



Throughout his life and ministry, Jesus asked many questions - many more than he was asked. Good teachers know the value of asking questions in teaching, and apparently, so did Jesus who asked more than 300 questions of his followers and others in the gospels. Are you surprised to learn that Jesus asked many more questions than he was asked? I certainly was when it was revealed to me. Most of us grow up believing that religions answer spiritual quests of people and that we, Christians, have the right answers. We know the way, and that's the message you hear when you turn to TV evangelists or many of the mega-church preachers: If you do this, you will be happy. And if you don't do that, God will punish you"

That was not what Jesus did. Instead of giving people answers they were seeking, he asked them a great variety of questions. Some of his questions were simple and straightforward such as, "How many loaves do you have?" (Luke 24:41) While others were rhetorical and did not require an answer like, "Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth?" (Luke 12:51) Some questions were challenging: "If you love only those who love you, what reward do you have? Don't even the tax collectors do the same?" (Matthew 5:46) Others were probing questions "But, who do you say that I am?" (Mark 8:29) Some questions were convincing: "Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing?" (Matthew 6:25) Jesus asked questions that silenced those who tried to trap him, "If one of you has a son or an ox that falls into a well on the Sabbath day, will you not immediately pull him out?" (Luke 14:5) While at other times he asked questions that made people angry; "... which is lawful on the Sabbath: to do good or to do evil, to save life or to destroy it?" (Luke 6:9) Finally, there were questions that were loaded with emotion, like when he asked his closest disciples: "Could you not keep awake an hour?" (Mark 14:37)

Certainly, asking questions was central to Jesus' life and ministry. In fact, Jesus' first recorded words in the Gospel of Luke are in the form of a question. If you recall, Mary and Joseph had lost their 12 year-old son after their annual visit to the Jerusalem Temple. When they finally found him back in the temple courts, Jesus said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" (Luke 2:49). According to Matthew and Mark, Jesus' last words on the cross were also in the form of a question: "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" (Matthew 27:46; Mark 15:34). And in between, he had a question for everyone he met.

During this summer starting on June 22, we will reflect on some of the many questions Jesus asked throughout his ministry. We will begin with "What are you looking for?" You can find the other questions we will consider in this newsletter. I hope as we hear the questions Jesus asks of us that we will find some answers, but I hope we will also keep asking questions just as our Lord and savior did.

Rev. Chris

Manor Talk

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- 7 Aaron & Johanna Vanatta
- 8 Jeanne & Perry Riffle
- 20 Robert & Kelly Leitsch
- 21 Doug & Maggie Graff
- 28 Doug & Patty Fraley
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PENTECOST

June 8

- Last day of Sunday School and CW&W
- Sunday School Teacher & CW&W
Volunteer Recognition
- Pentecost Picnic after Worship
(sign-up sheet in the Narthex)
- Wear **RED**



Thank you for your continued support of the **Community Circle Food Pantry**. If you have items for donation, please put them on the table in the coffee center. While FMCC has become known as the “peanut butter, jelly, toilet paper” church, you can donate any shelf stable item (spaghetti, pasta, noodles, cereal, mac-n-cheese, canned soup and canned vegetables).

Wild Things

FMCC Night at
Washington Wild Things
Friday, August 22, 7pm
Fireworks Night

Tickets - \$10/person Parking Pass - \$2/car

Sign up in the Narthex for tickets and parking passes.

Please turn in cash or check
(payable to FMCC) to the office by **August 3**



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| June 22 | John 1:35-51 | What are you looking for? |
| June 29 | Mark 10:46-52 | What do you want me to do for you? |
| July 6 | Matthew 19:16-22 | Why do you ask me about what is good? |
| July 13 | Matthew 16:24-28 | What will it profit to gain the whole world but forfeit your life? |
| July 20 | John 20:1-3, 11-18 | Why are you crying? |
| July 27 | Matthew 7:1-5 | Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother's eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? |
| Aug 3 | Mark 4:35-41 | Why are you so afraid? |
| Aug 10 | Matthew 6:25-34 | Can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? |
| Aug 17 | John 21:15-25 | Do you love me? |
| Aug 24 | John 13:1-17 | Do you understand what I have done for you? |
| Aug 31 | Matthew 16:13-20 | Who do you say I am? |

FAIRHILL MANOR CHRISTIAN CHURCH
SECRETARY MINUTES
MAY 14, 2025

We Assemble in God's Name

Moderator Gary Ford lit the Christ Candle to remind us of Christ's presence as we do the business of the church. He shared a meditation titled "Don't Worry Be Happy" using John 16:33 and opened with prayer.

We Celebrate Our Past

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

Gary Ford asked if there were any additions to these reports. Gene Sheller asked Rev. Chris about the Ukraine meeting at the church. Rev. Chris explained that it was a meeting with local government officials, Bartolotta, and Fetterman representatives and they invited Pastor Gena and Rev. Chris to join. Connie Sheller also asked what the Snapshot Religion and Faith Focus group was and the Clean and Tidy County meeting.

Pastor Gena noted a correction to the Clerk's Report – "Bert" Bakaitis is the correct spelling. Motion to accept these reports was made by Linda Reese and second by Peggy Oliverio. Motion carried.

We Present Our Offering

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

Jerry Puskarich has been added as Ministry Leader of the Stewardship and Finance Ministry and has worked closely with the Deficit Task Force.

*see Jerry's attachment regarding the items completed and Reese Scholarship Awards.

Dave Davis made the Motion to accept the Ministry Reports and second by Carmen Oliverio. Motion carried.

Kevin Puskarich noted that a \$3,000 check from the proceeds of the Rummage Sale had been handed over to Brian Shaw, Treasurer. The Deficit Task Force is also planning to have a Spaghetti Dinner with Bob Hanning making the sauce. The church may have another Rummage Sale in August or later.

Moderator Gary thanked the Deficit Task Force and volunteers for their hard work on the Rummage Sale.

Kevin Puskarich asked the question to Brian Shaw about the \$21,000 figure as ahead on the budget surplus and Brian stated that the surplus is due to several major gifts received.

The Funeral Dinner Fund has over \$5,000 in it. Peggy Oliverio asked if we might want to direct the Fifth Sunday offerings to another cause for a while. Discussion followed, and the Board decided to leave it as is.

NEW BUSINESS

Rev. Chris has received an email from a Disciples Church in Missouri asking if 12 of their members, adults and youth could sleep at our church on July 18 and July 26 as they are on their way to a work camp and this being close to I-70 would be a convenient stop for them.

Kevin Puskarich made the motion to approve their stay with Rev. Chris working out the details. Second by Carmen Oliverio. Motion carried.

Jerry Puskarich asked if the amounts of major gifts made to the church could be published, not names, but just the amounts.

Brian Shaw mentioned that the State of Pennsylvania Annual Report requires churches to submit a brief report listing the 5 individuals responsible for power and management of the church. A motion made by Gene Sheller states that the "Governor" is the Chairperson of the Trustees, and the Moderator, Vice Moderator, Secretary, and Financial Secretary/Treasurer are the responsible parties to be listed as the 5 individuals for the Annual Report. Second by Jerry Puskarich. Motion carried.

Carmen Oliverio made the motion to adjourn and Linda Reese provided the second.

Rev. Chris closed in prayer.

In Attendance

Gary Ford (Moderator), Carol Daniels, Carol Davis, Dave Davis, Serena Dube, Sheila Harris, Jamie Hatfield (Zoom), Jody Mullis (Zoom), Jackie Nelson, Carmen Oliverio, Peggy Oliverio, Ed Palfreyman (Zoom), Kevin Puskarich, Rita Puskarich, Linda Reese, Brian Shaw, Connie Sheller, Gene Sheller, Senior Minister Chris Stillwell*, Pastor Gena Sheller*.

Non-board member in attendance: Lois Shaw (Zoom)

*Indicates non-voting members.

The next board meeting will be Wednesday, July 9, 2025 at 7pm.

Submitted in Christian love,
Rita Puskarich
Board Secretary

Bible Quiz

After Jesus healed 10 men at one time, how many returned to thank him? What had been their ailment?

- A. five; blindness
- B. all 10; deafness
- C. one; possession by demons
- D. one; leprosy



Answer: D (See Luke 17:11-19.)

June 2025

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| Sunday School 9am Worship 10:15am Graduate Recognition Sunday | NA 7pm | | NA 6:45pm | Choir 6:30pm NA 7:30pm | | |
| 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| Sunday School 9am Worship 10:15am | Bethany Class Lunch Noon @ Eat'n Park NA 7pm | Operating Deficit Task Force 5pm | Elders Meeting 5:30pm Zoom NA 6:45pm | Choir 6:30pm NA 7:30pm | | |
| 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| Worship 10:15am | NA 7pm | | NA 6:45pm | Choir 6:30pm NA 7:30pm | | |
| 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| Worship 10:15am 50-year member recognition  | NA 7pm | | Stewardship/ Finance 5:30pm NA 6:45pm | Choir 6:30pm NA 7:30pm | | |
| 29 | 30 | | | | | |
| Worship 10:15am 5 th Sunday Funeral Dinner Fund Offering | NA 7pm | | | | | |