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# Manor Talk

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So, we have had our April showers and now May is here so we know what to expect right? All around us spring has sprung and the rain of the past now brings forth such a dazzling array of beauty. It is always frustrating when it rains and makes it hard to get out and enjoy the world or our day, but we know we need it. When I was in fourth grade our class presented a version of the musical "Camelot" and, to this day, I remember the line from the title song in which King Arthur describes how perfect Camelot is because, among other things, "The rain may never fall till after sundown."

As much as we would rather not have rain, we know how necessary it is for the world to be as beautiful as it is intended to be. When we think of the rainy days in our lives, we can appreciate them in a new way if we think of them as watering our soul in preparation for new and beautiful things to grow. We lose our job, we struggle to pay the bills, we deal with setbacks and disappointments, periods of poor health, when we come through them, we are stronger and have more appreciation for what we do have.

The prophet Joel who spoke to a people in desperate need of rain "Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in the Lord your God: for He hath given you the former rain moderately, and He will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain, and the latter rain in the first month" (Joel 2:23). That may be the oldest weather forecast on record, but it still holds true. Joel was speaking to a people in the desert, people who would be glad if a little rain in their life did fall, so let us be mindful of how blessed we are that our April showers give us such wonderful May flowers. Let us also count our blessings when the rain falls in our lives as well, trusting that the rains of struggle and sorrow are watering our hearts so that, when the rain stops, we will see the sun and see the wonderful things God has been preparing for us.

Rev. Chris

Thank you for allowing me to truly rest during my recent vacation. Your silence showed me your love and care each day. Many, many thanks to JC Leasure for leading Tween Team, Children Worship & Wonder and a Children's Message while I was away. With things in JC's caring and capable hands, I knew I would rest well. Thank you to Rev. Chris and Connie Sheller for co-leading Tween Team with JC and to Cara Hritz for her Children's Message. I am blessed to be a part of and to serve such a loving congregation! Pastor Gena

**THANK YOU**

# Worship Assignments

Date	Sanctuary Schedule	Call to Worship, Call to Offering	Scripture	Elder
May 2	A-E, F-O	Von Lacock	Craig Dotson	Craig Dotson
May 9	A-E, P-Z	JC Leasure	Amy Caldwell	Linda Reese
May 16	F-O, P-Z	Kevin Puskarich	Donna Stemski	Diane Palfreyman
May 23	A-E, F-O	Donna Stemski	Serena Dube	Gary Ford
May 30	A-E, P-Z	Gary Ford	Gene Sheller	Connie Sheller



- 1 Eli Graff  
Doris Sorice
- 2 Aaron O'Connell
- 4 Chad Dotson
- 7 David Davis II
- 8 Carl Brandtonies
- 9 Paul Huntsman
- 10 Craig Dotson  
Lucas Ramirez
- 11 Don Cavanaugh
- 12 Joyce Brandtonies
- 13 Gene Sheller
- 14 Deacon Hritz
- 15 Gannon McDonough  
Connie Sheller
- 17 Dick Moninger  
Peggy Oliverio
- 18 Alexis Bakaitis  
Rick Couch
- 23 Becky Ashmore  
Paul Harton
- 24 Maria Sheller
- 26 Colton Crowe
- 27 Dave Davis  
Cody Shultz
- 28 Deb Goodwin  
Jerry Puskarich
- 29 Cori Newman
- 30 Ashley Keene
- 31 Preston Allison  
Joshua Ingram  
Brian Riffle

6 Chuck & Mary Wiseman  
22 Bob & Judy Hanning  
Rick & Darla Lewis  
30 Eric & Julie Meier  
31 Kevin & Rita Puskarich

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# May 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Worship via Zoom 10:15am  Tween Team Via Zoom 5pm-6pm	Prayer Shawl 11am	Personnel Committee 3pm-5pm In Library	Board Reports Due			
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Worship via Zoom 10:15am  Tween Team Via Zoom 5pm-6pm  <b>Mother's Day</b>			Elders Meeting 6pm Via Zoom  Board Meeting 7pm via Zoom	Day of Ascension  		
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Worship via Zoom 10:15am  Tween Team via Zoom 5pm-6pm	Prayer Shawl 11am	Stewardship/ Finance Ministry 6pm Via Zoom				
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Worship via Zoom 10:15am  Tween Team via Zoom 5pm-6pm  Pentecost	June Newsletter Deadline	Pastor's Cabinet Meeting 2pm via Zoom				Parking Lot Reserved – Caldwell
30	31					
Worship via Zoom 10:15am  Tween Team via Zoom 5pm-6pm						



Fairhill Manor Christian Church will partner with First Church of the Nazarene, 1366 North Main Street Washington, to help with their food collection drives and their food distribution through Heaven's Basket. The congregants at First Church of the Nazarene operate a food pantry called Heaven's Basket the last Saturday of each month. Fairhill Manor will be helping with either donations of food/money or helping on the day of their pantry to distribute food to their clients. The items that Heaven's Basket is most in need of are: mashed potatoes, rice, condensed soup, pasta/pasta sauce, macaroni & cheese, canned fruit, canned vegetables, pancake mix/syrup, oatmeal, peanut butter, and jelly.

The drive thru food collection dates will be June 19, August 21, October 23 and December 11.

The distribution dates are: June 26, August 28, October 30 and December 18.

Please mark your calendars and help where you can with either the food collection and/or the food distribution.

Thank you for your continued support of our outreach efforts. Please call or text Amy Caldwell with any questions at 724-207-3945 or [acaldwell8898@gmail.com](mailto:acaldwell8898@gmail.com)

## Tween Team News

The Tween Team has been on quite the adventure this past month! We have been going through the book of Acts and seeing what a community of Christians looks like, and how we show love through the Holy Spirit. We have just started a new journey as we are starting to follow Paul on his missionary journeys.

During this past month we welcomed Rev. Chris and Connie Sheller as special guests in the class. We also hosted our second Family Night where our families and friends see what the Tween Team has been up to. This was a fun night of games, map quests, Bible study and prayer.

Tween Team is a special time for our Tweens to grow in their faith. They are learning that they are not only the future of Fairhill Manor, but they already have their own place within our family.

If you know someone that would be interested in joining the Tween Team, please let Pastor Gena or JC Leasure know.