



# NOVEMBER 2025

Thoughts from Rev. Chris



As November comes, and I see that the stores have already moved from Halloween to Christmas it seems like there is little time for Thanksgiving anymore. The Thanksgiving holiday takes place square in the middle of Halloween and Christmas, but as soon as the thrill and sugar rush of Halloween is over, we jump straight to Christmas. The stores start pulling out Christmas decorations even before the Halloween candy is gone but nowhere are there decorations for Thanksgiving. Likewise, there are so many movies and television specials for both Halloween and Christmas, but very few for Thanksgiving. People are excited about the artificial **fear** of Halloween, and they are passionate about the materialistic **wants** of Christmas, with little time taken for giving **thanks**.

The same can be said for most people all through the year. We spend so much time consumed with **fear** and **want** that we often have a hard time setting aside time to be thankful. Many people so allow their **fears** to increase their **wants** and their **wants** to increase their **fears** that they truly believe that they have nothing for which to be thankful. What we often do not see or too often forget is that the trick is to take time each day to be thankful for the blessings that God has given us, and the treat is that, if we do so, our **fears** and our **wants** will disappear. If we cannot think of any other blessing for which to give thanks let us start with that awesome blessing.

Over the years, I have observed that people who are the most happy, healthy and holy are also the most thankful. Thanksgiving is crucial to a deep and fulfilling walk with the Lord. That is why we need to practice thanksgiving every day, especially on those days which are difficult and painful. Thanksgiving, I believe, is the key to being free from fear and want.

So how thankful are you on a daily basis? I am eternally thankful for each of you and "your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now." Philippians 1:3-5

Rev. Chris

## Manor Talk

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November 2



Happy  
Birthday!!

- 1 Dave Dague  
Justin Gatten
- 2 Mary Ellen Grebner  
Daniel Leasure
- 4 Oden Keene
- 6 Lynn Lacock  
Beth Yeash
- 7 Louie Skariot  
Chuck Wiseman
- 9 Derek Glover  
Emme Howsare
- 10 Ethan Plants  
Rob Wheeler  
Taylor Wheeler
- 11 Bryson Daniels  
Grayson Daniels  
Serena Dube  
Jackie Weaver
- 12 Jonathan Jacobovitz
- 14 Kevin Puskarich
- 15 Gary Ford
- 16 Susan Britko
- 17 Ashley Howsare
- 18 Eva Lou Engle  
Wyatt Newman
- 19 Carol Davis  
Jackie Keener
- 20 Maria Mountain  
Donna Stenski
- 21 Bette Jo Puskarich
- 23 Patty Pryor
- 25 Cecilia Greene  
Rev. Chris Stillwell
- 28 John Samida
- 29 Zachary Keene

Happy  
Anniversary!

- 2 James & Cara Hritz
- 10 Gary & Kathy Ford
- 22 Steve & Jodi Barlow
- 27 Jeff & Amy Caldwell



NOTES  
OF  
THANKS

**Fairhill Manor Christian Church**  
**351 Montgomery Avenue**  
**Washington PA**

**November 9**  
**6pm**

**Featuring:**  
**Ambassadors for Christ**  
**Dan Baker**  
**Sam Johnson**  
**Pastor Betty Riecks**

Refreshments will be served following the concert.  
A free-will offering will be received to aid needy  
families in the area.



**DARTBALL**

- 11/4 No Dartball  
11/11 @ Home, 7pm  
11/18 @ Chartiers Crossroads, 7pm  
11/25 @ Home, 7pm

The **Community Circle Food Pantry** is collecting items for their holiday boxes.

**Thanksgiving box** items needed are: stuffing, sweet potatoes, marshmallows, green beans, cream of mushroom soup, instant potatoes, gravy, cranberries, pumpkin, pie crust and corn.

**Thanksgiving** donations are needed by November 14, 2025.



**Christmas** box items needed are: instant potatoes, green beans, cream of mushroom, stuffing, corn, gravy, cake mix, and icing or cookie mix and candy canes.

**Christmas** donations are needed by December 12, 2025.



## Drive-Thru Nativity Character SIGN-UP



It's time to **sign up** to be a character for the Drive-Thru Nativity. The sign-up sheet is in the Narthex. Pastor Gena has posed a challenge of having 50 character sign ups by December 1.



Our **Drive-Thru Nativity** will be Saturday and Sunday, **December 13 and 14**. Please mark your calendars now to save both dates. We will need 50 people to be characters and more people to help in many ways to make this a great community event. Please ask relatives, neighbors and friends to participate. Give Connie their contact information if they can help. Thank you very much.



Join us, following the worship service on November 16, as we celebrate the amazing generosity of our congregation. It's tailgate season, so plans are underway for a tailgate-type dinner. Hot dogs, hamburgers and buns will be provided. Sign up in the Narthex with how many people you will be bringing and if you can bring a snack (potato chips, pretzels, cheese puffs) or a dessert. Invite your family and friends to join the fun and fellowship. **Steelers game on TV included!**

## Hanging of the Greens

The BYKOTA Sunday School class will be decorating the Sanctuary on **November 23** at 5pm. Everyone is invited to participate. Finger foods will be available for snacking. Please come and enjoy the fun, food and fellowship as we prepare for this Christmas season in our Church.



**Begins November 30**

Devotionals will be available November 16, 23 and 30 in the Narthex. If you are unable to pick one up in the Narthex, please contact the Church Office and we will try to make arrangements to get one to you.

## Poinsettia Orders

**It's that time!!!** Red and White Poinsettias can now be ordered for our Christmas Eve display. We need at least **33** poinsettias to form the beautiful Poinsettia Tree at the front of the Sanctuary. Order forms can be found in the bulletin during the month of November, and also in the Narthex. Paid orders are due to Karen in the Church Office by **November 30**.



## Angle Tree Tags

The Salvation Army **Angel Tree** tags are scheduled to be delivered to FMCC during the first week of November. Please watch the Manor Minutes for more details.



Dear Church Family,

We are very thankful and appreciative to everyone for the prayers, calls, texts, cards, food, visits, and help at our home during Gene's surgery and recovery time and help at the doctor's office. Not sure how we would have made it through this without you. Each of you have blessed our family. May we be a blessing to you in the future!

Our love,  
The Sheller Family

## November 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Sunday School 9am  Worship 10:15am  Pastor Gena	NA 7pm   vacation-----	No Dartball   November 2	NA 6:45pm   through-----	Choir Practice 6:30pm  NA 7:30pm  November 9----	-----	-----
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Sunday School 9am  Worship 10:15am  Notes of Thanks 6pm Pastor Gena vacation	Deficit Task Force 5:30pm  NA 7pm	Dartball @ Home 7pm	Elders Meeting 5:30pm  NA 6:45pm  Board Meeting 7pm	Choir Practice 6:30pm  NA 7:30pm		
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Sunday School 9am  Worship 10:15am  Appreciation Dinner follow Worship	Red Robin Fundraiser All Day  NA 7pm	Dartball @ Chartiers Crossroads 7pm	NA 6:45pm Banquet	Choir Practice 6:30pm  NA 7:30pm		
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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The beautiful poinsettia tree that adorns our sanctuary each Christmas Eve is a tradition that we all look forward to every year. Please fill out this form and return it to the church office by **November 30 with payment.** Indicate the color and number of poinsettias you would like to order. Cost per plant is \$12. Please **make checks payable to “Fairhill Manor” and indicate “Poinsettias” in the memo line.** Plants may be picked up following the Christmas Eve service.

# \_\_\_\_\_ RED Poinsettias

# \_\_\_\_\_ WHITE Poinsettias

## **ORDERS are due by November 30**

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Additional Comments:

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### **FUNDRAISER DETAILS**

**20 Trinity Pl, Washington, PA 15301**

**November 17, 2025\***

**If ordering online, please follow these instructions:**

- 1** Start your order at [redrobin.com/order](https://redrobin.com/order) and select the restaurant above.
- 2** In the menu, go to the category labeled "Fundraisers (To-Go Only)" and click on that item.
- 3** Click the "add" button, and then "add to bag."
- 4** Add your meal items and check out.
- 5** Arrive at Red Robin, come in, say hi, grab your food and be on your way! If your location has curbside pick-up, we can bring it to your car too!

\*Fundraiser during restaurant operating hours. Visit [redrobin.com](https://redrobin.com) and find this location to view hours. Donation based on all eligible net dine-in and to-go food sales only. Excludes sales from catering (at select locations), 3rd party ordering and delivery sites, alcohol, gift cards, retail, tax and gratuity. Offer void if flyer is distributed in or near the restaurant during fundraiser day & hours.

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