

Manor Talk

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Thoughts from Rev. Chris



Every October my family and I look forward to going back to Bethany College for the annual Homecoming festivities. This is something we look forward to all year long, and it has nothing to do with the football game. We enjoy the campus in its autumnal beauty. We love getting dinner from our favorite restaurant. We catch the tail end of the parade, walk around campus, and enjoy the food and drinks at the alumni tents.

These are all great reasons to come home, but we go more than any other reason to see old friends. Friends come from all over the country to be by the shores of the Buffalo, and every year there is an old friend who we haven't seen in years that we were not expecting. Even seeing the friends who we do see on a regular basis is a joy, because it is different when we are all together in that place that we still consider home even though we haven't lived there for over 25 years now.

Every year my father-in-law asks me who Bethany is playing and who won the Homecoming football game, and I never know, but I know how much my friends' kids have grown. I know who is pregnant and who is getting married. I know who likes their job and who wants to move back. I know who is good at corn hole and who makes the best pepperoni rolls. Above all, I know that home is not the place where you live but the place where you belong.

Why do I mention this? Because church should be for us a homecoming each week. It should be the place where we go to see our friends and to feel like we belong. It should be the place where we feel loved and accepted by the Lord who created us and who leads us. Our church is not big, but it is bigger than it seems. That is why I hope we will spend the month of October coming home to our church.

In the words of the immortal hymn, "Come home, come home, ye who are weary come home." Last Sunday I mentioned in my sermon the immortal sermon by Clarence McCartney, "Come Before Winter", and I hope that you will heed it's message not to put off until tomorrow what you should do today, and that is respond to the earnest, tender call of Jesus to "O, sinner, come home." Our lives are busy, and they take us all over the place, and that is why it is good to know that for each of us we can come home, not to the place where we live, but to the place where we belong. I trust Fairhill Manor is just such a place for you. For Christians each Sunday is a Homecoming. Let's celebrate it like one.

Rev. Chris



- 3 Cameron Jones
- 4 Nancy Sherman
- 5 Lois Shaw
- 8 Wanda Chicone
Andrew Cope
Janet Houston
- 10 Abby Graff
- 12 Jodi Barlow
Colin Britko
Cara Hritz
- 14 Zachary Houston
Jim Wheeler
- 16 Steve Barlow
Linda Reese
- 18 Colby Meier
- 19 Charlotte Stillwell
- 20 RoseAnn Gorby
- 22 Terry Allison
- 25 Anna Houston
Cori Houston
- 28 Duane Pryor
- 30 Walker Newman

HAPPY anniversary

- 2 Dave & Carol Davis
- 6 Kevin & Lauren Kunkle
- 10 Ian & Ashley Howsare
Jerry & Bette Jo Puskarich
- 14 Nathaniel & Samantha Dye
- 22 Sam & Misty Caldwell
- 29 Troy & Lisa Shriver

TRUNK OR Treat

We have had such fun with Trunk or Treat the past two years that I would like to do it again, so mark your calendars for **Sunday, Oct 22 from 2-3pm**. We had about 15 people decorate their cars and hand out treats last year. I hope we can have at least as many this year.

Please let Rev. Chris know if you can decorate your car in a theme (fall, Halloween, football, etc.) and stand in front of it handing out candy to the children who come dressed in costumes. We ask that each person or family bring candy, but we also are looking for donations of candy to make sure we have enough. We could also use donations of cookies for refreshments. Finally, we need a couple of people to help make hot chocolate and give it out to the children and their parents along with the cookies.

Included at the end of this Newsletter is a flyer for Trunk or Treat. If you know of a place that has a bulletin board please put it up for us, and tell your neighbors, family, and friends.



CWS
Church World Service

Thank you to everyone that contributed to the Church World Service school kits and to those that stayed after worship on September 24 to help pack them. We were able to complete **151 kits**.

Special thank you for the expert guidance of Linda Reese. Her knowledge and continued support of this project does not go unnoticed. Thank you!!!



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. **Items needed most at this time are: cereal, jelly, peanut butter, shampoo and soap.** 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.

Bible Study

This summer we heard the Book of Acts preached which ends with Paul in Rome awaiting his trial. As a follow up, we will have a Bible study on Paul's writings from prison. Three of his letters were written from prison and reflect on many of the events Luke described in Acts from Paul's point of view. We will discuss Ephesians, Philippians, and the 2nd letter to Timothy which is written from Paul's perspective awaiting trial in Rome making it a natural follow up to the book of Acts. Therefore, I hope you will join me in a Bible study on these epistles in October. It will be on Thursdays from 3-4pm via zoom. Of course you can join us for all six lessons or one or two when you are available. Here is the schedule:

- October 5 Ephesians chapters 1-2
- October 12 Ephesians chapters 3-4
- October 19 Philippians chapters 1-2
- October 26 Philippians chapters 3-4
- November 2 2 Tim chapters 1-3:1-9
- November 9 2 Tim chapter 3:10-5



Donuts Before Sunday School

Glazed and Chocolate-iced **donuts** from Krispy Kreme will be available for purchase before Sunday School for \$1 each. Any remaining donuts will be available for \$1 each in the Narthex prior to and after worship. Coffee and tea is available in the Bykota classroom as well as the narthex.

Notes of Thanks

The Notes of Thanks concert will be held here at FMCC on **Sunday, November 12, at 6pm.** The concert will feature Pastor Betty Riecks, Pete Cimino & Button Box Band and the Ambassadors for Christ. A free-will offering will be received to aid needy families in the area. Refreshments will be served following the concert.

Blessing Boxes

Money from your **Blessing Boxes** will be collected and dedicated on **Sunday, November 19.** You can bring your money or a check to FMCC with Blessing Box in the memo that day and keep your box for continued use. All money goes to the Church Mission Fund with 50% used for national and international women's studies, programs and development. This is sponsored by our Disciple's Women's Ministry. Thank you for recognizing your daily blessings in this way! If you have any questions, contact Connie Sheller.

Drive-Thru Nativity

The planning for the 2023 **Drive-Thru Nativity** has begun. The Drive-Thru Nativity dates are **December 9 and 10.** Please be praying and thinking about how you can serve in this large event.



October 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Sunday School 9am Worship 10:15am	NA 7pm	Dartball @ Holy Trinity 7pm	NA 6:45pm	Bible Study w/ Rev. Chris 3-4pm via Zoom Choir practice 6:30pm NA 7:30pm	Personnel Committee 3:30pm	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Sunday School 9am Worship 10:15am	NA 7pm	Dartball @ Home 7pm	Elders Meeting 5:30pm via Zoom NA 6:45pm	Bible Study w/ Rev. Chris 3-4pm via Zoom Choir practice 6:30pm NA 7:30pm		
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Sunday School 9am Worship 10:15am	NA 7pm	Dartball @ Home 7pm	Stewardship/ Finance 5:30pm Library NA 6:45pm	Bible Study w/ Rev. Chris 3-4pm via Zoom Choir practice 6:30pm NA 7:30pm	Croppers 4pm-10pm Large Fellowship Hall	Croppers 8am-10pm Large Fellowship Hall
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Sunday School 9am Worship 10:15am Trunk or Treat 2-3pm	NA 7pm	Bethany Class Eat'n Park Noon Life Line Screening all day in large hall Dartball @ 1 st Lutheran 7pm	NA 6:45pm	Bible Study w/ Rev. Chris 3-4pm via Zoom Choir practice 6:30pm NA 7:30pm		
29	30	31	27	28	29	30
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Fairhill Manor Christian Church invites you to

TRUNK OR TREAT



We will have our cars decorated in festive Halloween scenes. Bring your children in costume to enjoy trick or treating, hot chocolate and cookies!
We will also be collecting canned goods for the local food bank.

Come join the fun on Sunday, October 22, 2-3pm
At Fairhill Manor Christian Church
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Or call
(724) 225-8610
For more information.

Admission is FREE, so don't miss out!!!