

Manor Talk

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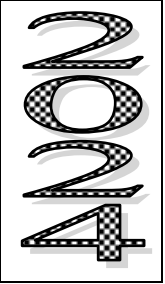
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“But God said to him, “You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?” ²¹So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.” (Luke 12:20-21)

This parable from the gospel of Luke is a message to us from God to live our life to the fullest today because we do not know what tomorrow will bring, but I think God knows that we often do not have time to read our Bibles as we should so God gives us another way of teaching us the same lesson. This is not written in the Bible but on the hillsides all across our great land. The lesson is a parable but it is not a story. It is the autumn leaves.

Leaves are filled with a treasure of color and beauty when they explode with life in the spring and usher in a time of warmth and renewal. During the summer we hear their rustling in the midst of storms reminding us of the vibrancy of life at its peak. And in the fall, as the literal autumn of life sets in, the leaf holds nothing back but delights us with its dazzling array of colors, right up to the point that it takes its leap of faith and returns to the earth from which it came. Nothing was saved. Nothing was reserved for another day that would not come. This is how God is rich towards us.

This is how God calls us to live richly as well. Let us apply this parable in written and visual form to our own lives. Let us live each day to the fullest knowing that tomorrow is not guaranteed. Let us show our beauty and share our riches while living so that others may be moved and touched by them and so that we may enjoy them ourselves as well. Winter will come to each of us in our time so let us not wait to dazzle and delight.

Rev. Chris



- 3 Cameron Jones
- 4 Nancy Sherman
- 5 Lois Shaw
- 8 Wanda Chicone
Andrew Cope
- 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



- 2 Dave & Carol Davis
- 6 Kevin & Lauren Kunkle
- 10 Ian & Ashley Howsare
Jerry & Bette Jo Puskarich
- 15 Robert & Jill Throckmorton
- 22 Sam & Misty Caldwell
- 29 Troy & Lisa Shriver



Sunday, October 20, 2pm

Sign up in the Northex if you will be decorating your vehicle. You can also sign up to donate cookies and/or candy.

Spud Night
Saturday, October 12, 2024
3-7:30pm
Alpine Club
735 Jefferson Ave, Washington
\$10/advance or \$12/at the door

This event benefits the Washington Area Senior Citizens Center.

Carmen and Peggy Oliverio say you don't want to miss this!

Our **DRIVE-THRU** Nativity will be Saturday and Sunday, December 14 and 15. We will need 50 people to be characters as well as others to help in the many different ways. Please ask relatives, neighbors, friends, to participate. Give Connie their contact information if they can help. Thank you very much!



Fairhill Manor Christian Church Board Report

Secretary Minutes

September 11, 2024

We Assemble in God's Name

Moderator Gene Sheller called the meeting to order at 7pm by lighting the Christ Candle and sharing a meditation from Proverbs 23:18 noting 9/11 "never forget." Rev. Stillwell offered an opening prayer.

We Celebrate our Past

The FMCC Board reviewed the submitted reports from the Senior Minister, Associate Pastor, Board Secretary, and Treasurer.

Moderator Gene Sheller asked if there were any questions regarding these reports or if there were any comments from the person submitting these reports.

Brian Shaw, Treasurer, highlighted from his report that there is a deficit of \$29,000 in the general fund. The Skylight Project is paid off and the Roof Project will be finalized in October with \$6,800 still being owed.

Rev. Stillwell noted the Tri-County Men's Dinner in Connellsville is on September 19 and the trip to the Outdoor Living Word Drama in Cambridge OH is on October 20. Also the Bi-Regional Assembly (PA and WV) is on October 17 & 18 at First Christian Church in Washington.

A motion to accept these reports was made by Linda Reese and 2nd by Candy Wasalasky. The motion was carried unanimously.

We Present Our Offering

The FMCC Board reviewed the submitted Ministry Reports. Reports submitted were from the Elders, Trustees, Stewardship/Finance Ministry and Personnel Committee.

Moderator Gene Sheller asked if there were any questions regarding these reports or if there were any comments from the person submitting these reports.

Ed Palfreyman noted that the Trustees have completed the painting of the front steps, the back steps have been replaced and the parking lot has been sealed and lines repainted. The railing for the back steps should be completed in the next week.

A motion to accept the Ministry Reports was made by Ed Palfreyman and 2nd by Brian Shaw. The motion was carried unanimously.

Concerns of the Past (Old Business)

No old business was brought forth.

Issues of the Future (New Business)

1. Calling Commission – Moderator Gene Seller stated that it is time for the Calling Commission to identify replacements for Officers who are going off the Board.

2. Moderator Gene Sheller distributed a draft amendment to the Constitution and/or Bylaws (see attached) for Board Members to consider. It will be discussed at the November Board Meeting.
3. Chuck Riggle congratulated Pastor Gena and Rev. Chris on the rededicating the stained glass skylight and dedicating the newly-installed protective covers service. It is so good to see it cleaned and protected.

Leaving in God's Name

Pastor Gena asked for prayer requests and then closed the meeting with a prayer.

In Attendance

Gene Sheller (Moderator), Craig Dotson (Zoom), Deb Dotson (Zoom), Serena Dube, Sheila Harris, Von Lacock (Zoom), Jody Mullis, Ed Palfreyman, Kevin Puskarich, Rita Puskarich, Linda Reese, Chuck Riggle, Brian Shaw, Connie Sheller, Jill Throckmorton, Candy Wasalasky, Senior Minister Chris Stillwell*, Pastor Gena Sheller*.

Non-Member: Eva Lou Engle (Zoom), Lois Shaw (Zoom)

*Indicates non-voting members.

Next Board Meeting is November 13, 2024 at 7pm.

Submitted in Christian love,
Rita Puskarich
Board Secretary



Bi-Regional Assembly

October 17 & 18
First Christian Church
Beau Street
Washington, PA

2024 Calling Commission

Kevin Puskarich
Rita Puskarich
Gary Ford
Von Lacock
Serena Dube
Jamie Hatfield
Deb Knight
Karla Glover
Ruth Campbell

Please be open to the invitation to serve that these people may extend to you. Take some time to pray in the coming days about how God may use your gifts during 2025.

Events:

Thursday, October 17:
Future of the Church Workshop 1:30pm
Musical Entertainment 6:30-8pm

Friday, October 18:
Morning Bible Study 9am
Missionfest 10am-Noon
Worship

Meals:

Thursday, October 17:
Opening Lunch Noon \$15
Dinner 5:30pm No Fee

Friday, October 18:
All Saints Banquet Noon \$15

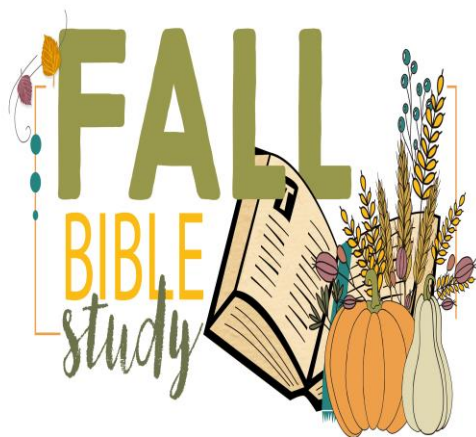
Registration forms are available from the regional newsletter. If you do not receive this newsletter and would like to sign up, contact Karen in the Church Office at (724) 225-8610.

Notes of Thanks!

November 10, 6pm

Thankfulness Bible Study beginning on Wednesday October 23 from 11am-12pm via Zoom

Rev. Chris will be using Sarah Young's book, "Jesus Calling: Practicing Thankfulness" to lead a Bible study about why and how we should give thanks in all things.



Each of us has a choice in the type of "lens" we use to view our lives. Some of us view our lives through a lens of "lack." We keep a mental inventory of everything we don't have and worry there won't be enough for us in the future. Others among us view our lives through a lens of "abundance." We notice everything that we do have, thank God for providing those things for us, and then choose to live our days depending and trusting in God to keep on providing for us in the future.

We will spend six weeks exploring how we can switch our perspective to view our life more through the lens of abundance than of lack. In doing so we will look at what the Bible has to say about the many ways that God provides for us and we will spend time keeping a gratitude journal to help us. You do not need to purchase the book to participate in the study. Just join on Zoom and we will gather together to give thanks for God's blessings.



National Benevolent Association
of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

In the spirit of a living God, we are excited to invite you to a special event with the National Benevolent Association of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Join us for a meal, fellowship time and a program. We hope that you, as Disciples clergy and lay leaders will consider joining us for learning, conversation and nurturing connections across ministries.

When: October 23, 2024 from 5:30-7:30pm

Where: Fellowship Hall at First Christian Church of Washington, 615 E Beau Street

Please contact Karen in the Church Office at (724) 225-8610 for RSVP information and form.

With care and a shared hope to connect soon,
Mark Anderson, President and CEO
Rev. Rebecca Hale, Executive Vice President.

October 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
		Dartball 7pm @ North Buffalo	Stewardship/ Finance Ministry 5:30pm NA 6:45pm	Choir 6:30pm NA 7:30pm		
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Sunday School 9am Worship 10:15am	NA 7pm	Dartball 7pm @ Home	Elders Meeting 5:30pm Zoom NA 6:45pm	Choir 6:30pm NA 7:30pm		
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Sunday School 9am Worship 10:15am	NA 7pm	Dartball 7pm @ West Washington	NA 6:45pm	Bi-Regional Assembly First Christian Church Choir 6:30pm NA 7:30pm	Bi-Regional Assembly First Christian Church	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Sunday School 9am Worship 10:15am Trunk or Treat 2pm	NA 7pm	Bethany Class Lunch @ Eat'n Park Noon Dartball 7pm @ Jefferson Avenue	Bible Study 11am-Noon Via Zoom with Rev. Chris NA 6:45pm	Choir 6:30pm NA 7:30pm	Croppers in Large Fellowship Hall 4pm – 11pm	Croppers in Large Fellowship Hall 8am – 11pm
27	28	29	30	31		
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