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My son loves all things Marvel, while I love some things Marvel. What this means is that I go to a lot of movies and Owen usually has to give me an intensive overview before each one. Sometimes I know what is happening on the screen and sometimes I do not, but one thing I do know is that each film reminds me of the saying that “Not all heroes wear capes”, and I think of important people in our world who do tremendous things that often are not nearly as flashy as Iron Man or Spiderman.

These heroes are teachers, nurses, police officers, firemen, and more. I am also continuing to work on my summer sermon series on the parables of Jesus, which began with a sermon on the Good Samaritan in which Jesus teaches that to see a neighbor one must be a neighbor and to be a neighbor to someone is to help them. This all fits together because it seems to me that what all the heroes, comic or real, have in common is not costumes or powers, but the desire to help others.

If that is the case then what is stopping us from being a hero? We might not be able to run like the Flash or fly like Superman (I can't even leap a high hurdle in a single bound let alone a building), but if we give of ourselves and our possessions to help those in need we will be a hero to someone in some way. It strikes me that this is what the world needs now more than ever. Often times we want Jesus to be like a super hero and come and fix all that is wrong in our lives and in our world, and yet Jesus reminds us that not only can we be heroes to other people we can even be a hero to him for he says that “in as much as you (helped) one of the least of these My brethren, you (helped) me.”

The test of any Christian is less how much they know about the Bible, how dogmatic or doctrinaire they are, even how often they come to church (although all of these things are very good) and more about how much you are willing to help your fellow human beings regardless of who they are or where they are from. Help one another and you can be a hero, not an Avenger but a Christian. Whether or not you want to wear a cape . . . that is up to you.

Rev. Chris



Fairhill Manor Christian Church partners with First Church of the Nazarene, 1366 North Main Street Washington, to collect and distribute food through **Heaven's Basket** to help our neighbors in need in the community. The items that Heaven's Basket is most in need of are: mashed potatoes, rice, condensed soup, pasta/pasta sauce, macaroni & cheese, canned fruit, canned vegetables, pancake mix/syrup, oatmeal, peanut butter, and jelly. You can place your donations in the "**basket**" in the **Caring and Sharing Center** and they will be delivered to Heaven's Basket for you.



Birthdays

- 1 Elina Ringer
Sydney Shultz
Stacy Waters
- 3 Charles Riggle
- 4 Ron Keener
- 5 Anna Berg
Nash Martinek
- 6 John Anderson
- 7 Charles McConnell
- 8 Carol Brown
Muriel Woodburn
- 10 J.C. Leasure
Robert Leitsch
Philip Tarentino
- 11 Colt Allison
- 13 Laura Houston
Cindy Shaw
- 14 Robert Dallatore
Nancy Hollowood
- 15 Sharon Harps
Kathy Moninger-Ford
- 16 Samantha Dye
- 19 Brittany Jacobovitz
- 21 Courtney Gatten
- 22 Alice Cokeley
Samantha Shaw
- 23 Judy Wheeler
- 24 Camden Allison
- 25 Jackie Nelson
- 26 Jamie Hatfield
Steve Ringer
- 27 Aryn Hess
Alivia Lacock
- 28 Jacob Ashmore
- 29 Rita Hritz
Kathleen Krajacic
Eden Vanatta
- 30 Barbara Bailey
Amber Crowe
Peggy Murdock

Anniversaries

- 4 Zachary & Ashley Keene
- 8 Carmen & Peggy Oliverio
- 11 Steve & Michelle Ringer
- 15 Ron & Jackie Keener
- 20 John & Sandy Vanatta
- 26 Gene & Connie Sheller
- 27 Cody & Sydney Shultz
- 30 Tom & Karla Glover



Our church has created a **Funeral Dinner Policy** to provide a dinner free of charge for the family of a church member who has passed away. A sign-up sheet has been placed in the Narthex for anyone who wishes to participate in making a dessert for the dinner or helping to set-up, serve, or clean-up. If you wish to participate, please provide your name, phone number, and check the box or boxes on the sheet for what part of the dinner you would like to participate in. Your help is greatly appreciated.

On June 5th Fairhill returned to using **bread and juice** for communion. If you would like to make a batch of bread, please contact Carolyn Blackhurst or the office for the recipe. One batch makes about enough bread for 1 month. Individual pre-packaged communion cup and juice is still available in the Narthex.

July 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Worship 10:15am			Stewardship/ Finance Ministry 5:30pm Library NA 6:45pm	Personnel Committee 4pm Library NA 7:30pm		
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Worship 10:15am	Book Club 7pm Zoom NA 7pm		Elders 6pm Shepherds Room NA 6:45pm Board Meeting 7pm Small Fellowship Hall	NA 7:30pm		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Worship 10:15am	Book Club 7pm Zoom NA 7pm		NA 6:45pm	NA 7:30pm		
						Rev. Chris vacation
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Worship 10:15am	Book Club 7pm Zoom NA 7pm		NA 6:45pm	NA 7:30pm		
Rev. Chris -----	---Vacation---	July 23–July 30	-----	-----	-----	-----
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Worship 10:15am						

Children Worship & Wonder Stories in Honor of our Youth

Around the time that our children finish 5th grade, they also “graduate” from the Children Worship & Wonder Sanctuary. One of the ways we celebrate their transition back to the “big” Sanctuary is that we purchase in their honor a story from the second CW&W book, *Following Jesus: More about Young Children and Worship* by Sonja M. Stewart.

The 34 stories in this second book “extend and deepen... children’s understanding of Jesus and his teaching of the way of the reign of God as it prepares them for Christian discipleship ... The sequence of the stories allows young children to know the course of Jesus’ life before they have a well-developed sense of chronology. It also helps them see Jesus’ life as a whole life, rather than as a variety of unrelated events or stories about Jesus.” When these stories are all in place, they will provide a way for children to follow Jesus through stories that show who Jesus is, what he teaches about the kingdom of God, why Jesus is calling people to follow him, and what Jesus is sending us into the world to say and do.

Over the last two years, five young people have “graduated” from the Children Worship & Wonder Sanctuary. Below are the stories they have chosen for the church to purchase in their honor. We are honoring these five young people as we share their stories during the Children’s Message time of our worship from June 19 through July 17.



Eli Graff - 2020
“Jesus Feeds Five Thousand People”



Nyka Rash – 2021
“The Gift of the Poor Widow”



Owen Stillwell – 2021
“Jesus Makes Lazarus Alive Again”



Isaac Mayen – 2022
“Jesus and the Tax Collectors”



Charlotte Stillwell – 2022
“Jesus’ Trial”

If you are interested in participating in our Children Worship & Wonder ministry, please talk with Pastor Gená. All children age 3 through Grade 5 are welcome! CW&W will begin again on August 21.

Bless Their Soles



Sam's fiancé works at blueprints. For those who may not be familiar with Blueprints, their main office is located here in Washington, directly behind the courthouse. Blueprints is a community action agency. They have a number of programs to assist our community. Some of their programs consist of; early head start and head start, a homeownership center, rental assistance, WIC services, a matched savings account, and even assistance with filing your taxes. Another program that Blueprints offers is Independent Living Services. The Independent Living Program, also known as IL, assists a specific population of youth with achieving their independence. Misty is an Independent Living Caseworker. The program assists youth ages 14-23, that are currently in or have been in the foster care system or involved with juvenile probation. These teenagers undergo life skill training and they learn about different aspects about being an independent adult, in the future.

While these teenagers do gain a lot of support from their county caseworkers or IL caseworkers and even the community, they still need some assistance with obtaining necessities. One of those necessities that is often overlooked is a pair of shoes. Many teenagers will go many years without receiving a new pair of shoes. While they do receive a clothing allotment from the county, that allotment is not enough to buy a new pair of shoes and clothes. So often the kids are choosing between having clothes or a new pair of shoes.

I would like us here at Fairhill to fill in that gap for these clients. I have organized racks in the Narthex. They have shoe sizes, gender, and type of shoe needed. I would like our generous congregation to build a sort of shoe library. We will have a library of shoes at Blueprints that the clients can have as needed. When the shoes are taken from there, Misty will let me know, and we will hopefully refill the library with the shoes that are needed. They don't have to be name brand shoes. Walmart shopping is perfectly fine. We do prefer that they be new though. When you bring your shoe donation back to the church, please return your card. We are going to re-use them when that size is needed in the future.

Becca has decided to name this endeavor Bless their Soles. I hope you can help.

Thank you,
Amy Caldwell

Reese Scholarship Winners

Congratulations to all of our graduates in our congregation, our community, across the country and around the world. As you know our church awards scholarships on an annual basis both internally and externally. Each year at this time we accept applications from graduating seniors from each of the local high schools which include Trinity, Wash High and McGuffey. Each student that applies must complete an application, provide transcripts of their grades, and submit a brief narrative where the student provides a vision of their career after completing their secondary education. This year we received a total of (10) applications; (3) from Trinity, (5) from McGuffey, and (2) from Wash High. I want to commend each student that submitted an application because their narratives provided a vision on where they wanted their next journey to take them and many of them centered around helping people and how challenges they faced in growing up is what has allowed them to reach the level where they are today.

Before I announce the award winners for the 2021 Reese Scholarship award, I want to emphasize that these funds for this \$500 scholarship award is and has been for many years been made possible from a trust fund that was established in 1985 by Arthur S. Reese, a long-standing member of Fairhill Manor Christian Church from 1930 until 1989 when he passed away at the age of 99. Mr. Reese was an advocate on the education of our youth and his legacy lives on today. I also want to thank the members of the Stewardship/Finance Ministry, Reverend Chris, Pastor Gena, Jerry Puskarich, and Brian Shaw for taking the time from their busy schedules to review the applications and help select the recipient from each high school that was most deserving of the award.

The winners of the 2022 Reese Scholarship Award are as follows:

- Trinity – Samantha Dames – Major – Nursing – Queens University
- Wash High – Taviaire Varen – Major – Pre-Professional Pharmacy - Duquesne University
- McGuffey – Aidan Tau – Major History & Music Education - Indiana University of Pennsylvania

May God bless them and always be with them as they obtain the important education that will prepare them for their next journey in life.

Wedding Coordinator Needed

Fairhill Manor has an immediate opening for a **Wedding Coordinator** with church wedding experience preferred. The position requires excellent organizational and people skills. Please send your resume with experience to Fairhill Manor's secure email at personnel@fairhillmanorchurch.org

FMCC Night at Washington Wild Things Friday, Sept 2, 7pm Fireworks Night

**Tickets - \$10/person
Parking Pass - \$2/car**

Judy Mullis will be singing the National Anthem

There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex for tickets and parking passes.

Please turn in cash or check (payable to FMCC) to the office by July 31.

Book Club Update



We will not meet on July 4.

We will conclude "Everything Belongs" with Chapter 6 on July 11 at 7 pm on Zoom.

Our next two books will be:

- "Seven Women: And the Secret of Their Greatness" by Eric Metaxas, published by Thomas Nelson, Inc. on October 25, 2016.
- "Christianity and World Religions" Revised Edition by Adam Hamilton, published by Abingdon Press on September 18, 2018.

We will begin "Seven Women" on July 18. We will continue to rotate facilitation among ourselves, meeting via Zoom on Monday evenings at 7 pm. All are welcome. If you need help ordering and/or paying for a book, please contact Pastor Gena.

Laurelview Camp News

Thank you to **J.C. Leasure** for volunteering to spend a week at Camp Laurelview from June 19-25. During his first-ever week at church camp, J.C. co-led a small group and shared leadership of a room in the boys' cabin. We give thanks for all who made the week of CYF Conference so meaningful.



In the barn during the prayer labyrinth at the Consecration Service.



J.C. speaking at Vespers.



The counselors and staff of 2022 CYF Conference Camp Laurelview.

Laurelview Camp News continued...



J.C. with the small group he co-led.



The whole DYF Conference in front of Connellsville Christian Church for a mission project.