

Manor Minutes
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Prayer Shawl Ministry – August 16, 11am Parlor
No Zoom sermon discussion – August 18
Pastor's Cabinet Meeting – August 19, 2pm via Zoom
Food Collection at First Church of the Nazarene – August 21, 10-11am
September Newsletter deadline – August 25
Congregational Meeting – August 29, following worship

Stay up to date, check www.fairhillmanorchurch.org/calendar

Zoom Worship will continue to be live at 10:15 am each Sunday.
"Join a Meeting" on Zoom at 9:45am using the meeting ID and password.

Meeting ID: **932 4557 4206** Password: **026316**

Fellowship with other "Zoomers" from 9:45 – 10:15am.

Text your prayer concerns to be shared during worship to Rev. Chris at (412) 956-6590.



Rev. Chris will be on vacation August 14-17.

Pastor Gena will be on vacation August 21-28.



thank you
VERY, very,
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VERY, VERY,
very, MUCH

Thank you to Terry Houston, Ed Palfreyman, John Anderson and the Boss Man (a.k.a. Carmen Oliverio) for installing the new light fixtures in the Narthex. They look awesome.

Thank you to Charlie McConnell for moving the fire extinguisher in the downstairs hallway.



Fairhill Manor Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)

351 Montgomery Ave.

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Rev. Chris Stillwell, Senior Pastor

Rev. Gena Sheller, Associate Pastor

August 15, 2021

Prelude

Audra Allen, organist

Welcome

Pastor Gena

Call to Worship

Kevin Puskarich

Great are the works of our God— the wise take delight in them.
The works of the Lord are faithful and just.
Mighty are the precepts of our God— the wise regard them as trustworthy and true.
The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.
Blessed are the teachings of our God— the wise apply them in all things.
Come! Let us worship the Lord, whose faithful love endures forever.

Opening Hymn

“O for a thousand Tongues to Sing”

Audra Allen, organist

O for a thousand tongues to sing	Jesus, the name that charms our fears,
my great Redeemer's praise,	that bids our sorrows cease;
the glories of my God and king,	‘tis music in the sinner’s ears,
the triumphs of God's grace!	‘tis life, and health and peace.

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer

Pastor Gena

Living God, your words are sometimes strange to us, we don’t immediately grasp their meaning, we wonder what you are telling us, what you are asking us to do. Sometimes we use your words to make divisions among ourselves; we can’t seem to agree on what you mean, when to take you literally and when you are pointing to great big truths using the limited words we have.

Come and rescue us from ourselves, from the limitations of our minds and hearts, from the finitude of our words and speech. Speak to us in the depths of our beings, where we resonate with you. Feed us there with your living bread that nourishes as nothing else can. You know what we need, where we hunger and thirst, those parts of us that especially need your loving care. Come and feed us, Living Bread; come and quench our thirst, Overflowing Cup; we long to be full with that which truly satisfies us.

We give you thanks for the ways in which you nourish us. Show us how to feed one another with love and grace. Forgive us for our harsh judgments that only sap us of energy and leave us ready to give up. Give us instead the courage to keep embracing each other, listening well to each other, contributing the gifts and ideas that are uniquely ours, that together we may be your body, lifting each other up, serving in your name, ready and able to feed our communities and our world with the food of abundant life in your name.

Thank you for the nourishment of this community of faith. For opportunities to learn and serve together, for meaningful worship that replants the seeds of hope within us, we give you thanks. Thank you for friendships that have sustained us through difficult times, for prayer partners and for listening ears.

Living God, we hunger for the spiritual food you provide that gives meaning to our lives, but there are many hungering for good bread, safe drinking water, and for the bare necessities of life. Hear our prayers for those who are struggling against the dehumanizing power of poverty and for those who are working for the day when the earth's resources will be shared by all of us.

Living God, your creation is filled with so much beauty that we delight in. We pray for our planet, our home. Please be with those affected by natural disasters and disasters caused by our ways of living. Give us the wisdom to care for creation, to find creative ways to live peaceably with our home.

Merciful God, hear now the prayers of your people for those we love, for those who need your care and presence this morning...

And now bless us with even more opportunities to use the gifts you have given us to lift up those in our community who are hungry – hungry for food, hungry for love, for justice, for hope. We ask this in the name of the one who feeds us with Living Bread and satisfies our thirst with an Overflowing Cup, Jesus the Christ, who taught us to pray, saying...

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Prayer Response:

*“Lord, Listen to your Children Praying”
Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us pow’r, send us grace.*

First Scripture Reading

Psalm 111

Donna Stenski

Special Music

“The Anchor Holds,” lyrics by Ray Boltz

Jody Mullis

Children’s Message

Pastor Gena

As Isaac and I were buying some supplies for the school kits we are going to pack after worship today, I found these crayons. I almost cried right there in the aisle at Five Below. Look at these. They are called “Colors of the World” crayons. They include all different colors that we can use if we want to draw people!

You know, when I was growing up, there was one crayon in my crayon box that was called “flesh.” You could call that “skin.” I wonder what color that one “flesh” crayon was. It looked an awful lot like my skin color. But look how many different colors of skin we really have? And, you know what, there are actually even many, many more than this! What a variety God has made!

I wonder which of these colors the skin of the kids who receive our school kits will be. I’m thinking they will be lots of these colors and many more. And each one of those kids will have different games they like to play when they get to school. Some of them will be good at math and others will like social studies a little better and some will just love science or writing. They will have different ways they go to school – some will walk, some will ride their bikes, some will ride a bus, some will go in a car, some might take a boat. They will have different kinds of classrooms and teachers and books. What a variety we have in our world! Isn’t it just wonderful?

When you hear the song “Jesus Loves the Little Children” each week, you know it is time to come up for the Children’s Message. What are the words to that song? The words we used to sing were “Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world. Red and yellow, black and white, they are precious in his sight. Jesus loves the little children of the world.” But we realized that “red and yellow, black and white” just don’t really describe us very well, do they? This box of crayons come a little bit closer. So we sing our song just a little bit differently. We sing “colors, varied, dark and light.” That sounds like our crayon box.

I am going to take this box of crayons and some colored pencils and some markers all to our Children Worship & Wonder Sanctuary. When you see them, I hope you will remember all the kids who will be in school, using our school kits. I hope you will say, thank you God for the beautiful variety of your children. I hope you will take a minute and celebrate just how wonderful God has made each and every one of us.

Let’s pray. God, thank you for making us so beautifully. Help us to love ourselves just as you have made us. Help us to love each other just as you have made each one of us. Amen.

Second Scripture Reading

John 6:51-58

Rev. Donahoo

Sermon

“Receiving”

Rev. Donahoo

Call to Offering

Kevin Puskarich

When the Spirit flows through us, we are people of honesty and justice. When Christ works within us, we are disciples of mercy and compassion. Let us be agents of God’s overflowing grace as we collect today’s offering.

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow! Praise God, all creatures here below! Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts! Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Dedication of Offering Prayer

Rev. Donahoo

Invitation to Communion

Rev. Donahoo

Communion Hymn

“Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread”

Audra Allen, organist

Be known to us in breaking bread,
but do not then depart;
Savior, abide with us, and spread
thy table in our heart.

There sup with us in love divine;
thy body and thy blood,
that living bread, that heavenly wine,
be our immortal food.

Prayer for the Bread & Cup

Tammie Wallace

This cup and this bread of blessing are a participation in the body of Christ. Lord, we thank you for this Communion and understand that this cup nor the bread is to feast on. Communion is so that we may focus on our relationship with You, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Words of Institution

Rev. Donahoo

Sharing in Communion

Closing Hymn

"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

Jody Mullis, pianist

I have decided to follow Jesus,
I have decided to follow Jesus,
I have decided to follow Jesus--
no turning back, no turning back.

The world behind me, the cross before me,
the world behind me, the cross before me,
the world behind me, the cross before me--
no turning back, no turning back.

Benediction

Rev. Donahoo

Worship services can also be found on the Church website or on YouTube,
https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLmlH3qzih_fzHCC2X0Jhc_sfniJ7C1O3X

PRAYER
REQUEST

Do you have a prayer request or need help? Please feel free to contact Rev. Chris (412-956-6590) and Pastor Gena (724) 263-0033 directly and confidentially. Or scroll down on the opening page of our website (www.fairhillmanorchurch.org) to "Requests for Prayer or Help." There you can send an email which will go directly to Rev. Chris and Pastor Gena. We are One Body in Christ!

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Gary Weaver
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Tom Williams
Chuck & Mary Wiseman
Sarah Wittenberg
Marcie Yocum
Preparing for Baptism – Nyka Rash

Church Picnic

- September 12, 1:07pm
- Kiwanis Pavilion – Washington Park
- Chicken, Hot Dogs & Drinks provided
- Bring a covered dish and/or dessert
- BINGO

In the Military

Lance Dague
Terrell McClain
Brandon Lipscomb
Daniel Robinson
Shawn Dallatore
Andrew Gregg
Zachary Keene
Sarah Lipscomb
Travis Ringer
Emily Chase
Dylan Demain

Church Office hours:

Karen is working from home on Monday, Tuesday and Friday, 9 am – 2 pm. She will be in the Church Office on Wednesday & Thursday, 9 am – 2 pm. The Church phone is forwarded to Karen's cell phone and can be reached anytime.

Pastor Gena is off on Friday. Pastor Gena is working from home and comes in to the church as needed. Feel free to text, call, email or set up a time to meet with Pastor Gena.

Rev. Chris is off on Friday.

If you need anything at any time, please call the Church Office phone at 724-225-8610.