

# Manor Minutes

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Those with last names beginning with A-F and M-R 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 at (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 with the hope that we can post it to our website for folks to view later.

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## Congregational Meeting to meet the candidate for the new Senior Pastor and to prepare to vote on calling him.

Due to the unusual circumstances the church currently finds itself in because of the Corona Virus, the normal method of having the prospective candidate appear before the congregation is not a viable option. To address this issue, the congregation will have the opportunity to hear and meet the candidate via ZOOM meetings. If you are unfamiliar with how to access Zoom, technical help is available by contacting the church office.

Multiple ZOOM meetings will be scheduled, because too many attendees of a meeting like this reduces the ability for everyone to ask the candidate questions that are important to them. The schedule for our Zoom meetings with the prospective candidate are:

**Tuesday, July 28 – 11:00 am**

**Wednesday July 29 - 7:00 pm**

**Thursday July 30 - 7:00 pm**

**Topic: Congregational meet and greet with prospective new Senior Pastor**

**Time: Jul 28, 2020 11:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)**

**Join Zoom Meeting**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83736423606?pwd=MlhVTFFvRHlKQ2tDWnJ0WVpBaTdTZz09>

**Meeting ID: 837 3642 3606**

**Passcode: 244189**

**One tap mobile**

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**Dial by your location**

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**Meeting ID: 837 3642 3606**

**Passcode: 244189**

**Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83736423606>**

We invite all 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 each week. Look for the beginning of a new CW&W year in August!



**Worship Attendance Schedule**

WORSHIP WITH US!



- August 2: Last names beginning with G-L and S-Z
- August 9: Last names beginning with A-F and S-Z
- August 16: Last names beginning with G-L and M-R
- August 23: Last names beginning with A-F and G-L

FOR SALE - PINT JARS - \$5.00 a dozen (there are rings for the jars but no lids)

If interested please contact Marsha Sams at either [msams822@gmail.com](mailto:msams822@gmail.com) or phone/text her at 859-421-7227.



No meetings are scheduled at this moment for next week. But things change quickly, so be sure to check the calendar on the Church's website:

[www.fairhillmanorchurch.org/calendar](http://www.fairhillmanorchurch.org/calendar)

Faith in Action is looking for a couple of volunteers to help Rose Gorby with transportation (she has macular degeneration) while also providing her with respite care by sitting with Russell for a few hours while she is out. Faith in Action is currently overwhelmed with such requests. Please contact Robin Matthews at 724-223-5115 to help the Gorbys or others if you are able.

**Opportunities to Serve.**  
**Contact the Church Office or Pastor Gena if you are interested.**

- We are looking for 2-3 people to volunteer in a rotation with Rick Couch to video the Sanctuary worship service. You will sit in a designated pew near the front of the Sanctuary, connect your own smartphone to Zoom, mount your phone to a provided tripod, and follow the action in the Sanctuary for those connecting via Zoom at home. Training provided.
- We are scheduling folks to lead worship either in person in the Sanctuary or via Zoom. Worship pieces include the Call to Worship (provided), Scripture Reading, and Call to Offering (you write - assistance is available). Would you consider leading one or more pieces of worship? Would you write a reflection about "why I give" that someone else could share as a Call to Offering? Take this opportunity to learn and grow and share!



Pastor Gena will be on vacation August 3 – 16.  
Please contact Pastor Darwin or your Shepherd Elder if you have a need or prayer request.



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.

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**Community Naloxone (Narcan) & Detera (Drug Deactivation Bags) Distribution Drive-Thru\***

\*Instruction on Naloxone Administration will be provided.

\* To be in compliance of CDC guidelines, we ask that you remain in your vehicle.

Who: Washington County Residents  
Location: The Church of the Covenant  
267 E. Beau Street  
Washington, PA 15301  
Date: Thursday, July 30, 2020  
Time: 2:00 pm-5:00 pm  
Cost: Free



## Fairhill Manor Christian Church

*(Disciples of Christ)*

351 Montgomery Ave.

724-225-8610

Rev. Dr. W. Darwin Collins, Interim Pastor

Rev. Gena Sheller, Associate Pastor

July 26, 2020

### Welcome to our Home Worship Service!

**Welcome\***

Rev. Collins

**Call to Worship\***

Isaac Mayen

Give thanks to God and call on God's name. Make known God's deeds among the people.  
Seek God's presence and God's strength. Let us lift our praises to God, for God is faithful.

**Opening Hymn\***

*"Christians, We Have Met to Worship"*

organ by Audra Allen

Christians, we have met to worship  
and adore the living God;  
will you pray with all your power,  
while we try to preach the Word?  
All is vain unless the Spirit  
of the Holy One comes down;  
Christians, pray, and holy manna will be  
showered all around.

Let us love our God supremely,  
let us love each other, too;  
let us pray for all earth's people  
till our God makes all things new.  
Christ will call us home to heaven,  
at the table we'll sit down;  
Christ will welcome us and serve us  
living manna all around.

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

Rev. Collins

God of Creation and Wonder, hear this offering of prayer and praise as a gift from our thankful hearts. Even in these times of heightened tensions and anxieties, we thank you for the wonders all around us. For the brilliance of the sun's rays, the smell of rain falling on dry ground, for the sounds of the seasons and the awareness a harvest nearing maturity. We thank you God for one another – for the joys and struggles of relationships that nurture us and help us to grow.

God, we thank you for your eternal presence in our midst and for the good news of your deep abiding love for all of creation.

Even as we give thanks, we lift the concerns that burden us this day. We ask your peace and blessing on all those we have named in this place today and all whose names and circumstances remain in the safe sanctuary of your Spirit's care. We lift them now in solemn care to you.

We pray for all who are suffering in body, mind, or spirit and for all who provide care for the needs of others. We pray for the lonely and the despairing...for those who struggle with addiction...for those who feel trapped in situations of abuse...for those who making difficult decisions in life...for all who seek to find hope in this time of shifting normal.

We pray for this congregation, O God, as they seek this week to listen carefully for your leading as they consider a new pastor. Give them clarity of thoughts and hope for years to come.

God, we pray for your church and its mission in the world. Bless all your children God, and pour your Spirit upon us, bringing healing, comfort, and strength wherever it is needed. All this we ask in the name of the One who calls us forward in faith, Jesus Christ our Lord, 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.*

**Anthem\***

“I’m Gonna Sing ’Till the Spirit Moves in My Heart”

Performed by the virtual Choir of First Congregational Church of Los Angeles

<https://youtu.be/zW0yAGVnX8I>

**Children’s Message\***

Pastor Gena

I wonder if you have ever gone through something hard. Maybe there was a time when you were really disappointed about something, or when someone you loved died or moved away, or when you were really sick? Did anyone make you feel better during that time just by being with you? Why do you think their presence helped?

There was one time when I was far away from home in a really unfamiliar place. I only knew a few people there. I got really sick with something kind of like the flu. I didn’t know how to get what I needed to take care of myself in such a different place. I was alone all day in a dark, hot room, and no one came around to ask how I was or what was wrong. I was so scared. And then in the evening, one of the people I worked with came to look for me because he hadn’t seen me around all day. As soon as I saw him, I knew I would be ok. He got me something to drink and something really easy to eat. He made sure I had what I needed and was comfortable. But mostly, he sat with me and encouraged me. I was so thankful.

Today’s scripture comes from Paul’s letter to the Romans. In it, Paul says when life is really hard and we are suffering, God never abandons us. Even if it feels like God isn’t there and we are alone, we’re not. Paul reminds us nothing in the whole world, not even death itself, can separate us from the love of God. This doesn’t mean things will never be hard, or that God will fix the suffering. But we can take comfort that even in the hard places, we are not alone.

I think that sometimes God is with us through other people. I am sure God was with me that time in that faraway place through my co-worker who came to help me and be with me. We can do the same thing for others. We can practice a “ministry of presence” and comfort others who are struggling just by being with them. In this way, we are showing the love of God.

Loving God, thank you for always being with us no matter what. Help us find comfort in this truth, even when things are hard. Amen.

**Scripture Reading\***

**Romans 8:26-39**

Pastor Gena and Isaac Mayen

**Sermon\***

**“And Anything Else?”**

Rev. Collins

The Apostle Paul is building to a crescendo his case for faith in Jesus as the way of salvation just as surely as a conductor of a symphony. He’s making the case for the gospel of Christ of which he clearly states in the first Chapter of Romans, he is not ashamed. And step by logical step he leads these readers of his

letter through the plan for God's salvation. And now in this eighth chapter he writes what is truly one of the most profound expressions of the whole gospel.

And he begins this final rush to this powerful passage with a lengthy description of the benefits of being a believer in Christ and gaining through that belief the gift of God's Spirit. And almost like the sales pitch for a late night 'as seen on TV' product he lists these benefits for his Roman audience. But wait, there's more...call before midnight tonight and get even more... as a child of God, part of God's family, you receive the strength of the Spirit, so that even on your weakest days, feeling unable to pray, overwhelmed with problems, feeling ashamed or too bashful to step forward and pray to God as you would like...God's Spirit, living within you, will interpret the sighs too deep for words, or the pains too harsh to express, or the cries too primal to explain and God will know your needs and concerns even before you can utter them. Nothing with the Spirit is lost in translation. From your most public joy to your most secret embarrassment...the Spirit makes it known to God. Closer than your parent, more aware than your spouse, more empathetic than your best friend...you have a counselor and guide present at all times.

Paul says that in God's Spirit both the good and bad that occur within our lives are eventually resolved as good for us. Not that they are good as they happen and not that we see any way for them to work out right, but as part of God's family God brings all things to a redemptive end. Our vision, especially in times of pain and disappointment is so narrowed to be like tunnel vision...and so confined to our immediate needs that we become profoundly nearsighted, unable to see the wider picture or what lies just beyond. Living in the Spirit as a follower of Christ, gives us the benefit of a companion and advocate...and a friend with a vision of the future.

But wait there's more!

The greatest benefit of all for a follower of Christ is, yep, you guessed it...God's love. And for Paul it was not just a question of the quality of God's love, of its unconditional nature, but of its permanence and invincibility. He boldly states his defense by asking, "If God is for us, who is against us?" To demonstrate the depth and power of this love Paul builds off of the 18<sup>th</sup> verse of this classic 8<sup>th</sup> Chapter that we read last week when he said I consider the sufferings of this present time...and what sufferings are those? Paul details them for us now in this text for today as he writes of what suffering might cause us to be separated from God's love...Hardship, distress, persecution, famine, nakedness, peril, or sword? Perhaps we would add cancer, Covid 19, job loss, declining markets...Paul then makes a bold statement of what our belief in Jesus and God's salvation can offer when he says...none of these things can separate us from God's love...for we are more than conquerors through him who loved us...what could that mean. As any competitive person knows winning is great, but how can you be better than the best...more than a conqueror, greater than the winner?

Has Paul gone too far? Pushed the hyperbole beyond belief? I think not...for in his context of what we receive through our faith in Christ, by receiving the Spirit of God to dwell within us, we receive God's love that overcame the powers of evil and death and by Christ's resurrection we no longer have to fight the battle for ourselves...more than conquerors who still have to fight another challenger. And how can Paul top this bold statement of faith...I'll let him speak for himself:

"For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord." Anything Else?

**Call to Offering\***

Gene Sheller (via Zoom)

Have you ever considered how different you are from everyone else? Just look around at those with whom you associate, even your own family. Even as much the same as they seem, identical twins have differences. Included in the differences we all have are our talents.

Differences in people are important to any congregation, but when we look at the Fairhill Manor Christian Church congregation we can see how much we prosper because we are able to come together and use everyone's particular talents to do our myriad ministries.

We sometimes have growing pains, and we will always have ways to improve as a congregation. But as we survive this pandemic and continue to find ways to do our present ministries and new ones that we might choose, let us appreciate our differences and use our abundant talents to do good for God.

Part of our responsibility as a congregation is to make sure we are financially secure so that we can maintain our place of worship and keep our ministries vital.

As you plan your tithes and offerings now and in the future, please appreciate your fellow members with all their differences, and help fund this place and our ministries as much as you can.

And remember that, as our scripture says, no matter how different we are, "nothing will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord." Thank God for creating us with different abilities and being able to accept and appreciate those differences in others.

**Dedication of Offering Prayer\***

Pastor Gena

Ever-present God, receive these offerings as we dedicate them and our whole selves to you this day. Thank you for the generosity that is so present in this congregation. With grateful and expectant hearts, we look forward to participating in bringing forth goodness from what we offer. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

**Invitation to Communion\***

Pastor Gena

This Table has come to mean many things to us. It is wider and more expansive and more welcoming than we could have ever imagined. It is deep, with ever so many facets and angles to discover and contemplate. But at its core, this Table tells us a story every week as we gather around it. And we need to hear that story over and over again – as individuals and as a congregation. It's a story of never-ending, nothing-disturbing love. It's a story that assures us that we are never alone, even when we walk through death into new life. Nothing, not things in our past, not things in our present, nor things in our future, nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. Come, brothers and sisters, to celebrate and share in this astounding news!

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

Linda Reese

Ever present God, from a world filled with turmoil, we come into your Sanctuary. Here we hope to find peace, justice, equality, and tranquility. At this table with the bread and cup set before us, we feel the presence of the Holy Spirit. Let the nourishment we receive from these emblems of Jesus' broken body empower us to move into a deeper faith with you.

May this time together at your table sustain us in our times, good or bad, in the week ahead. Keep us ever mindful that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor anything else in creation will separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

## Words of Institution\*

Pastor Gena

For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. (1 Corinthians 11:23-26, NRSV)

## Closing Hymn\*

*"Sweet, Sweet Spirit"*

piano by Jody Mullis

There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place, and I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;  
there are sweet expressions on each face, and I know they feel the presence of the Lord.  
Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove, stay right here with us, filling us with your love;  
and for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise; without a doubt we'll know  
that we have been revived when we shall leave this place.

## Benediction\*

Pastor Gena

We go now as people who know that we are never alone, who know that we always have been and always will be loved, who know that nothing can separate us from the love of God. Let us live in the wonder and freedom of that good news, loving abundantly, living in joy, being present to others in their times of need, and inviting all to share in the experience of knowing this kind of love and assurance. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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



Thank you to the Pastoral Search Committee for their hard work and dedication.

J.C. Leasure (Chairperson), Becca Caldwell, Jackie Nelson, Diane Palfreyman, Rolinda Sprowls and Mike Sweeney

**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](http://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:**

Avery Allen  
 Bill Behrens  
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 Eleanor Boyles  
 Mark & Susan Britko  
 Jordon Burk  
 Wanda Chicone  
 Emily Cope Robinson  
 Nick Cross  
 Fred Engle  
 Jay Freudenberg  
 Joe Greene  
 Bonnie Gregg

Judy Hanning  
 Aryn Hess  
 Ed & Harriet Jackman  
 Dallas Jacobovitz  
 Tom Lane  
 Cheryl Leach  
 Lee & Betsy Martin  
 Ruth Mikuta  
 Dick Moninger  
 Jody Mullis  
 Georgette Murray  
 Joe Palfreyman  
 Deborah Patterson

Denny Paul  
 Sadie Reese  
 Betty Jo Riggle  
 Jim and Barb Roupe  
 Cathy Stewart  
 Beth Teagarden  
 Melissa Teagarden  
 Shirley Teagarden  
 Gary Weaver  
 Nikki Wells  
 Tom Williams  
 Chuck & Mary Wiseman  
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 Daniel Robinson  
 Shawn Dallatore  
 Andrew Gregg  
 Zachary Keene  
 Sarah Lipscomb  
 Travis Ringer  
 Emily Chase  
 Dylan Demain

**Puzzle!**

After looking up each Bible passage, find and circle the location in the word search. (If a verse lists more than one place, figure out which one is hidden.) Answers can be found horizontally, vertically and diagonally.

Genesis 2:15	S	I	D	O	N	G	N	I	L	E	S	O
Genesis 11:9	J	J	O	R	D	A	N	R	I	V	E	R
Genesis 35:1	E	S	G	A	A	R	C	A	N	A	A	M
Exodus 13:18	R	A	E	T	B	D	C	D	B	E	O	O
Ruth 1:1	U	M	T	H	B	E	T	H	E	L	F	U
1 Kings 18:19	S	A	H	E	T	N	E	A	T	N	G	N
1 Chronicles 11:4	A	R	S	N	Y	O	M	N	H	I	A	T
Isaiah 23:1	L	I	E	S	R	F	M	T	L	N	L	C
Isaiah 23:2	E	A	M	D	E	E	A	I	E	E	I	A
Isaiah 23:3	M	F	A	R	S	D	U	O	H	V	L	R
Jonah 1:2	G	H	N	O	A	E	S	C	E	E	E	M
Matthew 3:6	I	J	E	M	B	N	A	H	M	H	E	E
Matthew 4:18	T	O	W	E	R	O	F	B	A	B	E	L
Matthew 26:36												
Luke 24:13												
John 2:1												
Acts 8:5												
Acts 11:22												
Acts 17:16												
Romans 1:15												

