

**Manor Minutes**  
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Book Club – June 27, 7pm via Zoom

Bethany Class – June 28, 1pm Eat'n Park

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To help keep the sanctuary clean,  
please take your used communion  
cup and dispose in the trash can  
located in the Narthex.

**\$2,000 Reese Grants for Post-Secondary Education**

Reese grants in the amount of \$2,000/year are available for Fairhill Manor members pursuing post-secondary education. Members may receive the grant for up to 4 years of education but must re-apply for the grant each year. Applications are available at [fairhillmanorchurch.org](http://fairhillmanorchurch.org) - Ministries - Stewardship/Finance and are due by **July 1**.

The Youth are invited to play **Pickleball** on Wednesday, June 29 at 2pm at the Washington Park Pickleball Courts behind the Vernon Neal Sportsplex and ice cream afterwards at Krenzy's Ice Cream on East Maiden Street. Parents/Guardians need to provide transportation. Please see Pastor Gena for a permission slip.



**FMCC Night at  
Washington Wild Things  
Friday, Sept 2, 7pm  
Fireworks Night**

**Tickets - \$10/person  
Parking Pass - \$2/car**

**Judy Mullis will be singing  
the National Anthem**

**There is a sign-up sheet in  
the Narthex for tickets and  
parking passes.**

**Please turn in cash or  
check (payable to FMCC)  
to the office by July 31.**

**Zoom Worship** will continue to be live at 10:15am each Sunday

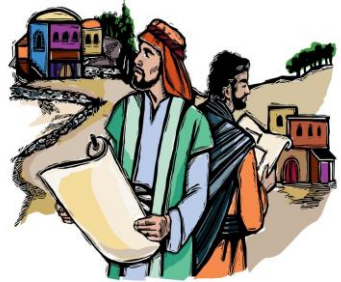
"Join a Meeting" on Zoom at 9:45am using the following meeting ID and password:

Meeting ID: **932 4557 4206**

Password: **026316**

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

Text your prayer concerns to be shared during worship to  
Pastor Gena (724) 263-0033.



The Wise and Foolish Builders

Fairhill Manor Christian Church  
(Disciples of Christ)  
351 Montgomery Ave.  
724-225-8610

Rev. Chris Stillwell, Senior Minister  
Rev. Gena Sheller, Associate Pastor  
Elders: Connie Sheller, Bread  
Gene Sheller, Cup  
June 26, 2022 - 10:15am

**Prelude**

Audra Allen, organist

**Welcome**

Pastor Gena

**Call to Worship**

Amy Caldwell

Leader: Sing praise to God,

**People: who changes our mourning to dancing.**

Leader: Sing praise to Christ,

**People: who offers healing to our sickness.**

Leader: Sing praise to the Spirit,

**People: who brings peace to our turmoil.**

Leader: Sing praise to God,

**People: who gives us strength for the journey.**

*All: Singing God's praises, we come to worship and pray.*

**Opening Hymn**

*"Great is Thy Faithfulness"*

Audra Allen, organist

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father, there is no shadow of turning with thee;  
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not; as thou has been thou forever wilt be.  
Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
all I have needed thy hand hath provided—Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

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

Rev. Stillwell

God of mercy and peace, we come as followers on the Way but we confess that sometimes it is unclear what direction we should go. Open our eyes to see your presence in the faces gathered here. Open our ears this day to hear your wisdom in the words that are spoken. Open our hearts and minds to recognize your guidance, not only in this time of worship, but in all the moments of our lives.

We pray, almighty God, that this hour may be for us a transforming experience,  
that we may experience a new outpouring of your love,  
that we may be strengthened to face the challenges of life,  
that we may learn to respect and serve others,  
and that we may become the persons you have called us to become.

As we come to worship, we ask to be delivered from any hidden sins that would keep us from you,  
to be delivered from any unworthy purpose that would sabotage our commitment,  
and to be delivered from any resentment that would erect barriers against each other, for we wish to worship with clean hearts and undivided loyalty.

We ask your blessing upon our congregation.



some still do, that asking God to do something would be more likely to work if they invoked God's name, but Jesus points out that God cannot be controlled like that. There is nothing wrong with saying, Lord, but saying it alone isn't enough. You must mean it. You must understand it. You must practice it. Otherwise you are simply saying it in vain.

Invoking Jesus's name seems to make up for any number of sins such as anger, prejudice, greed, and malice, but people like the name of Jesus so much, you could probably sell just about anything with it, and countless people have. Sometimes as Christians we feel so besieged by people who do not share our faith, we will stand with anyone who uses Jesus' name, but we must always remember that those who have the most power to tarnish Jesus' name are not those who attack it, but those who misuse it.

Jesus' disciples called him Lord, which meant that he had a hold on how they lived their life. They also called him teacher which implies that he taught them something, but we cannot say that someone is our teacher if we do not understand what they say, if we do not know what they say, or worse if we do know what they say and don't follow it.

In that case we are deliberately rejecting their teachings, but how many Christians call him their teacher and yet do this very thing to him? How many people claim Christ as their teacher and then completely miss the point of what he said? How many people know what Christ expects of them and yet still cannot bring themselves to do it?

It is just as true now as then, so Jesus told this parable.

<sup>24</sup> 'Everyone then who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. <sup>25</sup> The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on rock. <sup>26</sup> And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not act on them will be like a foolish man who built his house on sand. <sup>27</sup> The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell—and great was its fall!'

The meaning of the parable is fairly straightforward, but there is one thing that is important to note. The foundation isn't the name of Jesus Christ. The foundation is living in Jesus Christ.

It is like a man who once looked to buy a house. He looked and looked but he could not be satisfied. He was very picky and every house he looked at was wrong in some way. They were structurally sound but they weren't exactly cosmetically as he wanted them to be. One didn't have enough car spaces in the garage. Another didn't have enough lighting in the kitchen. The carpets weren't exactly how he wanted them, so eventually he decided that what he needed was to build a house to his exact specifications and desires. It cost a bit more to do this, but he cut corners on all the things he could not see, and for a while he was happy.

It was only about six months before he realized or learned that while the house looked nice on the outside with its granite countertops and new plush carpet some important invisible details had been skipped. The pipes were lower quality so there were issues with water pressure and leaks. He called in a plumber and discovered that a lot of things were not done up to code. Not only the pipes but all the things a person does not see but matter the most such as beams and wires were faulty. Today the man's house still looks very good, but it is not very good at its foundation and in its bones and the man knows it every time the wind comes and every time the rain pours, but he must live in the house he has built.

We must live in the house of faith that we build. There's no way for us to cut any corners. We know that the winds will come and the rains will come into our life and we will experience the pain of heartbreak and struggle with the challenges of the storms that come into everyone's life. If our faith is built on Jesus's

name and only on Jesus's name, it will not stand. If we build our faith on his life, his example, his actions, and teachings then the house of our faith may yet stand any number of things that try to assail it. Then and only then will we have earned the right to not only invoke Jesus's name but also to call him Lord.

The Home Depot has a motto that goes, “You can build it. We can help”, and if you do not skimp on the right materials they can help you to make a beautiful house or whatever it is you want to build. When it comes to building a house of faith no one can help you more than Christ, he was a carpenter after all, and if you build with the right materials, his teachings, his actions, his example, your house of faith will be beautiful inside and out and strong to boot, but if you try to cut corners and build on only the most alluring of Christ’s attributes, his name, then your house of faith might look good on the outside, but it will be empty on the inside.

This is a time of massive change for us as human beings. Yes, this is a time of great personal and human change for most of us. Yes, there are times when it seems that the floods are coming and the ground is shifting beneath our feet, and yes, it is a time in our culture and living when we seek and search, when we look for meaning and ask, “What is the foundation? What is solid and life-giving in the midst of it all?” The love of God. The love of God whom we have found in Christ Jesus our Lord.

As the hymn puts it:

*How firm a foundation ye saints of the Lord, is laid in your faith in his excellent word. What more can he say than to you he hath said, to you that for refuge to Jesus hath fled. When through the deep waters I call thee to go, the rivers of woe shall not thee overflow. For I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress. The soul that to Jesus hath fled for repose, I will not, I will not desert to its foes. That word though all hell shall endeavor to shake, I'll never, no never, no never, forsake.*

### **Call to Offering**

Gene Sheller

As we offer our gifts, we are reminded of Christ’s call to carry one another’s burdens. May those of us with abundance give abundantly. May those of us in great need receive abundantly. And may all of our gifts be an abundant blessing to God.

### **Doxology**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow! Praise God, all creatures here below! Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts! Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

### **Dedication of Offering Prayer**

Pastor Gena

Receive our offerings, O Lord, for your work in the world. Bless those who give, those who send, and those who will receive these gifts. May our offering sow seeds of hope and bear the fruit of love wherever they are sown. In Jesus’ name we pray, amen.

### **Invitation to Communion**

Pastor Gena

Many of us turn to God and to the church in times of need and desperation. When a loved one suddenly dies or we receive a difficult diagnosis or our marriage falls apart, we turn to the church to point us toward the hope and comfort we find in God. And this is as it should be.

But sometimes it is difficult to begin trying to build a solid foundation in the midst of a storm. As I read this week, you will know this is true if you have ever tried to carry a piece of plywood in a gusty wind. God is with us before, during and after life’s storms, but we will weather the storms with more peace and serenity - and even joy - if we have surrendered our lives to God long before the storms ever come and if we have built our foundation firmly together with God as we try to live out Jesus’ teachings.

As we come to this Table every week, we add to our strong foundation. Here, we remember Jesus' commandment to love, and we realign our lives with his priorities. Here, we remember that suffering is a part of life and that God never leaves us, even as we walk through death into new life. Here, we remember our call to share God's love by serving and caring for all, especially those who are lost and forgotten.

This Table is not an end in itself, but it is an opportunity to enjoy our relationship with the One who created us, redeems us, and sustains us. At this Table, let us celebrate and strengthen our relationship with the One who walks with us through every storm.

### **Communion Hymn**

*"These I Lay Down"*

Audra Allen, organist

Before I take the body of my Lord, before I share his life in bread and wine,  
I recognize the sorry things within: these I lay down.

### **Prayer for the Bread & Cup**

Connie Sheller

Father, You are with us every moment. You are here; we are never alone. How much you love us we can never grasp. Thank you, Father, for your constant care, grace, forgiveness, mercy and love. And we thank You for sending your only Son, Jesus, who died on Calvary's cross and rose from the dead so that each who believe may have eternal life. We know this bread represents to us His broken body and this cup His shed blood. As we partake may we become more aware of Your constant presence in our lives. 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)

### **Sharing Holy Communion**

*You will receive the bread and cup together. Please hold them; we will take each together as one body. Disciples of Christ believe in an Open Table. All who profess Christ and follow Him are welcome to share His meal.*

### **Call to Discipleship**

Pastor Gena

If you have come to know Jesus as your personal Lord and Savior and you would like to profess that you intend to begin a life of faith, learning to walk in his way of Love, you are welcome to contact one of the Pastors to take this step. If you would like to join this part of the Body of Christ at Fairhill Manor Christian Church, to covenant to journey together in this life of faith, please reach out to one of the Pastors to learn more. We all take these moments to rededicate our lives to following Jesus.

### **Closing Hymn**

*"My Hope Is Built"*

Jody Mullis, pianist

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness.  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.  
On Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand;  
all other ground is singing sand.

### **Benediction**

Rev. Stillwell

As you go from this place, remember to "be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you." Ephesians 4:32



Recorded worship services can 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)



**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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Lee & Betsy Martin  
Dave McConnell  
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Dylan Demain



# Beyond number

God is all-knowing, and his thoughts toward us are beyond number.

*Directions: Solve the addition problems and use the code to complete Psalm 139:17-18, NIV.*

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sum  
= 13
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outnumber  
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awake  
= 17
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thoughts  
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vast  
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count  
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sand  
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-   
precious  
= 23

How \_\_\_\_\_ to me are your \_\_\_\_\_, God!

$13+10$   $12+6$



How \_\_\_\_\_ is the \_\_\_\_\_ of them!

$8+11$   $10+3$



Were I to \_\_\_\_\_ them,

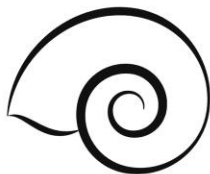
$15+6$

they would \_\_\_\_\_ the grains of \_\_\_\_\_

$3+12$   $4+18$

when I \_\_\_\_\_, I am still with you.

$13+4$



**PSALM 139:17-18, NIV**



Answer: precious, thoughts, vast, sum, count, outnumber, sand, awake