

Manor Talk

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Thoughts from Rev. Chris



In the fall, as geese make their annual migration, flying along in V formation, you might be interested in knowing what science has discovered about why they fly that way. It has been learned that as each bird flaps its wings, it creates an uplift for the bird immediately following. By flying in a V formation, the whole flock adds at least 71% greater flying range than if each bird flew on its own.

Whenever a goose falls out of formation, it suddenly feels the drag and resistance of trying to go it alone, and quickly gets back into formation to take advantage of the lifting power of the bird immediately in front. When the lead goose gets tired, it rotates back in the wing, and another goose flies point. The geese honk from behind to encourage those up front to keep up their speed.

And finally, when a goose gets sick, or is wounded by gun shot and falls out, two geese fall out of formation and follow it down to help and protect it. They stay with the ailing goose until it is either able to fly again, or until it is dead, and then they launch out on their own or with another formation to catch up with their group.

I share this with you because it strikes me that geese have something to teach us about being a Christian. Many people believe in Christ and follow his teachings as best they can, but do not feel necessary to come to church. To me this is like the goose flying alone-possible-but unnecessarily hard. For being a Christian in church is like flying in formation where we lift each other up, care for one another when we are down, encourage one another to keep going, and look out for one another along the way. In doing do so we enable each other to go farther as a Christian then we could ever have gone on our own. If things have been going hard lately and you haven't been to church lately let me suggest that this might be related. My prayer is that you will have the sense of a goose and come rejoin the formation.

Rev. Chris



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- 6 John Anderson
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- 10 J.C. Leasure
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- 13 Laura Houston
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- 14 Robert Dallatore
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- 15 Sharon Harps
Kathy Moninger-Ford
- 19 Brittany Jacobovitz
- 21 Courtney Gatten
- 22 Alice Cokeley
Samantha Shaw
- 23 Judy Wheeler
- 24 Camden Allison
- 25 Doug Fraley
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



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- 11 Steve & Michelle Ringer
- 15 Ron & Jacki Keener
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- 27 Cody & Sydney Shultz
- 30 Tom & Karla Glover

Laurelview News.....

You can find the updated sponsorship application for **Laurelview Camp** on the church's website under the "faith formation" tab, or contact the office for a copy. This is the form you should fill out and return to the office before registering online for Camp. This enables us to give you a payment code so the church can be billed for the appropriate portion of the registration fee.

Family	All ages	July 6-9 (Thu-Sun)
Junior Camp	4-6	July 16-22 (Sun-Sat)
Mini Camp	1-3	July 23-26 (Sun-Wed)

Pastor Gena will be on sabbatical from August 1 through October 31. During this time, she will not have contact with the congregation.

Thank you for giving her this time of rest and rejuvenation.





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: cereal, jelly, corn, green beans, toilet paper, shampoo and soap.** 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 located at 69 E. Pine Ave in Washington, and they can be reached at 724-225-1540.



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WE ARE COLLECTING...

We are still collecting bottle caps for the Washington Park bench project. The park has decided to make this an ongoing project so continue to bring in your caps.



Place your caps in the container in the Narthex.
Please make sure your caps are **CLEAN** and do not have any paper in the caps.

We are going to begin collecting **empty medicine bottles**. The bottles will be sent to Matthew 25 Ministries in Cincinnati and sent to places that need them. Place bottles **with caps** in the collection container in the Narthex.

Acceptable collection items include:

- Prescription and over-the-counter pill bottles
- Large and small pill bottles
- Pill Bottles with and without secure caps (child-resistant). Must include cap.

Pill bottle donations should adhere to the following guidelines:

- Bottles included in shipments of medical supplies must have an all plastic lid.
- Bottles should be sorted by color and type.
- All labels should be removed, leaving no glue or residue.
- All bottles and lids should be washed in very hot water and dish soap, rinsed, and dried thoroughly.
- Caps should be placed back onto clean, dried bottles.

July 2023

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Worship 10:15am	NA 7pm		NA 6:45pm	NA 7:30pm		
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Worship 10:15am	NA 7pm		Elders 5:30pm Board Meeting 7pm NA 6:45pm	NA 7:30pm		Pastor Gena Vacation----
	Rev. Chris	Vacation-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Worship 10:15am	NA 7pm	Personnel Committee 3pm Library	NA 6:45pm	NA 7:30pm		
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23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Worship 10:15am	NA 7pm		NA 6:45pm	NA 7:30pm		
Pastor Gena	Vac-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
30	31	August 1				
Worship 10:15am Sending Forth Service 5 th Sunday Offering	NA 7pm	Pastor Gena Sabbatical August 1 – October 31				