



I don't read the funny pages in the paper nearly as much as I did when I was younger. I guess this is in part because I am busier and, God forbid it, more serious, but it is also because some of my favorite comic strips are no longer running. One such discontinued strip is 'Calvin and Hobbes,' and I remember every Sunday how I anticipated coming home from church, holing myself in my room with a couple microwave burritos, and reading the comics from beginning to end, always making sure to savor the full page, full color "Calvin and Hobbes" for last.

I appreciated the strip, which focused on the imaginative life of an ornery six year old because it always managed to speak about the timeless truths of life in a humorous way. In particular, there was one strip that sticks with me and seems particularly appropriate for this time of year. In it Calvin and his stuffed tiger, Hobbes, are sitting in a tree. We learn that it is August and school will be returning soon, and Calvin turns to his friend and says, "We'd better get busy. We've still got a lot of nothing to do."

I imagine that is true for all of us whether school is coming back for us or not. Summer is closer to the end than the beginning, but we still have more than a month remaining, and we have a lot of nothing to do; a lot of relaxing, enjoying the sunshine, smelling the roses, reading for pleasure, swimming, and just enjoying the long days.

If that's not enough nothing, here is one more thing; spending time with God in prayer. I'm not saying that is nothing. I'm just saying that it is not something to put on your calendar, nor is it something to fit into a schedule. Just take some time when you're doing nothing to spend it with God and see that in God's presence "there is fullness of joy." Psalm 16:11

That is quite something for all that nothing.

Rev. Chris

Manor Talk

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FMCC Night
Friday, August 22, 7pm
Fireworks Night

Tickets - \$10/person
Parking Pass - \$2/car

Sign up in the Narthex for tickets and parking passes.

Orders are due by **August 3.**

Happy ANNIVERSARY

- 4 Craig & Debra Dotson
- 5 Tom & Sharl Burk
- 8 Von & Lynn Lacock
- 9 Rev. Chris & Jessi Stillwell
- 11 Tom & Tammie Wallace
- 13 Jeff & Amy Mountain
- 19 Jonathan & Brittany Jacobovitz
- 20 Ed & Diane Palfreyman
- 21 Jim & Diane Cope
- 27 Chris & Shawn Rice
- 31 Jack & Mandy Henry

B R I C K O R D E R S

Memorial Brick Garden Laser-Engraved Bricks

Fairhill Manor will be taking orders for new bricks for the Memorial Brick Garden through 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.



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).

From Grayson Daniels:

Camp Laurelvie was awesome. While at church camp, I went to living treasures, met new friends, had a sleep out and watched movies. We did vespers every day and did a morning prayer. I can't wait to go again next year!



Summer Sermon Questions August

Aug 3	Mark 4:35-41	Why are you so afraid?
Aug 10	Matthew 6:25-34	Can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life?
Aug 17	John 21:15-25	Do you love me?
Aug 24	John 13:1-17	Do you understand what I have done for you?
Aug 31	Matthew 16:13-20	Who do you say I am?

Church Picnic
September 7
1:03pm

Chicken, Hotdogs, Drinks provided
Bring a side dish and/or dessert to share

!Surprise BINGO!

We are in need of some fun gifts for our surprise bingo. If you have an item you would like to donate (gift card, new or gently used item of \$25 value) please bring them to the office. We need about 8 or 9 items. In the past, Von has always obtained the prizes, but this year we are trying to share the load and so we are asking for your help ☺

Fairhill Manor Christian Church Board Report
Secretary Minutes
July 9, 2025

We Assemble in God's Name

Moderator Gary Ford called the meeting to order at 7pm by lighting the candle representing the Holy Spirit. He opened the meeting with a devotion "Blessed to be a Blessing" and a prayer.

We Celebrate Our Past

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

Moderator Gary Ford asked if there were any questions regarding these reports or if there were any comments. Serena Dube asked that her grandson, Jonathan Dube, Trinity High School graduate, be added to the list of graduates in the Associate Pastor's Report.

Rev. Chris added to his report that there are several Aldi gift cards available to give to those who need them. He also noted that all services can be accessed on YouTube.

A motion to accept these reports was made by Carol Daniels and 2nd by Jerry Puskarich. The motion was carried unanimously.

We Present Our Offering

The FMCC Board reviewed the submitted Ministry Reports. Gary Ford thanked the Trustees for coordinating the clean up after the recent flood in the church basement. He thanked all those who helped cleaning up the basement.

A motion to accept the Ministry Reports was made by Von Lacock and 2nd by Carmen Oliverio. The motion was carried unanimously.

Concerns of the Past (Old Business)

Deficit Task Force - The amount of the previous Rummage Sale yielded \$3,847. Linda Reese stated the date for the next Rummage Sale is set as Friday Aug. 8 from 9am - 6pm and Saturday, Aug. 9 from 9am to 2pm. Set up during the week Tuesday - Thursday before the sale. The Sale will have a Back to School theme and donations will be accepted.

Kevin Puskarich noted that the Spaghetti Dinner will be August 2nd. Volunteers are needed to make meatballs on Thursday, July 31 from 6-8pm. The plan is to cook for about 200 people and to enjoy fellowship. There will be a sign-up sheet for desserts.

Brian Shaw noted that there is an escrow account for fundraising that is available for purchasing supplies.

Kevin Puskarich presented a chart showing various income and expenses of the church in order to provide an easier glimpse of where the church stands financially. There was discussion, questions and suggestions.

Missouri Church Work Group - Custodian, Wray, will let the group in on July 18th and again on July 26th. He will let them know they can sleep in the Library and Shepherds room and use the restrooms and the kitchen in the Communion Prep Room.

Issues of the Future (New Business)

The Personnel Committee informed the Board that the State of Pennsylvania requires that clearances be completed every 5 years. The Motion to recommend that Fairhill change the church's Safe Conduct Policy to require clearances be renewed every 5 years, instead of every 3 years, to comply with PA State clearance requirements was made by Jerry Puskarich and 2nd by Linda Reese. The motion was carried unanimously.

The Personnel Committee informed the Board that the custodian, Wray Adams, has resigned. He agreed to work until a replacement is found. The Personnel Committee requests Board approval to find candidates to fill the vacancy. Von Lacock made a motion to direct the Personnel Committee to bring names to fill the Janitor position. Sheila Harris 2nd the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

*Comcast to Verizon - Jerry Puskarich presented a way that switching the phones and Wi-Fi from Comcast to Verizon could save the church about \$3,000 per year. Linda Reese made the motion that the Church will combine with Brandi Miller, SWPA Literacy Council, updating their lease to change to Verizon and the Literacy Council will pay the church's portion of Verizon service for the Wi-Fi and phone lines in exchange for an equal reduction in the Literacy Council's monthly rent. Serena Dube 2nd. The motion was passed unanimously.

* See Jerry Puskarich's meeting notes.

Trustee Ed Palfreyman said that he had a quote from Humble in Waynesburg for a flooring estimate to replace the ruined carpet in the basement Chapel. The new flooring will not be carpeting again but tile. The first quote was \$6,183 but with discussion on price and types of tile, they received a quote of \$4,350. They may obtain a quote from Rhodes Carpet. The city drain has collapsed and certainly may have contributed to flooding the church basement. Ed is waiting to hear back from the city.

Jerry Puskarich informed the Board that a new item in the new tax bill will affect charitable contributions. It was suggested that something about the key tax changes be put in the Manor Minutes.

Carmen Oliverio made the motion to adjourn and Carol Daniels 2nd. Motion passed.

Rev. Chris closed in prayer at 8:30pm.

In Attendance

Gary Ford (Moderator), Carol Daniels, Carol Davis, Dave Davis, Serena Dube, Jamie Hatfield, Sheila Harris, Terry Houston, Von Lacock, Jackie Nelson, Carmen Oliverio, Peggy Oliverio, Kevin Puskarich, Rita Puskarich, Jerry Puskarich, Linda Reese, Chuck Riggle, Brian Shaw, Connie Sheller (Zoom), Gene Sheller (Zoom), Jill Throckmorton (Zoom), Tom Ulery, Senior Minister Chris Stillwell*, Associate Pastor Gena Sheller*.

*Indicates non-voting members.

Non-Board member – Lois Shaw (Zoom)

Next Board Meeting is September 10, 2025 at 7pm.

Submitted in Christian Love,
Rita Puskarich, Board Secretary

August 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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						Spaghetti Dinner 4-8pm
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Worship 10:15am	NA 7pm	Rummage Sale Set Up 9am-1pm	Rummage Sale Set Up 12pm-3pm Stewardship/ Finance Ministry 5:30pm Library NA 6:45pm	Rummage Sale Set Up 9am-1pm NA 7:30pm	Rummage Sale 9am-6pm	Rummage Sale 9am-2pm
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Worship 10:15am	NA 7pm		Elders Meeting 5:30pm Zoom Personnel Committee 6:30pm NA 6:45pm	NA 7:30pm		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Worship 10:15am Blessing of Back Packs	NA 7pm	Bethany Class Luncheon Noon at Eat'n Park	NA 6:45pm	NA 7:30pm	FMCC night at the Wild Things 7pm	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Worship 10:15am	NA 7pm		NA 6:45pm	NA 7:30pm		
31						
Worship 10:15am						

Linda Reese attended the 2025 General Assembly in Memphis.

