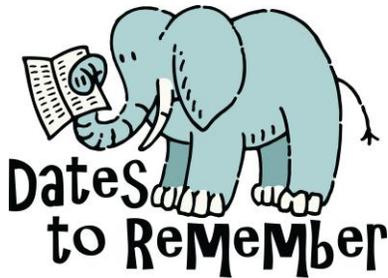


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- Dartball – March 17, 7pm @ Home
- Scam Awareness Seminar – March 18, 2pm
- Choir Practice – March 19, 6:30pm
- Chuck Wiseman Memorial – March 21, 11am

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- March 15 – Easter Flower orders due
- Texas Roadhouse gift card orders due
- March 18 – Scam Alert Seminar, 2pm
Large Fellowship Hall
- March 21 – Chuck Wiseman Memorial, 11am
- March 29 – Palm Sunday
- March 29 – Texas Roadhouse Fundraiser for the Literacy Council
- April 1 – Labyrinth Workshop, 6-9pm
- April 2 – Maundy Thursday 7pm
- April 3 – Good Friday Service at First Christian Church, noon
- April 5 – Sunrise Service, 7am
Breakfast following
No Sunday School
- April 11 – Ladies Tea, 1pm
- April 25 – Spaghetti Dinner
4:30-6:30pm
- April 28 – Set up for Rummage Sale
9am-1pm
- April 29 – Set up for Rummage Sale
1-5pm
- April 30 – Set up for Rummage Sale
9am-1pm
- May 1 – Rummage Sale 8am-5pm
- May 2 – Rummage Sale 8am-2pm

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You will be asked to enter your email address as it's listed in our directory. If your email address isn't listed in the directory, let Pastor Gena know so it can be added. Once you enter your email address, follow the directions on screen to complete the login process. After you login, the directory will be downloaded to your device. Anytime updates are made, they will update on your device too. In the app, you will be able to search for families and members and call, email and text right from the app. You will be able to update your own information and submit a photo of yourself/your family. Birthdays and anniversaries are listed starting with the current date.

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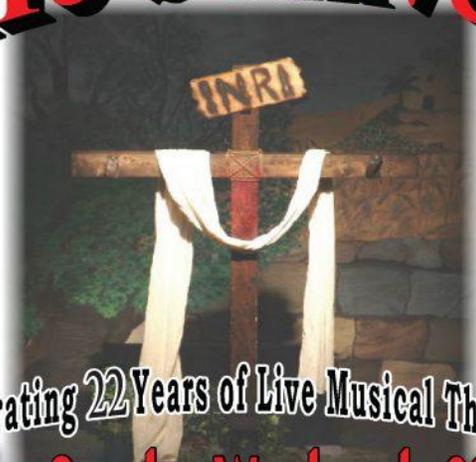
Let us know what you think!





FMCC Dartball team won their first playoff game and is moving on to round two. They will play here at home Tuesday night at 7pm. Come out and cheer on the team!

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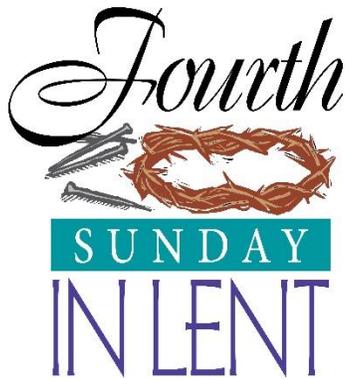
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March 27, 28, 2026 - 7:30 PM

March 29, 2026 - 3:30 PM

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351 Montgomery Avenue
724-225-8610
Rev. Chris Stillwell, Senior Minister
Rev. Gena Sheller, Associate Pastor
Elders: Jody Mullis, Bread
Diana Crowe, Cup
March 15, 2026 – 10:15am

Prelude

Sam Johnson, organist

Welcome

Pastor Gena

Call to Worship

Isaac Mayen

Leader: Come into God's presence with thanksgiving.

People: Worship the Holy One with joy and thanksgiving.

Leader: Let us sing to our God. Make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.

People: For we are the sheep of God's pasture. We are the lambs of God's flock.

Leader: Come into God's presence with thanksgiving.

People: Worship the Holy One with joy and thanksgiving.

Opening Hymn

"Morning Has Broken"

Jody Mullis, pianist

Morning has broken like the first morning, blackbird has spoken like the first bird. Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning! Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Pastor Gena

O God who is greater than the most powerful forces in this world, quiet us until we are still, until we know you are God. O Lord who answers out of the whirlwind of our everyday lives, breathe in us your Holy Spirit to strengthen, comfort and guide us in the midst of our storms. O still, small voice, speak to us this hour that we might carry your peace into our homes, our communities, our world.

Forgive us for seeking you in mighty earthquakes and demonstrations of power. Forgive us for listening for you in resounding thunder and the loudest voices. Forgive us for expecting to find you in sweeping victories instead of in the midst of our losses and suffering. Help us to stand still long enough to hear you speaking in the silence; help us to find you in those who have no way to force us to pay attention. Save us from our aimless wandering and running; save us from placing other things at the center of our lives where you belong; save us from all of the chaos we bring on ourselves.

Now, in the silence, like the gentle touch of a quiet rain, we hear the good news of your love for us: "You are my Beloved. I love you."

Be with those who are desperate, feeling compelled to push everything to its limits – even you, O God. Come and with your grace, slow us down.

Be with those who stand exposed to buffeting winds. Come and with your grace clothe us in your peace and put our minds at ease.

Be with those who cannot find their way out of the whirlwind sucking them down into questions and doubts and guilt and self-hatred. Come into the eye of our storms and with your grace reassure us that nothing is stronger than your love.

Be with those who are entangled in worries and fears which consume their lives. Come and with your grace untie our knots and set us free.

Be with those who need your presence so much this morning. Be with these who we name to you now in the stillness... Hear our prayers, O Lord.

Praise be to you who leads and guides us, who feeds and strengthens us, who works through us to lift others up, who never leaves us alone. We pray all of this in one voice as Jesus your Son taught us...

Adapted from https://cmbs.mennonitebrethren.ca/worship_resources/elijah-and-the-still-small-voice/

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Prayer Response:

“Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”

Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your spirit in this place;

Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us pow’r, send us grace.

First Scripture Lesson

1 Kings 19:1-18

Donna Stenski

Anthem

“A Time For Praying,” by Howard Helvey
Accompanists: Pastor Gena and Sam Johnson

Choir

Children’s Message

Rev. Stillwell

Are you a good listener? There are many things that you need to be a good listener. First you need ears and ear drums. Without them you would be deaf and not able to hear. Some people are deaf or hard of hearing but even those whose hearing is completely functional have a hard time listening because you need other things to hear. You need to pay attention. You also need to be silent. The more noise you make the harder it is to hear.

Let’s try something. Listen carefully and tell me what you hear. Now close your eyes and tell me what you hear. Isn’t strange how closing our eyes improves your ears? The reason is that when we are distracted it is hard to listen.

Some things are loud. When thunder cracks we hear it but if we are trying to hear a whisper we would have to strain to hear it. How do you think God speaks? Usually God’s voice is depicted as loud and booming but in our story today God’s prophet, Eliza, did not hear God in an earthquake thunder, but in a still, small voice.

That is often how God speaks to us, quietly, and if we are not paying attention we will not hear. Jesus

says that those who follow him will hear his voice, and I believe that, but I also think that he will not shout at us. That is why it is important for us to listen and to have some quiet time in or life. In church we sing, and talk, and that is good, but we also pray and listen. There is quiet time in our service so we can hear God.

We live in a loud world so it can be hard to hear all the things we need to hear, but sometimes it is because we are not listening. There is an old saying that God gave us two ears and one mouth which means we should listen twice as much as we talk. If you remember that then I think you will be surprised at how much you will hear. Maybe you will even heard God.

Second Scripture Reading

John 10:1-16

Rev. Stillwell

Sermon

“Grace By Association”

Rev. Chris Stillwell

This previous sermon, which references Luke 15:1-10, is provided here for publication in the Manor Minutes.

Our parents tried so hard to make sure we would grow up right. They taught us what to do and what not to do. They taught us the difference between right and wrong. And part and parcel to those attempts is that they tried to keep us from hanging out with the wrong people. Among their greatest fears was that we would fall into the wrong crowd, and all the manners and values that they taught us would be overcome by a group of kids whose parents hadn't done as much to teach their children well.

I'm sure we can all remember a kid or two in the neighborhood who was seen as a bad influence; a kid that every parent told us to stay away from, which only made him more interesting in our eyes. Of course, if you can't think of one, well, maybe you were that kid. We all knew by the time we got to junior high that we were often judged as much by the actions of who we were with as by our own actions. If Jimmy was known for getting detention from his teachers, we knew very well that we would be more likely to get it because we were friends with him.

This is something we know as guilt by association and, though we know that it isn't fair, this does not make it any less real.

Knowing the power of peer pressure and guilt by association better than we did, our parents wanted to keep us from being led astray. Now that we have a better appreciation for what our parents tried to tell us, and many of us have tried to tell our children the same things, we can empathize with another parent. We can put ourselves in the place of Mary, the mother of Jesus, and imagine how she must feel if she could see her son now.

Throughout the gospels we see him going to the homes of tax collectors. He eats with sinners. He is always seen with the most unpleasant people. To put it simply he is hanging out with the wrong crowd. She tried so hard to raise him right. She and Joseph gave him such love, they dedicated him in the temple, and raised him with good Jewish values, read to him from the Torah where the book of Proverbs warns against being enticed by sinners, and yet here he is welcoming sinners and eating with them.

Of course, we do not really know what Mary would say if she could see Jesus now. We are not told this, but if we can imagine her as a typical parent who has only her son's best interest at heart, she may sound something like this. Maybe she would sound like a Pharisee.

I say this because, in the story that we have heard, it is the Pharisees who witness Jesus entertaining the unpopular, the wrong crowd. They criticize Christ for his table fellowship, which was a very important thing in that time and culture. Who one ate with was very much a marker of how important and holy one was, and for Jesus, who many thought was God's messiah, his choice in companions reflected very poorly on him.

To these allegations Jesus responds with parables:

Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? ⁵When he has found it; he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. ⁶And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, "Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost." ⁷Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who need no repentance.

⁸ 'Or what woman having ten silver if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, "Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost." ¹⁰Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.'

He goes on to say much more including telling the parable of the Prodigal Son, but his responses do not satisfy. When he is finished speaking, they ridiculed him.

We all want to be like Jesus. We are taught to be like him, and we strive to be more like him in our everyday lives, so, when we read this story or others like it, we automatically see how selfless Jesus is in his acts and in the way he treats people. When we read this story, we are not surprised to see Jesus eating with tax collectors, reaching out to sinners, treating the undesirables with respect and kindness. We are so proud to read of what he did, and it is so easy to criticize the Pharisees. They seem so uncaring, so uncompassionate. They are portrayed so negatively in the gospel that we might think that they weren't even human. The gospel writers were so angry at them that their portrayal is often no more than a caricature.

But let's give them the benefit of the doubt. After all, they were simply following what the scriptures told them. They, like Jesus, studied the Torah and they knew that Proverbs told them to not follow sinners and do as they do. They were just doing God's will as best as they could discern it. They were just doing what they knew was best. We might even say they were just trying to keep their parents happy. They were fortunate not to have fallen in with the wrong crowd and they weren't about to now

The truth is I think that, were we in their shoes, we might feel the same. Let's think of it this way. What if Jesus was your son? Would we want to see him thieves, hoodlums, and drug addicts? Of course not. You would be grateful for the pharisees, those good boys who were always very religious, and you would hope they could talk some sense into Jesus. Those would probably be the people you hoped your son would run around with, not this other group. Oh, if Mary could see him now, I bet she would be distressed.

She shouldn't be. It is important that Jesus be with these people for that is how the Kingdom is built. How can anyone improve themselves if someone like Jesus did not talk to them? Guilt by association goes both ways. Our parents wanted us to not fall in with the wrong crowd because they were afraid that they would rub off on us, but what if we rubbed off on them? I do not know how Mary would feel seeing Jesus with these people, but I can certainly know that the parents of the tax collectors and the sinners would be thrilled to see Jesus with their children.

If Jesus treated these people with the same disdain that the Pharisees and other reputable people showed them, they would simply go on in their ways. They would have no desire to repent or change. Jesus said at an earlier time that he came to heal the sick for the well had no need of a doctor. Imagine if a doctor refused to go near the unhealthy for fear of catching their sickness.

Fortunately, Jesus was not afraid to catch the sins of others. He was not afraid to be with the outcasts and supposed sinners. I say supposed because while many of the people with whom he dealt were indeed sinful and in need of forgiveness there were many who were simply unfortunate in life and the others who were more fortunate interpreted their circumstance as being the result of sin. There were many who came

to Jesus who were sick or poor, through no fault of their own, and they were avoided like the plague by others because it was believed that they were being punished by God for their iniquities.

We have all known someone who was considered to be the bad kid in the neighborhood or the school. Sometimes these kids earned their reputation and sometimes it was thrust upon them through no fault of their own. If Jesus had accepted other people's judgements about someone's character than what hope would they have?

What hope would we have? We have all become who we are because some good person who was better than we were spent time with us. Thank God their parents did not tell them to stay away from us. We all fear guilt by association, but if we let that rule our lives, we would never receive grace by association, for if God told Jesus Christ never to go anywhere near sinners, to never hang out in the homes of unrespectable people, if God told Jesus that he could not be friends with people who break laws for fear of what the neighbors would think, then none of us would receive grace by association.

Like the man who went after his lost sheep and the woman who sought her lost coin. Jesus had the ability to seek the lost without becoming lost himself, and because of this we have learned how to get to the Kingdom. The Kingdom is not a place where everyone is well, respected, looked up to, and found. The Kingdom comes when those who are found seek those who are lost. The Kingdom is made manifest when the righteous eat with the sinners. The Kingdom exists when no one is afraid to show kindness and mercy to another for fear of what others would think. If Christ had not set the example none of us would be able to find the Kingdom.

Call to Offering

Linda Reese

Called to live in hope, let us now share the blessings we have so richly received from God.

***The Doxology**

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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow! Praise God, all creatures here below! Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts! Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Dedication of Offering Prayer

Rev. Stillwell

Eternal Spirit, Source of healing and wholeness, bless these gifts, that they may be Christ's promise of living water for the world. May all who are touched by today's offering be bathed in the goodness of God's life, grace and hope. Amen.

Invitation to Communion

Rev. Stillwell

No one wants to be sick. We spend so much time and effort trying to avoid it, and one of the reasons is because we feel too busy to be sick. Some sicknesses are worse than others, but even a cold or simple flu is something we want to avoid for no other reason than we are busy and don't want to spend time in bed if we do not have too. That is why there is one benefit that comes from being sick, and that is being forced to be still.

We are busy, and we fill our lives with any number of tasks and descriptions. I think it is instructive that we learn from our story for today that God speaks to us but not in a thunderstorm or an earthquake. God does not speak in big, world-shattering ways. Instead, God speaks in a still, small voice, which means that we will not hear it unless we, too, are still.

This is important, because, if we are at the end of our rope as Elijah was we are more likely to hear God speaking to us. When we are sick and cannot distract ourselves with all of the things we usually have going on, then we are more likely to hear God speaking to us. It is one benefit from being forced to rest, but it would be nice if we could hear that voice in some other way.

Instead of waiting to be sick or to be sick and tired of how things are going in our life to listen to God, let us take the opportunity that we are granted each week to come to this table and take some time to push out all of the thoughts and worries and stresses that fill our minds daily and which prevent us from hearing that still, small voice which comes from God. Take the bread and take the cup and take the time now to listen. I cannot promise that what you hear will make you all well, but I know that it will make you better.

Communion Hymn

“Open My Eyes, That I May See”

Sam Johnson, organist

Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me; place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free. Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see. Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Prayer for the Bread & Cup

Gracious and holy God, we give you thanks for the gifts here at your table. For the grace and mercy which are symbolized by the cup and the bread we give you thanks. For the saints that gather around this table with us we give you thanks. For your presence among us in this very room we give you thanks. Above all, we give you thanks for the one who calls us here and leads us to you, your son Jesus the Christ. In the sharing of this meal may our sins be forgiven as we forgive others, and may we share Christ even as we share the bread. As we leave this table, may we feel your Holy Spirit with us in the days ahead, and may we be inspired to share your gifts of mercy, love, and spirit with all of those whom we meet. Amen.

Words of Institution

Rev. Stillwell

For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, “This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.
(1 Corinthians 11:23-26)

Sharing Holy Communion

You will receive the bread and cup together. Please hold them; we will take each together as one body. Disciples of Christ believe in an Open Table. All who profess Christ and follow Him are welcome to share His meal. Gluten free wafers are available in the Narthex.

Call to Discipleship

Rev. Stillwell

If you need a community to belong to, if you are thirsty for the word of life, and want to live as a disciple of Jesus, join us in his ministry and mission. You are welcome and needed here. If in the work and worship of this congregation you are being nurtured and fed in Christ our Lord, we invite you to join us in his service. There is a place for you in this family of faith.

Closing hymn

“In the Bulb There Is a Flowers”

Sam Johnson, organist

In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree; in cocoons, a hidden promise; butterflies will soon be free! In the cold and snow of winter there’s a spring that waits to be, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

Benediction

Rev. Stillwell

May the road rise to meet you, may the wind be ever at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face, and the rains fall soft upon your fields.
And until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of his hand.



Fairhill Manor expresses our sympathy to the family of Duane “Bo” Pryor who passed away on Sunday, March 8. Please keep his wife, Patty, and their family in your thoughts and prayers.



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 to Rev. Chris. We are One Body in Christ!

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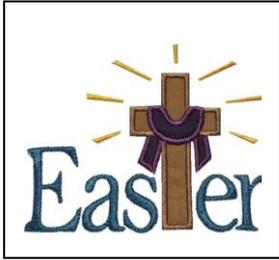
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The brave men and women who serve our country make incredible sacrifices every day. We are forever grateful for their service and dedication. Please remember the military members that are deployed and away from their family that they may return to their homes safely.



Please fill out this order form and return to the Church Office with **payment** by March 15. Indicate the number of flowers you would like. Make checks payable to **“Fairhill Manor”** and indicate “Easter Flowers” in the memo.

_____ Tulips (6” pot) @ \$11/each

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