Manor Minutes Volume 12 Issue 22 June 4, 2021

This Sunday we will be making some changes regarding our **Covid -19 protocols** at the church. Due to the decline in cases and the great job that the church has done in getting vaccinated the Pastor's Cabinet recommended last week, and the Board approved, easing many of the restrictions with which we have been living for the past year. They are listed here in the Manor Minutes so please be sure to read them all, and know that we will be meeting over the summer to see what other changes we can make. Thank you for your patience throughout this pandemic and please continue to keep the church and Pastor's Cabinet in your prayers as we continue to move forward towards the end of this trial.

Rev. Chris



Graduate Recognition Sunday – June 6 Congregational Meeting – June 6 following worship Stewardship/Finance Ministry – June 8, 6pm via Zoom Elders Meeting – June 9, 6pm Shepherds Room Stay up to date, check <u>www.fairhillmanorchurch.org/calendar</u>

 Zoom Worship will continue to be live at 10:15 am each Sunday.
"Join a Meeting" on Zoom at 9:45am using the 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 Rev. Chris at (412) 956-6590

Children Worship & Wonder will resume in August.

Church Office hours:

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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 am - 2 pm. The Church phone is forwarded to Karen's cell phone and can be reached anytime. Karen will be on vacation June 14-18.

Pastor Gena is off on Friday. Pastor Gena is working from home and comes in to the church as needed. Feel free to text, call, email or set up a time to meet with Pastor Gena.

Rev. Chris is off on Friday. Rev. Chris will be on vacation June 19-26.

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

2021 Reese Scholarship Award Recipients

Shelby E. Dobrzynski - McGuffey High School -Majoring in Business Management - Attending St Vincent College

Hailey J. Deagel - Washington High School - Majoring in Music Education - Attending West Liberty University

Isabelle M. Carney - Trinity High School - Majoring in Nursing - Attending University of Virginia

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Rev. Chris Stillwell, Senior Pastor Rev. Gena Sheller, Associate Pastor June 6, 2021

Audra Allen, organist

Pastor Gena

Jeannie Allison

People of God, enter this place with thanksgiving and praise, for the Lord is good. Come and rejoice, sing glory to God, for the Lord is good. Remember, the steadfast love of God endures forever, for the Lord is good.

Opening Hymn #86

"Great is thy Faithfulness"

Audra Allen, organist

Pastor Gena/Rev. Stillwell

Pastor Gena

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest sun, moon, and stars in their courses above ioin with all nature in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love (refrain) (Refrain) 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!

Recognition of Graduates (Litany insert)

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father, there is no shadow of turning with thee;

as thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer*

With our whole hearts, O Lord, we give you thanks. In the midst of everything else that grabs our attention and devotion, we come singing your praises. We bow down in your sanctuary, in our homes, wherever we are, setting aside now all that distracts us from worshipping you alone. We give you thanks for your love which never fails; you have always stuck with us even when we have wandered far from you. When we call to you, you hear us; you answer us and give us strength when we are struggling. With our whole hearts, O Lord, we give you thanks.

Forgive us, merciful God, for hiding our mistakes, shrinking away from you in shame and fear. Forgive us for not taking responsibility when it is our action that has hurt someone else, whether intentionally or not. Forgive us for jumping to conclusions about others, judging and excluding in your name. Call us into the open again, into the light of your presence, holy God. Give us courage to look honestly at ourselves with your loving gaze. Open our eyes to our mistakes and the ways we shift the blame. Cleanse us, make us new, and set us on a better, more loving, more honest course, we pray.

We give you thanks for the graduates we have recognized this morning. Thank you for your presence in their lives. Thank you for the unique ways you have gifted each one of them. Continue to shape them into the people you created them to be. May they revel in the joy of the life you have given them.

Let your

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship*

O God, bring quickly the day when all have what they need and know that you love them. Bring quickly the day when all know of your love and sing of your ways, giving glory to your name. Bring quickly the day when what is right prevails and only truth is spoken, when all are valued as your children and creation is tended with loving care.

Please be with those who walk in the midst of trouble today. For those who are confused or lost, those who have no place to call home and no one to call family, we pray.

Please be with those whose bodies cannot do what their minds and spirits want them to. For those struggling with illness and disease, we ask your comfort and ease. For those struggling with the pain and frustration of age, we ask your mercy and your peace.

Please give us wisdom and patience as we navigate our way through and out of this pandemic. Help us to be kind and considerate of each other, knowing that each of us has experienced this time in different ways. Give us courage when it is time to step out more. Release us from our unrealistic expectations. Give us permission to rest and just be in each other's presence. Give us meaning and purpose as we begin to schedule our calendars again.

There are those among us who are suffering in ways we cannot know or imagine. There are those whose needs are well known and spoken. Be with each one of us, with all of those we bring before you now, with each of those whose names are listed on our prayer list....

Now give us eyes to see and courage to grasp onto that which is truly lasting, for our hope is in your love as shown to us in your son, Jesus our Savior, who teaches us to pray this way....

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.

Prayer Response:	"Lord, Listen to your Children Praying"
Lord,	listen to your children praying, Lord, send your spirit in this place;
Lord,	listen to your children praying, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

Psalm 138 First Scripture Reading* Gary Ford

Special Music

"The Love of the Lord," by L.Smith

Children's Message*

Have you ever looked at something and not seen it? I do this all the time. Often I will be looking in my toolbox for a screwdriver, but not just any screwdriver. I am looking for a Phillips head screwdriver, but not just any Phillips head screwdriver! I am looking for a long handled, Phillips head screwdriver, of medium size. I know there is one in there, and I look and I look, and I find a hammer, an Allen wrench, a tape measure, and many other screwdrivers. It got to the point that I had to start taking things out of the tool box to find the specific tool I needed. I knew it was in there and eventually I found it.

I was looking for something that was right in front of me, but I did not see it, until I removed the things for which I was not looking that were distracting me. Have you had that happen to you? I know sometimes you search for toys in the toy box, and they are hard to see. Other times you look for books on the bookshelf, but you find every book but the one you want.

Rev. Stillwell

Audra Allen

If you thought that was hard imagine how hard it was for the Christians in Corinth. They were frustrated because they were not seeing what they wanted to see. They wanted to see Christians getting along and doing well, but what they saw were people arguing and fighting with each other.

So Paul, who was the one who taught them about Jesus, upon hearing this wrote to them to not lose heart, "because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal." (2 Cor 4:18)

What did he mean by what cannot be seen is eternal? He was talking about Jesus and the people's faith. Growth in faith, growth in trust, growth in the Spirit, and growth in love are things you cannot see, but they are no less real because of that. In fact, Paul tells us that the things we can see, such as, tools, toys, and books, will not last forever, but God and Jesus will.

If you ever get frustrated by what you do see, think of the tool box. Think of the discouraging things that you see as tools you do not need. They are just distracting you from the good things you cannot see, which are God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit.

Dear, God, help us to see what we cannot see. May we see your love and care for us in the faces and actions of others. Remove the things that distract us from seeing all the ways that you care for us in this world. Amen

Second Scripture Reading*	2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1	Rev. Stillwell
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Sermon*

Give Your Heart, Don't Lose Heart Rev. Stillwell

It is hard when things don't look right. When you try, and you work, and you have a vision in your head, but what you see with your own eyes isn't what you expected or what you want, it can bring frustration, even to the point of giving up no matter what it is. We painted our bathroom this weekend, in anticipation of the first time we have had guests in our house for over a year. My wife struggled picking a color, and every time the light changed slightly the shade of the color would change and she would second guess if she had picked the right color.

Meanwhile, I thought the painting was complete, but every time I went in to the bathroom I saw another spot that needed a touch or a part of the trim that was blue instead of white, and I picked up a brush probably ten times over the course of the day. Nothing is perfect of course, but you want it to look right. I am not an artistic person, and I long ago gave up any such pretensions when the picture of a horse I was drawing looked more like a sick dog or the car I imagined to be a sports car turned out more like something from the demolition derby. When things do not look the way we think they should we can be tempted to become discouraged and give up, but in those moments we should remember that nothing is perfect.

The philosopher, Plato, spoke of this when he talked of his theory of forms. It holds that only ideas encapsulate the true and essential nature of things, in a way that the physical form cannot. In nature there are no perfect circles or triangles.

We experienced this first hand recently when driving through a neighborhood, we saw a tree that had branches only at the very top. I thought that looked strange and pointed it out to my family as we drove, but that wasn't all. The branches it did have looked strange. They were too green, too precise, too equal in length and evenly spaced in relation to each other, so we pulled over to look at it and discovered that it was a cell phone tower disguised to look like a tree.

Maybe if the branches had been less ideal it would have looked more real, because nothing is perfect, and the longer you look at something the more imperfections you will see. If you do this you will find that you can either, come to terms with this and accept it, or go crazy trying to fix it, or despair and give up.

I do not know if the apostle, Paul was familiar with Plato, but he was familiar with this idea, for he saw a great deal of imperfection yet he did not let it cause him to lose heart. In particular we read today from his second letter to the Corinthians in which he addresses another controversy tearing them apart. Paul was an apostle appointed by God, who was granted a very specific and personal vision of Christ. He went throughout the Roman empire and spread the gospel, and you would imagine that all the people who responded to his preaching would cause him to rejoice, and I am sure that he did. But he also saw much trouble, was even imprisoned and scared for his life, saw persecution amongst his followers, and even had to often deal with arguments, division, and betrayal from fellow Christians.

I think it suffices to say that if Paul had a vision of what the ideal church would look like and the ideal life of an itinerant apostle would be this wasn't it. Now he has heard of other evangelist coming to Corinth and criticizing him and his teachings. He even goes so far as to send, as he calls it a letter of tears to the Corinthians. Given how far reality looked from what he imagined you could understand if he decided to give up. If Paul concluded that he just wasn't good at sharing the gospel, or that it just wasn't worth it, I do not think many people would have been surprised, but he did not.

Instead he writes this letter to the Corinthians to defend his teachings by drawing a distinction between the outward and inward nature of people, and by drawing their attention to the distinction between the temporal and the eternal. In other words, he tells the Corinthians that things do not need to look ideal for God to be present in it.

In this way Paul is the hero of, at best, average looking ministers like me. If the value of the messenger is based on how a person looks then I am in trouble, and we know that there is much in this world that does depend on the outward appearance more than the inward reality. This is true enough that it can be discouraging. But Paul is speaking more of what the church looks like than he looks like. Because there is persecution and in-fighting, the church in Corinth does not look to him or to the people in it like the ideal of what they imagined it to look like.

So Paul says, "4:16 So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. 4:17 For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, 4:18 because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal."

Losing heart is translated from the Greek word ekkakeo coming from ek (out of) and kakeo (bad). It means to become fainthearted or to become a coward or to lose courage. However tough the opposition, Paul's faith makes it possible for him to continue moving forward. He won't buckle under the opposition. In fact, we get the impression that opposition energizes him to uphold that which is right and true. After speaking of their heart Paul speaks of their bodies and souls which, "though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day" (4:16). If there is anything in this world that is less than ideal it is our body, and while we may spend the first portion of life worrying about the ways in which it isn't perfect we will spend the second half of our life worrying about how it isn't as good as it used to be.

So Paul's message is good news when he says whatever is happening with our body that our inner nature, our soul, is being renewed day by day. There is often a sense of deepening spirituality for those who walk with God day by day. Being able to see what has been rather than wondering what will be helps us to

appreciate the paths along which the Lord has led us-and where those paths have taken us. We no longer have to wonder if God will be faithful for our live becomes a book of evidence that God is faithful. But if we do wonder about the future Paul assures us, "For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure." Here Paul contrasts the temporary nature of his afflictions, which he characterizes as light, with the eternal nature of the exceeding glory that he has begun to experience-and which he expects to continue experiencing through this life and the life to come. Don't miss the play on words between "light" (afflictions) and "weight" (glory). Paul sees his current afflictions as weighing nothing compared with the weight of the glory that he anticipates enjoying in eternity.

For he continues, "while we don't look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal" (4:18). Whereas in verse 17 Paul contrasted light and weight, in this verse he establishes two contrasts—seen and not seen and temporal and eternal.

Those two contrasts are related. That which is seen is temporal. That which is not seen is eternal, and often the seen can distract us from what is not seen so that we spend too much time focusing on the things that do not matter, the things that are temporary and will pass away to the exclusion of the things that are important, essential, and eternal.

This is a helpful distinction, but one that is less true for the young. They have seen less, and they know that much of their lives have yet to unfold. For them, the ratio of seen, versus unseen, leaves them anxious. I remember when I was in seminary 20 years ago taking walks at night and thinking of what my life would be like. I had so many anxieties, fueled by so many uncertainties. I wondered how I would do as a minister and how I would find the right church especially knowing that I didn't want to move around as most minsters do. I wondered how my marriage would go, and when to start a family, and how I would balance it all, and the only time my anxiety lessened is when I focused on what I could not see and placed my worries in God's hands.

I believed that God would not call me into ministry and not provide a way for it to work out. Certainly we wander how we will begin again the ministries that have laid dormant for a year or more. I do not know how it will all work out, but I do not believe that God would call us together, if God did not have a way. But that does not mean that the church will be perfect. When it doesn't look like how we want it to be or remember it to have been, we can still rejoice knowing that even the church is just an imperfect image of what God is preparing for us, as Paul concludes in this passage. "For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens."

For the Jewish Christians in Corinth, the word tent would bring to mind the tabernacle—the tent that served as God's dwelling place in Israel's midst while they wandered in the wilderness. Paul contrasts the tent with the building—an allusion to the temple, which served as God's dwelling place in Jerusalem once the Israelites settled in the Promised Land. If you have ever lived in a tent for an extended period of time, you know that tents are seldom as comfortable or as secure as a house. Tents can be an adventure for a weekend—or, perhaps, for a short vacation—but they eventually lose their charm.

So Paul contrasts our tent, which is our visible body, with the house that await us in the heavenly kingdom. I say contrasts rather than compares, because there is no comparison. At some point, we will die and our loved ones will bury or cremate our natural bodies–but in the resurrection we will receive new bodies that will not fail, will not grow old, will no longer be imperfect.

All of this is written in order to sustain the Corinthians and us in our faith, and in our life. In both things they often do not turn out how we want or look like we imagine. Things rarely turn out to be as they

seem, and thank God for that. We are not to get discouraged or disheartened by the imperfections of this world, rather we do our best to improve them as much as we can, and we offer comfort when we can, and we believe that what we can see is not all that there is.

The things we see are real, but they are temporary, so let us not lose heart. Rather let us give our heart to the one who was the one perfect person, the only ideal human, Jesus Christ, so that we will not be discouraged, dismayed, or defeated. Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen, and so we give our heart to Christ so that we will not lose heart because of the troubles that we see in this world. Whatever we see in this imperfect, temporary life let us not despair. We give our life, which is temporary, so that we may have Christ's life which is eternal. Nothing in this life is perfect, so let us not lose heart when we see that to be true, for this life that we see is not all that there is.

Call to Offering*

We have come to give praise to God and to say thank you for all that God has given us. In thanksgiving and praise, let us bring our gifts before God.

Doxology

Dedication of Offering Prayer*

Almighty Creator, you have blessed us with abundant life and steadfast love. We offer these gifts to you, asking that your Holy Spirit will bless them and use them to shower grace and love upon our brothers and sisters, both near and far. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen

Invitation to Communion*

I had a professor once who said that he was saved by a hot dog. What he meant was that he was a long haired teen in Eastern Tennessee at a time when that was even harder than it is today, and he liked Jesus just fine, but he wasn't sure about the church when the minister of a local church invited him to his home to have a hot dog. There wasn't anything at all special about that hot dog, and it really was not about the hot dog at all. This professor was actually speaking to me at a youth conference with many other long haired teens this time in northern West Virginia at a time when it was even harder to be one than it is today, and he said it wasn't the food, it was the invitation. He said, "In that act I knew that I was welcome."

Here at the table there it isn't all that much about the bread and the cup, especially nowadays. Here at this table it is all about the invitation, all about knowing that you are welcome because you have been invited by the only one who could, Jesus Christ. You are welcome because of the things that Christ has done for you, and because of what he is doing and will do. You are welcome to the place where he is, a place where he has gone to prepare a room for us.

Whether your hair is long, short, or gone. Whether you are young, old or in between. Whether you like hot dogs or not. You are welcome. All we can do is accept the invitation with gratitude, and let others know that they are invited as well. Let us come to the place that has been prepared for you since the foundation of the world, the table of our Lord.

Communion Hymn #405

"In Memory of the Savior's Love"

Audra Allen, organist

In memory of the Savior's love, we keep the sacred feast, where every humble, contrite heart is made a welcome guest. By faith we take the bread of life by which our souls are fed, the cup in token of his blood That was for sinners shed.

Rev. Stillwell

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Jeannie Allison

Prayer for the Bread & Cup*

At this table let us partake of this bread and cup as reminders of the sacrifice Jesus made for us. Let it help us focus on the eternal reward that we cannot see that is ahead when we are risen to join Jesus in our heavenly home. Amen

Words of Institution*

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)

Sharing in Communion

Closing Hymn #87

"I Will Sing of the Mercies of the Lord" Jody Mullis, pianist I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever, I will sing, I will sing. I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever, I will sing the mercies of the Lord. With my mouth will I make known thy faithfulness, thy faithfulness; with my mouth will I make known thy faithfulness to all generations. I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever, I will sing of the mercies of the Lord.

Benediction*

Rev. Stillwell

Brothers and sisters, as you go from this place, extend grace to all, be faithful to Christ, and do not lose heart or hope. Go in peace. Amen.

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



Do you have a prayer request or need help? Please feel free to contact Rev. Chris (412-956-6590) and Pastor Gena (724) 263-0033 directly and confidentially. Or scroll down on the opening page of our website (www.fairhillmanorchurch.org) to "Requests for Prayer or Help." There you can send an email which will go directly to Rev. Chris and Pastor Gena. We are One Body in Christ!

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REVISED LIST OF PROTOCOLS

The main objective of Fairhill Manor Christian Church, during the pandemic, has been the safety of everyone who enters the church. Continuing with that goal the following revised pandemic protocols were approved by the General Board on Thursday, May 27, 2021:

1. These revised protocols will take effect beginning on **Sunday, June 6, 2021**. There will be no restrictions on attendance.

2. Entrance and exit from the church will be by the rear door.

3. Masks will continue to be required for everyone entering the church. This is to protect the children who cannot yet be vaccinated as well as other vulnerable groups.

4. The table outside the library will remain in place.a. Here you can pick up a communion pack and place your offering in the collection plate.

- b. You may pick up a bulletin at the table.
- c. Hand sanitizers will continue to be available.
- 5. The serving elder will continue to register attendance as you enter.
- 6. Social distancing will be modified as follows:

a. One half of the sanctuary will remain with the current seating restrictions (every third pew open). This section will be the side the zoom camera is located. Families with children will be seated in this section.

b. One half of the sanctuary will have every other pew open for seating.

- c. Individuals can sit on the side of their choice, but, a guide will continue to seat everyone.
- 7. There will be Bibles in the pews.

8. Singing will not commence at this time, therefore, there will be no hymnals in the pews.

9. Children may go to the front of the Sanctuary for the Children's Message. There is no Children Worship and Wonder during the summer so children will return to their seats.

10. Sunday school classes will not commence until the fall.

11. At this time it is anticipated that the choir will return in the fall.

12. Trustee's will no longer have to sanitize the church as they have been doing during the pandemic. However, fans will continue to run during the services.

13. Water fountains will remain closed.

14. Groups such as elders, deacons, trustees, etc. can meet together at the church with those who have not been vaccinated wearing masks. However, if it is more convenient for the group to meet by zoom, then do so.

15. At this point, out of caution, there will be no outside groups, with the exception of the Literacy Council and NA, permitted to meet in the church.

16. At this time, out of caution, no weddings or memorial services will be permitted.

17. Zoom services will continue on Sunday for those who cannot attend in person.

18. The Pastor's Cabinet has scheduled a meeting for July 15, 2021, to review all of the protocols and make recommendation to the Board for any changes.

There are a number of events, currently in the planning stages, occurring in upcoming months including: July corn hole tournament on the front lawn of the church, summer Wild Things game, the church picnic at Washington Park in September, baptisms are planned for October; church dart ball starts in September and the "Note of Thanks" concert held annually in November in the Sanctuary. At this time, planning for events can go forward with the understanding that if restrictions return due to a new surge or other virus related complications then they may not be able to take place.

These recommendations from the Pastor's Cabinet to the General Board were approved on May 27, 2021.