



## Fairhill Manor Christian Church

Disciples of Christ

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*“Sing to God a new song, for God has done marvelous things.  
Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy.”  
Psalm 98*



January 11, 2021

Dear Beloved FMCC Member,

Greetings, grace and peace!

As we look back at Year 2020, who in the world would have ever imagined a year in our lives like the one we have experienced this past year and continue to experience as we look ahead to this year. Who would have guessed that Fairhill Manor Christian Church would have navigated through this pandemic in such a beautiful way, utilizing our talents, courage, and faith in God? We hope you'll join us in giving thanks to God for our leadership, especially our Interim Pastor, Reverend Darwin Collins, our Associate Pastor, Gena Sheller, and the chairperson of our Pandemic Pastor's Cabinet, Gary Ford, who provided the leadership, passion, and guidance to allow our church to open its doors in so many different ways in order for us to continue the church experience that we have loved for so many years. And let us not forget our Trustees that were led by Terry Houston who worked so hard to provide a clean and safe environment week in and week out for those who attended services. We thank Pastor Gena for continuing to provide Children Worship & Wonder for our children, and we thank the members of our ministries for continuing to perform the tasks via Zoom meetings in order continue to do God's work. It is also important for us to give thanks to the members of our Pastoral Search Committee who were led by J.C. Leasure and Tom Ulery and worked many hours to find our new pastor, Reverend Chris Stillwell, who we welcome with open arms to lead us in worship moving forward.

And as every organization you're a part of has already said to you, your financial support means more now than ever to keep this flexibility, creativity and faithfulness alive and thriving in the year to come. Our financial strength was preserved in 2020 by PPP Loan Funding that we will not have to pay back. We give thanks to Brian Shaw, our Financial Secretary for his hard work and effort in order to make that possible. As we move into 2021 our "Mission in Ministry Together for Joy" is for a strong Stewardship Campaign that will assure us of a safe financial position so we focus on praying for an end to this pandemic by keeping our faith and our doors open to God while working with our new Pastor, Reverend Chris Stillwell to ensure a smooth transition.

**Sunday, January 31, 2021 is Commitment Sunday.** On that day we will seek to meet the challenges before us by blessing our pledges and giving thanks to God.

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Before then, we hope you will take the enclosed pledge card and place it somewhere prominent in your home. Whenever you see it, ask God to help you discern your pledge for 2021. As you do, consider praying this prayer:

*Great One, for you the floods clap, for you the hills sing. You know my situation better than anyone. Take my credits and debits, ins and outs, my pluses and minuses, surpluses and lacks, and show me how to use them to join the great chorus of Creation. Amen*

For all that we've already accomplished together during the challenging season of 2020, for all that we will accomplish together in the future, thank God and thank YOU. See you soon – and until then let us be “Together for Joy.”

In faith,

Your Stewardship/Finance Ministry

Jerry Puskarich

Gene Sheller

Brian Shaw



Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;  
break forth into joyous song and sing praises.



**To make your pledge**, fill out the enclosed pledge card and send it to:

Fairhill Manor Christian Church  
ATTN Brian Shaw  
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Pledge online at [www.fairhillmanorchurch.org/together-for-joy](http://www.fairhillmanorchurch.org/together-for-joy).  
Your information will be emailed directly and only to Brian Shaw.