



Eating grapes is usually not considered a life changing experience. There was one time, however, when I ate grapes, and bread, and juice, and, when I was done, I knew that my life would never be the same. That meal took place on a warm summer night under the stars where thirty teenagers and a handful of adults gathered to participate in a “love feast” on the final night of West Virginia CYF Conference 1991.

It was my first year of church camp, and I didn’t know what to expect, but by the end of the week, the strangers I had met had become as close as my closest friends. People who were from very different backgrounds, to whom I may not have ever spoken in high school, saw past all of the walls that teenagers put up and the masks that they often wear to see the child of God that resided within. I had discovered much about myself as well. I learned more about who I was, and what my purpose was in life, how I should live, and how I should treat others in one week of church camp than in any other week. Guided by my perceptive counselors, inspired by my surroundings, thrilled with the discovery of new friends, I left that church camp feeling better about myself than I ever had before.

In high school it can sometimes be hard to feel as if one fits in, and that was certainly true for me, but after my first church camp experience, I knew that I belonged. I belonged to a group of great friends and compassionate companions. I belonged in the world as one who had a purpose to serve God and others. Most importantly I belonged to a loving, powerful, and invigorating God, and no one could ever take that away from me. That night we would feed one another grapes and tell each person something about them that we loved. This is the type of thing that does not happen in our schools, both public and private. It cannot be found at other camps, soccer, band, or otherwise. Money cannot buy it; drugs cannot recreate it, only God can provide it.

How blessed are we then that the Pennsylvania region has such wonderful camps at Laurelview. These transformative experiences leave an indelible mark on the hearts of participants, shaping them into compassionate, spiritually grounded individuals who can positively impact their communities and the world at large. Because it is so important, we at Fairhill Manor Christian Church have pledged to pay half of the registration fee and more help can be given if requested. While making plans for your family this summer, I hope you will remember time for church camp.

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Manor Talk

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Blanket Sunday, May 11

Our congregation has always supported the CWS Blanket Sunday to change lives in our country and around the world. These blankets cost \$10/each. They are used for folks experiencing displacement, war, famine, natural disasters, homelessness, etc. This special offering will be received during the worship service on May 11. Checks can be written to Fairhill Manor with “blankets” in the memo or you can donate online through Givelify (on the church website under the More tab, and Give). Please give as you can.

“And don’t forget to do good and share with those in need.” Hebrews 13:16



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).

Fairhill Manor will be celebrating **Graduate Sunday** on June 8. If you are graduating or you have a family member who is, please contact the Church Office to let us know. You can call the office (724) 225-8610 or send an e-mail to fairhillmanor@yahoo.com with the name of the graduate, school they are graduating from and their relationship to Fairhill member.



Information is needed by **June 1**.

Laurelview News.....

You can find the updated sponsorship application for Laurelview Camp on the church's website under Ministries – Faith Formation, or contact the Office for a copy. This is the form you should fill out and return to the office before registering online for Camp. This enables us to give you a payment code so the church can be billed for the appropriate portion of the registration fee.



Outreach Ministry Update...

Beginning in 2014, our Disciples Womens' Ministry and women from other congregations have been dedicated to making dresses and shorts for children who need them in other countries.

- 2015-2018 432 dresses and 87 pairs of shorts were sent to Haiti
- 2019 126 dresses and 50 pairs of shorts went to a sugar cane village in Belize, Central America
- 2023 3 large boxes of dresses and shorts went to Peru, South America
- 2023-2025 30 dresses and 40 pairs of shorts went to Sierra Leone, Africa. (More will be sent later this year)

Thank you to everyone who sewed these dresses and shorts, and to all who donated sewing notions, fabric and cash. This is an ongoing ministry. If you wish to help in any way, please contact Connie Sheller.



May 8, 10am-5pm
May 9, 10am-5pm
May 10, 9am-12pm

Help is still needed for the **rummage and bake sale**. Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex to help before the sale (set-up) on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday (May 5, 6, 7) and for help during the sale, Thursday, Friday, Saturday (May 8, 9, 10).

This sale will be "Pay what you **WANT**, Take what you **NEED**." Items will not be marked with a price.

You can bring your items to the church on May 5 & 6 from 10am-2pm and on May 7 from 1pm-5pm.

If you have questions, contact Linda Reese.

May 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
				Choir 6:30pm NA 7:30pm		
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Sunday School 9am Worship 10:15am	Drop off donations for Rummage Sale 10am-2pm Stewardship/ Finance Ministry 5:30pm NA 7pm	Drop off donations for Rummage Sale 10am-2pm	Drop off donations for Rummage Sale 1pm-5pm NA 6:45pm	Choir 6:30pm NA 7:30pm Rummage----- 10am-5pm	& Bake----- 10am-5pm	Sale----- 9am-12pm
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Sunday School 9am Worship 10:15am	NA 7pm		Elders Meeting 5:30pm NA 6:45pm Board Meeting 7pm	Tri-County Men's Dinner @ Connellsville 5:30 pm Registration 6pm Dinner Choir 6:30pm NA 7:30pm		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Sunday School 9am Worship 10:15am	NA 7pm		NA 6:45pm	Choir 6:30pm NA 7:30pm		
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Sunday School 9am Worship 10:15am	 Memorial Day Remember & Honor Office Closed		Personnel Committee 6pm NA 6:45pm	Choir 6:30pm NA 7:30pm		