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Senior Minister
Rev. Gena Sheller
Associate Pastor
Karen Thomas
Administrative Assistant
Gene Sheller
Congregational Moderator
Brian Shaw
Financial Secretary
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Manor Talk

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The arrival of February brings with it the coming of Groundhog Day, which is enjoyable because I have come to see it as the beginning of the end of winter. If Punxsutawney Phil does not see his shadow, I rejoice; only two more weeks of winter! If he does see his shadow I rejoice; only six more weeks of winter! Either way the end is in sight, and I can begin counting down.

Now the problem with Groundhog Day, ironically, is the very same thing that makes it great. We are basing our hopes for spring upon the fickle, predilections of a groundhog. Who cares if it sees its shadow? Maybe it stays in its hole because it is warm there, and he doesn't want to be bothered by so many strange people. Why does this only work with groundhogs? And what does seeing his shadow have to do with the weather anyway? Groundhog Day is wonderful because it is a day that brings us hope and announces that the time of spring is near, but we place our faith and trust in a witless animal, causing us to become disappointed when the appointed time comes and goes, and the snow still lays on the ground like a blanket of broken promises.

It's a shame that we don't have a better hope to trust in when it comes to the bleakness of the weather. Even the television weather forecasters with their Incredible Doppler Weather Master Extreme 12,000 aren't much more accurate than Phil.

It's uplifting, however, to know that we have a sure hope to trust when faced with the bleakness of life. For the gospel of Mark tells us that not only has Spring come near, but the Kingdom of Heaven has come near as well, and, whether it comes in two weeks, six weeks, or longer, part of it has already come. Jesus the Christ has come to place springtime in our hearts all year around, to comfort us in our sorrow, strengthen us in our struggles, and to give us hope and encouragement as we wait for and walk toward the coming of the kingdom on earth as it is in Heaven.

If, like Phil, you are in your own hole in life, and you can't get out to face the bleak, cold of life do not place your hope in a groundhog to bring the warmth and light that you need. Remember that, unlike Phil, when Jesus looked out from his hole, he never went back, and because of him we don't have to either. Rejoice, for spring is coming, and Jesus has already come.

Rev. Chris

FEBRUARY 2022

Birthdays

- 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 Eleanor McConnell
Megan Roach
Erika Vanatta
- 9 Daniel Riffle
- 10 Anderson Henry
- 12 Nancy Gregg
- 14 Rick Lewis
- 15 Diane Cope
Yvonne Jones
Nancy McCann
- 20 Cameron Meier
- 22 Jack Nelson
- 25 Bob Gregg
Sophie Wolf
- 26 Ivy Lacock
Ty Lacock
Gage McDonough
Avalon Vanatta

Anniversaries

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

Fairhill Manor 2022 Elders Information

Gene Sheller	724-344-8137	Allen – Campbell
Connie Sheller	724-494-3318	Cavanaugh – Dube
Rita Puskarich	724-344-2052	Engle – Hatfield
Kevin Puskarich	724-344-8432	Hess – Meier
Cara Hritz	724-809-3250	Melvin – Putorti
Jackie Nelson	412-997-6985	Reese – Sprowls
Diane Palfreyman	724-255-2898	Stemski - Yater

The dartball team shares the sad news of the passing of Albert “Big Al” Hall who passed away on January 7. He was a former member of the Fairhill Manor dartball team. Please keep his family in your thoughts and prayers.

Carmen

A goal has been set to make 20 **Welcome Home Boxes** for Thomas Campbell fire victims. You can make a Welcome Home Box for residents as they begin to put back together their apartment. Each box should include 2 bath towels, 2 hand towels, 2 wash cloths, 2 microfiber cleaning cloths, 4 bars of soap, 1 roll of paper towel, 1 roll of toilet paper, 1 large tube of toothpaste, and 1 toothbrush. Items need to be returned to church by February 27.

Fairhill Manor members donated \$1200 to the victim fire fund. Thank you!!!

February 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
		Dartball 7pm @ Home	NA 6:45pm	Choir 6:30pm NA 7:30pm		
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Sunday School 9am Worship 10:15am	Prayer Shawl 11am Parlor NA 7pm	Dartball 7pm @ Washington Alliance	Elders 6pm Shepherds Room NA 6:45pm	Personnel Committee 4pm Library Choir 6:30pm NA 7:30pm		
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Sunday School 9am Worship 10:15am Baptism Sunday	NA 7pm	Stewardship/ Finance Ministry 5:30pm Library Dartball 7pm @ Home	NA 6:45pm	Choir 6:30pm NA 7:30pm		
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Sunday School 9am Worship 10:15am	Prayer Shawl 11am Parlor NA 7pm	Dartball 7pm @ West Washington	NA 6:45pm	NA 7:30pm		
27	28					
Sunday School 9am Worship 10:15am	NA 7pm					

If you would like to order daffodils, please fill out an order form and return with payment by February 15 to Karen in the Office or place in her mailbox. Rev. Chris is planning an activity for the youth in early April to plant daffodils on the church property. If anyone would like to donate potted daffodils for this purpose, add a note to your order that says “for the youth.”



DAFFODIL DAYS 2022

GIVE DAFFODILS. GIVE HOPE.

Washington County PA - 2022 Selections:

Bunch of Daffodils: \$10

Bunch of Tulips (assorted colors): \$15

Mini-Potted Daffodils: \$15

Milk Chocolate Daffodil Lollipop \$1

White Chocolate (Yellow) Daffodil Lollipop \$1

Gift of Hope: \$25 *(Flowers delivered to local cancer center/hospital/nursing home facilities in the community)*

Flowers will be available for pick-up/delivery the week of March 21, 2022. More information will be provided closer to the date. Questions: please email nancy.verderber@cancer.org

Proceeds benefit the American Cancer Society.



Daffodil Days®

Please make
all checks
payable to:
**American Cancer
Society**

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Bunch of Daffodils: _____ x \$10 _____

Bunch of Tulips: _____ x \$15 _____

Mini-Potted Daffodils: _____ x \$15 _____

Gift of Hope: _____ x \$25 _____

Milk Chocolate Daffodil Lollipop _____ x \$1 _____

White Chocolate Daffodil Lollipop _____ x \$1 _____

Total _____

Fairhill Manor Christian Church
Board Meeting
Secretary Report
January 12, 2022

We Assemble In God's Name

Moderator, Gene Sheller, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM with a devotion.

We Celebrate our Past

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

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

We Present our Offerings

The FMCC Board reviewed the submitted Ministry Reports, Reports submitted were from the Pastor's Cabinet, Elders, Deacons, Trustees, Stewardship/Finance Ministry, Worship/Spiritual Life Ministry, Christian Education Ministry, Evangelism/Outreach Ministry, Fellowship Ministry, Membership Care Ministry, Personnel Committee, Disciples Women's Ministries, Disciples Men's Ministries, Prayer Shawl Ministry, and FMCC Croppers.

A motion to accept the Ministry Reports was made by Von Lacock and 2nd by Ed Palfreyman. The motion carried.

Old Business

Gene Sheller mentioned the board has discussed having a bereavement committee. Bette Jo Puskarich said she would be the chair if she could get enough people to form a committee. Jerry Puskarich suggested if Fairhill Manor does establish a bereavement committee, a policy should be written stating the services the committee will provide, and the policy should be posted on the web site. Jerry also suggested the constitution be posted on the web site.

New Business

1. Recommend to the congregation that Chuck Riggle be nominated as a Disciple Emeritus. A motion to accept the recommendation was made by Jerry Puskarich and 2nd by Carmen Oliverio.
2. Gene Sheller noted corrections to the constitution revised on December 1, 2021 as follows:

Article 7, Section C, Page 10 the word compact between the Pastor and Associate Pastor should read contract.

Article 4, Section A, Page 3 the title of Disciple Emeritus should be included with Elder Emeritus and Trustee Emeritus.
3. Jody Mullis offered to serve as an Elder before the fire at the Thomas Campbell Apartments. This is going to be tabled until Reverend Stillwell has an opportunity to discuss it with Jody.
4. It was suggested that Fairhill Manor donate the old red choir robes to a church in Ghana. A motion to accept this donation was made by Rita Puskarich and 2nd by Sharl Burk. The motion carried.
5. Fairhill Manor has been asked by Judy Hunt if the church would like a cabinet of Nativities collected by Rev. Norman Hunt. A motion to accept this collection was made by Jim Ulery and 2nd by Von Lacock. The motion carried.

6. The moderator, vice moderator, secretary, and pastors are responsible to fill a vacancy with Board approval. They agreed that Brian Shaw should be the Stewardship/Finance Ministry leader and presented it to the board. This would make Brian Shaw a voting member on the board. A motion to accept this was made by Connie Sheller and 2nd by Von Lacock. The motion carried.
7. Gene Sheller read a letter from John and Cathy Anderson stating they are leaving the church and John is vacating his position as a trustee.
8. Ed Palfreyman mentioned they had trouble getting people to serve as trustees for 2022. It is a position usually held for five years. Dave Dague has volunteered to serve for a one-year term if the board approves. A motion to accept Dave Dague as a trustee for a one-year term was made by Ed Palfreyman and 2nd by Carmen Oliverio. The motion carried.

Leaving in God's Name

Associate Pastor Gena Sheller closed the meeting in prayer. Gene Sheller adjourned the meeting 7:50.

In Attendance

Gene Sheller (Moderator), Carolyn Blackhurst, Sharl Burk, Serena Dube, Cara Hritz, Von Lacock, Dan Leasure, Jackie Nelson, Carmen Oliverio, Diane Palfreyman, Ed Palfreyman, Bette Jo Puskarich, Jerry Puskarich, Kevin Puskarich, Rita Puskarich, Chuck Riggle, Brian Shaw, Connie Sheller, Associate Pastor Gena Sheller*, Senior Minister Chris Stillwell*, and Jim Ulery.

*Indicates non-voting members. Next Board Meeting is Wednesday, March 9, 2022 at 7pm.

Submitted in Christian Love,
Sharl Burk, FMCC Board Secretary

Fairhill Manor Christian Church
Congregation Meeting
Secretary Report
January 16, 2022

The Congregational meeting was called to order at 11:22 AM by Moderator, Gene Sheller, with a prayer.

Two Orders of Business

1. The presentation of the 2021 Annual Report was made. The floor was opened for questions or comments, and there were none. A motion was made by J.C. Leasure to accept the annual report and 2nd by Linda Reese. The motion passed.
2. A motion was made by the board that recommended Chuck Riggle be elected the honorary office of Disciple Emeritus. The floor was opened for questions or comments, and there were none. The motion to accept this recommendation was made by Carol Daniels and 2nd by Tom Ulery.

Announcements

1. The moderator, senior minister, and associate pastor can nominate candidates to fill vacant officer positions. Dave Dague was presented as a candidate for a one-year term as a trustee and he was nominated. The Board elected him to that office at the January 12, 2022 Board Meeting.

2. The moderator, senior minister, secretary, senior minister, and associate pastor selected Brian Shaw to be the Ministry Leader to be Stewardship/Finance Ministry and he was confirmed to that position at the January 12, 2022 Board Meeting.
3. The board voted to donate the old red choir robes to a church in Ghana. Gena Sheller spoke about this donation.
4. The board voted to accept a cabinet of Reverend Norman Hunt's nativities. Reverend Chris Stillwell spoke about receiving these nativities from the First Christian Church.

The meeting was adjourned by Gene Sheller with a prayer at 11:32am.

Submitted in Christian love,
Sharl Burk, FMCC Board Secretary

Welcome to New Member
Cathy McVay



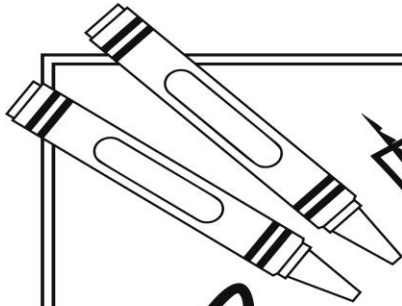
Thank you to the family of Reverend
Norman Hunt for the beautiful cabinet and
nativities. This cabinet is now in the
Narthex.



Dates to Remember

February 13 – Baptism Sunday

**February 20 & 27
Week of Compassion Special
Offering**



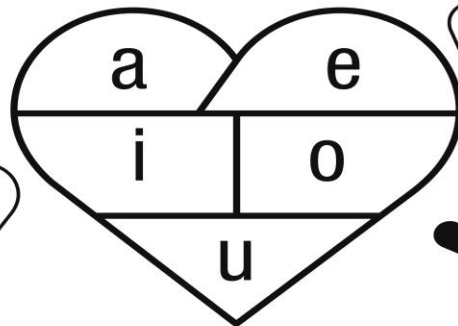
PUZZLE

A friend in Jesus

In the Bible, Jesus shares what it means to be a true friend.



*Directions: Use the heart key
to fill in the missing vowels
from John 15:14, 17, NIV.*



“Y _ _ _ r _ my fr _ _ nds _ f

y _ _ d _ wh _ t _ c _ mm _ nd. ...

Th _ s _ s my c _ mm _ nd:

L _ v _ _ _ ch _ th _ r.”

JOHN 15:14, 17, NIV

Answer: “You are my friends if you do what I command. ... This is my command: Love each other.” John 15:14, 17, NIV