

Manor Talk

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JANUARY 2025



January is often thought of as a time for new beginnings and fresh starts. It is the time that we mark our calendars to note a brand new year. It is the time to make our resolutions as to how we will change or improve in the coming year. It is the time when we try desperately to remember to write the correct year on our checks and letters. Some new starts are easier than others. To celebrate this time, the church traditionally reads the story of Jesus' baptism, which we will do on January 12. Likewise, we at Fairhill Manor Christian Church begin the year by installing our officers for the New Year which we will also do that day.

Often after Christmas there is a temptation and a tendency to curl up in our homes and wait out the winter or sleep off the Christmas cookies, but this year it is exciting to me to see life and activity happening in our church. As far as the world is concerned Christmas starts on November 1 and ends on December 26th and we are left facing a bleak and dark winter and months of bills. For the Christian, Christmas builds throughout advent, culminates on December 25th and radiates forward as those who have beheld the light that comes from the Christ child move forward transformed and filled with a light that they must share and a message that they must tell on the mountain.

We have much to share and tell and many opportunities to do this. Sunday school and Children Worship and Wonder are beginning again. Our new projector will be installed. Worship and opportunities for fellowship abound, and we will be meeting to think of new ideas for service, outreach, and fellowship soon.

All of this comes soon on the heels of a busy and worshipful December so, this year, let us begin 2025 not with a fresh start, rather let us continue to build on all the good things that have been happening within our fellowship so that 2025 will be the best that it can be. It all starts with God and continues with us. We have the power to make this one of the best years yet so let us resolve to work together and build on what we have accomplished.

Rev. Chris



JANUARY

birthdays & anniversaries

- 1 Pastor Gena
- 3 George Ashmore
- 4 Marsha Sams
- 8 Cole Jones
- Stephen Rydzak
- 9 Doris Haniford
- 11 Ken Carroll
- 13 Tammy Palfreyman
- 14 Ian Howsare
- Perry Riffle
- 17 Patty Camps
- 20 Shirley Bilby
- Keith Jones
- 21 Sharel O'Connell
- Lori Riffle
- 24 Melissa Robinson
- 26 Mary Wiseman
- 27 Eric Tarentino
- 28 Matthew Shetler
- Tom Wallace
- 29 Hannah Rizor
- 30 Diane Sumney
- Sandy Todaro
- 31 Cody Cavanaugh
- Aaron Vanatta

16 Carl & Joyce Brandtonies

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: Gravy (Jar or Packets), Canned Vegetables (specifically corn and green beans), Corn Bread Mix, Pie Crust, Instant Mashed Potatoes, Stuffing (boxed), Canned Pumpkin, Canned Sweet Potatoes, Cranberries (canned), Jello/Pudding Mixes, Evaporated Milk, Cake Mixes, Frosting.** 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 **65 E Cherry Ave** in Washington, and they can be reached at 724-225-1540.



SUBMIT YOUR
REPORTS

Board Reports due
January 9

Annual Reports due
January 9

Board Meeting
January 15



You made an incredible impact!

On 12/04/2024, your kettle shift at GIANT EAGLE - Left, 331 Washington Rd., raised \$389.01 for Salvation Army programs and initiatives.

Every dollar you helped collect will fuel critical services for local families and individuals throughout the year.

Thank you for doing the Most Good.

Merry Christmas and God bless you,
Director of Volunteer Services
The Salvation Army

THANK YOU

I would like to thank the church for the generous Christmas Love gift as well as for all of the presents that you gave me and my family. Your generosity and your grace are very touching and are gifts that I receive all year round.
Rev. Chris

2025 PA SUMMER CAMP DATES

At Laurelview

Family Camp - May 24-26
(Memorial Day Weekend)

WV - June 8-13

CYF Conference - June 15-21

Chi Rho - June 22-28

Junior Camp - July 6-12

Mini Camp - July 20-23



Altar Flowers

Altar flowers are a beautiful way to honor your loved ones: as a memorial for those departed, on a special occasion for those who are near and dear, or even “just because.” If you would like to order altar flowers, contact Karen in the Church Office at (724) 225-8610. The cost is **\$25** for a vase arrangement. Flowers need to be ordered on the Monday of the week you would like them on the Altar. Order forms are also available in the Narthex.



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**Souper Bowl Lunch
&**

2-Person Team Cornhole Tournament

**Sunday, February 9, 2025 in
Large Fellowship Hall
following worship.**

**There is a sign-up sheet in the
Narthex for soup and cornhole teams.**

January 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
				Choir 6:30pm NA 7:30pm		
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Sunday School 9am Worship 10:15am	NA 7pm	Deficit Task Force 4pm Library Dartball @ Taylorstown 7pm	NA 6:45pm	Choir 6:30pm NA 7:30pm		
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Sunday School 9am Worship & Installation of 2025 Church Officers 10:15am	NA 7pm	Dartball @ Avery Methodist 7pm	Elders Meeting 5:30pm NA 6:45pm Board Meeting 7pm	Choir 6:30pm NA 7:30pm		
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Sunday School 9am Worship 10:15am Congregational Meeting following Worship	NA 7pm	Dartball @ Home 7pm	NA 6:45pm	Choir 6:30pm NA 7:30pm		
26	27	28	29	30	31	
Sunday School 9am Worship 10:15am	NA 7pm	Dartball @ Holy Trinity 7pm	NA 6:45pm	Choir 6:30pm NA 7:30pm		