

# Manor Talk

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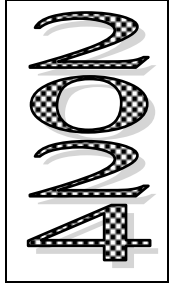
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**HAPPY SEPTEMBER!**  
Let the sunshine in and a new month begin!



People are much like stained glass windows. They sparkle and shine when the sun is out, but when the darkness sets in, their true beauty is revealed only if there is a light from within. --Elisabeth Kubler-Ross

These words by the famed psychiatrist shine with the truth. I have long been enamored with the beauty of our windows, as I know you have and others who visit our church have been as well. There is a downside to having a sanctuary of stained glass windows, however, and that is that stained glass does not let in as much light as does regular glass. This is fine on sunny days because the stained glass takes the sunshine and transforms it into a dazzling kaleidoscope of light, but on dark and gloomy days the windows make the sanctuary darker than it would be if the windows were simply plain, transparent glass.

At these times the beauty of the sanctuary depends upon the lights inside. Of course there are the lamps and the candles, but the true lights come from each of you sitting in the pews. Likewise, as Kubler-Ross attests, your light comes from inside. The Gospel of John tells us "What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it." (John 1:4-5) Jesus would again say 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life.' (John 8:12)

Jesus is our light, but we do often try our best to block it from shining forth. Our guilt, selfishness, obsession with small and insignificant things often causes us to be like an old grimy stained glass window where the light within has a hard time shining forth. The call for each of us is to work to let our light shine. What that means to me is to be someone who radiates joy and peace, compassion and warmth so that people who are accustomed to the darkness of the world will be drawn to you like a moth before a flame.

May the light within you shine forth, not only in the sunshine but also in the darkness, especially in the darkness, and always remember that the source of light within you is the light of the world, Jesus Christ.

Rev. Chris



## Birthday!

- 2 Declan Kunkle  
Beth Teagarden
- 3 Susie Macik  
Shelva Morrow
- 4 Dawn Couch
- 5 Adelaide Hess  
Lynsey Johnson
- 7 Maureen David-Furshman
- 9 Dorothy Morgan
- 12 Robert Bakaitis
- 13 Russell Knight  
Brian Shaw
- 15 Steve Skariot  
Lauren Ware  
Lynn Ware
- 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

### Private Service

The family of **Betty Jo Riggle** will hold a private memorial service for their immediate family on September 15. Chuck wants to thank everyone for their continued thoughts and prayers as he carries out Betty Jo's final wishes of a private service.



- 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 & Kassi Riffle
- 24 Mike & Jackie Nelson



**Carson** is all settled in to college at Kent State. Here is his address if you would like to send him a card.

Carson Throckmorton  
227 Johnson Hall  
1375 Eastway Drive  
Kent OH 44243


Our **DRIVE-THRU** Nativity will be Saturday and Sunday, December 14 and 15. Please let Connie Sheller know ASAP if you know you CANNOT participate. We will again need 50 people to be characters as well as others to help in the many different ways. Please ask relatives, neighbors, friends, to participate. Give Connie their contact information if they can help. Thank you very much!





I loved church camp! Every morning we had a prayer circle as a whole group. At night time we did skits. We went to Living Treasures and went swimming. I can't wait to go next summer for a whole week! - Grayson Daniels

Laurelview Church Camp holds a special place in my heart because it has profoundly shaped my life in ways I never anticipated. The sense of community and support among fellow campers has been a great source of comfort and inspiration allowing me to deepen my faith. Through worship services and shared experiences Laurelview has helped me develop stronger connections. The friendships I've forged there will always continue to uplift and motivate me long after camp ends – Ethan Plants



## The heart of a friend

Big-hearted friendliness comes from generously serving others.

*Directions: Start with the first D and move according to the arrows beneath the blanks. Then fill in the letters to complete 1 Peter 4:8-10.*


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| L | S | S | V | O | K | L | L | E | S |
| N | Y | R | E | A | L | N | B | R | V |
| S | H | O | L | T | I | U | M | G | E |
| L | M | S | P | Y | G | R | P | R | A |
| O | Q | B | C | J | K | V | O | E | C |

Above all, love each other   D              , because love  
               over a multitude of            . Offer  
               to one another without  
              . Each of you should use whatever  
            you have received to             others, as faithful  
            stewards of God's             in its various forms.

1 PETER 4:8-10, NIV

Answer: deeply, covers, sins, hospitality, grumbling, gift, serve, grace

## September 2024

| Sun   | Mon   | Tue | Wed  | Thu   | Fri | Sat |
|---|---|-----|--|---|-----|-----|
| 1   | 2   | 3   | 4  | 5   | 6   | 7   |
| Worship<br>10:15am  | <br>Office<br>Closed |     | Stewardship/<br>Finance<br>Ministry<br>5:30pm<br>Library<br><br>NA 6:45pm                                | NA 7:30pm   |     |     |
| 8   | 9   | 10  | 11   | 12  | 13  | 14  |
| Sunday School<br>9am<br><br>Worship<br>10:15am<br><br>Church Picnic<br>1:03pm<br>Washington<br>Park | NA 7pm  |     | Elders Meeting<br>5:30pm<br>Shepherds<br>Room<br><br>Board Meeting<br>7pm<br>Small Hall<br><br>NA 6:45pm | NA 7:30pm   |     |     |
| 15  | 16  | 17  | 18   | 19  | 20  | 21  |
| Sunday School<br>9am<br><br>Worship<br>10:15am  | NA 7pm  |     | Stewardship/<br>Finance<br>Ministry<br>5:30pm<br>Library<br><br>NA 6:45pm                                | Tri-County<br>Men's Dinner<br>@ Connellsville<br>6pm<br><br>NA 7:30pm |     |     |
| 22  | 23  | 24  | 25   | 26  | 27  | 28  |
| Sunday School<br>9am<br><br>Worship<br>10:15am  | NA 7pm  |     | NA 6:45pm  | NA 7:30pm   |     |     |
| 29  | 30  |     |  |   |     |     |
| Sunday School<br>9am<br><br>Worship<br>10:15am  | NA 7pm  |     |  |   |     |     |