

Manor Talk

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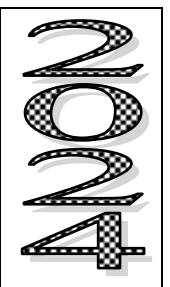
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Thoughts from Rev. Chris



As the New Year has arrived, we all have our various traditions that we do to see out the old and ring in the new. My family eats pork and sauerkraut every year on the first of January, while others eat black-eyed peas, and many people count down with the ball in Times Square and kiss the one they love at the stroke of midnight. These are all common rituals even though many of us have no idea why it is that we do what we do.

I recently went onto a website to look up some other New Year's traditions and found some very interesting ones that I would like to share with you. For instance, did you know that some people pay off all their bills so that the new year will not begin with any debt? Others believe that the first person who enters your home will influence the kind of year that you will have. This particular site explains that the person should be "tall, dark-haired, good-looking, and bearing gifts." Unfortunately it also says, "They must not be cross-eyed or have eyebrows that meet in the middle." Also some people wear new clothes in order to ensure that they will obtain other new outfits all year, and others stuff their wallets with money in the hopes that it will bring them good fortune in the coming year. Even the custom of banging pots and pans at midnight has a superstitious origin as it was done to scare away evil spirits.

Whatever the New Year's ritual you may perform its goal is to bring luck, fortune, happiness, and contentment in the year ahead. We can try any or all of these and hope they work, but there is only one way to start the New Year that I can think of will help you all year. Start the year off right by recommitting yourself to Jesus Christ this year and spend 2024 worshipping him in church.

Every year during our stewardship emphasis we encourage people to increase their giving if they can. If the goal is a tithe (10%) we encourage those who cannot give that much to try and reach the next step.

Let's try that with church attendance as well this year. Let's, each of us, try to increase a little, so that if you are regular you will be constant, if you are occasional you will be regular, and if you haven't attended in a while you can start to be an occasional worshiper. I cannot promise making this your resolution will bring you luck, money, or new clothes in the coming year, but I can assure you that if you start by putting your spiritual house in order blessings will follow.

Rev. Chris



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- 1 Pastor Gena
- 3 George Ashmore
- 4 Marsha Sams
- 8 Cole Jones
Stephen Rydzak
- 9 Doris Haniford
- 11 Ken Carroll
- 13 Tammy Palfreyman
- 14 Ian Howsare
Perry Riffle
- 17 Patty Camps
- 20 Shirley Bilby
Keith Jones
- 21 Sharel O'Connell
Lori Riffle
- 24 Melissa Robinson
- 26 Mary Wiseman
- 27 Eric Tarentino
- 28 Matthew Shetler
Tom Wallace
- 29 Hannah Rizor
- 30 Diane Sumney
Sandy Todaro
- 31 Cody Cavanaugh
Aaron Vanatta



If you have any non-perishable food items you would like to donate to the **Community Circle Food Pantry**, you can continue to bring them in and place them on the table by the coffee station in the front entrance of the church. Rev. Chris will take them to the pantry at the beginning of each month. **Items needed most at this time are: Gravy (Jar or Packets), Canned Vegetables (specifically corn and green beans), Corn Bread Mix, Pie Crust, Instant Mashed Potatoes, Stuffing (boxed), Canned Pumpkin, Canned Sweet Potatoes, Cranberries (canned), Jello/Pudding Mixes, Evaporated Milk, Cake Mixes, Frosting.** If you or someone you know would like to volunteer or are in need of the Food Pantry's services, they distribute the food every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9-12. The Community Circle Food Pantry is now located at **65 E Cherry Ave** in Washington, and they can be reached at 724-225-1540.



November-December reports
due January 4

2023 Annual Report
Reports due on January 4.
Please make sure you submit 2
separate reports.

Board Meeting
January 10



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Souper Bowl Lunch
&
2-Person Team Cornhole
Tournament
Sunday, February 11, 2024
in
Large Fellowship Hall
following worship.

January 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
		Dartball @ Avery 7pm	Stewardship/ Finance 5:30pm NA 6:45pm	Choir practice 6:30pm NA 7:30pm		
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Sunday School 9am Worship 10:15am	NA 7pm	Dartball @ Home 7pm	Elders Meeting 5:30pm Board Meeting 7pm NA 6:45pm	Choir practice 6:30pm NA 7:30pm		
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Sunday School 9am Worship 10:15am	NA 7pm	Dartball @ Taylorstown 7pm	NA 6:45pm	Personnel Committee 4pm Choir practice 6:30pm NA 7:30pm		
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Sunday School 9am Worship 10:15am	NA 7pm	Dartball @ Home 7pm	NA 6:45pm	Choir practice 6:30pm NA 7:30pm		
28	29	30	31			
Sunday School 9am Worship 10:15am	NA 7pm	Dartball @ 4 th Presbyterian 7pm	NA 6:45pm			



Do you have a prayer request or need help? Please feel free to contact Rev. Chris (412-956-6590) directly and confidentially. Or scroll down on the opening page of our website (www.fairhillmanorchurch.org) to "Requests for Prayer or Help." There you can send an email which will go directly to Rev. Chris and Pastor Gena. We are One Body in Christ!

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