

# Manor Minutes

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## ZOOM – LIVE at 10:15 am

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



In preparation for this week's **Children's Message**, gather one or more items in your house that alone or together weigh 40-45 pounds. You might put some rocks in a bucket or fill some jugs with water or check out how much your pet's food or driveway salt weighs. Take a moment to feel what 40-45 pounds feels like. How high can you lift it? For how long and far could you carry this weight? Bring those muscle memories with you this Sunday to our Children's Message.



Lent Bible Study with Rev. Chris – February 22, 7pm via Zoom  
Stewardship/Finance Ministry & Trustees meeting – February 23, 6 pm via Zoom  
Elders Meeting – February 24, 6 pm via Zoom  
Weekly Lenten Service – February 24, 7 pm United Christian Church in California  
Via Facebook, <http://facebook.com/uccdoc>  
Drive Thru Food Collection – February 27, 11 am – Noon, front driveway  
Stay up to date, check [www.fairhillmanorchurch.org/calendar](http://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, the Greater Washington Food Bank can purchase \$5 worth of food. 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](mailto:msams822@gmail.com)

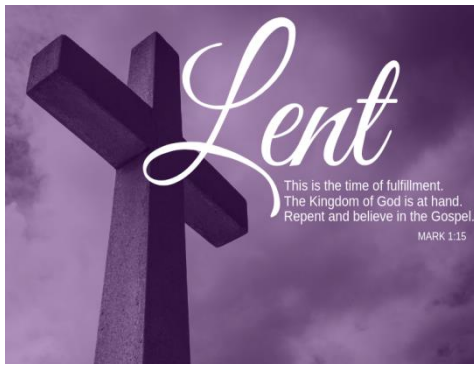


#### Children Worship & Wonder

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. During Lent we are centering our time together around our Lent devotional for families, "Faithful Families: Lent and Easter Devotions." JC Leasure and Pastor Gena are the co-leaders.



## Fairhill Manor Christian Church

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February 21, 2021

### **Prelude**

Audra Allen, organist

### **Welcome**

Pastor Gena

### **Call to Worship\***

Donna Stenski

On this, the first Sunday of Lent, we turn our eyes upon Jesus. We turn our eyes upon the cross and focus on Christ's sacrifice on our behalf. We consider the role of grace and pardon in our world. Let us now come to honor and humble ourselves before God.

### **Opening Hymn**

*"When Morning Gilds the Skies"*

Audra Allen, organist

When morning gilds the skies,  
my heart awaking cries,  
may Jesus Christ be praised!  
Alike at work and prayer  
to Jesus I repair;  
may Jesus Christ be praised!

Discordant humankind,  
in this your concord find,  
may Jesus Christ be praised!  
Let all the earth around  
ring joyous with the sound,  
may Jesus Christ be praised!

### **Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer\***

Pastor Gena

Week of Compassion is the relief, refugee, and development mission fund of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), working with partners to alleviate suffering throughout the world. Because of the faithfulness of people like us, in 2020 alone, Week of Compassion provided nearly \$3 million for responses all over the world. Week of Compassion continues to cast a vision before us of "a world where God's people transform suffering into hope." This year we are celebrating how our giving to Week of Compassion "lets love flow" all around the world, all around the year. Learn more at [www.weekofcompassion.org](http://www.weekofcompassion.org).

ISAIAH 49:8-12

(The Message translation)

God also says:

"When the time's ripe, I answer you.

When victory's due, I help you.

I form you and use you

to reconnect the people with me,

To put the land in order,

to resettle families on the ruined properties.

I tell prisoners, 'Come on out. You're free!'

and those huddled in fear, 'It's all right. It's safe now.'

There'll be foodstands along all the roads,

picnics on all the hills—  
**Nobody hungry, nobody thirsty,  
shade from the sun, shelter from the wind,  
For the Compassionate One guides them,  
takes them to the best springs.**  
I'll make all my mountains into roads,  
turn them into a superhighway.  
Look: These coming from far countries,  
and those, out of the north,  
These streaming in from the west,  
and those from all the way down the Nile!"

O God, we are yearning for the day, the day when your hope is made real! The day when nobody is hungry, nobody thirsty! The day of your love flowing freely!

We come together this morning, streaming to you from East and West, seeking what's right and holding on to what is holy. In our bones, in the depths of our souls, help us to experience, to sense the hope your prophets proclaim. Free our hearts and minds to hear anew the call to compassion, to hear anew the challenge to live with all of your children in true community, to hear anew the needs of our neighbors. Call to us in this time of worship that we may gather in Spirit and in Truth and be changed.

God of grace and abundance, we confess that we have stored up the blessings meant for all, and held them too close. We have pretended that we have done enough for our neighbors, when still we see their need. For the ways in which we ruin relationships through neglect, and for the ways we obstruct the love you would let flow for all, we ask your forgiveness and a new way to live. Transform our hearts so that our actions may follow. When we enjoy abundance, free us from the fear of scarcity, and open our hands to heal your people and your land. Set our feet on new paths and guide us to the up-welling spring of your grace.

Merciful God, we rejoice in your good news! Nothing can stop up the waters of your love! Your mercy makes our broken places whole, reconnects us to a higher call and new life. Love flows to us this day, and by your power we are forgiven! All praise be to you, Compassionate One!

Most holy, loving One, we give you thanks, for when we have crouched in fear, your presence has given us strength. When we have been alone and unsure, you have sent companions and messengers across deserts, across seas, across time itself to remind us that no one is forgotten. When we have hung our heads in despair, you have raised up children, generation after generation, who have proven that with you, all things are possible. We thank you for your unrelenting pursuit of our well-being; for the drops of mercy within us that make great rivers of compassion when we join them together. You immerse us in healing waters, and we are glad.

Guide us to take part in shaping a world where all people know such joy. Let hunger end by the open hands of generous hearts. Let none be thirsty, as your love freely flows through each of your people. May your great love flow to those who are on our minds and hearts, lifting them up in its healing currents... Let health be restored to all who are sick of body, mind or spirit, and in Jesus' name, let us help.

We who have known mercy are a people of mercy, strengthened through you and through your Son, Jesus. With a renewed and holy Spirit, we are joyful; we pledge justice; and we will make peace on all of your mountains and plains. May such love flow through all your people, now and always. In the name of Jesus, Love-Made-Flesh, we pray as he teaches us...

*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**

“Come Praise the Lord,” by J.S. Bach

Sung by Jim Cope

**Children’s Message\***

Pastor Gena

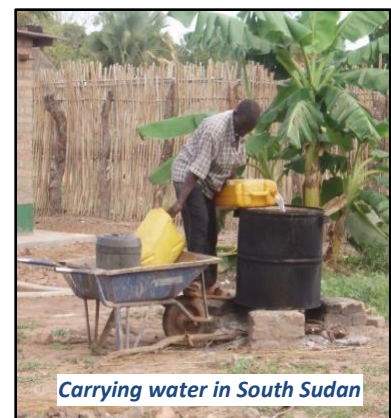
If you need water at home, where do you go to get it? Yes, of course! For a lot of us we get water from a faucet! How many places in your house can you name where you can get clean water? *Bathroom sink, kitchen sink, hose on the outside, bathtub, shower, toilet (eww, but true), refrigerator dispenser, etc.*

Right! And what are some of the things you need all that clean water for? How many can we name? *Cooking, keeping clean hands to prevent disease, etc.*

All of those are really good and important uses of water! How far in your house do you have to walk to get clean water? 10’? 30’? Show me how far you think it is.

Phew! That’s a good thing because we need water for all those things you mentioned! But not everyone has it that easy. Not everyone has a tap. What do you think a family might do if they don’t have any clean water in their house? *Bottled water? Borrow some from a friend? Walk until you find some?*

All of those are good answers, but in too many places in the world, NO ONE in the whole town has water. Every family has to send someone to carry water from wherever it can be found, and sometimes that is a LONG WAY. I’ve got water here. I wonder if you could help me carry it all the way down the aisle and back. This represents about 5 gallons of water. If you were VERY CAREFUL and didn’t waste a drop, that might be enough for 4 people each day. But here in the U.S., the average family uses 300 gallons of water – that’s 60 of these – every day! Imagine carrying that much water.



Carrying water in South Sudan

In many of the places where Week of Compassion helps people, they have to carry this much water an average of 3.7 MILES every day just to live. Let’s think about that. That would be like if we were here at the church and needed some water and to get it we had to walk to Giant Eagle and back. Or to the McDonald’s on Chestnut Street and back. And some people walk even further than that.

And many people carry this much water that far every day! It takes so much effort that sometimes the whole family has to help, including small people like you! It takes hours! If you are getting water, you can’t play. You can’t go to school. Your mom or your dad can’t work or earn money during that time. The whole family has to put everything on hold.

But when we all contribute to Week of Compassion, we work with whole communities to help put in a well! Then people only have to walk to the end of the block! It just takes minutes! Some communities even put pipes right to the houses just like yours! That would make a huge difference, wouldn’t it? We’ve carried this bucket and we got tired just up and down the aisle here, so we know what a difference that would make!

This year during our Week of Compassion, we are thinking about how we can help “let love flow” in all the places where people need wells. At home, let’s think about all the times we use water and how easily

it flows. And with your family, maybe each night at dinner, or when you have breakfast, think and pray together about how you want to make a difference. Maybe you want to put in a dollar for every tap you have in your house. Or maybe you want to count all the times you use water each day and add an amount of money for every time. I bet you can think of a lot of creative ways to help. It's a way of being mindful of all that we have, being grateful, and helping others.

And the water does so much more than just keep people from being thirsty, doesn't it? With a well, families can grow food in gardens. With a well, children don't have to walk miles and miles carrying water. They can go to school! Adults can have time to work, or start businesses, or have more time with their children. Everyone benefits when love flows!

So now that we know how much work it is, let's pray a blessing together on the offering we'll all be gathering and the people it will help.

Dear Lord, we are feeling very lucky that we don't have to carry heavy water long distances. Please be with those who are far from the water they need, and with those whose water is not clean or costs too much. Please help us to let love flow, so that all of your people can thrive! This we ask in Jesus name, and everyone says... "AMEN!"

**Scripture Reading\***

**Genesis 9:8-17**

Donna Stemski

**Sermon\***

**"Rainbows, Ashes and the Cross"**

Rev. Stillwell

There are a lot of things that I could go for right now. Eating in my favorite restaurant, going to a movie, or seeing my friends would be something I haven't done since last year. But as simple as those things are, I would settle for something even simpler. I would love to see a robin red breast eating worms on my front lawn. I would love to see buds bursting on my forsythia. And I would love to see a rainbow right now because it would signify spring to me. One of the great things about God's creation is that after a rain storm when it has been dark and dreary rainbows often come, making things not only better but even worth it. I would go through a thunderstorm any time if it means a rainbow on the other end, but instead it is still winter and this past Wednesday was Ash Wednesday, which marked the beginning of Lent.

For forty days and nights Christians struggle with temptation and sacrifice to remind themselves of the life of Jesus, the call to follow Jesus, and the difficulties of living a spiritual life in the midst of a material world. It can be a sobering time as we are asked to contemplate our mortality but we do so, so that we may also appreciate our salvation. I was taught in seminary that we should never have a confession of sin without an assurance of pardon for they are both sides of the same coin, so, if it is true that Christians are not perfect just forgiven, then we must acknowledge both of these things and the problem with the Christian who celebrates Easter without Lent is that they focus on the pardon without the confession.

That is why I think it is important that we honor this season of the church that we call Lent. We call it Lent because it is the shortened form of the old English word, Lencten, which means spring season, and that is what it is. Although it moves around a bit on our calendar it begins in the winter with ashes, and ends in the fullness of spring with a rainbow of colors.

Although Jesus' ministry was more than 40 days, it also has a similar beginning and end and now we commemorate the beginning of his ministry when, after being baptized, he goes into the wilderness for 40 days where he fasted and faced temptation. Again Jesus is like us and not like us. He had no sins to confess, but he needed to prepare for his ministry and show us what we should do as well. HE faced temptation so that we may know that he knows what we face each day, and he overcame them to show us that he has the power to free us.

Although Mark only says He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan Matthew and Luke expand the story to tell us that he was tempted three times, once to turn stones into bread, again to throw himself off a pinnacle that the angels might save him, and finally to follow Satan and inherit the world, and each time Jesus overcame these temptations so that, defeated, the devil departed from him until an opportune time.

Because of this the season of Lent is a time for us to make a sacrifice to give something up. Catholics have long given up meat on Fridays, but many others give up coffee, or fatty food, or they make a positive vow. Rather than giving something up they vow to increase or start a good habit. For me I give up Coke during this time and try to eat better and pray more. There is no wrong way to observe the season, what matters is that we observe it in some way that is meaningful for us.

Each Ash Wednesday I am reminded of the words of the committal part of the Funeral service which goes "Therefore we commit his body to the ground, earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust" A form of those words are spoken for the very first time in the Garden of Eden, after Adam and Eve eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. God says to them - "Dust thou art, and to dust thou shall return."

Dust to dust, ashes to ashes. These words are a stark reminder of from whence we arose and to whence, all other factors being equal, we shall return. We are by nature and deed - a walking, talking, thinking, doing package of dust and ashes, and there is not much value in dust and ashes. Gardeners know that they can be used to help grow plants, or you can throw some on your driveway - but basically they are worthless. You can't make them pretty by painting them, or smell good by spraying perfume on them. Dust is dust, ashes are ashes - and the plain fact is they both are largely to be avoided.

And that is us as well. When all is said and done - our righteousness is like rags upon us; our virtue is but a spray of perfume upon thoughts and feelings and deeds that are eventually buried and forgotten.

Another thing I was taught is that every sermon should be good news, and so far I haven't shared much. These are dread conclusions I have reached and if this was all there was to the matter than you can understand why Christians would want to skip this season, but Lent isn't just about us. While we gather to remember who we are, we also gather to remember who God is - and what God has done for us in and through Jesus. We gather - because - all other factors are not equal.

God has given us a way out of our plight of "ashes to ashes, dust to dust". It is his grace and mercy as evidenced by the cross, but which has its origins far earlier. We have heard today a passage from Genesis of a time in which God made a promise and gave a sign. In this story after the flood when Noah and his family are safe on land God says:

<sup>12</sup> God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations:

<sup>13</sup> I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth.

<sup>14</sup> When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds,

<sup>15</sup> I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh.

<sup>16</sup> When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.

<sup>17</sup> God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

God made a covenant with Noah of mercy and forgiveness, and it was the rainbow that was God's sign.

God gave us a sign of mercy and forgiveness, but rainbows come and go, and we see them all too rarely in life so that, when we do, we stop and take notice, but in Jesus Christ, God gave us a permanent and enduring sign. The resurrection of Jesus was God's way of placing a sign of infinite value upon that which would otherwise be worthless. Today it is for us to know and realize that God has chosen to give us some other life than that, which leads to the dust heap and the ash pit.

They say that ignorance is bliss and there are times when that is true, but not when you are sick. If you are sick early detection is best, and medicine is required. For humans the sickness is sin and the medicine is grace. For humans the sickness is brokenness, and the medicine is Christ who makes us whole again.

I am not a gloom and doom preacher. I do not believe that humans are basically depraved, I think we are basically good, but basically good is not enough in and of itself. In Jose Saramago's novel, *Blindness*, the world is stricken with inexplicable mass blindness, and one result is that a man is wounded with a wound that could easily be treated and cured, but, because he is blind, he does not see it and it festers. Likewise, his doctor is blind and is not able to properly treat him so that a wound that would have been easily treatable leads to his death. We may not be without sight, but for us it can be easy to be blind to our sins and too often we think that we are good enough, when we could be better. Too often we are blind to our faults while very aware of the faults of others, and so we need time set aside to examine ourselves. If we do so then we may recognize in this season that we who were blind now can see.

But even then that is not enough. Seeing is the first step, doing is the next. How many times do we know that we have a problem, but do not do what we should to rectify it? In the same way that we often fail to listen to the doctor's advice we also fail to listen to the advice of the Good Physician, so let us think of Lent as an opportunity, not to despair of our sickness, but to be cured of it; not to proclaim that you are a miserable person, but to believe that you can be better through the medicine offered to us by God through Jesus Christ.

Christ came for the sick, and if he did not he would not have come for us. His cure is better than most medicine for all that God asks of us in this is that we accept his mercy, that we remember we are sinners, and repent and believe in his Son. God also asks us that we try to practice a piety that is based on His love - instead of being motivated by thoughts of human praise or reward, that we try to show a righteousness that is based on His goodness - instead of being motivated by thoughts of demonstrating our virtue.

God has committed himself to us - and given to us the signs of that commitment - the rainbow, the ashes, and the cross. So let us remember the words of the appropriately named committal service when we commit our loved ones to God's care. These words do not stop with "earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust", but continue on to say "trusting in God's great mercy by which we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead."

These words we should always remember - for we are born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ - a hope that comes to us because of God's mercy; a hope that comes because God has acted in and through Jesus to open the way to new life to all who repent and believe in the good news that he proclaimed.

Thanks be to God who makes the blind see and saves the lost, who brings rainbows after storms and the cross after ashes, who brings eternal life after death. Repent and rejoice.

**Call to Offering\***

Donna Stenski

Because we trust the power and love of God, and we live into God's kingdom, let us give the gifts of our lives to God, including the pieces of our lives for God to transform. May our gifts announce God's inbreaking kingdom, transforming us and our world.

**Dedication of Offering Prayer\***

Rev. Stillwell

Because you are the God who saves us, we give you these gifts. Take our lives and our gifts and use them to save our world. We put our hope in you. Amen.

**Invitation to Communion\***

Rev. Stillwell

Whenever a rainbow comes out of a storm it is a beautiful thing to behold. We stop what we are doing to see it. We call others to see it, we might even imagine what life is like at the end of the rainbow or somewhere over it. In fact, when a bad storm ends, I look for the rainbow because it is the sign of grace but also reward, as if to say here is what we have earned going through that storm.

Now we sit at the beginning of Lent in the middle of another winter storm in the middle of this pandemic which is the storm that won't end, and I invite you to look for the rainbows in life. Look for the signs of God's presence and covenants to always be present and with us in all that we go through. We can be sure of God's commitment to us because of what Jesus went through, both in the desert at the beginning of his ministry and on the cross at the end.

We cannot get through the storms of our lives if we only expect there to be a rainbow waiting for us on the other side, but we look for them as well. Let this meal that we share at this table be like a rainbow to us, showing us a glimpse of Heaven's beauty and wonder, assuring us of God's presence in our life, and promising us a beautiful wonderful end.

**Prayer for the Bread & Cup\***

Diane Palfreyman

It's here at your table, Lord, that we see thee face to face. We thank you that the bread and the cup we bless at your table here this morning is sharing the body and blood of Christ that gives us eternal life. As we eat and drink deeply, quenching our great thirst for you, fill us anew with your Holy Spirit so that from our hearts my flow rivers of living water by which you renew the earth. We pray this in Jesus' precious name. 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***"Rise and Shine"*

Jody Mullis, pianist

Rise and shine and give God your glory, glory!  
 Rise and shine and give God your glory, glory!  
 Rise and shine and (*clap once*) give God your glory, glory!  
 Children of the Lord.

**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.

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**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](http://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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**Thank You for your Prayers.....**

Thank you to everyone who has called, offered prayers, sent messages, and sent cards to me during this very difficult time. I am suffering from serious back issues so continued prayers are needed. I appreciate my church family and am very grateful for the comfort you give to me. Love, Wanda Chicone

# ZOOM – LIVE

**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.

## 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 other Disciples of Christ congregations in the area to provide a weekly mid-week 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 in California

Mar 10 - Fairhill Manor Christian Church

Mar 24 - Washington First Christian Church

Mar 3 - Charleroi Christian Church

Mar 17 - Central Christian Church in Uniontown

Mar 31 - Brightwood Christian Church

**Lent Devotionals and other resources** are available at [www.fairhillmanorchurch.org/lent](http://www.fairhillmanorchurch.org/lent)

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"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

### February 21-28 is the Week of Compassion

You can give to the Week of Compassion offering by writing "Week of Compassion" in the memo portion of your check to Fairhill Manor or by giving through the Givelify app. Learn more by going to [www.weekofcompassion.org](http://www.weekofcompassion.org)

Please fill out this order form and return to the Church Office with **payment** by March 15. Indicate the number of flowers you would like. The cost per plant is **\$10**. Make checks payable to **“Fairhill Manor ”** and indicate **“Easter Flowers”** in the memo.



- # \_\_\_\_\_ Tulips (6" pot)
- # \_\_\_\_\_ Mums
- # -----Hyacinths (3 bloom)

**Orders with payment are due by  
March 15, 2020**

Given by _____
In Memory/Honor of _____ (circle one)
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**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.

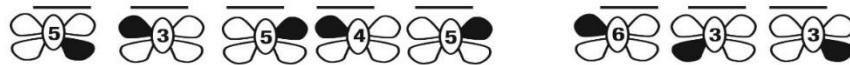
Fairhill Manor has entered a new era: the age of anytime, anywhere giving. We are now signed up with **Givelify**, the mobile giving app for places of worship and charities.  
  
Givelify gives you a beautiful, easy giving experience using your smartphone. There are no frustrating web forms to fill out, 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.

# Puzzle!

Use the code to uncover the angel's message in Matthew 28:7 (NIV).



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Answer: “He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.”

\* 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](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLmlH3qzih_fzHCC2X0Jhc_sfniJ7C1O3X)