

Manor Talk

**A Publication of
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Christian Church**

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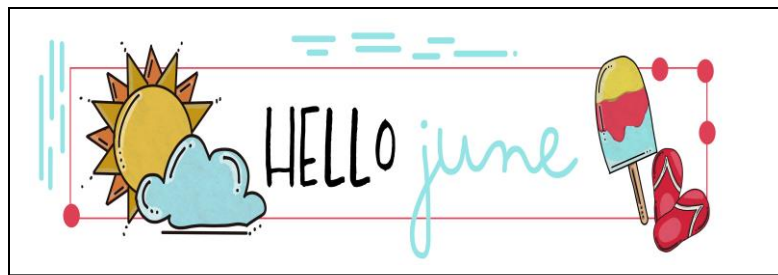
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When Jesus' disciples wanted to learn how to pray, Jesus taught them what has become known as the Lord's Prayer. Of this prayer, John Dominic Crossan, in his excellent book, "The Greatest Prayer", has this to say:

The Lord's Prayer is Christianity's greatest prayer. It is also its strangest prayer. It is prayed by all Christians but never mentions Christ. It is prayed in all churches, but it never mentions church. It is prayed on all Sundays, but it never mentions Sunday. It is called the "Lord's" prayer, but it never mentions "Lord". It is prayed by Fundamentalist Christians but never mentions the inerrancy of the Bible. It is prayed by Evangelical Christians but it never mentions the gospel (evangelium). It is prayed by Pentecostal Christians, but it never mentions the Holy Spirit. It is prayed by Congregational, Presbyterian, Episcopalian, and Catholic Christians, but it never mentions congregation, priest, bishop, or pope. It is prayed by Christians who emphasize what it never mentions, and also prayed by Christians who ignore what it does mention.

The Lord's Prayer is an essential part of our worship, but how often do we think about what the only prayer Jesus ever taught means? This summer starting June 23 I will be taking us through the Lord's Prayer line by line discussing its meaning to the disciples and us.

These sermons are based on the discussions from our Bible study last year, and I thought should be shared with the whole church. Pick up your Bible and read Matthew 6:9–13. Then go deeper in your prayer life by praying just one line of the Lord's Prayer each week and meditate on its meaning, and then come each Sunday from June 23 to August 4 and say the whole prayer together with our whole church and with Christians throughout the whole world.

Rev. Chris



- 1 Gerry Huntsman
- 3 Brynn Martinek
David Waters
- 6 Darla Lewis
- 8 Becca Caldwell
- 9 Julie Meier
Diane Palfreyman
- 10 Patty Fraley
Catherine McVay
- 12 Eleanor Boyles
Shawn Dallatore
Janet Kademenos
Nan Sekorky
- 14 Jayme Britton
- 15 James Cope
Sandy Paul
Grace Vanatta
- 17 AJ Rizor
- 18 Jessi Stillwell
- 19 Diana Crowe
- 21 Sandy Vanatta
- 22 Jeanne Riffle
- 24 Ray Ingram
Jakob Mountain
Garrett Newman
Jace Simpson
- 27 Cami Allison
Katey Gardiner
- 28 Johanna Vanatta
- 30 Liliene Hess
Zachary Kunkle



- 1 Bo & Patty Pryor
- 4 Gary & Carolyn Blackhurst
- 7 Aaron & Johanna Vanatta
- 8 Jeanne & Perry Riffle
- 17 Chuck & Betty Jo Riggle
- 20 Robert & Kelly Leitsch
- 21 Doug & Maggie Graff
- 28 Doug & Patty Fraley
William & Sheri Leitsch

Organist Needed



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 10:15 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.

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 4x8x2 1/4" 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.



Fairhill Manor Christian Church Board Meeting

Secretary Report

May 8, 2024

We Assemble in God's Name

Moderator Gene Sheller called the meeting to order by lighting the Christ Candle, shared a devotion and prayer.

We Celebrate Our Past

The FMCC Board reviewed the submitted reports from the Senior Minister, Associate Pastor, Board Secretary and Treasurer.

Moderator Gene Sheller asked if there were any questions regarding these reports or if there were any comments from the person submitting the reports.

Rev. Chris added to his report that the Tri-County Men's dinner is coming up, there will be supplemental hymns in the pews and we will have 4 baptisms on May 19th.

Pastor Gena noted that new choir speakers were installed. Blanket Sunday will be May 12 and a skit about use of the blankets will be performed by Isaac Mayen, Owen Stillwell and Charlotte Stillwell.

Brian Shaw noted that he moved the \$23,000 from the Parsonage Fund for the deficit. This was growth over several years and the principle is still there.

A motion to accept these reports was made by Kevin Puskarich and second by Linda Reese. The motion was carried unanimously.

We Present Our Offering

The FMCC Board reviewed the submitted Ministry Reports. Reports submitted were from the Trustees, Stewardship/Finance Ministry and Personnel Committee.

Moderator Gene Sheller asked if there were any questions regarding these reports or if there were any comments from the person submitting the reports.

The down payment of 1/3 on the Roof Stained Glass project will be taken from 2 Reese funds at approximately \$24,000. Kevin Puskarich noted that the expected delivery of materials is early June.

Pastor Gena thanked the Personnel Committee for all their work.

A motion to accept the Ministry Reports was made by Carol Daniels and second by Von Lacock. The motion was carried unanimously.

Concerns of the Past (Old Business)

Von Lacock stated that three of the back steps are cracked. The Trustees have received 2 bids for replacing/repairing the steps. Dave Schussler Company bid \$7750 to jack hammer and haul away the concrete and keep a landing as the steps have now. They will seed the grass around it. Tarr Company bid \$6500 and would not make a landing and would not seed. Von suggests using Dave Schussler Co. Von and Ed Palfreyman also plan to spend an additional \$500 for railings. The Trustees will install the railing.

Connie Sheller made the motion to replace the back steps for \$7750. Linda Reese second. The motion was carried unanimously.

Carmen Oliverio thanked everyone for the prayers and visits.

Issues of the Future (New Business)

The Personnel Committee expressed the need to hire an organist as Carson Throckmorton is graduating and will be going to college in August. A motion for the Board to direct the Personnel Committee to select candidates for the open organist position was made by Carol Daniels and second by Peggy Oliverio. The motion was carried unanimously.

The Personnel Committee also needs someone to join the Committee as Barb Bailey has resigned. The Committee is open to hear suggestions.

Leaving in God's Name

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Carmen Oliverio. Rev. Stillwell closed the meeting with a prayer at 7:25pm.

In Attendance

Gene Sheller (Moderator), Carol Daniels, Serena Dube, Sheila Harris, Von Lacock, Carmen Oliverio, Peggy Oliverio, Ed Palfreyman, Kevin Puskarich, Rita Puskarich, Linda Reese, Brian Shaw, Connie Sheller, Jill Throckmorton, Candy Wasalasky, Senior Minister Chris Stillwell*, Pastor Gena Sheller*.

Non-Member: Lois Shaw on Zoom


Next Board Meeting is July 10, 2024 at 7pm.

Submitted in Christian Love,
Rita Puskarich, Board Secretary

?? ? Bible Quiz ? ?


In the final poem of Psalms, what musical instrument is mentioned as a means to praise the Lord?

- A. brass
- B. percussion
- C. strings
- D. woodwinds
- E. all of the above



Answer: E (See Psalm 150:3-5.)

June 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Worship 10:15am	NA 7pm		NA 6:45pm	Choir practice 6:30pm NA 7:30pm	Wild Things Game 7pm	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Worship 10:15am Graduate Sunday	NA 7pm		Elders Meeting 5:30pm NA 6:45pm	Choir practice 6:30pm NA 7:30pm		
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Worship 10:15am	NA 7pm		NA 6:45pm	Choir practice 6:30pm NA 7:30pm		
Rev. Chris -----	Vacation-----	June 16 – 22--	-----	-----	-----	-----
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Worship 10:15am 50-year member recognition 	NA 7pm	Bethany Class Luncheon Noon @ Eat'n Park	NA 6:45pm	Choir practice 6:30pm NA 7:30pm		
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Worship 10:15am 5 th Sunday Funeral Dinner Fund Offering						