

Manor Minutes

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Why wear a mask in the church building?

I agree that they are hot and uncomfortable. They can pinch at your ear and fog your glasses. So why should we wear these face masks while we are in the church? Although the data still is somewhat confusing about how the virus can spread, it is clear it spreads through droplets too small to be visible that escape through our nose and mouth. It also appears that some people can feel fine or only mildly sick and still be contagious. So...as a precaution the mask can stop those droplets before they escape into the air and prevent their spread. In fact, masks are a way of showing respect and consideration for others around you as they prevent any droplet spread to those you meet. They are a way for us to show our love for one another. I wear a mask to protect you and you wear one to protect me. A great example of Christian love for our neighbor.



Zoom Worship
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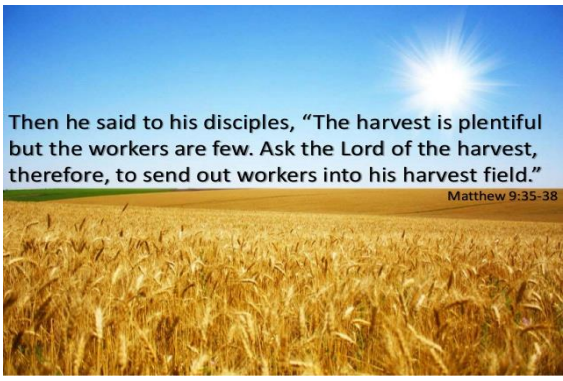
We invite all children to join in Worship via Zoom at 12:30 pm. Materials for children to work with during Worship will be attached to the Manor Minutes each week. We will gather on Zoom for two special summer Children Worship & Wonder sessions on June 28 and July 19 at 11 am. Mark your calendars!!



Fairhill Family - **THANK YOU** to those who either donated food and/or money to make our second Drive-Thru Food Collection another success. We collected \$1,000, 660 food items and 44 toiletry items (from the Tylerdale Food Pantry). The food has been delivered to the Community Circle Food Pantry and the Salvation Army. The money was divided between the two and has been sent. God is Good all the time AND all the time God is Good. Blessings to all....Marsha

During this time of health restrictions there will only be one classroom available for small group (no more than 10) gatherings. It will be the **Shepherds Room** and availability will begin on Monday, June 22. If you are interested in reserving use of that room, please contact Karen at the Church Office, at least one week prior to your selected date. If your group is over 10, special requests may be made to our Trustees by contacting Karen.





Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

Matthew 9:35-38

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Rev. Gena Sheller, Associate Pastor

June 14, 2020

Welcome to our Home Worship Service!

Welcome*

Rev. Collins

Call to Worship*

Amy Caldwell

We long for your Spirit to fill us, to strengthen us, to lead us. Move us in this time together to not merely pray for the Spirit's renewal, but to open ourselves to be healed. Give us eyes to see, minds to consider and hearts to feel so that we may be partners in your redeeming care and love for your world!

Opening Hymn*

"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

organ by Audra Allan

Come, Christians, join to sing: Alleluia! Amen!

Loud praise to Christ we bring: Alleluia! Amen!

Let all with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice;

praise we with grateful choice: Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again: Alleluia! Amen!

Life shall not end the strain: Alleluia! Amen!

On heaven's blissful shore his goodness we'll adore,

singing forevermore: Alleluia! Amen!

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer*

Rev. Collins

God of love and mercy, you have called us and all your children to be one family through the love demonstrated in the resurrection of Christ Jesus. By your gracious presence and through your eternal plan to unite all creation, we must look at one another through different eyes. Not eyes that require us to be all of the same skin color or culture, not speaking one language or worshipping you in one fashion, but one through your vision and plan.

In our present world of brokenness and pain, where our differences can irritate or separate, send us to be agents of healing and reconciliation. We seek your strength and courage to embrace, to love and to heal brokenness through your good news of hope and new life.

Hear us now as we lift to you our deepest needs and most pressing burdens, our fears and hopes. Be near us, we pray, as your people. Help us to receive your many gifts with gratitude and faithful stewardship to be shared for the good of all.

We pray for those who suffer pain and illness, for those who feel abandoned or alone, for those despairing of a purpose, and for those who feel left behind. In this season when the sin and failures of our nation and world have been exposed, we pray for your guidance and resolve to work toward healing and redemption so that future generations may be freed from these burdens. May our ears be larger than our mouths, our hearts filled with compassion and our commitment to seek justice for all.

We pray for those now closest to us, both those whose names we have shared and those who are so private that we prefer to lift them in silence...her them now, we pray...

To the sick, O Lord, give your healing; to the grieving, give hope; to the dying, your peace; and to all of us, faith to go forth in each day determined to find your presence and to live the good news of Christ. As now we continue to pray as Jesus taught us, 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*

“When Memory Fades,” performed by St Olaf Choir
<https://youtu.be/iUbTqBcsW9Q>

When memory fades and recognition falters,
When eyes we love grow dim, and minds confused,
Speak to our souls of love that never alters;
Speak to our hearts by pain and fear abused.
O God of life and healing peace,
Empower us with patient courage, by your grace infused.

As the frailness grows, and youthful strengths diminish,
In weary arms, which worked their earnest fill.
Your aging servants labor now to finish...
Their earthly tasks as fits your mystery's will.
We grieve their waning, yet rejoice, believing,
Your arms, unwearied, shall uphold us still.

Within your spirit, goodness lives unfading.
The past and future mingle into one.
All joys remain, un-shadowed light pervading.
No valued deed will ever be undone.
Your mind enfolds all finite acts and offerings.
Held in your heart, our deathless life is won.

“When Memory Fades and Recognition Falters” is a hymn written for a friend’s mother with Alzheimers. This hymn about the beginning journey in to the shadows of Alzheimers, a hymn by Dr Mary Louise Bringle is thought to be the first such hymn.

Children’s Message*

Pastor Gena

Do you ever get sent on errands? When I was little, I liked to help my Dad fix things around the house, but I wasn’t always so thrilled to have to run down to the basement to get a tool for him. My older sister Maria never seemed to tire of going to get a hammer or a rule or an adjustable wrench or whatever Dad needed. After a while I realized that not only was Maria helping Dad get what he needed to do his job, and getting a lot of exercise in the process, but she was also learning about tools. She knew the names of all the tools and knew just what Dad meant when he sent her on an errand to get a tool he needed.

I wonder if you’ve ever been asked to do something for someone else? Here’s a question that’s just a little bit different: Have you ever been the one to give someone else good news? Jesus sends us on errands to share good news with others. I wonder what that good news could be?

Today is the second Sunday after Pentecost (or the second Sunday of ordinary time), and our scripture is from the book of Matthew. We hear about how Jesus gathers his disciples together and sends them out on an errand. He sends them out into the world to share the good news of God's love and care, especially for those who are struggling or in need. Jesus tells them not only to tell this good news, but also to heal those who were hurting and to help people in need. Jesus wants the disciples to go far and wide to reach as many people as they can. He especially wants them to follow his example by focusing on those who are particularly suffering or struggling.

I wonder who you have helped recently – or maybe who your family has helped – maybe someone who is having a hard time. Our coloring page for today shows a person going on an errand - helping others and telling them about God's love. That person might be Jesus. Or maybe that person is one of Jesus' disciples. Or maybe it is someone you know. It could be, because we are Jesus' disciples too! Jesus sends us on the same errand – to show love to the world and to each other. That is how we help share and be good news. And just like my sister, I think we will learn a lot about ourselves, about others, and about God while we're running our errands of love.

After we pray together, why don't you get your coloring page or children's bulletin ready so that you can work on it as we listen to Pastor Darwin talk about our Scripture for today?

Dear God, thank you for sending us Jesus to teach us the good news and show us how to care for others. Help us follow Jesus' example. Amen.

Scripture Reading*

Matthew 9:35-10:8

Donna Stemski

Sermon*

“Healthcare Ambitions”

Rev. Collins

Matthew more than the other three Gospel writers gives, in his recording of Jesus' life straightforward and practical guidance to the church, not merely those early 12, but for all generations of Christians thereafter. Yet, we do our best to try and rationalize away or water down the message. Like a foreign language that is lost in translation.

I recently ran across a collection of signs from foreign countries that were trying their best to translate messages for English-speaking tourists...but yes, something just didn't translate quite clearly...like an airline ticket office in Copenhagen, with this promise on a poster: “We take your bags and send them in all directions.”

Or a Swiss restaurant announcing to its customers that “Our wines leave you with nothing to hope for.”

Or an Acapulco hotel posts a sign assuring its customers that “The manager has personally passed all the water served here.”

And a sign spotted in Paris at one of the city's finer hotels inviting its visitors to “Please leave your values at the front desk”

I suspect that last one hits home for many of us at times...we start our lives clear as to our dreams and the values that we want to affirm...and then life happens. We compromise a bit, go off on tangents, rationalize that it's only for this once and then...we find ourselves feeling trapped...on the wrong road, our old dreams have vanished and somewhat ashamed that we hadn't lived up to who and what we so wanted to be in our early years.

We intended better. But somehow our values get left behind. If only we could go back and begin again...when our plans were clear and our hopes fresh. That's where we find Jesus, the dream-maker, the teacher, sharing his hopes for those early 12. Giving them a clear indication of what he, and they, should value most. And lest we forget who these disciples are, Matthew lists them all. I don't know which one of the disciples you feel most like...the impetuous Peter, quick to step forward; maybe the hesitant and wary Thomas; maybe the quiet and faithful Andrew. Whichever you may identify more closely with, Jesus bestows on them a mission...a purpose for their lives...a value that they dare not leave at any desk!

Typically, we hear preachers claim that it is to be teachers of the gospel...to proclaim the good news...that's part of it, but I would suggest we are to BE the good news. And the essence of that good news that was a constant reminder in all that Jesus said was that the kingdom of heaven...God's realm, not the rulers of this earth...but of God, is near. How could they see it, how could people feel it, how can we recognize when God is active in our world and lives...it was primarily when Jesus showed compassion and healed and people were liberated from the powers of darkness that troubled their lives. These were Jesus' prime values.

Prior to our text for today, we find a string of stories of Jesus healing the sick...of restoring life and health. And then he says to his disciples...do likewise..."Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons." I told you Matthew is a straight-shooter. You see, no matter what your dreams were for yourself when you were younger...Jesus says all of his followers are to have healthcare ambitions.

As Matthew lays out the life of Jesus for us the succeeding generations of disciples, he stockpiles story after story of Jesus' work and mission as one who affirms life, freedom from fear, and healing and wholeness for those feeling as if life is coming apart. And like a giant help wanted ad in the newspaper Jesus says the harvest is plentiful...many are sick, but there are few laborers...few healthcare workers. This pandemic in which we find ourselves as a world highlighted the critical importance of our need and appreciation for those trained and equipped to provide healing and healthcare. We need these laborers, but Matthew reminds us, that this is also the calling for all who follow Jesus. Not that we might pick up a scalpel and perform surgery or administer drugs, but as those who have found life in Christ, who have been reconciled into the saving love of God...we can offer services and care to those who are broken and hurting of body, mind or spirit. That, Matthew tells us, is our primary work as those who are made whole in Christ.

It's no coincidence that most of the earliest medical centers were begun by religious groups...healing is the primary sign of God's realm among us. Where the sick are made well, where the dying find solace, where the broken are held together and find hope...that's where the kingdom of God's love can be found. And the church, which at times, can seem like a friendly club for saints is most true to its values when we are a hospital for sinners...the broken and lost, the suffering and grieving. We are to be signs of God's loving care and compassion in a hurting world...how's your healthcare career?

Call to Offering*

Becca Caldwell

Jesus sent his disciples out to the lost sheep to proclaim the good news...the kingdom of heaven has come near. He sent them to cure the sick, cleanse the lepers and cast out demons. Should we also as his disciples do any less? Who are the marginalized today and why do we think they are not deserving of the good news? Maybe the sheep in today's society are not lost maybe we have pushed them aside or even cast them out. We need to think of ways to heal the rift between the Church and those sheep that may not look, think, or love like us. I love that our Outreach team here at Fairhill Manor asks how can we help and not know who the people are we are helping. The work we do helps so many of our Creator's sheep. Let us give generously in our offering so we can fulfill the authority given to us by Jesus.

Invitation to Communion*

Pastor Gena

When I think of the harvest and gathering for a meal like the one we are about to share, an image of a blanket spread on the stubbles of a harvested hay field comes to mind. There's a basket of food – sandwiches, fruit, cookies – and a container of sweet tea, brought to nourish my Dad in the midst of his work, in the shade on the edge of the field, so that he won't have to go all the way to the house for lunch.

A meal shared together in the midst of the harvest. Nourishment, refreshment, encouragement, laughter, love.

I wonder how this meal can refresh and encourage you this week. Compassion is hard work. Acting in love is not always easy. Come, have a bite to eat, take a drink, rest a minute, before you go back out to continue your harvest work.

I wonder where we could go into the harvest this week with our basket and our blanket to offer a moment of grace. In those places where people are working so hard to bring healing and hope. In those places where people are working so hard to bring justice. I wonder where a meal of encouragement and love where all are welcomed would be good news.

Our meal here refreshes us and reminds us of God's vision – a great blanket where all of God's children are welcomed, valued and have what we need. Our meal here also feeds us and sustains us as we go out into the harvest, making God's vision visible as we act with compassion, justice, and love.

The Lord of the harvest welcomes you to this his picnic lunch. Spread your blanket, have a seat in the shade. Quench your thirst. Be filled with God's love.

Prayer for the Bread & Cup*

Kevin Puskarich

Dear God, during these troubling times, we are grateful for your unconditional love and thank you for our friends, children, pets and the natural world that serve to remind us of all the things you make available to us. More importantly, we thank you for your son Jesus, whose sacrifice on the cross for our sins gives us the chance for eternal life. We come humbly to your table to break bread and drink wine to honor his perfect life. As we partake of these elements, help us to love each other as you have loved us and may we all strive to live our lives as you intended, such that we help make this world a better place to live. We ask these things in Jesus precious name. Amen

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)

Benediction*

Pastor Gena

Each week in Children Worship & Wonder, we say good-bye by singing and blessing each other. This week for our Benediction, let's say good-bye the Children Worship & Wonder way. We will sing "Go Now in Peace" several times together. Watch me and the kids and try to do the signs we are doing as we sing. Then we will bless each other from our homes saying, "God go with you. Go in peace."

*Go now in peace. Go now in peace.
May the love of God surround you
Everywhere, everywhere
You may go.*

God go with you! Go in peace.

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



Mary Chase would like to thank everyone for their expressions of sympathy on the passing of Jim. It was truly appreciated.



Please keep the Pastoral Search Committee in your prayers:
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) 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!

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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.



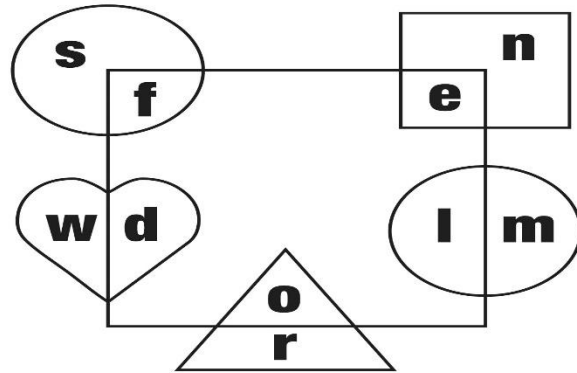
PUZZLE

GOD CARES FOR YOU!

Jesus tells his followers not to worry about their daily needs. What example does he give of God's care for his creation?

Directions:

To complete Luke 12:27 (NIV), match the shapes under each blank with the letter shapes shown to the right.



“Consider how the wild _____
grow. They do not labor or spin.

Yet I tell you, not even _____
in all his splendor was _____
like one of these.” Luke 12:27, NIV

Answer: “Consider how the wild flowers grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these.” Luke 12:27, NIV