



This is a story I love and come back to whenever it gets cold. It is a reminder we all need.

A member of a certain church, who previously had been attending services regularly, stopped going.

After a few weeks, the pastor decided to visit him. It was a chilly evening. The pastor found the man at home alone, sitting before a blazing fire.

Guessing the reason for his pastor's visit, the man welcomed him, led him to a big chair near the fireplace and waited. The pastor made himself comfortable but said nothing. In the grave silence, he contemplated the play of the flames around the burning logs.

After some minutes, the pastor took the fire tongs, carefully picked up a brightly burning ember and placed it to one side of the hearth all alone. Then he sat back in his chair, still silent. The host watched all this in quiet fascination.

As the one lone ember's flame diminished, there was a momentary glow and then its fire was no more. Soon it was cold and "dead as a doornail."

Not a word had been spoken since the initial greeting.

Just before the pastor was ready to leave, he picked up the cold, dead ember and placed it back in the middle of the fire. Immediately it began to glow once more with the light and warmth of the burning coals around it.

As the pastor reached the door to leave, his host said, "Thank you so much for your visit and especially for the fiery sermon. I shall be back in church next Sunday."

Consider this my fire and brimstone sermon.

Rev. Chris

Didn't have a chance to pick up your
2025 Offering Envelopes?

If you have not been able to pick up your offering envelopes
and want them let Rev. Chris know and he will bring them to you.

Manor Talk

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FEBRUARY

birthdays & anniversaries

- 2 Noah Allen
Doug Graff
- 3 Ruth Cox
Nathan Dallatore
Ellodi Keene
- 4 Sam Caldwell
Shyla Rash
Jaedan Shetler
Julia Vanatta
- 5 Lisa Gardiner
- 8 Megan Roach
Erika Vanatta
- 9 Daniel Riffle
- 10 Anderson Henry
Grant Weber
- 14 Rick Lewis
- 15 Diane Cope
Yvonne Jones
Nancy McCann
- 20 Cameron Meier
- 22 Jack Nelson
- 25 Bob Gregg
Jill Throckmorton
Sophie Wolf
- 26 Ivy Lacock
Ty Lacock
Gage McDonough
Avalon Vanatta
- 27 Deborah Knight

- 2 Jim & Judy Wheeler
- 14 Dave & Debbie Dague

*Bring Your Change
to Make a Change*



Each year in February, congregations across the United States and Canada collect a **Special Offering** for **Week of Compassion**. The offering fuels Week of Compassion's work and witness throughout the whole year!

Funds received through the offering enable Disciples to respond to disaster when it occurs, because Week of Compassion works with partners to provide grants right away, addressing urgent needs, emergency supplies, water, shelter, and food.

FMCC will collect a **Noisy Offering** on February 23 during the Children's Message that will be donated to the Week of Compassion Offering.

Bethany Class
Luncheon
Tuesday, February 11
12:30pm
Eat'n Park



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**Souper Bowl Lunch
&
2-Person Team Cornhole Tournament**
**Sunday, February 9, 2025 in
Large Fellowship Hall
following worship.**

There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex for soup and cornhole teams.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl Ministry is still making prayer shawls, lap robes, etc., in our homes. In the last year, we gave out 24 prayer shawls and lap robes. In addition, in January 2024 we gave 12 gift bags with shawls to the City Mission; in March, 15 gift bags with shawls and December, 15 gift bags with shawls and toiletries.

In March we gave 10 prayer shawls to Giddy Up Go Prayer Warriors. And in March, 21 chemo hats and 17 blankets were given to Hillman Cancer Center. Also in November we donated 7 chemo hats, 4 prayer shawls and numerous prayer blankets to Hillman.

If anyone needs a prayer shawl or lap robe, please let Karen or Rev. Chris know. Also there is yarn in the parlor so if anyone wants to make a prayer shawl let Rev. Chris know. Thank you.

Diane Palfreyman, FMCC Prayer Shawl Ministry



Altar flowers are a beautiful way to honor your loved ones: as a memorial for those departed, on a special occasion for those who are near and dear, or even “just because.” If you would like to order altar flowers, contact Karen in the Church Office at (724) 225-8610. The cost is **\$25** for a vase arrangement. Flowers need to be ordered on the Monday of the week you would like them on the Altar. Order forms are also available in the Narthex.

**2025
PA SUMMER
CAMP DATES**

At Laurelview

Family Camp - May 24-26
(Memorial Day Weekend)

WV - June 8-13

CYF Conference - June 15-21

Chi Rho - June 22-28

Junior Camp - July 6-12

Mini Camp - July 20-23

Fairhill Manor Christian Church Board Report

Secretary Minutes

January 15, 2025

We Assemble in God's Name

Moderator Gary Ford called the meeting to order at 7pm by lighting the Christ Candle and shared a devotion "Gifts for God" based on 1 Corinthians 10:31 followed by a prayer.

We Celebrate our Past

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

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

No additional comments were made.

A motion to accept these reports was made by Kevin Puskarich and seconded by Carmen Oliverio. The motion was carried unanimously.

We Present Our Offering

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

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

No additional comments were made.

A motion to accept the Ministry Reports was made by Candy Wasalasky and seconded by Linda Reese. The motion was carried unanimously.

Concerns of the Past (Old Business)

1. Deficit Task Force – The Deficit Task Force met to organize and begin planning on ways to overcome the general budget deficit.

Issues of the Future (New Business)

No new business at this time.

Other Discussion

Pastor Gena asked about the status of the church dishwasher. Ed Palfreyman, Trustee, stated that the dishwasher works with the exception of the rinse function; dishes must be rinsed before and again after washing. Replacing the dishwasher was deemed unnecessary by the Trustees unless the Church begins to have more large dinners which would require its frequent use.

Serena Dube asked if there could be an update on how the year ended financially. Brian Shaw, Treasurer, stated that the year ended in the black. There is still a \$6,000 deficit in the roof fund, resulting from unfulfilled pledges. Serena Dube questioned why the Trustees wouldn't pay off the roof deficit from their \$37,000 and why that money is not invested where it could earn interest. Rev. Stillwell reminded the group that everyone needs to work together and that this matter should be discussed at a Trustee meeting. Von Lacock, Trustee on Zoom, agreed that it would be good to invest some of the money supervised by the Trustees from the Fawcett Fund.

Rev. Chris highlighted that the Elders have met and have their new shepherding lists for 2025. He is planning to put more about our Church and its activities on Facebook; please submit ideas to him.

Connie Sheller said the women of the church are still sewing shorts and dresses. Any elastic, thread or fabric can be donated to them for that use.

Leaving in God's Name

Kevin Puskarich motioned to adjourn the meeting seconded by Brian Shaw. Rev. Stillwell closed the meeting in prayer.

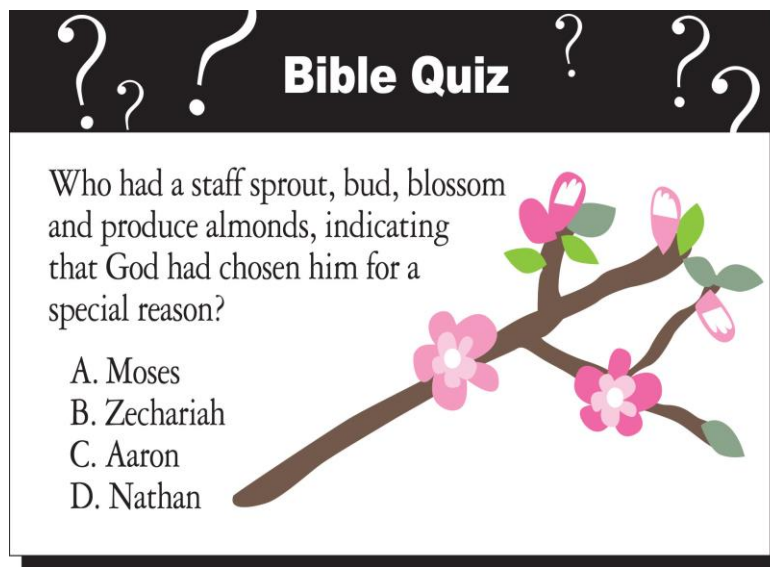
In Attendance

Gary Ford (Moderator), Deb Dotson (Zoom), Serena Dube, Sheila Harris, Terry Houston, Von Lacock (Zoom), Jody Mullis (Zoom), Carmen Oliverio, Peggy Oliverio, Jackie Nelson, Ed Palfreyman, Kevin Puskarich, Rita Puskarich, Linda Reese, Brian Shaw, Connie Sheller, Gene Sheller, Jill Throckmorton, Candy Wasalasky, Senior Minister Chris Stillwell*, Pastor Gena Sheller*.

*Indicates non-voting members.

The next board meeting will be Wednesday, March 12, 2025 at 7pm.

Submitted in Christian love,
Rita Puskarich
Board Secretary



Answer: C (See Numbers 17:1-11, specifically v. 8.)

February 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	NA 7pm	Dartball @ Home 7pm	NA 6:45pm	Choir 6:30pm NA 7:30pm		
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
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16	17	18	19	20	21	22
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23	24	25	26	27	28	
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