

Manor Talk

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Whenever the disciples misunderstood Jesus he was there to correct them. Even up until the end he does this with Thomas who doubted his resurrection, with Cleopas on the road to Emmaus, and with Peter on the shore of the sea. It must have been so great to have the Messiah right there to correct them when they misunderstood, but what are we to do when we don't understand?

We have something that the disciples do not have which is the New Testament, but sometimes it can be confusing and certainly Christians have spent a great deal of time arguing over its meaning, so what should we do? I have always thought of the teachings of Christ as a lens through which we must look at the Bible. So when reading a passage we should ask ourselves "Is my understanding of this passage in keeping with what Jesus taught? Of course Jesus taught many things, but what he taught the most was love. A friend of mine calls this the love filter through which all scripture must pass.

Perhaps the best illustration I have come across is that of Adam Hamilton who suggests that anytime you're unsure about what the Bible is trying to tell you, run it through the colander of Jesus' teachings. Just like your pasta strainer at home the colander of Jesus' teaching can help us wash away the cultural and temporal understandings of scripture and reveal the eternal, timeless truth that God is trying to tell us.

Whenever you come to a tough passage in the Bible, run it through the colander that Jesus gives us with the great commandment, which is to love God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind, and love your neighbor as yourself. If you somehow come away from the Bible feeling empowered to judge or exclude someone, you're doing it wrong. Run it through the colander of Christ again, and I can guarantee you that the new answer will be different and more difficult. It's easy to use the scriptures to condemn and to put down, but if you do then you need Christ to correct you and though he is not here his teachings are. Run your faith, your theology, your understanding of scripture through the colander of Christ's teachings again, and do not stop until the only thing not washed away is love.



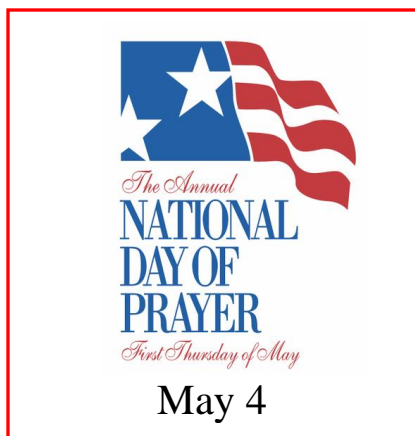
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Fairhill Manor will be celebrating **Graduate Sunday** on June 4. If you are graduating or you have a family member who is, please contact the Church Office to let us know. You can call the office or send an e-mail with the name of the graduate, school they are graduating from and their relationship to Fairhill member.

Information is needed by **May 30th**.



Laurelview News.....

You can find the updated sponsorship application for Laurelview Camp on the church's website under the "faith formation" tab, or contact the office for a copy. This is the form you should fill out and return to the office before registering online for Camp. This enables us to give you a payment code so the church can be billed for the appropriate portion of the registration fee.

THANKS
FROM THE
HEART

We want to thank so many for the love and support we have needed for us and our family. I could not begin to make up the stories about the month long wait for the water heater but it became a principle matter for us. We had offers to buy us one and installed it also and it really filled our hearts with so much caring and love for us. Thank you for our church family that shows so much love and care and thank you for continued prayers. God's Blessing to you and know how much you all mean to us. Love and prayers always to you.
Carmen and Peggy



The Food Pantry is asking for **CEREAL** of any kind as they are very low on supply. If you have any non-perishable food items you would like to donate to the **Community Circle Food Pantry**, you can continue to bring them in and place them on the table by the coffee station in the front entrance of the church. Rev. Chris will take them to the pantry at the beginning of each month. If you or someone you know would like to volunteer or are in need of the Food Pantry's services, they distribute the food every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9-12. The Community Circle Food Pantry is located at 69 E. Pine Ave in Washington, and they can be reached at 724-225-1540.



There is a container in the Narthex to place your caps.
Please make sure your caps are CLEAN and do not have any paper in the caps.



BE PART OF THE MIRACLE

May 14 Mother's Day and Blanket Sunday

Blanket Sunday is sponsored by the Disciple Women's Ministries of our church for Church World Service. We sponsor this event because so many people around the world need and use blankets in many creative ways. Homeless people, refugees, survivors of earthquakes, hurricanes, tornadoes, tsunamis, floods, fires, and those suffering in war-torn areas all need the comfort and warmth of a blanket when nothing else is available. Blankets are very versatile. They are used for shelter, a floor, a room divider, to carry items, for a mother to carry an infant on her back, a bed, as well as many other uses. These blankets are also used in our country wherever and whenever a need occurs.

- \$10 will buy a blanket
- \$50 will blanket an entire family
- \$250 will provide for 5 families left homeless by war, as in Ukraine

Checks can be written to: Fairhill Manor Christian Church with Blanket Sunday in the memo. Cash and checks will be collected on May 14 during the worship service.


Remember: ***Please be part of this Miracle.***

“And don't forget to do good and share with those in need.” Hebrews 13:16

Please give as you can.

Bethany Class May Schedule		
May 7	The Day of Pentecost	Acts 2:1-8, 14-24, 37-40
May 14	Jumping for Joy	Acts 3:1-11
May 21	An Ethiopian Is Baptized	Acts 8:29-39
May 28	Saul of Tarsus	Acts 9:9-17

May 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	NA 7pm		Board Reports Due NA 6:45pm	Choir 6:30pm NA 7:30pm Rev. Chris off	Rev. Chris off	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Sunday School 9am Worship 10:15am Youth Activity	NA 7pm		Bible Study 1-2pm Elders Meeting 5:30pm Board Meeting 7pm NA 6:45pm	Choir 6:30pm NA 7:30pm		
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Sunday School 9am Worship 10:15am Mother's Day and Blanket Sunday	Stained Glass Task Force 5:30pm Library NA 7pm		Bible Study 1-2pm Stewardship/ Finance Ministry 5:30pm Library NA 6:45pm	Personnel Committee 3pm Library Choir 6:30pm NA 7:30pm Pastor Gena--	Vacation-----	-----
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Sunday School 9am Worship 10:15am Pastor Gena---	NA 7pm Vacation-----	-----	Bible Study 1-2pm NA 6:45pm	Choir 6:30pm NA 7:30pm		
28	29	30	31			
Sunday School 9am Worship 10:15am Pentecost Baptism Cookout			Bible Study 1-2pm NA 6:45pm			