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Yesterday I was in our sanctuary streaming our worship service on Zoom for everyone at home to be able to worship together. I was nervous and afraid that I would do something wrong but it was easy and I was soon able to relax. That's when I looked up at the screen and saw everyone on Zoom smiling at each other (especially when little Miss Margot came online) and my heart overflowed. Seeing all of you smiling and talking with each other was a reminder of just how much we all mean to each other and what a great family we have here.

If you are in need of a pick me up and want to feel closer to each other and our Creator sign up to stream the Zoom. It's easy and the rewards are immeasurable.

© & ... © feeling blessed.



ZOOM – LIVE at 10:15 am

Zoom log in information is available on the last page of the Manor Minutes.

February 21-28 is the Week of Compassion

The Week of Compassion offering is the Disciples of Christ ministry that reaches those in need "around the world, around the year."

When you share your gifts to Week of Compassion, you "Let Love Flow." Your generosity ensures that, even in the midst of uncertainty, the transforming power of compassion continues to change the world"

You can give to the Week of Compassion offering by writing Week of Compassion in the memo portion of your check or give through the Givelify ap. You can learn more by going to www.weekofcompassion.org.



"Nobody hungry, nobody thirsty,

shade from the sun, shelter from the wind,

for the Compassionate One guides them,

takes them to the best springs." Isaiah 49:10



"Ash and Dash" – February 17, Noon-1 pm and 5pm-6pm Lent Bible Study with Rev. Chris – February 22, 7pm via Zoom Drive Thru Food Collection – February 27, 11 am – Noon, front driveway Stay up to date, check www.fairhillmanorchurch.org/calendar

FEBRUARY SOUPER BOWL OF CARING DRIVE-THRU FOOD COLLECTION

FMCC will be hosting another **Drive-Thru Food Collection on Saturday, February 27 from 11am – Noon** in the front driveway. We will be collecting all kinds of soups, chili and crackers. The soups and chilies can be in either canned or dry form and crackers can be of any kind. We will also accept monetary donations. For every \$1 donation, \$5 worth of food can be purchased from the Greater Washington Food Bank. Food items and money collected will be divided between the Community Circle Food Pantry and the Salvation Army's ER Food



Pantry. Thank you all for your continued support of our outreach efforts. Any questions please call or text Marsha Sams at 859-421-7227 or e-mail msams822@gmail.com



Fairhill Manor Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ) 351 Montgomery Ave. 724-225-8610

Rev. Chris Stillwell, Senior Pastor Rev. Gena Sheller, Associate Pastor February 14, 2021

Prelude Audra Allen, organist

Welcome Pastor Gena

Call to Worship*

Kevin Puskarich

The light of God is shining . . . shining around and within.

The voice of God is calling . . .calling not just from ancient texts, but from here and now.

The love of God is with us . . . flowing around and within us.

Opening Hymn

"Love Devine, All Loves Excelling"

Audra Allen, organist

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down; fix in us thy humble dwelling, all they faithful mercies crown; Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art; visit us with thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast; let us all in thee inherit, let us find thy promised rest; take away our love of sinning; alpha and omega be; end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer*

Pastor Gena

Holy God, your glory shines like a bright, welcoming fire, Enlivening us as it dances, warming us in its awesome glow! In the face of Jesus the Christ, we have seen your glory, The essence of who you are – grace, mercy, healing, and love. Give us ears to hear your voice, thundering like a mighty storm, whispering like a small child, breath hot in our ear. Give us courage to listen to you and to follow your beloved Son.

Glorious God, you alone are fair and always in the right.

You alone are perfect. You alone serve as judge.

And yet you come to us in love to save us.

And so we lay bare before you all that we have tried to hide from you, all of those things which sit like weights on our shoulders, which keep that pit in our stomachs, the shame of which hold us back from living fully into who you have created us to be.

And yet you have never hidden your love for us.

We look for love and acceptance and affirmation in so many places.

We look for joy and comfort and release in things which do not satisfy for long.

And yet you have already revealed yourself to us in Jesus, who is love, who is joy and comfort, who sets us free and lifts us up.

Forgive us and transform us, so that our lives may shine with your glory, beauty and grace. Let us hear you speaking to us with love, saying, You are my beloved child.

Mighty and merciful God, you have come to us in glory; now we come to you in prayer:

We pray for your glorious creation. Stamp out fires of destruction, drive away clouds of pollution, and restore the beauty of this world. On this day of love, show us how to love your creation.

We pray for the body of Christ. Open our hearts anew in faith, enlighten our minds with knowledge, and strengthen us to proclaim the good news of your love.

We pray for the people of all nations. Show all nations your vision of justice, offer our leaders your mantle of wisdom, and give all people your blessing of peace.

On this day of love, show us how to share your love.

We pray for those who are struggling, who don't have what they need. Feed those who are starving, comfort those who are suffering, and receive the dying into your arms.

We pray for those whom we love. Bless our families, friends, and neighbors, help them in times of trouble, and be near when they are afraid. Be with all of those whose names we have given voice to this morning and those whose names we speak to you now in the silence of these moments... On this day of love, teach us how to love each other.

Holy One, make us ready for the day when this world is transfigured, transformed, made new—when all things will shine in the dazzling light of your glory. We pray these things through Christ Jesus our Lord, who teaches 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.

Anthem

"Shout to the Lord," by Darlene Zschech

performed by Jody Mullis

Children's Message*

Pastor Gena

I can't remember where I was when I saw this, but I can still see it in my head. It was some sort of acrobatic show and one person climbed up on the other person's shoulders and then maneuvered around until their heads were touching and the person on top did a head stand on the other person's head. They were head-to-head with one person standing on the ground and the other person with their feet up in the air. They were supporting each other with their hands. And then they let go! And then the person on the floor started moving around. I couldn't believe it!

What do you think would be something exciting or extraordinary to get to see or experience? (Dinosaurs playing on a playground? Airplanes flying upside down?) If someone told you that you had to keep that fantastic experience to yourself, would you be able to do it? Why might you want to tell other people what happened? Or, better yet, have them see and experience what you did?

Today is the Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany, but it is also the last Sunday before Lent, so we celebrate the Transfiguration today. Transfiguration is a big word that means a huge change happens. I wonder who or what is changed in such a huge way in our story? Jesus is transfigured during this out-of-the-ordinary event. Peter, James, and John (some of Jesus' disciples) watch as Jesus' clothes become dazzlingly white while he talks with Moses and Elijah on a mountaintop. I wonder why this is extraordinary?

The story of Moses is in the Bible book called Exodus. Can you find Exodus in our Bible? Stories about Elijah are in the books of 1 and 2 Kings. Let's find these books. Now, where do we find stories of Jesus? That's right - in the New Testament! These people are separated by many pages of the Bible! That tells us that Moses and Elijah and Jesus are separated by many years too. Moses and Elijah did not live on the earth at the same time that Jesus did. In fact, they lived a couple hundred years apart from each other. So when Moses, Elijah, and Jesus show up together in this story, it is extraordinary!

I wonder what it would be like if Moses and Elijah appeared to us today. Would we recognize them like the disciples did? What if Jesus showed up in dazzlingly white clothes and started talking with us? How would you feel? What would you do? Our story tells us the disciples were terrified, which is a mix of feeling afraid and amazed at the same time!

A cloud covered the mountain, and then when the cloud disappeared, everything changed back to normal. Jesus' clothes didn't dazzle anymore. Moses and Elijah were gone. Then Jesus said something curious! He told his disciples not to tell anyone about what they had seen. Do you think you would have been able to keep such an amazing day to yourself?

Dear God, thank you for the story of Jesus' transfiguration and for so many wonderful, unusual things we can't explain. Thank you for this amazing experience of your glory just before the hard, long days of Lent. Help us to carry our awe and wonder with us as we journey with Jesus to Jerusalem. Amen.

Scripture Reading*

Mark 2:13-17

Kevin Puskarich

Sermon*

"In Sickness and in Health"

Rev. Stillwell

This time of year is normally the time for colds and flu. The changing temperatures and dreary weather combine to weaken our immune systems and make us susceptible to the germs that are all around us. With a pandemic we are simultaneously dealing more and less with the flu. We are all concerned with it, and we are all trying to avoid it, going to lengths we never have before, and, as a result, many people have managed to avoid not only the corona virus but the regular flu as well. Usually I get a cold at some point in winter, but my exposure to germs has been far less this year than in years past. For this I am thankful, because I hate to be sick.

Whenever I or my wife get sick we have to remember our wedding vows. In between turns of being tired and grumpy, frustrated with our inability to smell and taste food, or frustrated that one of us is well while the other is sick, we try one another's patience and are not the best people to be around, so we have to remember that we vowed to be with one another through all of life's circumstances even in sickness and in health.

It might be better to phrase it as *especially* in sickness as well as health, for it is easy to be by someone's side when they are well. It would be easy if it were only in health, and that is why it is important to make couples vow to be by each other's side in poverty, in bad times, and in sickness. It isn't really much of a commitment to vow to stay together only if a marriage could be happy all the time.

I can say without a doubt what a blessing it has been to have someone who will care for me when I am ill, and who will put up with me when I am not at my best. As much as I appreciate this now I can only imagine that the wonderful grace that Jessi shows me will be all the more appreciated if I were to become truly ill. That's what makes marriage such a blessed thing. It is nice to have someone to love you when you are well, but it is a blessing to have someone whose love and grace are shown to you even more when you are not well.

I'm sure that this is how Jesus' adversaries felt about marriage, since couples made similar vows then as well, but it's too bad that they didn't also feel this way about God. For they wanted a God who only cared about those who were healthy in spirit, not a God who would stand by the side of those who were sick in soul. Their understanding of the Messiah was one who was sent by God in order to help minister to and reward the righteous, and the righteous were defined as those who were best at observing the law.

But that was not the Messiah God sent. That was not Jesus. He had kind words for those people to be sure. He was pleased with them, but his mission was not primarily for them. He came to find the lost sheep, to search for the lost coin, to welcome home the prodigal son, and it was incumbent upon the righteous sheep already in the fold to decide whether they would celebrate the prodigal's return or not. So Mark tells this story in which Jesus eats with Levi who was a tax collector.

Up to this point Jesus has done many great things. He has taught and exorcized demons. He has preached and healed bodies. He has called disciples and now he returns to the sea where he found other disciples. His four disciples have now become a whole crowd and they gather around him. Just as he found the first four disciples, Jesus found Levi while Levi walked along the shore hard at his work collecting taxes.

Now tax collectors were particularly reviled in those days even more so than we may dislike the IRS today. First, they collected taxes from everyone, Jew or Gentile alike. This made them unclean in the strict and judgmental eyes of some Pharisees who believed that in order to stay pure and holy one must stay away from those who were not. Therefore, tax collectors by virtue of their closeness to Gentiles were unclean.

Likewise, many of them were unscrupulous, using their position to make money for themselves. They would collect the minimum tax required and then tell people that they needed to pay more and pocket the extra for themselves. Zaccheus is a famous example of such a man. Luke tells the story of Jesus coming to the town of Jericho and seeing a man who had climbed a tree to see him. This man was named Zaccheus, and he was a tax collector, and Jesus walked up to him and said, "Hurry down for I must stay at your house today." Luke writes, "All who saw it began to grumble and said, 'He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner."

Jesus went to stay with him and because of this visit Zaccheus becomes a new man. Just the fact that Jesus spoke to him, called him by name, and honored him by staying at his house causes Zaccheus to say, "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much." Then Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost."

Finally, collecting taxes meant collaborating with Rome. Therefore, if the Pharisees didn't shun them, the zealots would. Even an honest tax collector just doing their job would have been seen by the more extreme elements of Jewish society to be a traitor to their nation and their faith.

But notice that, although a whole crowd of people came to Christ, Levi was not one of them. Jesus sought Levi out. Knowing who he was and what his profession made him in the eyes of others, Jesus went to him, called him, and ate with him. Jesus did with Levi the same three things he did with Zaccheus, which were three things a messiah should not have done according to those who considered themselves to be spiritually healthy.

"Why does he eat with tax-collectors and sinners?" That's what the scribes of the Pharisees wanted to know. When Jesus heard them ask this question he gave one of the greatest answers anyone has have ever given, and it makes for one of the most important and quotable lines of scripture. Jesus said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick; I have come to call not the righteous but sinners."

It is this sentence that gave Jesus the title the Great physician. What an inspiring word this is! Of course Christ has a good word for the physically sick, a word of comfort and succor that will heal them or help them in their pain, but he also has a good word, a great word, for the spiritually ill as well. We might expect that the messiah would come to those whose spirits are good and right and healthy, but that is not how it happens.

Again, notice that when Jesus taught by the sea, many people came to him. Those were the ones whose spirits we might assume were good since they went to him. Those were the ones who understood who he was and whose they were. They come to him because they know that they need him, and that is what makes them spiritually healthy. It is not that they are without sin or believe themselves to be without sin that makes them healthy, in fact that type of belief, self-righteousness, is the worst type of spiritual sickness there is. Their knowledge that their spirits cannot be completely healthy without Jesus puts them on the road to wellness.

Jesus does not take them for granted, nor does he seek them out to follow him for they already are. Can you imagine the cost of healthcare if doctors made house calls to the healthy? Instead he leaves them behind just as the good shepherd left the 99 to go find those in need of his help, and who needed it more than Levi?

This is indeed wonderful news, but do we hear it with all the joy and wonder and gratitude that we should? After all, we believe that Jesus will come again and when he does do we believe that he will come to the righteous and the spiritually healthy, and do we assume that we are among that crowd?

Maybe the scribes and the Pharisees had it right, then. If Jesus spends all his time in the homes of tax collectors and sinners how much time will he have to come to our homes, we who go to church, give to its work, and wait for his coming? We whose spirits are in good health, will we get what we deserve when he comes again?

To answer this final and most important question let us look once again at the scene. Those who came to him by the sea indeed had spirits which were healthy. Those whom he called, like Levi, were those whose spirits were in need of care but they were afraid to ask the Great Physician. Perhaps they feared that they did not have the insurance of the synagogue or the temple and therefore would be turned away.

But the scribes make a third and possibly largest category. They were those who assumed that they were in perfect health, but the fact that they expected the messiah to come to them and follow their commands showed that their spirits were not as healthy as they thought.

It was easy for them to look down on Levi. Certainly if he was abusing his position and demanding extra tax then he was a sinner of his own volition. But what if he was just a hardworking man doing the best he could at a job that he needed to make ends meet and he could get because no one else wanted it? How can he be condemned for doing what he has to do to feed his family?

What is a modern day tax collector? Someone like a drug dealer or a white collar criminal who makes money by exploiting others might be an equivalent and they, like the tax collectors who cheat others, are rightfully condemned. We may not be as bad as those people, and therefore, consider our spirits to be healthy, but does your job sometimes cause you to sin? Have you ever had to cut corners to meet a deadline? Have you ever had to do something that you did not think was right because your job required it of you? It wasn't your decision, but you were the one that was going to have to live with the consequences and all you wanted to do was do your job and go home? Or maybe it is something as simple as the stress of the workplace or the work at home that causes you to treat others less graciously as you know you should.

There are always people we can look at and judge ourselves against and think that, because they are more sinful than we, we can call ourselves healthy. But we are all in need of a physician. We go to one when we are sick, we go to one when the symptoms have just begun hoping to diagnose the problem quickly, we go when we are well just to get a checkup and maintain our health to get advice in how to keep healthy and what is important for the body is even more important for the soul.

We may not be as sinful as some of the tax collectors of Levi's day nor do any of us work in a profession that causes us to be as despised as Levi was. But we, like Levi, are not perfectly spiritually healthy. The church is a hospital for sinners not a museum of saints, therefore let us not wait until we are paragons of spiritual health before we come. Instead let the sick come, that the Good Physician might heal them and make them well.

When we accept this, then we will be on the path to true spiritual health. When we accept this then Jesus' words, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick; I have come to call not the righteous but sinners" is truly good news to our ears.

God has vowed to be with us in all ways, in poverty and in wealth, in good times and in bad times, in sickness and health, and he has sent Jesus to be with us, not in spite of our sickness but because of it. Let us give thanks that the Great Physician not only makes house calls, but in fact has come to make our heart a dwelling place for God.

Call to Offering*

Kevin Puskarich

There is hardly a more beautiful way to speak about the hidden promise of even the smallest gift than the image of the mustard seed, so tiny yet holding so much possibility. Each of us are gifts of God and just like the mustard seed we may feel small and insignificant but make no mistake, we hold the promise of God's awesome power at work within us. What our future holds may surprise us as much as it will surprise those who are watching us. We now share our offerings to God to be used for building a church home for those who come here seeking refuge, acceptance and love. Let us gather our gifts together and offer them to God in gratitude and praise.

Dedication of Offering Prayer*

Rev. Stillwell

God of light and love, shine through the gifts we bring before you now. Speak through our hearts and our actions. Bless our gifts, our offerings, and our very lives, that we may bless others with your presence.

Invitation to Communion*

Rev. Stillwell

Some people don't like going to the doctor. I think what concerns them isn't that they don't think a doctor can make them better, rather they fear that the doctor will tell them that there is something wrong in the first place. Now, I don't look forward to having a doctor tell me that there is something in my life that I must change, whether it be to lower my blood pressure, or my cholesterol, or my weight.

I don't think I'm alone in this feeling, because there are a lot of people who don't like to follow a doctor's order unless they absolutely have to. We don't like being told that we are deficient in some way, that we need to improve in an area of our life unless we feel like it. It's really irrational when you think about it. Doctors are very educated and skilled. They have a specific and practical knowledge that most people do not have. We go to them and pay them our money, or the money of our insurance company, all in order for them to tell us how healthy we are, and the only answer we want to hear is, "You're great. Keep up the good work!" If there are any suggestions on how we can improve our health, we may say that we will follow them, but too often, when the doctor is gone her words are forgotten.

We should not be too surprised at how reluctant people are to listen to their primary care physician, for above them all is one they called the Great Physician and sometimes we like to hear what He has to say even less. Jesus Christ is the great physician who diagnoses the sickness in our hearts and souls and offers

us a remedy, a pain reliever, and a cure. You would think that all people would instantly do as he recommends, but to do so is to first admit that we are not as healthy as we should be.

As we meet at this table again, we have an appointment with one who has only our spiritual health at heart. Here there is no waiting room, no uncomfortable gowns, no needles, just a weekly spiritual checkup. For those of you who know that there is something wrong, tell your symptoms to the doctor and listen for the cure. For everyone else who is feeling fine, don't be afraid if the Great Physician has some advice on how to become healthier. Listening to his words now, will mean a better, healthier, less painful life later

Prayer for the Bread & Cup*

Jackie Nelson

Holy God, we praise and thank You for whom You are. You are Lord over all! We bow, unable to hold our heads high because we are unworthy of Your glory and we need Your mercy. Graciously hear our prayer. In the scripture today Jesus asked Levi to "follow Me". Since Levi got up and followed Jesus, his life was totally changed. How happy he must have been to be invited. At some point in our lives we decided to answer Jesus, "Yes, I will follow You", and our lives have never been the same. That is what we remember at this holy table, wherever we are, with this bread and cup. Jesus takes our chin and tenderly lifts it up and tells each one of us that all He suffered was worth it because we are worth it. That's amazing love! Holy Spirit, come, as we share together. Bind our hearts to each other in love. Teach us now how we can show the love of Jesus and others can hear Jesus's invitation, to follow Him. All glory, honor and praise to You Lord, God, until You come for us at last. Amen.

Words of Institution* Rev. Stillwell

For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: That the Lord Jesus Christ, on the night that he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is broken for you; eat this in remembrance of me." In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; that is poured out for you. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." For whenever you eat of the bread and drink of the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes again. (I Corinthians 11:23-26)

Closing Hymn

"See Ye First"

Jody Mullis, pianist

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and God's righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, allelujah!

Ask, and it shall be given unto you; seek, and you shall find,

knock, and the door shall be opened unto you.

Allelu, allelujah!

Benediction* Rev. Stillwell

May the fullness of his grace remain with you through the challenges of this week. May you pass on the grace you have received to those around you as you work and serve and rest. Amen.

* You can listen to these pieces of worship at https://fairhillmanorchurch.org/worship-audio-files Previous Worship services can also be found on the Church website or on YouTube, https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLmlH3qzih_fzHCC2X0Jhc_sfniJ7C1O3X



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!

Prayer List:

Avery Allen Donna Bakaitis Bill Behrens Bristol Allan Berry Abby Blanchard Mark & Susan Britko Jordon Burk

Shirley Cavanaugh Wanda Chicone Joanne Coburn

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Betty Jo Riggle

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Good News from Shirley Cavanaugh:

Thank so much for all your thoughts, prayers, and cards!

Finally I'm on the road to recovery and I couldn't have gotten here without you all!

Love Shirley

Correction to the Worship Leader Assignments: February 21 Donna Stemski February 28 Serena Dube





Zoom Worship this Week - Live from the Sanctuary at 10:15 am!

"Join a Meeting" on Zoom at 9:45 am using the meeting ID and password.

Meeting ID: 932 4557 4206 Password: 026316

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

Text your prayer concerns to Pastor Gena (724) 263-0033. She will share these during worship. At 10:15 am, mute yourself on Zoom (Not sure how to do that? Login at 9:45 am and someone will help). Those on Zoom are visible to each other for the entire worship service. If you would like to see but not be seen, click Stop Video on your Zoom screen.

Children Worship & Wonder

We invite children age 3 – Grade 5 to participate in Children Worship & Wonder. Join CW&W on Zoom around 10:30 am (contact Pastor Gena for the login information). To learn more and register your child(ren), https://fairhillmanorchurch.org/children-worship-wonder

Tween Team

Gather online via Zoom with 4th-7th Graders on Sunday evenings from 5-6 pm. We center our time together around "The Beatitudes," a curriculum designed specifically for online interaction and focused on Matthew 4:23-5:12. JC Leasure and Pastor Gena are co-leading this time.

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Bunch of Daffodils (10 flowers) \$10		
Mini Potted Daffodils \$15	100	
Bunch of Tulips (10 flowers) \$15	W.	
Gift of Hope \$25 (flowers donated to local cancer centers)		
Virtual Daffodils - \$10 (for when in-person flower delivery is not an option)		
To order, please contact Peggy Oliverio (412) 997-4257 or send this coupon with payment to the Church Office. Orders must be prepaid and are due by February 18, 2021. Make checks payable to "American Cancer Society".		

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.

Ready to get started? **Download** the Givelify app for Android or iPhone.





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 a - 2 pm. The Church phone is forwarded to Karen's cell phone.

Pastor Gena is off on Friday.

Rev. Chris is off on Friday.

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

Ash Wednesday - February 17

For Ash Wednesday Pastor Gena and Rev. Chris will hold a drive thru "Ash and Dash" from 12-1 and 5-6 on Wednesday, February 17. They will be in the parking lot to give out ashes and a Lent kit including items that will help each person mark the season of Lent. If you cannot make these times but wish to receive the ashes and kit please contact the church office, and our pastors will make arrangements to get them to you. We will also have a video of an Ash Wednesday service available to view on the church webpage and Facebook page.

Lent

To mark this special time of the Christian year, a time of examination and preparation leading to the celebration of Easter we have two exciting opportunities to grow stronger in our faith and spirituality.

Zoom Bible Study

Rev. Chris will lead a Zoom Bible study on the Gospel of John every Monday in Lent starting February 22 from

7-8:30 pm. We will be using a curriculum written by Rev. Adam Hamilton based on his book, "John: The Gospel of Light and Life". The only reading required is to read four or five chapters of the Gospel each week. NO registration is necessary just click on the zoom link which will be forthcoming soon.

Weekly worship services

We are teaming up with the other Disciples of Christ congregations in the area to provide a weekly midweek worship service during the season of Lent. Each church will take a turn to lead a worship service each Wednesday at 7 pm to be shared to all churches via Zoom, Facebook, YouTube, whatever their method is. Details on how to watch each service will be emailed each week so stay tuned! The schedule for these services is as follows:

Feb 24 - United Christian Church	Mar 3 - Charleroi Christian Church
Mar 10 - Fairhill Manor Christian Church	Mar 17 - Central Christian Church
Mar 24 - First Washington Christian Church	Mar 31 - Brightwood Christian Church

ASH WEDNESDAY LITURGY FLOW

as found on the Pre:Recorded Video Download

Gathering Statement

Song: "Near to the Heart of God" by Andra Moran

Prayer

Scripture Reading: Psalm 25:1-10

Song: "In My Heart Is the Road" by Richard Bruxvoort Colligan

Scripture Reading: Psalm 25:11-22

Reflection Conversation

Song: "Ashes to Ashes" by Andra Moran

Prayer of Release & Administration of Ashes/Earth

Song: "God You Are Our Refuge"

Closing Blessing