Manor Talk

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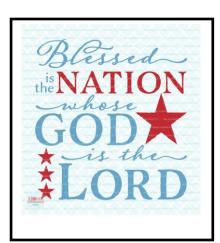
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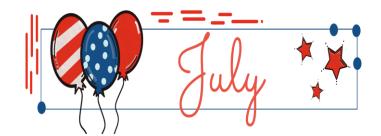
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As the summer heats up everything seems to be getting hotter. From the sidewalks to our living rooms everything feels the increase of heat, but one thing that is sometimes unaffected by the heat wave is our faith. In fact, we can feel the heat of summer in every aspect of our lives and yet feel the fire of our faith waver and dim. Sometimes the two are related. The joy of sunny days combined with the opportunities that summer provides often calls us away from church and that is fine as long as this is only temporary, but sometimes, the heat can get us down and makes us feel lethargic and listless.

Sometimes on hot and humid days all I want to do is take a nap. On these days I don't feel like I'm on fire for anything let alone God. We all have days like these and, truth be told, they aren't just in the summer. Sometimes the cold of late winter or the gray of early spring make us feel this way as well. Other times the fire of faith is lessened for reasons completely unrelated to the seasons, and when this happens, there's only one thing to do – get to church.

I am not saying this just because our sanctuary is cool and air conditioned. I am saying this because when your faith flame is going out and you aren't feeling connected to God like you used to, then you need to go where you know you can have that flame fanned. When you're hungry you go to a restaurant because you know that there you will be fed, and if it is your faith that you need fed, then a church is where you need to go.

Some people believe that we must wait until we're ready to go to church. They say we must be holy, knowledgeable, and passionate before we dare come into God's house, but if we waited until we were full to enter a restaurant we would starve. Likewise, if we wait for the flame of faith to reignite in us before we enter God's house it will extinguish, and we will be keeping ourselves from the only one who can fire it up.

So I pray that you will keep cool this summer as much as you can. Go swimming, drink cold beverages, turn up the AC, but one thing you don't want to keep cool is your faith. Meet me at church this Sunday and every Sunday and we'll fan the flames of faith together.

Rev. Chris



- 1 Elina RingerSydney ShultzStacy Waters
- 3 Charles A. Riggle
- 4 Ron Keener
- 5 Anna Berg Nash Martinek
- 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
- 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



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



Pastor Gena will be on vacation July 18 through July 24. During this time if you need anything please contact Rev. Chris, your Elder Shepherd or the Church Office.

Memorial Brick Garden Laser-Engraved Bricks

The attractive engraved pavers are specially made for Fairhill Manor and are hard-fired for years of enduring beauty. The paver stones are 4x8x21/4" and can be ordered with three lines of text with 20 characters per line including all punctuation and spacing with one clipart. Letters on the brick will be 15mm tall and in the font – Zapf Humnst.

The bricks will be \$40.00 each.

Contact the Church Office (724) 225-8610 if you are interested. Bricks will be dedicated on All Saints Day, November 3, 2024.

July 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	NA 7pm		NA 6:45pm	# √= JULY		
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Worship 10:15am	NA 7pm		Elders Meeting 5:30pm	NA 7:30pm		
			NA 6:45pm			
			Board Meeting 7pm			
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Worship 10:15am			NA 6:45pm	NA 7:30pm		
				Pastor Gena	Vacation	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Worship 10:15am	NA 7pm		NA 6:45pm	Personnel Committee 3pm Library NA 7:30pm		
Pastor Gena	Vacation					
28	29	30	31			
Worship 10:15am	NA 7pm		NA 6:45pm			

We are looking to hire an **organist** to begin in August. The person may begin on piano and learn the organ as they go. The position involves playing for our weekly Sunday service at 10:15am as well as one choir practice a week from fall to spring and funerals and weddings when needed. Contact the church at fairhillmanor@yahoo.com if you or someone you know is interested.

