

# Manor Minutes

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## NEW Sanctuary Worship Schedule

Many of you have asked that we update and rebalance our schedule for those invited to worship in the Sanctuary. Here is the result! Please be careful to come only on the Sundays you are scheduled, as we will be close to capacity each week. If you would like to be moved into a group different than your last name, please contact the Church Office. Pastor Gena will work to shift things to make that happen.

Those with last names beginning with A-E & F-O 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 (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). Those on Zoom are visible on the screen at the front of the Sanctuary until the Children's Message and to others on Zoom for the entire worship service. Please be mindful of this. If you would like to see but not be seen, click Stop Video on your Zoom screen.



October 11: Last names beginning with A-E & F-O

October 18: Last names beginning with F-O & P-Z

October 25: Last names beginning with A-E & F-O

## Children Worship & Wonder

Children Worship & Wonder has begun! To learn more and register Children age 3 – Grade 5, see <https://fairhillmanorchurch.org/children-worship-wonder>

We invite children to join in Worship via Zoom at 9:30 am. Materials for children to work with during Worship are emailed weekly with the Manor Minutes.



September Webinar Discussion – October 5, 7 pm via Zoom

Pastor's Cabinet – October 6, 7 pm via Zoom

Stewardship/Finance – October 13, 5:30 pm via Zoom

Stay up to date, check [www.fairhillmanorchurch.org/calendar](http://www.fairhillmanorchurch.org/calendar)



Pastor Gena's day off is Friday. If you need to reach Pastor Gena on Friday, please call the Church Office at (724) 225-8610.

Please remember for the safety of others, anytime you enter the Church (even if you are the only one around):  
Wear a mask  
Sign in on the bulletin board inside the back door  
Use the hand sanitizer as you enter  
Thank you!!

**New Learning Opportunities!**

Women's Stories from the Old Testament  
7 sessions (October 8, 22; November 5, 19; December 10; January 14, 28)  
Sessions held via Zoom at a time to be determined by participants

Facilitated by Pastor Gena  
Appropriate for teens and adults; men and women welcome

**This is the Zoom link you will need for the Webinar Discussion:**

Topic: September Webinar Discussion  
Time: Oct 5, 2020 06:45 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85336195636?pwd=REIXUjhBSIM1N2E0a3BHZm5VMGhrdz09>

Meeting ID: 853 3619 5636  
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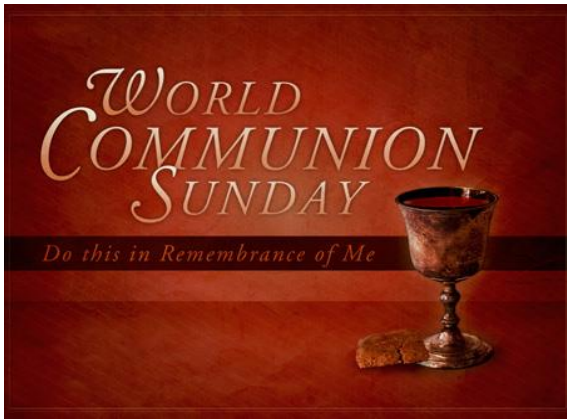
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Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85336195636>

**Saying Good-Bye and Thank You to Pastor Darwin**  
Please take time over the next few weeks to thank Pastor Darwin for his love and care for our congregation over the 16 months of his Interim.  
  
Because we continue to care for each other by limiting our numbers in the Sanctuary each Sunday, be sure to say good-bye to him when you see him – or send him a note or give him a call! We will be forever grateful for his leadership during this time.

**Another Fall Tailgate!**  
It looks like we have another warm weekend on the way, so we are going to have another time for fellowship in a safe, fun way!  
  
Saturday, October 10 at 4 pm  
Rain Date: October 11 at 4 pm

in the



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  
October 4, 2020

## World Communion Sunday

**Prelude\***

Mr. Dan Baker, Guitarist

**Welcome\***

Pastor Gena

**Call to Worship\***

J.C. Leasure

Come, the banquet of hope and praise is ready.  
We come to be fed by the love of God in Jesus Christ.  
We come needing healing and God's gracious mercy.  
We come with all who respond to Christ's invitation.  
Here at this table we are healed, forgiven and share life!  
Alleluia, Praise be to God. AMEN.

**Opening Hymn\***

Mr. Dan Baker, Guitarist

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

Pastor Gena

God of brilliant sunsets and shining rainbows,  
God of goldenrod and glowing autumn leaves,  
God of all the blues of sunlit seas,  
God of all the shades of green in bush and field,  
God of people, brown and amber, pink and ebony,  
artistic and athletic, practical and visionary,  
compassionate and laughter-bringing,  
God who colors us a world of variety,  
We thank you that you have made each of us unique,  
that you call us to contribute our special colors to the life around us.  
We come to you in thanksgiving and worship this day.

Today, God, we confess our fumbings and failures in accomplishing unity, as we set aside yet another day to remind ourselves of this task. On this World Communion Sunday, give us eyes to recognize your reflection in the eyes of Christians everywhere.

Give us a mind to accept and celebrate our differences.

Give us a heart big enough to love your children everywhere.

We thank you for setting a table with space enough for us all!

Thank you for your Spirit which sustains our world, connecting us more surely than any world wide web, binding us together more closely than any cable could.

Thank you for the beauty of the church with all its denominations, with people of every color, nation, and culture.

Thank you for beautiful music of languages and our ability to learn them.

Thank you for the beauty of worship in many forms.

Thank you for the beauty of this world which feeds our souls.

Thank you for beauty of compassion which moves us to action when we see our brothers and sisters in need, whether they be next door or on the other side of the globe.

In this spirit of beauty, today we pray for those we know who are hungry or afraid...

We pray for those who face violence....

We pray for those who are working for peace, and for those who need to work for peace...

We call to mind the people of one country - whether a country of our heritage, a country we have visited, a country we hear about on the news - and we pray for the people of that country now...

Lord, you are always doing a new thing in our world, you are working in ways we can hardly imagine. Thank you for your vision, which is greater than our own. Help us to put our trust in you, our Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, and Friend.

And now hear us as we join together with voices around our world, praying the prayer Jesus taught 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\***

Mr. Dan Baker, Guitarist

**Children's Message and Commissioning Hygiene Kits\***

Pastor Gena

Have you ever noticed how many churches there are? There are three other churches just within a block or two of us! Churches are everywhere. Some churches have lots of people and a big building; some are small; some have no building at all. Some church buildings ring church bells; some have nice stained-glass windows like we do. Some worship early in the morning; some worship in the evening. Some churches have communion once a month, some once every three months, and some every week like we do. In some churches, people kneel. In some churches, people stand and dance. There are many different churches just like there are many different people.

And while each church does church differently, today, churches in our neighborhood, across our city, and around the world, are all doing one thing in particular the same. Today is World Communion Sunday. This means that churches around the world are all participating in communion today! Each time we take the bread and the cup, we remember how much God loves us. Nothing can separate us from God's love! And today, on World Communion Sunday, we are also celebrating that though each church does things differently, each of us and all of us need God and God's love. By having communion together around the world, we celebrate our common need for God and we celebrate God's love for all of us. Today we celebrate that we are different and yet we are one big family in God.

Sometimes that one big family of God celebrates together, like on World Communion Sunday.  
Sometimes that one big family of God works together to help those who need help.

Almost 75 years ago, after World War II, seventeen denominations (big groups of churches) came together “to do in partnership what none of us could hope to do as well alone.” The mission: feed the hungry, clothe the naked, heal the sick, comfort the aged, shelter the homeless. They called this partnership Church World Service. More and more churches joined Church World Service. Now there are 37 different big groups of churches in CWS. Our Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is one of them. We are all very different, but we work together around the world sharing God’s love.

Our congregation has decided to show our love and respond by donating money to make hygiene kits for Church World Service to give to people who need them. People in our congregation gave money to purchase supplies for the kits. Linda Reese donated her time and energy to purchase needed supplies and assemble the kits. Today we bless this good work and dedicate these kits to aid the continued work and ministry of Church World Service.

Let us pray:

God of great love who taught us all compassion, we continue to share the blessings that we have received from you with our neighbors.

**Who are our neighbors?** Those forced from their homes due to natural disasters and wars who need us to recognize them as God’s children in need.

**What do they need?** They often need the basic things that we take for granted: items to maintain their health or items that will allow them to clean their homes.

**How will this help?** The kits we bless today represent our compassion for our brothers and sisters. With our kits we send our love and our witness to the presence of God’s love in our world.

**We bear witness.** That the hands that made these kits, and the hearts that donated time, talent and treasure desire to be a blessing of God’s love in this world.

**We send our love.** Acknowledging that we first received this love from God and pray that in so sending it God’s love will spread far and wide.

**This is our prayer.** Bless the givers, the kits we made, the work of Church World Service in delivering the kits and the lives of all who receive our kits, with God’s great love.

**Amen.**

**Scripture Reading\***

**Philippians 3:4b-14**

J. C. Leasure

**Sermon\***

**“What Do You Treasure?”**

Rev. Collins

I don’t know about you, but I’ve caught myself on just a few occasions in these months of the pandemic commenting that at least this is one blessing or one benefit of 2020...that’s a new experience for me, I think I’ve always been able to discover blessings in every day. And one of those rather rare blessings of this year strikes me as unusual during a health crisis. The confinement, the denial of our normal lifestyle and usual movements have given us all the opportunity to consider what are the real blessings, the true treasures of our lives.

Such simple things as phone calls from a friend...a bag lunch out of the tailgate of our cars in the parking lot...the routine of a football game...once we have been denied the normalcies and routines of life, we

more easily discover their worth...and amid all of these changes, I've learned that many of the things I formerly treasured aren't nearly as important as I once thought. The apostle Paul writes in this email for today of the importance of discerning what is really and truly important. As he sat in that prison cell in Rome, he talks about what he treasures most as a way of encouraging the members of that church in Philippi to take stock of their own lives and what they value.

Interestingly he starts with a sarcastic remark about a group with whom he previously associated...the strict religious zealots of the law. Those who criticized anyone who didn't keep the letter of the law...and value it above all things, or who didn't practice their faith exactly as they should. He calls them dogs...dogs? What these critics treasured most was their purity...circumcision...marked as superior to those Gentiles who weren't as pure. It's hard for us to put ourselves into that period of time when Christians were seen as a fringe group within Judaism, but that was the situation for this small church, evidently being told by others that they were not good enough...uncircumcised. They were being criticized as not being sufficiently faithful, or insufficiently pious, or just not quite good enough.

You may know of some faithful people who look down upon or criticize others believing they are more worthy or more correct in their way of practicing the Christian faith. Unfortunately, down through history the church has tended to be very exclusive and judgmental...valuing rules and rituals above people. So, in response to these followers of the law who sought to judge others, Paul says...hey, you think you're so good, look at me. If anyone has a reason to feel superior, it's me...best among the Pharisees ...circumcised on the right day...Israelite by birth...tribe of Benjamin...Hebrew parents, no half-blood...a zealot in his practice of faith...persecuted those who weren't quite good enough...blameless before the law. Paul in other words was among the cream of the faithful crop. He had his priorities right and treasured the right things...right?

Well, maybe not. He, in his time of reflection...in that cell, confined to a quarantine, weighed what he treasured most and decided that old life of exclusivity, judging others of being less than worthy was not living what he treasured most of all. He said that now what he treasured most was knowing Christ...of gaining Christ...of not seeking a righteousness that he could wear as a badge of honor, but one that is his through his faith in Christ. A faith that doesn't seek accolades for being purer than others but seeking always of sharing in the sufferings of Christ...of doing for others, of loving those less fortunate. Knowing Christ is to live the life of Christ...of not living to exclude, but to welcome, to seek to love like Christ loves us all.

In this time of partisan divisions, of fear of being with others, and of separating ourselves, I pray this Spirit of Paul shared with those Christians at Philippi will be with all of you here at FMCC...may you treasure the diversity among you, respecting one another knowing that our righteousness is not our own, not granted by our birthright, or by our tenure in the church, but let us treasure most that our righteousness comes through our faith in Jesus Christ.

Paul envisioned a church that would be open to all, Jews and Greeks, slaves and free people, male and female alike...the church for Paul was a place where all are one in Christ Jesus. In a world where people are always seeking to judge and exclude, to divide and segregate...may you treasure most that we all have but one real treasure...knowing and being known by Christ.

### **Call to Offering\***

J.C. Leasure

We have all received rewards or consolations at some point in our lives. Our collections of trophies, certificates, accomplishments and experiences have accumulated in boxes in the basement, scrap books in the attic, frames on the wall or professional fonts within our resumes. Our accolades have made us

respected by our colleagues, have given us opportunities by our superiors, or have become legendary among our friends. We all can identify with this in one way or another, but what value does this all have?

I am not trying to discredit anything that you have done, for I look back fondly at my memories and victories. We have accumulated prestige in our field of work or maybe even some type of piety within the family of our church. However, none of this should be our main identity. Look at what Paul writes to the Philippians, "If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more." As Jedi Master Qui-Gon Jinn so eloquently stated, "There's always a bigger fish." Paul goes on to write, "But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord."

Our identities are not our accolades, but Christ. Therefore, let us use our accolades, our talents, our rewards of wealth and experience to further Christ's kingdom on Earth, and become ambassadors of his church. As we start to write a new chapter in the history of Fairhill Manor let us recommit ourselves to Christ Jesus our Lord. Let us offer our wealth of material and experience to God for His glory.

### **Dedication of Offering Prayer\***

Rev. Collins

Holy Giver of all that we need, you have filled our hearts with joy and our hands with overflowing abundance. With thanks and joy, we bring these gifts, offering ourselves in communion with you and with all creation. Amen.

### **Invitation to Communion\***

Rev. Collins

Fred Craddock was in the estimation of most among the greatest preachers of the 20<sup>th</sup> century...a Disciple pastor and professor. He not only taught at Phillips Theological Seminary in Enid, OK, but had been educated there as a graduate student. During his years in seminary he served a small country church, miles outside of Enid. One Sunday morning during a horrific thunderstorm, the church canceled services, but forgot that the young Mr. Craddock didn't have a phone. They just assumed he would know not to come. But drive he did, through the pounding rain on dirt roads that were washing out. A few of the men decided that maybe that preacher would try and come in that bad weather, so they made their way to the church...not sure what to do, one of the men reached into his glove compartment and took out a deck of cards.

When Fred Craddock arrived at the church, he went in to find the men seated around the communion table dealing cards. Fred hurried to the front and asked, "What do you think you're doing?" "One of the men responded, "Playing poker and waiting for you." "But on this table?" Fred asked. The men looked at him and said, "A table's a table a table." "No" responded Fred, "This isn't just a table."

Oh, this is a table, but when we gather as God's people around it to receive the bread and cup blessed by God...it is much greater than itself. Not just wood, but sanctified for a purpose—set aside to provide a blessing for God's beloved. And here we find more than just ourselves, we are joined by the masses of God's people around the world...and as well, by the crowd of witnesses and saints of this church who have gathered here before us. Come...for this is more than just a table!

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

Linda Reese

Forgiving God, we know that we do not come to this table because we deserve your love, but because we need your love. We do not come to be rewarded for our virtue, but to find forgiveness in your grace. Here we experience the presence of the one who died that we might live. Keep our hearts and minds open to the mystery we experience here. Let us press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus. Amen.

## Words of Institution\*

*Gathered with his followers around the table, Jesus took the bread and offering a prayer of thanksgiving to God, broke it and gave it to them and said, "Take and eat, this is my body given for you." Later in the meal he took a cup and offered a similar prayer of thanks to God. He gave it to them and said, "Take and drink. This is my blood of the new covenant shed for many for the forgiveness of sin." Join with all of us by eating and drinking these gifts of God for us, the people of God.*

## Closing Hymn

*"Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"*

piano by Jody Mullis

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart,  
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.  
In my heart, in my heart,  
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.

Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart, in my heart,  
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.  
In my heart, in my heart,  
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.

## Benediction\*

Rev. Collins

The Banquet of God's love has been given to you.  
You have received blessing upon blessing.  
Go now into the world in which noise and confusion reign.  
Bring peace and hope in Christ's Name to all you meet.  
God's peace and love be with you now and always. AMEN.

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

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**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  
Donna Bakaitis  
Bill Behrens  
Bristol Allan Berry  
Mark & Susan Britko  
Jordon Burk  
Wanda Chicone  
Emily Cope Robinson  
Irma Davis  
Libby Eberhard  
Fred Engle  
Jay Freudenberg  
Joe Greene  
Bonnie Gregg  
Sloan Amelia Hagy

Judy Hanning  
Teresa Herschel  
Aryn Hess  
Ed & Harriet Jackman  
Dallas Jacobovitz  
Tom Lane  
Bob Lanning  
Cheryl Leach  
Rick Lewis  
Lee & Betsy Martin  
Ruth Mikuta  
Dick Moninger  
Jody Mullis  
Georgette Murray  
Peggy Oliverio  
Joe Palfreyman  
Deborah Patterson

Denny Paul  
Sadie Reese  
Betty Jo Riggle  
Chip Rogers and his parents  
Jim and Barb Roupe  
Theresa Shape  
Cathy Stewart  
Beth Teagarden  
Melissa Teagarden  
Gary Weaver  
Nikki Wells  
Tom Williams  
Chuck & Mary Wiseman  
Preparing for Baptism – Nyka Rash

**Southmont-Presbyterian Medical Center**

Bill Behrens Rm 437  
Rev. Marge Frank

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Lance Dague  
Terrell McClain  
Brandon Lipscomb  
Daniel Robinson  
Shawn Dallatore  
Andrew Gregg  
Zachary Keene  
Sarah Lipscomb  
Travis Ringer  
Emily Chase  
Dylan Demain



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.

**Givelify**

Tap. Give. Done.



**Nominations for 2021 church officers are now being accepted.**



Please turn in by  
October 12

Calling Commission:

- Linda Reese
- Gary Ford
- JC Leasure
- Cara Hritz
- Ruth Campbell
- Bette Jo Puskarich
- Candy Wasalasky
- Jim Ulery

Please place any officer suggestions in the Church Secretary's mailbox or you can send an email to the Church Office: [fairhillmanor@yahoo.com](mailto:fairhillmanor@yahoo.com).

You can also call the Church Office at 724-225-8610.

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I would like to nominate the following person/people:  
(Number after each is how many positions available)

Moderator: (1) \_\_\_\_\_

Church Clerk: (1) \_\_\_\_\_

Board of Deacons: (10 ) \_\_\_\_\_

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Board of Elders: (6) \_\_\_\_\_

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Board of Trustees: (1) \_\_\_\_\_