. If you have items for donation, please put them on the table in the coffee center. While FMCC has become known as the “peanut butter, jelly, toilet paper” church, you can donate any shelf stable item (spaghetti, pasta, noodles, cereal, mac-n-cheese, canned soup and canned vegetables).

Our **DRIVE-THRU** Nativity will be Saturday and Sunday, **December 13 and 14**. Please mark your calendars now to save both dates. We will need 50 people to be characters as well as others to help in the many different ways to make this a great community event. Please ask relatives, neighbors, friends, to participate. Give Connie their contact information if they can help. Thank you very much!




Grandparents Day will be celebrated at FMCC on Sunday, September 7. Bring your grandchildren to worship or Grandchildren, bring your grandparents to worship.



Dartball begins Tuesday, September 2 with a home game here at FMCC at 7pm. Join the team or come to watch and cheer on the team. Schedules will be available soon.

September 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	 Office Closed	Dartball @ Home 7pm	Personnel Committee 6pm via Zoom NA 6:45pm	Choir Practice 6:30pm NA 7:30pm		
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Sunday School 9am Worship 10:15am Church Picnic 1:03pm	NA 7pm	Dartball @ Washington Alliance 7pm	Elders Meeting 5:30pm NA 6:45pm Board Meeting 7pm	Choir Practice 6:30pm NA 7:30pm		
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Sunday School 9am Worship 10:15am	NA 7pm	Dartball @ Home 7pm	Stewardship/ Finance Ministry 5:30pm NA 6:45pm	Choir Practice 6:30pm NA 7:30pm		
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