

Manor Minutes

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Those with last names beginning with A-F and G-L worship in the Sanctuary this week at 9:30 am

ZOOM - LIVE

Zoom Worship this Week - Live from the Sanctuary at 9:30 am!

"Join a Meeting" on Zoom at 9 am using the same Meeting ID and password.

Meeting ID: 932 4557 4206

Password: 026316

Fellowship with other "Zoomers" from 9 - 9:30 am.

Text your prayer concerns to Pastor Gena (724) 263-0033. She will share these during worship. At 9:30 am, mute yourself on Zoom (Not sure how to do that? Login at 9 am and someone will help). Please be aware that we will be recording Zoom Worship this week and posting it to our website for folks to view later.

Children **WORSHIP & WONDER**

We invite children to join in worship via Zoom at 9:30 am. Materials for children to work with during Worship will be attached to the Manor Minutes. Look for the beginning of a new CW&W year soon!



Have you enjoyed using the Children's Worship Bulletin and Coloring Page this summer? Would you like us to continue providing these each week? If so, please let Karen in the Office know."

Worship Attendance Schedule



August 30: Last names beginning with M-R and S-Z
September 6: Last names beginning with A-F and M-R
September 13: Last names beginning with G-L and S-Z
September 20: Last names beginning with A-F and S-Z



2021 Budget Meeting – Stewardship/Finance and Trustees
Tuesday, September 15, 6 pm via Zoom

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



Fairhill Manor Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)

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Rev. Dr. W. Darwin Collins, Interim Pastor

Rev. Gena Sheller, Associate Pastor

August 23, 2020

Welcome to our Home Worship Service!

Prelude*

Audra Allen

Welcome*

Pastor Gena

Call to Worship*

Serena Dube

During our struggles, worries and fears, God is with us. God surrounds us with love and courage. And makes preparations for better days. Come, let us praise God for God's abiding presence.

Opening Hymn*

"Lift High the Cross"

Organ by Audra Allen

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.
Come, Christians, follow this triumphant sign.
The hosts of God in unity combine.

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.
So shall our song of triumph ever be:
praise to the crucified for victory.

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer*

Pastor Gena

Loving God,
call us together this morning as your people;
transform us with your love as we worship you.

O God,
How quickly things can change.
How quickly our places of abundance and safety, of hope and nourishment
Can turn into places of oppression and fear, despair and scarcity.
And yet we know that you find ways to redeem and deliver us.
You call the least likely among us to lead and to speak.
You provide and repair, you build up and restore.
You call each of us to act within our circumstances and with the abilities you have given us to bring forth
new life.
Make us willing and able midwives of your reign, calling forth love and light and life into a hurting and
chaotic world.

Caring God,
you call us to be the body of Christ:
to live in community,
to care for one another,

to use our different gifts.
Instead of working to sustain community,
we follow our own desires.
Instead of trusting in your care,
we think we can do it alone.
Instead of recognizing and using the gifts you have given each of us,
we claim we have nothing to offer.
Forgive our neglect of others.
Give us obedient spirits,
that we may care for one another,
learn to depend on your love,
and use our gifts for your purposes.

We hear your words of forgiveness and celebrate that we are free, bound only by your love.

Thank you for the ways you are present with us.
Thank you for our Elders and our Trustees,
For the Literacy Council and the NA groups that minister within our walls, bringing so many kinds of freedom.
Thank you for those who are dreaming, those who are caring, those who are praying.
Thank you for our Interim Pastor Darwin and for his leadership and vision, for his care as he shepherds us into a new season of our life as a congregation.
Thank you for our new Senior Pastor Chris. Prepare him and prepare us for a life of ministry together.

Freeing God,
We pray for those who find themselves in bondage:
those forced into slavery or prostitution,
those oppressed by governments or economic systems,
those enslaved by addictions.

We pray for those who struggle to raise their children
in the midst of violence or poverty;
those who can only stand by and watch as their sons or daughters die
of starvation or malnutrition,
of preventable disease,
or from gang violence.

We pray for those who refuse to participate in violence or injustice,
who courageously stand up for what they know is right,
regardless of the personal consequences.

We also pray for those who oppress others,
who are unable to break free from cycles of violence and anger,
who are no longer able to empathize with their victims.

We pray for all who suffer this day,
whether physically, emotionally, or spiritually.
May Your presence surround and sustain each one that we have mentioned aloud and those we name now
in the silence of our hearts. May they know your love and life.

Finally, God, we pray for ourselves—members of Your Body here on earth.

Break down the barriers that divide us from one another.
Unite us in our common allegiance to You as our Lord and Savior.
Grant us compassion and humility in our relationships.
Release the gifts You have given to each one,
so that in us and through us,
Your kingdom might be ushered into its fullness.

We pray this is in the name of Jesus the Christ, who taught us to pray this way...

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.

Anthem* “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee,” arranged by Diane Witkowski
 Performed by Jim Cope and Audra Allen

Children’s Message* Pastor Gena

Today we will be talking about a baby. What are some things we do to care for babies? Good parents do everything they can to keep their baby safe. Our Bible lesson today is from the book of Exodus. It is about a little baby boy who was born in a very dangerous time.

Why was it dangerous? Well, the Israelites had been living in Egypt for a long time when a new king, called a Pharaoh, didn’t know their whole story, saw that they were strong and had a lot of people. The Pharaoh was afraid that the Israelites would take over his country. So he issued a command to all of his people: “Take every newborn Hebrew boy and throw him into the Nile River, but let the girls live.”

During this dangerous time, a Hebrew woman had a baby boy. She hid her baby boy for three months. But as the baby got older, she couldn’t hide him any longer, so she made a basket of tall grass and covered it all over with tar to make it watertight. Then she put her baby in the basket and hid the basket in the tall grasses at the edge of the river. The baby’s sister stood a little distance away from the basket so she could see what would happen to her baby brother.

A little while later, the Pharaoh’s daughter came down to the river to bathe. Suddenly she noticed the basket in the tall grass. The princess went and looked in the basket and saw a baby boy. The baby was crying, and she felt sorry for him. “This must be one of the Hebrew babies.” she said.

The baby’s sister asked the princess, “Would you like me to go and get someone to take care of this baby for you?”

“Please do that,” the princess answered. So the girl went and brought the baby’s own mother! And the princess paid the mother to take the baby boy home, to feed him and to care for him. Later, when the child was old enough, the mother took her son and gave him to the princess, who adopted him as her own son. The princess said, “I pulled him out of the water, so I will name him Moses.”

What an amazing story of two mothers who loved their child!

And God had big plans for this baby boy: Moses grew to be one of the greatest leaders of the people of Israel. God has a plan for each one of us too. God has a plan for you and for me. Think about what

God's plan may be for your life. You can even ask God what God's plan is for your life. Wonderful things can happen when we find God's plan and follow it.

Dear God, thank you for all of those who love us and take good care of us. Thank you for your love. What is your plan for us? We are excited to find out! Help us to listen for your plan and follow it. Amen.

Scripture Reading*

Exodus 1:8 – 2:10

Serena Dube

Sermon*

“Our Joseph Dementia”

Rev. Collins

In the middle of this pandemic I've caught myself several times remembering the old admonition: “those who do not learn history are doomed to repeat it.” Oh, we vaguely remember hearing about the flu epidemic of 1917, but have largely forgotten what happened or how it affected the daily lives of people.

With the advance of time and our responsibilities it's easy to overlook the events that once took place and the lessons we could have learned to make our lives easier...or how we could most appropriately respond...so we repeat mistakes. I'm not talking about our common experiences of short-term memory loss...where'd I put my keys? Stopping at the bottom of the stairs wondering, what did I come down here for? I'm talking about the more obvious occurrences of life that should have left an indelible impact.

This is the context of our text for today...generations had passed since Joseph was recognized by Pharaoh for his insightful dreams and his skilled administration of the food supplies of Egypt. That dominant country had nearly fallen to the ravages of famine, but Joseph with his God-centered dreams had helped the old Pharaoh prepare by storing away grain for a coming famine...something like listening to the scientists and medical professionals who know about pandemics.

And from Joseph's skill and planning his people, the family of Jacob, moved from a most favored group to scapegoats for the problems of the country to an enslaved people and then to a persecuted group...all because a new king arose who, as Exodus tells us, 'knew not Joseph.' The memory had passed...Pharaoh didn't remember the key role played by these people. He had Joseph dementia.

And having forgotten, the king felt threatened by this family of Joseph, these Hebrews who were a growing minority...and by not remembering he and the Egyptians fell victim to fear of these others and sought to eliminate them. Pharaoh sets out a devious plan of genocide...he recruits the midwives of the Jewish people and directs them to slaughter all male babies, thus ending the growth of this feared minority group.

Now, we may expect that God, who had selected Jacob's tribe to be his favored people, might step in and liberate them from this threat. But interestingly God doesn't appear in this story until verse 17, well after the plan is set with these midwives. And it doesn't come as a miraculous event; it comes in the person of these midwives, known as Shiphrah and Puah. Take note that whenever scripture gives proper names to people you ought to pay attention.

In these heroic and faithful women, God finds a path to overcome the violent intent of this king. They resisted their orders and instead of killing the male babies, they let them live. In a most ingenious way they make use of Pharaoh's prejudice against the Hebrews by making up a story that these Hebrew women aren't the sweet, delicate women of Egypt...for they are vigorous baby making machines...they produce too quickly to kill the babies.

Still God's plan for his redemptive work wasn't satisfied to rest with merely saving some babies; it wasn't satisfied with leaving this favored people enslaved...so God acts, again with a baby and some courageous women. For among the many babies saved from Pharaoh's sword was a child born to a Levite woman...who realizes the perilous nature of hiding her son and places him in a small basket, reminiscent of the Ark of Noah and places him in the bulrushes near the place where Pharaoh's own daughter bathed. This baby given the Egyptian name of Moses.

As this story plays out there are several key people required in God's drama, including Pharaoh's daughter who has pity on the child and raises him as her own son. Of Moses sister who bravely steps forward to offer her mother, and Moses, to become a wet nurse. God acts...through the courage and activities of humans.

And from these heroic women, their resistance to follow the demands of a king seeking violence and domination, and their common deeds of nurturing life...God's purpose and saving acts were fulfilled. Now you might think that these remarkable events might be a powerful enough memory to fortify God's people to face any uncertainty or challenge...but sadly Joseph dementia doesn't only affect Egyptian pharaohs...it would be just one generation more until the Israelites on their march to freedom start complaining to that same Moses about how God had deserted them in their need.

People of faith are just as vulnerable to repeating the mistakes of a history we all should remember...remember...remember!

Call to Offering*

Serena Dube

God has blessed us with an abundance of gifts.

We are called to offer all that we are to God—our bodies, our spirits, our minds, our time, and our money.

As the body of Christ, we are called to be in ministry with others, working to bring justice and wholeness so that everyone has what they need.

With true generosity, let us give of ourselves this morning.

Dedication of Offering Prayer*

Rev. Collins

Generous God, you have given us many gifts and drawn us together into Christ's body, the church. You have blessed us with generous and cheerful spirits. May the gifts of our money, time, and talents be blessed by you to support the ministry of your church. Amen.

Invitation to Communion*

Rev. Collins

Here at the table, we see most clearly that we are part of the body of Christ. We are no longer divided into people of different ages, different ideas, different backgrounds, different gifts. Here unique individuals become a single body, made richer by the multitude of gifts shared. Here, we feast on one bread and one cup, and become one body in service to the world. Here we are met and blessed by our one Lord...come then, from with your differences to be made one body in that same Christ.

Prayer for the Bread & Cup*

J.C. Leasure

Lord,

Though you are present within our lives, we forget that you are there. You have never left nor forsaken us, yet we in our own pride we feel alone. You call us to this table so that we can remember you. As we

partake communion with you, remind us again that you are there. Show us your glory, Lord, in a way that will constantly remind us of your presence. Amen.

Words of Institution*

Rev. Collins

Gathered with his followers around the table, Jesus took the bread and offering a prayer of thanksgiving to God, broke it and gave it to them and said, "Take and eat, this is my body given for you." Later in the meal he took a cup and offered a similar prayer of thanks to God. He gave it to them and said, "Take and drink. This is my blood of the new covenant shed for many for the forgiveness of sin." Join with all of us by eating and drinking these gifts of God for us, the people of God.

Closing Hymn

"Let There Be Peace on Earth"

piano by Jody Mullis

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me;
let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.
With God our creator, children all are we.
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.
Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now.
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow:
to take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

Benediction*

Rev. Collins

Go beloved of God. For the world awaits the love and gifts you have to offer.
Go forth in joy and peace to be God's witnesses this day and all your days. AMEN.

* You can listen to these pieces of worship at <https://fairhillmanorchurch.org/worship-audio-files>.



Do you have a prayer request or need help? Please feel free to contact Pastor Darwin (412-337-4293) or 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 and only to Pastor Darwin and Pastor Gena. We are One Body in Christ!

Prayer List:

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Wanda Chicone
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Libby Eberhard
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Joe Greene
Bonnie Gregg

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Aryn Hess
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Ruth Mikuta
Dick Moninger
Jody Mullis
Georgette Murray
Peggy Oliverio
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Denny Paul
Sadie Reese
Betty Jo Riggle
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Jim and Barb Roupe
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Dylan Demain



Fairhill Manor Christian Church extends its heartfelt sympathy to Nadine Teagarden on the death of her sister-in-law, Shirley Teagarden, Tuesday August 18, 2020.



Happy 49th wedding anniversary to Jim & Diane Cope on Friday, August 21. Blessings for many more!



Fairhill Manor has entered a new era: the age of anytime, anywhere giving. We are now signed up with **Givelify**, the mobile giving app for places of worship and charities.

Givelify gives you a beautiful, easy giving experience using your smartphone. There are no frustrating web forms to fill out, and recurring gifts are easy to set up and modify. Even better, it's free to download and use. It's safe and secure and gives you access to your complete giving record.

Want to see how it works? [Watch the demonstration video](#) that shows you all about how to make and track donations.

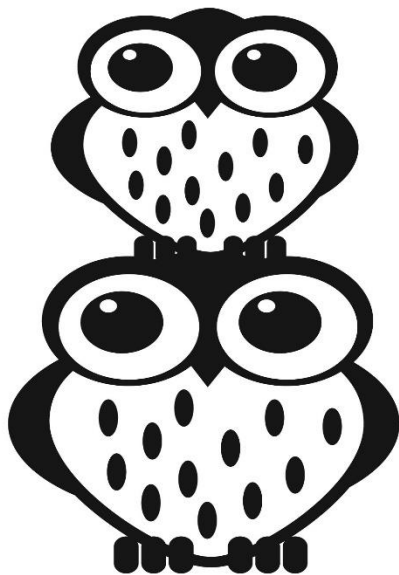
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WISDOM FROM THE WORD

God makes a special promise to people who study Scripture.

Directions: Arrange the word list in alphabetical order. Then write the circled letters in order below to complete Joshua 1:8, NIV.



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| school | — ○ — — — |
| paper | — ○ — |
| wisdom | — — ○ — |
| read | — — — ○ |
| play | — — — — — |
| learn | ○ — — — — |
| grow | — ○ — — — — — |
| pencils | — — — — — |
| pray | — ○ — — — |
| art | — — — — — |
| student | — — — ○ — — |
| kids | — — ○ — — — — |
| apple | — — ○ — — — — |

“... meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be _____ and successful.”

JOSHUA 1:8, NIV

Answer: apple, art, grow, kids, learn, paper, pencils, play, pray, read, school, student, wisdom, prosperous