



As April comes so does spring, and the first sign of spring is the blooming of the forsythia. I spent the first 35 years of my life not knowing about forsythia, which is to say, I would notice a bright yellow bush along the side of the road, but I did not know its name, and I paid it little attention. Then my wife planted a bush in our backyard, and I noticed that it was the first thing to bloom as spring begun. Now, not only do I notice it as I drive back and forth, but I actively search for it. Of course, when in full bloom no searching is necessary as it is like the burning bush was to Moses. Seeing the forsythia in bloom is such a joy not only for the beauty of the bush itself, but of the fact that it is a sign that great things are coming.

It is like Easter, which is itself a great celebration; that Jesus Christ rose from the dead, but as Christians we celebrate because we believe it is only the beginning. Shortly after Easter we will celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost and the birth of the church. Always we anticipate the coming of the Kingdom of God on earth as it is in Heaven. We long for an eternal springtime with God in the afterlife because united with him in a death like his, "we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his." (Romans 6:5)

The best thing about the beauty of the forsythia bush or the daffodils here at church, or my neighbor's lilac tree is that it is only the beginning. Let us take this to heart. If the disciples had celebrated the return of Jesus to them and then figured they were done and went home, where would we be? Instead, the resurrection was seen as the beginning of their work. It has been a great Easter season for us, let us not step back. Rather, let us move forward as we celebrate the fact that He is risen, the reasons for celebrating and worshiping are not over. In fact, they are just beginning.

Rev. Chris

Manor Talk

**A Publication of
Fairhill Manor
Christian Church**

Rev. Chris Stillwell
Senior Minister

Rev. Gena Sheller
Associate Pastor

Karen Thomas
Administrative Assistant

Gary Ford
Congregational Moderator

Brian Shaw
Financial Secretary

Jim Cope
Choir Director

Sam Johnson
Organist

Jody Mullis
Pianist

Wray Adams
Custodian

Stacy Thomas
Wedding Coordinator

351 Montgomery Avenue
Washington, PA 15301
724-225-8610

fairhillmanor@yahoo.com





18 Brian & Becky Ashmore
Sean & Megan Roach

- 1 Tom Glover
Gage Newman
- 4 Shyleigh Jacobs
- 6 Christian Lewis
- 7 Chad Britko
James Roupe
- 8 Don Greene
- 10 Barbara Moninger
- 11 Jody Mullis
Cody Weber
- 14 Bradley Dallatore
- 16 Deb Dotson
Kevin O'Connell
- 18 Isaac Caldwell
- 19 Giovanni Waters
Rob Waters
- 20 Chad Williamson
- 23 William Britton
Jenna Simpson
- 24 Jeff Sherman
- 25 Derek Gardiner
Ruthie Waters
- 27 Rachel Tarentino
- 30 Isaac Mayen

He's Alive! Capital Theatre Wheeling WV

The BYKOTA Sunday School class is going to the "He's Alive" passion play in Wheeling on April 11 at 7:30pm. It is free and no tickets are needed. We are inviting anyone who would like to accompany us that evening. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Or you can talk to Connie Sheller. Let's have many attend!

Community Circle Food Pantry

The Community Circle Food Pantry never seems to have enough **peanut butter, jelly and toilet paper** to distribute to clients. Let's become "The Peanut Butter, Jelly and Toilet Paper Church!" In the lead up to Easter, while you're out shopping, pick up an extra peanut butter, jelly, or toilet paper (any brand, any kind) and bring it into the coffee center near the front entrance. Of course, you can also donate any item, any time for the Community Circle Food Pantry, and Rev. Chris will take them all over for us.



EASTER CANDY

Phyllis Doria always purchased **candy bags** from Paradise Candy for the children of Fairhill Manor at Easter. Since Phyllis' passing, other members have taken on this tradition. If you would like to bless the children this year at Easter by purchasing candy bags, please contact Pastor Gena or the Church Office.

Fairhill Manor Christian Church Board Report
Secretary Minutes
March 12, 2025

We Assemble in God's Name

Vice-Moderator Gene Sheller, in Moderator Gary Ford's absence, called the meeting to order at 7pm by lighting the Christ Candle and then shared a devotion. Rev. Chris Stillwell offered an opening prayer.

We Celebrate our Past

The FMCC Board reviewed the submitted reports from the Senior Minister, Associate Pastor, Board Secretary, Treasurer and Church Clerk.

Vice-Moderator Gene Sheller asked if there were any questions regarding these reports or if there were any comments from the person submitting these reports.

Brian Shaw highlighted that four sizable gifts from individuals had been received totaling approximately \$45,000. Some roof payments have also been received bringing the Roof Escrow deficit down to \$4,500 (Note: the loan has been paid in full). At the end of June, the Trustees will discuss paying the deficit balance off from the Trustee Account.

A motion to accept these reports was made by Carol Daniels and seconded by Tom Ulery. The motion was carried unanimously.

We Present Our Offering

The FMCC Board reviewed the submitted Ministry Reports. Reports submitted were from the Trustees, Stewardship/Finance Ministry and Personnel Committee.

Vice-Moderator Gene Sheller asked if there were any questions regarding these reports or if there were any comments from the person submitting these reports.

A question as to when the projector is coming was asked. Kevin Puskarich stated that the projector had been received and will be installed tentatively on Saturday, March 15, at 1pm.

Terry Houston mentioned that all new ceiling lights had been purchased for the Parlor.

Rev. Chris told the Board that the Personnel Committee is following the 90 day probationary period with requisite reviews for new hires. The new organist, Sam Johnson, has completed that 90 day period, meeting performance expectations and so is a permanent employee.

A motion to accept the Ministry Reports was made by Kevin Puskarich and seconded by Carmen Oliverio. The motion was carried unanimously.

Concerns of the Past (Old Business)

Deficit Task Force – Kevin Puskarich provided a brief update from the Deficit Task Force. Linda Reese will be heading the Rummage Sale planned for May 8-10. Bob Hanning will be helping with the Spaghetti Dinner planned for June. A more detailed report will be presented to the congregation in a couple of weeks.

Pastor Gena noted that Terry Houston had installed a wire from the modem in the Administrative Assistant's office, through the attic and down into the Small Fellowship Hall. This allows us to have good, reliable internet in the Small Fellowship Hall.

Issues of the Future (New Business)

No new business at this time.

Leaving in God's Name

Pastor Gena closed the meeting in prayer at 7:27pm.

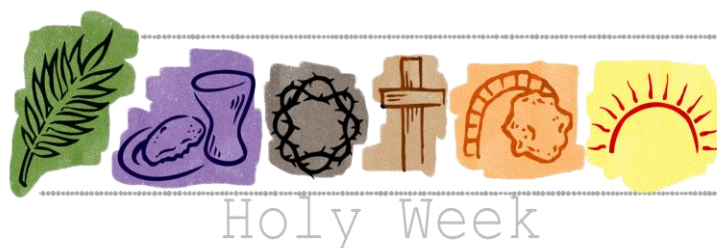
In Attendance

Gene Sheller (Vice-Moderator), Carol Daniels, Carol Davis, Dave Davis, Sheila Harris, Terry Houston, Von Lacock (Zoom), Jody Mullis (Zoom), Jackie Nelson, Carmen Oliverio, Peggy Oliverio, Kevin Puskarich, Rita Puskarich, Chuck Riggle, Brian Shaw, Jill Throckmorton, Tom Ulery, Senior Minister Chris Stillwell*, Pastor Gena Sheller*.

*Indicates non-voting members.

The next board meeting will be Wednesday, May 14, 2025 at 7pm.

Submitted in Christian love,
Rita Puskarich
Board Secretary



April 13	Palm Sunday Receive fresh palms
April 17	Maundy Thursday “Living Last Supper,” 7pm at First Christian Church, Beau Street, Washington
April 18	Good Friday Worship Service Noon at Fairhill Manor
April 20	Easter 7am Sunrise Worship Service – Breakfast to follow in the Large Fellowship Hall No Sunday School 10:15am Worship Service – No Children Worship & Wonder

April 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
			NA 6:45pm	Choir 6:30pm NA 7:30pm		
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Sunday School 9am Worship 10:15am	Lenten Bible Study 6-7pm via Zoom NA 7pm		Elders Meeting 5:30pm Large Hall NA 6:45pm	Choir 6:30pm NA 7:30pm	He's Alive! Capital Theatre Wheeling WV 7:30pm	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Sunday School 9am Worship 10:15am Palm Sunday	Lenten Bible Study 6-7pm via Zoom and in person NA 7pm		NA 6:45pm	Choir 6:30pm Maundy Thursday Service 7pm @ 1 st Christian NA 7:30pm	Good Friday Service Noon	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Sunrise Service 7am Breakfast to follow No Sunday School Worship 10:15am	NA 7pm	Bethany Class Luncheon Noon @ Eat'n Park	Personnel Committee 6pm Library NA 6:45pm	Choir 6:30pm NA 7:30pm	Croppers Large Hall 4pm-11pm	Croppers Large Hall 8am-11pm
27	28	29	30			
Sunday School 9am Worship 10:15am	NA 7pm		Stewardship/ Finance Ministry 5:30pm NA 6:45pm			