

November 2020 Maor Talk

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Do you have a prayer request or need help? Please feel free to contact Rev. Chris (412-956-6590) or 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 and only to Rev. Chris and Pastor Gena. We are One Body in Christ!

Welcome Reverend Chris Stillwell

We are excited to welcome Rev. Chris Stillwell, his wife Jessica and their two children Owen and Charlotte to the Fairhill Manor Family!

As a life-long member of the Disciples of Christ, Rev. Stillwell has a strong identity in the Disciple's tradition. He received his Bachelor of Arts in Religious Studies at Bethany College. He then went to Brite Divinity School at Texas Christian University where he received his Masters of Divinity Degree. Chris has been serving the Region since 2003 as minister of the Christian Church of Connellsville. During this time, he has been a camp counselor at Laurelview, a representative on the Regional Assembly Planning Committee for Pennsylvania and he has been the Secretary of the Regional Board since 2014. Rev. Chris has also participated as a member of the Shalom Day Prayer Group since 2003 where he has been the director since 2013.

He uses his past experiences and interests to illustrate his memorable sermons and his teachings on the gospel. Chris feels worship is essential to the church and incorporates many types of music into church services. He also enjoys gardening, reading and local sports. He is passionate about helping others know the love in Christ he has come to know.

God has truly blessed Fairhill Manor in calling Rev. Chris Stillwell and his family to join our family. We are excited to see what the Lord has planned for us as we come together in this new chapter of Fairhill history.

J.C. Leasure
Pastoral Search Committee Chair



As November rolls around and the falling leaves blanket everything in sight, we take some time to reflect on all that we are thankful for. That is, of course, in between buying and cooking the food, cleaning the house, arranging travel plans, watching the Macy's parade, football games, and (at my house) A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving.

Thanksgiving, like most holidays, is so filled with busyness that it seems to be if we wait until then to remind ourselves how thankful we are for all that we have, we might just forget to do it at all. So let's do it now. I am thankful for so many things, not the least of which, are my wife, my family, my cats, and my health.

This Thanksgiving, I add to the list this church, this community, and all of you reading this newsletter. For your love and warmth, I give thanks. For your generosity and good spirit, I give thanks. For your witness of Christ's love and your passing on of the Disciples tradition, I give thanks. For God's church, in all places, all faces, and all times, I give thanks.

If we sat down and really thought about all the things for which we were thankful, our list would be massive. In fact, I have a little challenge just to see how big it can be. Take a small notebook, and write down things for which you are grateful from large to small; from you family and health, to pumpkin pie with whipped cream. I bet before Thanksgiving comes, you will have found enough blessings to fill the entire book.

As winter sets in, we may have a hard time feeling so rosy about life. If that happens, look at your book, and thank God for all that you have. If that doesn't work, well . . . there's always pumpkin pie with whipped cream.

Rev. Chris

Happy Birthday

- 1 Dave Dague
Justin Gatten
- 2 Mary Ellen Grebner
- 6 Shirley Cavanaugh
Lynn Lacock
Beth Yeash
- 7 Louie Skariot
Chuck Wiseman
- 8 Tina Jaquay
- 9 Derek Glover
- 10 Fred Engle
Rob Wheeler
Taylor Wheeler
- 11 Serena Dube
Jackie Hainer Weaver
- 12 Jonathan Jacobovitz
Garnet Withrow
- 14 Kevin Puskarich
- 15 Jeannie Allison
Gary Ford
- 16 Susan Britko
- 17 Ashley Howsare
- 18 Eva Lou Engle
Wyatt Newman
- 19 Carol Davis
Jacki Keener
- 20 Donna Stenski
- 21 Bette Jo Puskarich
- 23 Patty Pryor
- 25 Cecilia Greene
Rev. Chris Stillwell
- 26 Betty Jo Riggle
- 27 Doug Bakaitis
- 28 John Samida
- 29 Zachary Keene
Karen Palfreyman
- 30 Mildred Rafferty

Fairhill Manor Christian Church extends its deepest sympathy to the Terry Herschell family who passed away on Tuesday, October 13.

Our thoughts and prayers are extended to her friends and family.



- 2 James & Cara Hritz
- 10 Gary & Kathy Ford
- 27 Jeff & Amy Caldwell



The beautiful poinsettia tree that adorns our sanctuary each Christmas is a tradition that we all look forward to every year. Please fill out this form and return it to the church office by **December 1st**. Indicate the color and number of poinsettias you would like to order. Cost per plant is \$10. Please **make checks payable to "Fairhill Manor"** and indicate **"Poinsettias"** in the memo line.

_____ RED poinsettia(s)

_____ WHITE poinsettia(s)

ORDERS are due by December 1st

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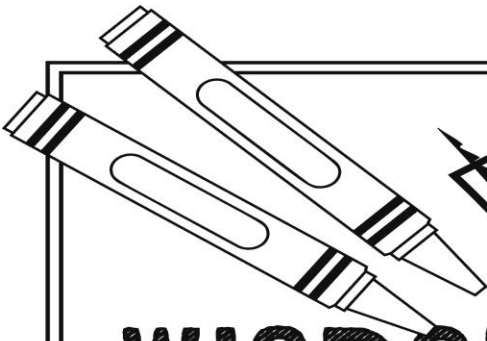
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PUZZLE

WISDOM FROM THE WORD

God makes a special promise to people who study Scripture.

Directions: Arrange the word list in alphabetical order. Then write the circled letters in order below to complete Joshua 1:8, NIV.



- school
- paper
- wisdom
- read
- play
- learn
- grow
- pencils
- pray
- art
- student
- kids
- apple

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“... meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be _ _ _ _ _ and successful.”

JOSHUA 1:8, NIV

Answer: apple, art, grow, kids, learn, paper, pencils, play, pray, read, school, student, wisdom, prosperous