

Manor Talk

**A Publication of
Fairhill Manor
Christian Church**

Rev. Chris Stillwell
Senior Minister

Rev. Gena Sheller
Associate Pastor

Karen Thomas
Administrative Assistant

Gene Sheller
Congregational Moderator

Brian Shaw
Financial Secretary

Jim Cope
Choir Director

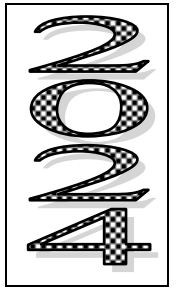
Carson Throckmorton
Organist

Jody Mullis
Pianist

Wray Adams
Custodian

Stacy Thomas
Wedding Coordinator

351 Montgomery Avenue
Washington, PA 15301
724-225-8610
fairhillmanor@yahoo.com



August is here and summer is entering its last phase. Some people are so quick to pronounce its demise but there is still almost two months of summer left. The thing is, as much as I like summer, as much as I enjoy the warmth and the length of the days, as much as I like the flowers and the green of the trees, I found myself just the other day thinking about the fall.

Of course I love the fall, and there is nothing wrong with that, but I caught myself as soon as I did it because it seemed foolish to be thinking about the fall to come when I should be enjoying the summer that is already here. Jesus Christ told his followers, "Do not worry about tomorrow; for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today." (Matthew 6:34)

This is all too true, but it certainly is pretty negative. I prefer to look at this teaching from a positive angle. I prefer to think of it this way, "Do not worry about tomorrow; for tomorrow will bring beauty and blessings of its own. Today's beauty and blessings are enough for today."

Our church has seen 121 summers and falls come and go, and I do not think it managed to survive that long by always looking ahead. Instead it got to where it is by focusing one day at a time on the present. Let us do that today. There is much to look forward to but there is much that is exciting now.

Now is the time to do that project you have been meaning to do. Now is the time to talk to that person you have been meaning to contact. Now is the time to serve the Lord, to worship the Lord, and praise the Lord for providing us with so much beauty and blessings, which are enough for today.

Rev. Chris



- 1 Angela Caldwell
Jayden Dube
Andrew Glover
Robert Sekorky
- 2 Jeff Caldwell
Jason Vanatta
- 3 Robert Hanning
- 4 Nora Graff
- 5 Sharl Burk
- 6 John Berg
Tiffany Shetler
- 7 Karen Tarentino
- 9 Amy Caldwell
Sheri Leitsch
- 12 Vicki Casciato
- 13 Paige Keener
- 14 Tom Burk
Christian Caldwell
- 16 Julia Howsare
- 20 Misty Caldwell
- 24 Margot Hritz
- 26 Carolyn Blackhurst
Mark Dague
Matt Dague
Judy Hanning
- 27 Amy Mountain
- 28 Karla Glover
Von Lacock
- 29 Donna Bakaitis
- 31 Audra Allen
Candy Wasalasky



- 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

**We're
thankful
for you!**

At the July 10, 2024 Board Meeting, Chuck Riggle was presented with a Disciple Emeritus Pin for sixty years of dedicated service as a member of Fairhill Manor Christian Church. Chuck has been involved in a wealth of activities since 1964 and has appreciated the opportunity to have worked with countless individuals in order to address the church's ministry. Thanks, Chuck, for all that you have done to make our church truly outstanding!



Children Worship & Wonder
resumes
August 25

August 2024

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|--|--------|---|--|---|-----|-----|
| | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| | | | | NA 7:30pm | | |
| 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| Worship 10:15am Luncheon for Carson Throckmorton | NA 7pm | | Stewardship/Fi nance Ministry 5:30pm Library NA 6:45pm | NA 7:30pm | | |
| 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| Worship 10:15am | NA 7pm | | Elders Meeting 5:30pm Via Zoom NA 6:45pm | NA 7:30pm | | |
| 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| Worship 10:15am Rev. Chris Off? | NA 7pm | | NA 6:45pm | Personnel Committee 3pm Library NA 7:30pm | | |
| 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |
| Worship 10:15am Blessing of Backpacks | NA 7pm | Bethany Class Lunch noon @ Eat'n Park | NA 6:45pm | NA 7:30pm | | |

Fairhill Manor Christian Church Board Report

Secretary Minutes

July 10, 2024

We Assemble in God's Name

Moderator Gene Sheller called the meeting to order at 7pm by lighting the Christ Candle and sharing a meditation from Matthew 26:50.

We Celebrate our Past

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

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

In his Senior Minister's report, Rev. Chris mentioned that he was a CYF Keynote speaker at Laurelview, presented a Reese Award at McGuffey School and spent time inquiring about an organist.

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

We Present Our Offering

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

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 motion to accept the Ministry Reports was made by Kevin Puskarich and 2nd by Candy Wasalasky. The motion was carried unanimously.

Concerns of the Past (Old Business)

1. Stained Glass Enclosure (protecting the Sanctuary skylight)

- The Stewardship/Finance Ministry presented a proposal for where the funds will come from to make the remaining payment of \$49,023 to Slagle Roofing and Construction for replacement of the stained glass enclosure (see attached proposal). The Ministry proposed that \$20,000 come from the Memorial Fund and \$5125.51 from the Property Fund. At the time of the proposal the Trustees planned to ask the Board that they be allowed to put \$8257.49 from the Fawcett Fund toward the project. The proposal showed the fact that \$15,640 in funds designated specifically to this project had been given to date. The amount of designated funds given was included for informational purposes only and would not need to be voted on by the Board.
- Changes made to the proposal from the Stewardship/Finance Ministry included the Trustees asking the Board to approve their putting \$8,300 toward the project from the Fawcett Fund. Brian Shaw updated the amount of designated funds given to \$16,540. Brian noted that the total under "Source of Funds to Pay the Balance Due" on the proposal ($\$16,540 + \$20,000 + \$5125.51 + \$8,300 = \$49,965.51$) already exceeded the \$49,023 balance due by \$942.51. Brian noted that any money given as designated to this project must and will go toward this project (\$16,540 so far). He suggested that any of the money listed

in the proposal as coming from the Memorial Fund, Property Fund and Fawcett Fund that is left over after the balance is paid go to the Roof Fund. As of this meeting, that amount would be \$942.51.

- Discussion followed as to whether any excess money should go back to the Fawcett Fund or to the Roof Fund.
- A motion was made that \$20,000 from the Memorial Fund, \$5125.51 from the Property Fund and \$8,300 from the Fawcett Fund be used to pay the balance on the Stained Glass Enclosure project. Any money from this total that is not needed to pay the balance will go to the Roof Fund. Motion was made by Carol Daniels and second by Linda Reese. Motion passed unanimously. A question was asked of Brian Shaw as to when the Roof loan should be paid off and he said in September.

Issues of the Future (New Business)

1. Rev. Chris presented an Acolyte pin to Chuck Riggle as Disciple Emeritus.
2. Linda Reese asked if it is possible to get a speaker installed for downstairs. It will be checked in to.

Leaving in God's Name

The meeting was adjourned by Moderator Gene Sheller at 7:45pm. Rev. Stillwell closed the meeting with a prayer.

In Attendance

Gene Sheller (Moderator), Sharl Burk (Zoom), Carol Daniels, Serena Dube, Gary Ford, Jamie Hatfield (Zoom), Ed Palfreyman, Kevin Puskarich, Rita Puskarich, Linda Reese, Chuck Riggle, Brian Shaw, Connie Sheller, Tom Ulery, Candy Wasalasky, Senior Minister Chris Stillwell*, Pastor Gena Sheller*.

Non-Member: Eva Lou Engle (Zoom), Lois Shaw (Zoom)

*Indicates non-voting members.

Next Board Meeting is September 11, 2024 7pm.

Submitted in Christian love,
Rita Puskarich
Board Secretary

**Attachment from Stewardship/Finance Ministry for the Stained Glass Window Repair Project

MOTION TO PRESENT ALLOCATION OF FUNDS PROPOSAL TO THE BOARD TO COMPLETE THE PAYMENT OF THE STAINED-GLASS ROOF ENCLOSURE PROJECT BEING COMPLETED BY SLAGLE ROOF & CONSTRUCTION

A meeting was held by the Stained-Glass Taskforce on Wednesday, 06/26/24 to discuss where the remaining funds that would be payable to Slagle Roofing & Construction would be derived from. The total project cost is \$73,535 of which a down payment of \$24,512 was made to the contractor on March 25, 2024. The payment was one-third of the contract amount leaving a balance of \$49,023 to be paid upon completion of the project and the acceptance by FMCC.

A summary of the payments made to date, what funds that were derived from and the proposed allocation of funds to pay for the remainder of the project is listed below. The Stained-Glass Taskforce made a motion to present the proposal to the Board at the meeting on July 10th.

| | |
|--|----------------------|
| STAINED-GLASS ENCLOSURE PROJECT COST: | \$73,535.00 |
| PAYMENT #1 – REESE YOUTH FUND - 03/25/24 | (\$12,256.00) |
| PAYMENT #1 – REESE DISCRETIONARY FUND – 03/25/24 | <u>(\$12,256.00)</u> |
| BALANCE DUE UPON COMPLETION | \$49,023.00 |

| | |
|---|--------------------|
| <u>SOURCE OF FUNDS TO PAY THE BALANCE DUE:</u> | |
| GIFTS FROM CONGREGATION MEMBERS TO DATE | \$15,640.00 |
| MEMORIAL FUND | \$20,000.00 |
| PROPERTY FUND | \$ 5,125.51 |
| TRUSTEES FUND | <u>\$ 8,257.49</u> |
| TOTAL ALLOCATED FUNDS TO PAY THE BALANCE: | \$49,023.00 |

Motion was made by Gene Sheller and seconded by Jerry Puskarich. The ministry approved the motion unanimously.

Looking Ahead to September....

Sunday school will resume on September 8 at 9am.

On the first week of the new Sunday school year, we hold a Safe Conduct Orientation for all children and youth who will participate in any Fairhill Manor program for the 2024-2025 year. Parents and/or guardians are required to attend this Orientation along with the young people they will bring to church activities.

Please let Pastor Gena know by September 1 that you will be attending. Breakfast will be provided.

If you are unable to attend and would like your children and youth to participate in Fairhill Manor programs, you must make arrangements with Pastor Gena by September 1 for another date and time when you and your children will attend a Safe Conduct Orientation. This is a mandatory provision of our Safe Conduct Policy.

Fairhill Manor cares deeply about equipping our children, youth and their parents and guardians with tools to prevent abuse. Everyone is encouraged to learn about the special ways we structure our programs to prevent abuse of any kind.

Parents and guardians will have an opportunity to review the Consent Forms on file for their children at this meeting. If health insurance information for your children has changed since last year, please bring a copy of both sides of your insurance card with you.