

April 2022

# Manor Talk

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Jesus Christ told a crowd of listeners in the gospel of Luke, “Consider the lilies how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these!” (Luke 12:27) Lilies are indeed clothed beautifully with their white pendant flowers and mottled foliage, but they aren’t the only things in God’s creation that has been dressed in the most remarkable splendor. Consider the tulips, how their bulbs burst with radiance. They are so appealing to the eye that the

demand for them in Holland once literally drove people into bankruptcy. Consider the hyacinths, how their long, sword shape petals pierce not with points but with fragrance more wonderful than the most expensive perfume. Consider the mums, how their petals break forth in a starburst pattern looking as though the whole universe is etched onto their stems.

If, throughout this long winter, you have forgotten the beauty of God’s creation there is no better places to go for a reminder than our own sanctuary, which, thanks to your efforts, will be filled with the glory of these flowers come Easter morning. Think of how it will look that day with these flowers adding so much color and vibrance to an already beautiful sanctuary. Is there any way to make the church more beautiful than this?

Actually there is one way. Remember the second part of what Jesus said; “How much more will God clothe you – you of little faith!” That’s right, the only thing more beautiful than this stunning flora is you! It has been hard to start as your pastor in the middle of a pandemic, as I have yet to see the full beauty of our congregation gathered in one place, but this Easter I am hopeful that I will. Each member of the church is like a flower in a garden that is beautiful in its own way and contributes its beauty to the whole by simply being present. As such you will be contributing to the beauty of the sanctuary just by coming to church this Easter season. No matter what your Easter outfit is, you will bring to our sanctuary a gift to God even more beautiful than the most lovely flower. . . yourself. That is a sight I long to see.

Rev. Chris



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

April 14 – Maundy Thursday, 7pm  
April 15 – Good Friday, 7pm  
April 17 – Easter Sunrise, 7am  
Breakfast, following Sunrise Service  
Worship Service 10:15am

We are in the process of planning a prayer vigil from 7am Saturday, April 16 to 7am Sunday, April 17. Watch the Manor Minutes and announcements during worship for more information.



# APRIL 2022

## Birthdays

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

## Anniversaries

- 18 Brian & Becky Ashmore  
Megan & Sean Roach

## Youth Activity

On Sunday, April 3, youth from ages 5 and up are invited to stay after worship for lunch, games and plant daffodils on the church property (children under 5 are also invited with a parent or guardian).

The activity will start at the conclusion of the church service and end at 1pm. Please let Rev. Chris or Pastor Gena know if your child will be attending **by April 1** so we know how much food to get.



**Blanket Sunday** will be held on Mother's Day, May 8, 2022. This is an event our Disciples Women's' Ministries sponsors for Church World Service. These blankets are used around the world for refugees, displaced families, places of natural disasters, war, etc. \$10 will purchase a blanket. CWS is assessing the need in Ukraine right now and will be using lots of blankets for that particular situation. A single blanket can provide a person with warmth, a pillow, a place to store their belongings, shade from the sun, a way to carry wood or food, comfort to a wounded person, etc. Please give as you can. Cash will be accepted and checks may be written to: Disciples Women's' Ministries or DWM. Envelopes will be provided. Questions please ask Connie Sheller.

# April 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Sunday School 9am  Worship 10:15am  Youth Activity	Prayer Shawl 11am Parlor  Lenten Devotional Discussion via Zoom 7pm  NA 7pm	Karen Off Office Closed Phone will still be answered.	Stewardship/ Finance Ministry with Trustees 5:30pm Library  NA 6:45pm	Choir 6:30pm  NA 7:30pm	Spring Crop Large Fellowship Hall	Spring Crop Large Fellowship Hall
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Sunday School 9am  Worship 10:15am Palm Sunday	Lenten Devotional Discussion via Zoom 7pm  NA 7pm		Elders 6pm Shepherds Room  NA 6:45pm	Maundy Thursday 7pm  NA 7:30pm	Good Friday 7pm	Large Fellowship Hall Reserved - Crowe
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Sunrise Service 7am  Breakfast  Sunday School 9am  Worship 10:15am	Prayer Shawl 11am Parlor  NA 7pm  Pastor Gena	on Vacation	NA 6:45pm	NA 7:30pm		
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Sunday School 9am  Worship 10:15am  Soup Luncheon  Pastor Gena on Vacation	NA 7pm					Disciples Women's Ministry luncheon Canonsburg First Christian Church 1-3pm



# **YOU ARE A BLESSING**

**You're Invited to be celebrated at a Disciples  
Women's Ministry event hosted by the DWM of  
the First Christian Church (DOC) of Canonsburg**

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**SATURDAY, APRIL 30 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm**

**Keynote speaker: Rev. Nikki Mazza-Fredley**

**A light lunch will be served**

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**Please bring: Yourself! You are the blessing!**

**Monetary Donations will be collected for the**

**Thomas Campbell Apartments**

**RSVP by April 24th TO:**

**Rachel @ 724-322-2427 (text or call)**

**Rachel.Neil@zoominternet.net or Donna @ 724-809-1036**

**butterfly57dms@comcast.net**



**Thank you** to all who donated baskets to the Thomas Campbell Welcome Home Basket Drive. We set a goal of 20 baskets and as usual Fairhill Manor members exceeded this goal with 35 baskets donated. Your love and compassion towards others is appreciated.

## Soup Sunday

April 24, 2022 following Worship

Sign-up sheet will be in the Narthex.



# Laurelview Laurelview

Event	Entering Grades	Dates
CYF Conference	10 – new graduates	June 19-25 (Sun-Sat)
Chi Rho Camp	6-9	July 10-16 (Sun-Sat)
Junior Camp	4-5	July 17-23 (Sun-Sat)
Mini Camp	1-3	July 24-27 (Sun-Wed)
Family Camp	All ages	July 28-31 (Thu-Sun)

**Counselors and Kitchen Help are also needed for Laurelview.  
Visit <https://Laurelview.org> for more information.**



# HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

This year we will recreate our Tenebrae service in two parts.

- On **Maundy Thursday** we will read Scriptures about the last supper and light a candle for each disciple.
- On **Good Friday** we will return to the candlelit Sanctuary and read Scriptures concerning Jesus' betrayal and crucifixion and one by one extinguish the candles.

**Readers are needed for both services.** Contact Rev. Chris for more information.

On Easter we will have a Sunrise Service on the front steps of the church and a joyful worship with the children playing the bells during the normal worship hour.

April 14	Maundy Thursday Service	7pm (In-person & on Zoom)
April 15	Good Friday Service	7pm (In-person & on Zoom)
April 17	Sunrise Service	7am (outside in front of the church)

## Breakfast

Everyone is welcome to stay for a continental breakfast in the Large Fellowship Hall provided by the BYKOTA Sunday school class.

## Following Sunrise Service

## Worship Service

Children will play "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" on bells.

10:15 am (In-person & on Zoom)

The following minutes from the March 9, 2022 Board Meeting have not been approved.  
They will be approved at the May 11, 2022 Board Meeting.

**Fairhill Manor Christian Church Board Meeting  
Secretary Report  
March 9, 2022**

**We Assemble in God's Name**

Moderator, Gene Sheller, called the meeting to order at 7:00pm by lighting the Christ Candle. He gave a devotion and a prayer.

**We Celebrate our Past**

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

A motion to accept these reports was made by Jerry Puskarich and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Ulery.  
The motion was carried.

**We Present Our Offering**

The FMCC Board reviewed the submitted Ministry Reports. Reports submitted were from the, Elders, Deacons, Trustees, Stewardship/Finance Ministry, Christian Education Ministry, Evangelism/Outreach Ministry, Personnel Committee, Disciples Women's Ministries, Prayer Shawl Ministry and FMCC Croppers.

A motion to accept the Ministry Reports was made by Connie Sheller and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chuck Riggle.  
The motion carried.

**Old Business**

1. A policy still has not been written for the bereavement committee. Cathy McVay agreed to be on the committee.
2. Rev. Stillwell mentioned that Jody Mullis is still interested in being an Elder. Jody's friend, Wanda, has been staying with her since the fire. Jody wants to wait until Wanda returns to her own apartment.
3. Carmen Olivero mentioned that we need a way to get more people involved in accepting positions in the church.

Pastor Gena attends clergy meetings where they suggest mentoring people entering into a position slowly.

Jerry Puskarich suggested anyone in the congregation should be able to attend board meetings so they can see what it takes to run the church. It was suggested to put the board meetings on Zoom for the congregation to attend.

Rev Stillwell suggested the personnel needs of the church should be part of stewardship. People need to know that stewardship is not only giving money but also giving your time.

4. The constitution has been posted on the web site.
5. Chuck Riggle thanked the board for nominating him to be the first Disciple Emeritus.

### **New Business**

1. Jerry Puskarich purchased a new printer and starter ink for the church secretary at a cost of \$400.00. Jerry submitted the bill for payment. Jerry suggested the trustees pay for the printer which cost \$279.00. The trustees agreed to pay for the printer.

A motion for the trustees to pay for the new printer was made by Ed Palfreyman and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Carmen Oliverio. The motion passed.

2. Jerry Puskarich mentioned it is a government regulation that all employees fill out an I-9 Form. Someone in the church has to be responsible for signing the forms. Whoever is designated to sign the forms will be included in the personnel committee handbook the committee is currently working on.

Chuck Riggle made a motion that someone in the personnel committee should be responsible to have employees fill out the I-9 Form as required by Home Land Security and sign the forms. This should be done as soon as possible. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Ulery. The motion carried. Jerry Puskarich will have this completed within a month.

3. Rev. Chris and the Elders put together a brochure for new visitors with information about the church. They will be in the back of the narthex for distribution.
4. Jerry Puskarich is scanning church records. If anyone needs records scanned, please let him know.

### **Leaving in God's Name**

Rev. Chris Stillwell closed the meeting in prayer. Gene Sheller adjourned the meeting at 8pm.

### **In Attendance**

Gene Sheller (Moderator), Sharl Burk, Cara Hritz, Jackie Nelson, Carmen Oliverio, Diane Palfreyman, Ed Palfreyman, Jerry Puskarich, Kevin Puskarich, Rita Puskarich, Chuck Riggle, Brian Shaw, Connie Sheller, Tom Ulery, Associate Pastor Gena Sheller\*, Senior Minister Chris Stillwell\*.

\*Indicates non-voting members.

**Next Board Meeting is Wednesday, May 11, 2022 at 7:00 PM.**

Submitted in Christian love,  
Sharl Burk, FMCC Board Secretary



The following minutes from the March 13, 2022 Emergency Board Meeting have not been approved. They will be approved at the May 11, 2022 Board Meeting.

**Fairhill Manor Christian Church  
Emergency Board Meeting  
Secretary Report  
March 13, 2022**

Moderator, Gene Sheller, called the meeting to order at 11:37am with a prayer.

Gene Sheller explained to the board two motions were passed at the Wednesday, March 9, 2022, Board Meeting without a quorum. Therefore, he is presenting the two motions to be voted on today with a quorum present.

1. Jerry Puskarich purchased a new printer and starter ink for the church secretary at a cost of \$400. Jerry submitted the bill for payment. Jerry suggested the trustees pay for the printer which cost \$279. The trustees agreed to pay for the printer.

A motion for the trustees to pay for the new printer was made by Ed Palfreyman and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rita Puskarich. The motion passed.

2. Jerry Puskarich mentioned it is a government regulation that all employees fill out an I-9 Form. Someone in the church has to be responsible for signing the forms. Whoever is designated to sign the forms will be included in the personnel committee handbook the committee is currently working on.

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Gene Sheller adjourned the meeting at 11:41am with a prayer.

**In Attendance**

Gene Sheller (Moderator), Sharl Burk, Ruth Campbell, Kathy Moninger-Ford, Lisa Gardner, Jamie Hatfield, Janet Houston, Deb Knight, Charles McConnell, Jackie Nelson, Diane Palfreyman, Ed Palfreyman, Karen Palfreyman, Jerry Puskarich, Kevin Puskarich, Rita Puskarich, Chuck Riggle, Connie Sheller, Tom Ulery, Candy Wasalasky, Associate Pastor Gena Sheller\*, Senior Minister Chris Stillwell\*.

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Submitted in Christian love,  
Sharl Burk, FMCC Board Secretary



# Resurrection refresher

All four gospels confirm Jesus' resurrection, and each one offers important details.

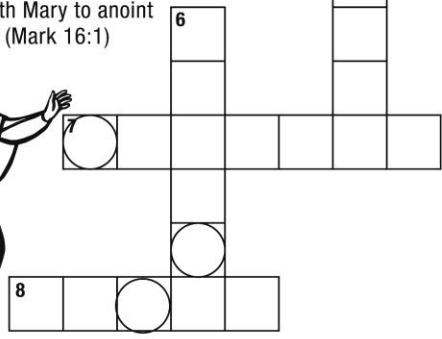
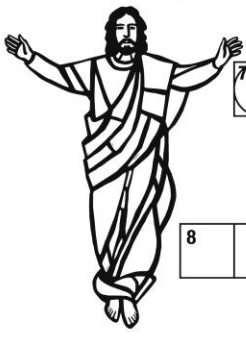
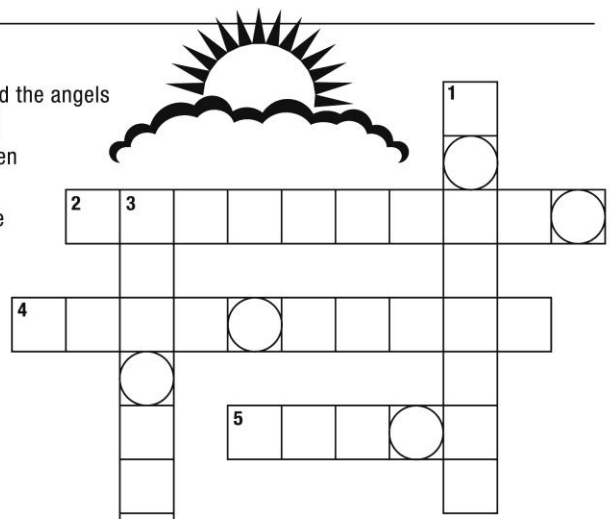
**Directions:** Complete the crossword. Then insert the circled letters (in order of the clue numbers) to complete John 20:17 below.

**ACROSS**

- 2. The women did this when they heard the angels talk about Jesus' death. (Luke 24:8)
- 4. The women at the tomb did this when they saw Jesus. (Matthew 28:9)
- 5. The man in Jesus' empty tomb wore this color robe. (Mark 16:5)
- 7. Jesus instructed his brothers to go here. (Matthew 28:10)
- 8. Peter saw strips of this in the tomb. (Luke 24:12)

**DOWN**

- 1. At first, Mary thought Jesus was this person. (John 20:15)
- 3. As an angel came from heaven, this happened. (Matthew 28:2)
- 6. She went with Mary to anoint Jesus' body. (Mark 16:1)



**What did Jesus want Mary to tell his brothers?**

"I \_ m ascen \_ ing \_ o my Fat \_ er and your Fa \_ her, to \_ y \_ od and your God."  
Joh \_ 20:17, NIV

Answer: ACROSS 2. remembered, 4. worshipped, 5. white, 7. Galilee, 8. linen; DOWN 1. gardener, 3. earthquake, 6. Salome; "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." John 20:17, NIV