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Manor Talk

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This morning I began by shoveling my driveway. It took about twenty minutes of backbreaking work to clear a path to the road, and then 20 more minutes in the freezing cold to get my windows and lights cleared off. I had brushed the snow off of all my windows, and I took the largest amount off the roof, but still left a good bit, because one of the few joys that winter provides is to watch the snow fly off my car when I drive down the road. It makes me think of the weight of winter being lifted off the car much as Jesus offered to lift the burdens off of his followers' shoulders.

Speaking to a crowd he said, "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11:28) Sometimes we don't fully appreciate the wonder of this offer, and we let the burdens of our life weigh heavily on our soul and often our body. When the snow flies off my hood and into my wind shield, I am reminded of the one who offers to lift my guilt, my worry, my fear, my prejudice, my selfishness, indeed all of my sin, leaving me to feel as light as a snowflake. It is a wonderful reminder of what Jesus will do for us if we let Him. If only he would shovel my walkway too.

Rev. Chris



We need 1 or 2 volunteers to help with the **zoom camera** on Sunday mornings. All you need is a phone (sorry, no flip phones!) and the zoom app loaded on your phone (very easy to do). You log in to zoom and then place your phone on the tripod provided and just follow the action. Very simple. No training is needed (but we will be glad to give you training if you want). Men, women, or young people are encouraged to volunteer. Plus, you get a front row seat for the Sunday service! All joking aside, we urgently need volunteers. Please consider this as a "call to service." Contact Gary Ford 724-344-2193 or forgary@comcast.net if you have questions or wish to help. **THANK YOU!!**

Worship Assignments

ELDERS:

February 7: Cara Hritz
 February 14: Jackie Nelson
 February 21: Diane Palfreyman
 February 28: Craig Dotson

Worship Leader: (Call to Worship, Scripture Reading, Call to Offering)

February 7: J.C. Leasure
 February 14: Linda Reese
 February 21: Von Lacock
 February 28: Serena Dube

Carmen Oliverio was recently talking to Pastor Mike. Pastor Mike said to tell everyone.



2021 Fairhill Manor Elder Information

Elder Shepherds:		Families Served:
Tammie Wallace	(412) 217-2898	A-B
Connie Sheller	(724) 494-3318	C
Linda Reese	(724) 228-3643	D - F
Peggy Oliverio	(412) 997-4257	G-Ha
Jackie Nelson	(412) 997-6985	He-La
Diane Palfreyman	(724) 255-2898	Le-M
Craig Dotson	(724) 470-7989	N-P
JC Leasure	(724) 263-9183	R-Sha
Cara Hritz	(724) 809-3250	She-Sz
Gary Ford	(724) 344-2193	T-Z



"THANKS!"

Thank you to all of the departing Officers for all of their time and dedication during 2020.

We welcome these leaders for 2021:

Chairperson of the Trustees – Mike Sweeney

Chairperson of the Deacons – Carolyn Blackhurst

Chairperson of the Elders – Gary Ford

Personnel Committee Chairperson – Jerry Puskarich

Stewardship/Finance Ministry Leader – Jerry Puskarich

Worship/Spiritual Life Ministry Leaders – Kevin and Rita Puskarich

Outreach/Evangelism Ministry Leader – Linda Reese

Christian Education Ministry Leader – Pastor Gena



- 2 Noah Allen
Douglas Graff
- 3 Ruth Cox
Nathan Dallatore
Ellodi Keene
- 4 Sam Caldwell
Shyla Rash
Jaedan Shetler
Julia Vanatta
- 5 Lisa Gardiner
- 8 Megan Houston
Eleanor McConnell
Erika Vanatta
- 10 Grant Weber
- 14 Rick Lewis
- 15 Diane Cope
Yvonne Jones
Nancy McCann
- 20 Cameron Meier
- 22 Jack Nelson
- 25 Bob Gregg
- 26 Gage McDonough
Avalon Vanatta



- 2 Jim and Judy Wheeler
- 17 James and Barbara Roupe

Ash Wednesday - February 17

Ash Wednesday plans are under way. We are looking at teaming up with other PA Disciple congregations to provide a service every Wednesday in Lent. Check your Manor Minutes as we approach Ash Wednesday, February 17, for more info.

We will be having a Zoom Bible study on Monday evenings from 7 pm – 8:30 pm beginning February 22. To prepare for this study, please read the gospel of John.

There will also be a devotional we will be using for Lent. It is a digital format and we will send out the link to it in the Manor Minutes. We will download print copies for those who cannot access them online. More information will be coming. Watch the Manor Minutes for important information updates and links.



FEBRUARY SOUPER BOWL OF CARING DRIVE-THRU FOOD COLLECTION

FMCC has been involved with the Souper Bowl of Caring for 5 years, (not consecutive) and we have collected \$2,900 and over 415 food items that stayed in our community to help those in need. AND if it wasn't for the current Covid-19 restrictions the Outreach Team would be hosting our 4th Souper Bowl of Caring Luncheon and Corn-hole Tournament on Super Bowl Sunday, February 7th after church. Instead, we will be hosting another **Drive-Thru Food Collection on Saturday, February 27 from 11am – Noon** in the front driveway. We will be collecting all kinds of soups, chili and crackers. The soups and chilies can be in either canned or dry form and crackers can be of any kind. We will also accept monetary donations. For every \$1 donation, \$5 worth of food can be purchased from the Greater Washington Food Bank. Food items and money collected will be divided between the Community Circle Food Pantry and the Salvation Army's ER Food Pantry. Thank you all for your continued support of our outreach efforts. Any questions please call or text Marsha Sams at 859-421-7227 or e-mail msams822@gmail.com....



**American Cancer Society
Daffodil Days
Week of March 22, 2021**

Let love flow.



FEBRUARY 21-28

Name: _____

_____ Bunch of Daffodils (10 flowers) \$10

_____ Mini Potted Daffodils \$15

_____ Bunch of Tulips (10 flowers) \$15

_____ Gift of Hope \$25 (flowers donated to local cancer centers)

_____ Virtual Daffodils - \$10 (for when in-person flower delivery is not an option)

To order, please contact Peggy Oliverio (412) 997-4257 or send this coupon with payment to the Church Office. Orders must be prepaid and are due by February 18, 2021. Make checks payable to "American Cancer Society".

Week of Compassion – Let Love flow

“Nobody hungry, nobody thirsty,
shade from the sun, shelter from the wind,
for the Compassionate One guides them,
takes them to the best springs.”

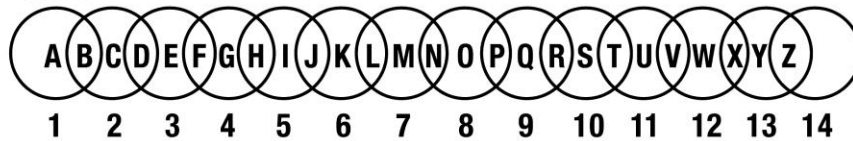
Isaiah 49:10

More information to follow.

Puzzle!

Use the code to complete the blanks — and find out how God wants us to treat people.

CODE:



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2 8 7 8,9 1 10 10 5 8 7,8 1 10,11 3

10,11 8 8 7,8 3 1 7,8 8 10,11 4,5 3 9,10'

3,4 8 9,10 4 5 11,12 5 7,8 4 3 1 2 4,5

8 10,11 4,5 3 9,10' 5,6 11 10 10,11 1 10

5 7,8 2 4,5 9,10 5 10 10,11 4 8 2,3

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EPHESIANS 4:32, NIV

Answer: Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. Ephesians 4:32, NIV

Fairhill Manor Christian Church Board Meeting
Secretary Report
January 13, 2021

We assemble in God's name

Moderator, JC Leasure called the meeting to order at 7PM. The lighting of the Christ Candle was done by JC Leasure. He also provided devotions and prayer.

We celebrate our past

The FMCC Board reviewed the submitted reports for the Senior Pastor, Associate Pastor, Board Secretary, Treasurer (from the Financial Secretary), and Church Clerk. A motion to accept these reports was made by Jerry Puskarich and 2nd by Von Lacock. The motion carried.

We present our offerings

The FMCC Board reviewed the submitted Ministry Reports. Reports submitted were from Pastor's Cabinet, Elders, Trustees, Stewardship/Finance Ministry, Christian Education (included with Assoc Pastor Gena Sheller's report), Personnel Committee, Disciples Women's Ministries, and FMCC Croppers. A motion to accept the Ministry Reports was made by Linda Reese and 2nd by John Anderson. The motion carried.

Concerns of the Past

The 2020 FMCC Annual Report was presented and reviewed by the Board. A motion to accept this report was made by Carmen Oliverio and 2nd by Gary Ford. The motion carried. This report will be presented for approval at the Congregational Meeting on Jan 17, 2021.

Issues of the Future

1. On behalf of the Elders, Gary Ford spoke of the recommendation of Eleanor Boyles as an Elder Emeritus for her past years of service. Craig Dotson made a motion based on the Elders recommendation, to grant Eleanor Boyles the honorary position of Elder Emeritus. Linda Reese 2nd the motion. The

motion carried. The Board will present this recommendation to the congregation for approval on Jan 17, 2021.

2. Gary Ford spoke of the need for definition and criteria requirements concerning honorary status emeritus in the church constitution. He suggested creating a committee to revise Article IV, Section E of the Constitution.

Volunteers include Gary Ford, Jerry Puskarich, Connie Sheller, Peggy Oliverio, and Chuck Riggle. A motion to form the committee to review this section of the Constitution, concerning Elder Emeritus, was made by Craig Dotson and 2nd by Carmen Oliverio. Motion carried.

3. Ministry Leaders have been chosen for the following areas: Jerry Puskarich for Stewardship/Finance and Personnel Committee, Linda Reese for Evangelism/Outreach, Kevin and Rita Puskarich for Worship/Spiritual Life, Assoc Pastor Gena Sheller for Christian Education, Mike Sweeney for Trustees, and Gary Ford for Elders. Still needed are Ministry Leaders for History, Fellowship, Membership/Care, and Deacons. A motion to accept the list of Ministry Leaders as is and to pursue the rest, was made by Gary Ford and 2nd by John Anderson. Motion carried.

4. Rev Chris Stillwell talked about the number of Covid cases in Washington County and opening up the church in the near future. He used graphics to compare cases from Nov 1, 2020 until now. He would like to start discussion on when to open the church again. After some discussion, it was agreed that the Board will revisit this in 45-60 days. If the 7 day average of Covid cases drops below 50, which is the point that they were at on November 1 2020, the Pastor's Cabinet could discuss opening sooner. Their recommendation would then be presented to the Board.

5. Financial Secretary, Brian Shaw noted the correction to the 2021 Budget. The Secretary's salary was corrected to \$20,280.00. A motion to approve this correction was made by Gary Ford and 2nd by Linda Reese. Motion carried. This correction will need to be approved by the congregation at the congregational meeting on January 17, 2021.

Leaving in God's name

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:52PM was made by Jerry Puskarich and 2nd by Peggy Oliverio. Assoc Pastor Gena Sheller closed us with prayer.

In Attendance (virtually by Zoom app)

JC Leasure (Moderator), John Anderson, Craig Dotson, Serena Dube, Gary Ford, Terry Houston*, Cara Hritz, Von Lacock, Daniel Leasure, Jackie Nelson, Carmen Oliverio, Peggy Oliverio, Jerry Puskarich, Linda Reese, Chuck Riggle, Brian Shaw*, Connie Sheller, Assoc Pastor Gena Sheller*, Senior Pastor Chris Stillwell*, Mike Sweeney, Sandy Todaro, Jim Ulery, Tammie Wallace

* Indicates non voting member

Next Board Meeting: March 10, 2021,

7PM

Submitted in Christian love,
Sandy Todaro, FMCC Board Secretary

**Fairhill Manor Christian Church
Congregational Meeting
Secretary Report
January 17, 2021**

Board Moderator, JC Leasure brought this Congregational Meeting to order at 11:15AM. He opened with prayer.

1. The first order of business was the presentation of the FMCC 2020 Annual Report. A motion to accept the 2020 Annual Report was made by Connie Sheller and 2nd by Marsha Sams. The motion carried.

2. The FMCC Board recommended to the congregation that Eleanor Boyles receive the honorary position of Elder Emeritus. Linda Reese made the motion to accept Eleanor Boyles as Elder Emeritus. Jody Mullis 2nd the motion. The motion carried.

3. The list of the 2021 FMCC Church Officers was presented. A motion to approve these officers was made by Peggy Oliverio and 2nd by Candy Wasalasky. The motion carried.

4. The names of those who have agreed to serve as 2021 Ministry Leaders were presented. The leaders to date are: Jerry Puskarich for Stewardship/Finance and Personnel, Kevin and Rita Puskarich for Worship/Spiritual Life, Linda Reese for Outreach/Evangelism, Gary Ford for Elders, and Assoc. Pastor Gena Sheller for Christian Education. Marsha Sams made the motion to accept these 2021 Ministry Leaders. Betty Jo Puskarich 2nd the motion. The motion carried.

5. Brian Shaw spoke of a revision to the 2021 Budget. It was an oversight under the Secretary's salary and is corrected to \$20,280.00. A motion to approve this revision to the 2021 Budget was made by Rick Couch and 2nd by Carmen Oliverio. The motion carried.

Moderator, JC Leasure closed this meeting with prayer at 11:23 AM.

Submitted in Christian love,
Sandy Todaro, FMCC Board Secretary