



THE FAIRVIEW MESSENGER

FAIRVIEW EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 2015

From Pastor Mark

What does Pastor Mark do during the week?

Have you ever wondered how Pastor Mark spends his time during the week? Here is a list of some of the things that have filled my days *this* week.

Sunday: I arrived at church at 7:30 am and read through out loud the adult class, liturgy and sermon; taught the New Member's Discipleship Class; led worship; and Lois Ann and I hosted a couple from Fairview for Sunday lunch. Later in the afternoon I mourned Green Bay's loss to Detroit.

Monday: took the next steps in implementing the work of the Vision Team regarding how Fairview makes disciples. This required (this week) updating the New Member's Discipleship Class and reworking the Session Meeting Agenda. I was supposed to meet with a Pakistani friend for lunch, but he was called away at the last minute to be with a family member who is ill. I planned the coming Sunday's worship program.

Tuesday: met with a woman to answer her questions about theology and cremation. Prepared my parts for the coming Sunday's worship service. In the afternoon Lois Ann and I provided pastoral care to a couple. I was supposed to attend the meeting of the Vision Team that evening, but I asked to be excused as Lois Ann and I had to address a (different) pastoral care emergency that evening. I prepared numerous documents related to next week's Session meeting.

Wednesday: attended a breakfast in Gap to explore with other (mainly) Presbyterian pastors and elders the possibility of creating a local Reformation Society. Interspersed through Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday I do the research on the Bible text we will study together on Sunday; I develop the outline for the message - this is the most important and demanding part of my sermon preparation.

Thursday: is sermon writing day. I also wrote this pastor's column. I pray every morning as I get going in the office. Among other prayers, I flip the page on the EPC world outreach prayer guide and pray for the missionaries listed.

Friday: I try to take off - though not always successfully. Lois Ann reads my sermon and gives her valuable and much needed corrections and feedback. This week we also had dinner with a Fairview family.

Saturday: I am in the office in the morning and revise the sermon based on Lois Ann's input. I prepare the preaching text that comes with me into the pulpit and prep the Power Point outline. I review the New Member's Discipleship Power Point. When I leave the office, everything I need for Sunday is on my desk, ready to go.

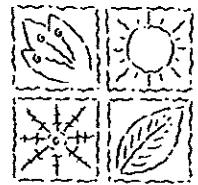
And, I read every night. I read theology and history, to be sure, and I keep up on the news of the day. But I also deliberately seek to read material from folk who are not believers, not in the Christian community. For example, this week I read the latest issue of Marie Claire! I subscribe to a New Age newsletter and I look over the headlines of the articles and may print out in order to read those that seem to reflect the thinking of the non-Christian world around us.

See you in church on Sunday.

Pastor Mark

A Change of Seasons

The book of Ecclesiastes (3:1) speaks of For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven. Times and seasons begin and end.



**FOR EVERYTHING THERE
IS A SEASON, A TIME
FOR EVERY ACTIVITY
UNDER HEAVEN.**

ECCLESIASTES 3:1, NLT

The past eight years have been the season in which I have served as the Director of Christian Education for Fairview Evangelical Presbyterian Church. It has been a joy to do so; a time of celebration. I have built solid relationships with the covenant children and youth of Fairview. I have had the privilege of teaching God's word to individuals, adults and families. Most importantly, in these ways I have assisted Fairview as a church, and Fairview's families, to fulfill the promises made at baptism. Moms and dads make promises to do all they can to raise their little ones to grow into honorable faithful adulthood.

The church promises to do its part as well. These are important commitments that we are delighted to make in order to do our best to pass our faith on to our children. It has been a privilege to serve during this season as Fairview's Director of Christian Education.

But now I find myself entering a new, different season of life. Not quite two years ago I became a grandmother to Dave and Rebekah's daughter Charlotte. And, in the two years since, granddaughters Eleanor and Sophia (to Aaron and Misty) have also arrived. I find myself wanting the freedom to be a grandmother, anytime and all the time. And, I want to continue being a wife, a friend, and a faithful member of FEPC. The season of life has changed.

So as of, December 31st I will move from this season of life fully into what God has in store for me in this new season. Thank you for eight years serving as Fairview's Director of Christian Education.

Yours in Christ Service,

Lois Ann

FAIRVIEW 2015 POINSETTIA ORDER
6 INCH POTS WITH FOIL - \$8.00 EACH
CHOICE OF: Red, White, Pink, Pink Marble or Burgundy
(please circle choice)



PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING IF YOU WISH TO MAKE A DEDICATION FOR THE BULLETIN:

In Memory of Loved Ones By: _____

In Honor Of: _____

In Loving Remembrance Of: _____

In Celebration Of "The Birth of Christ" by: _____

- ** Deadline for orders is Sunday, December 15th ***

Please place your orders in the box indicated in the foyer, give to Nancy Hayes in person or mail to her at 1732 Caln Meetinghouse Road, Coatesville, 19320. PLEASE DO NOT PUT ORDERS IN THE OFFERING PLATES.

Checks should be made payable to Fairview Evangelical Presbyterian Church. If you have any questions, please call Nancy Hayes at 610-380-8066. Flowers will be displayed in the Sanctuary during our Christmas Worship Time. They will be available for you to take home after the services on Christmas Eve.

Men's Bible Study

The Thursday Morning Men's Bible Study meets at 6:30 AM at the, Lionshare Diner which is off Route 100, between the Sunoco Gas Station and WAWA. All men are welcomed. Contact Roy Alder at (610) 458-0520 or radler@comcast.net if you have any questions.

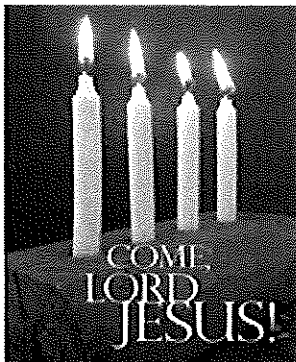
Men's Fellowship

The Good Works Workday and Men's Fellowship Breakfast meets at 7:00 AM for breakfast and fellowship at the Double D Diner in East Coatesville normally on the 4th Saturday of the month or meet at the Good Works warehouse in Coatesville at 8:30 AM to begin our workday. Please note that for December due to the Christmas holidays we will meet on the 3rd Saturday of the month. Most tools, supplies, guidance and lunch are provided. All that's required is your presence and a willing heart. The workday concludes by mid-afternoon, but you can leave whenever necessary.

*Looking ahead to November & December, work days will be the third Saturday of the month due to the Thanksgiving and Christmas Holidays.

Please join us in helping the less fortunate in the Chester County area.

For further details contact: Jim Palmer at (610) 458-0898, Roy Adler at (610) 416-5996 or Jay Hayes at (610) 470-5473. Women and teens are also very welcome to join us for the Good Works workday.



Small Group Studies

Women's Bible Studies

The Tuesday Morning, Bible Study. We meet at 9:30 am in the church parlor. Our study is "The Lamb of God" by Nancy Guthrie. This book covers many parts of Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy. We will have personal bible study questions to review as well as enjoying a DVD presentation every other week from the author. Any questions please contact Bernie Hughes at smallvillemom@aol.com or 610-458-9726.

The Wednesday Evening Bible Study We meet Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. in the parlor. We are studying "The Lamb of God by Nancy Guthrie. For more information call Barb Finch at (610) 942-3735 or biblebarb1@verizon.net

The Thursday Morning Bible Study We meet in the Church Parlor at 9:30 AM on Thursday mornings. We are studying "Be Decisive: Taking a Stand for the Truth" by Warren Wiersbe. Any questions contact Linda Gyrath at (610) 458-8337 or ljkklavier@comcast.net.



December 6th

Christmas Luncheon
(Immediately following
worship)



December 20th

10:30 A.M.

Worship with Cantata

December 24th

5:30 P.M.

Early Worship Service

11:00 P.M.

Worship with Communion

December 27th

10:30 A.M.

Worship





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Rev. Dr. Mark Atkinson
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Music Director
Clark Lash

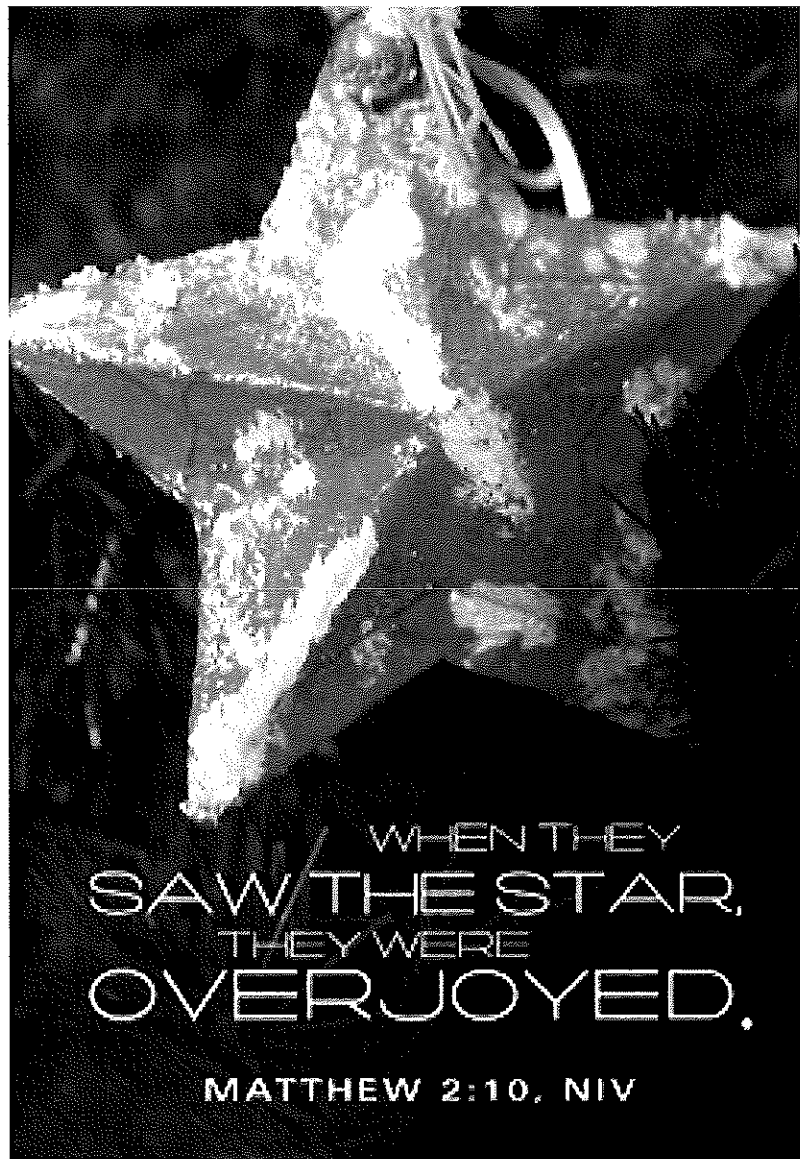
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Jay Hayes

Nursery Attendant
Nancy Finch



Christian Education
Sunday Morning Ministry

Galatians
Beginning January 10th

Galatians: Free for All
An 8 week study

Are you really a Christian? In his letter to the Galatians, Paul sorts out just what is a true Christian. Today, with an abundance of religious groups all calling themselves 'Christian' and all with different ideas about what that means, the message of Galatians is one we desperately need to hear. It is a message about freedom- freedom from rules and regulations; freedom from sin; freedom from our past; freedom from religion. Free for All looks at the freedom that is ours in the gospel of Jesus, and at the things which threaten to drag us back into slavery.


Don't miss the second most important hour of your week!!!!



- 12/01 Linda Baxter
- 12/02 Lauren Blake
- 12/02 Lauren Schweppe
- 12/04 Darrell Heimer Jr
- 12/05 Chris Adler
- 12/05 Kelley Streeter
- 12/06 Geoffrey Back
- 12/06 Luke Keeler
- 12/10 Carolyn Thompson
- 12/13 Ken Comstock Jr.
- 12/13 Ron White
- 12/14 Frieda Mecray
- 12/15 Christopher Sauder
- 12/16 Jennifer Schweppe
- 12/17 Dorothy Greeby
- 12/18 Susan Allen
- 12/20 Bernie Hughes
- 12/21 Anne Borrer
- 12/21 Sherrie McCormick
- 12/21 Mason King
- 12/24 George Loef
- 12/24 Jakob Welsch
- 12/25 Emma Streeter
- 12/27 Adrienne Boyance



- 12/26 Jean & Dick Bellis
- 12/30 Glenn & Diane Dieffenbach



Prayer Requests

Prayer Request
If you have a prayer request you would like in the bulletin, contact **Jennifer MacMullin**
Office@Fairviewpc.org

or
(610) 942-2640.

Prayer Chain
For the Prayer Chain only, contact **Barb Finch**
biblebarb1@verizon.net

or
(610) 942-3735.



Flavors of Fairview cookbooks are now available. Please use the order forms in the church foyer to place your order. The cost is \$15 per copy. These will make great Christmas gifts for those hard to buy for people on your list.



**General Fund
Year to Date Financial
Summary as of
October:**

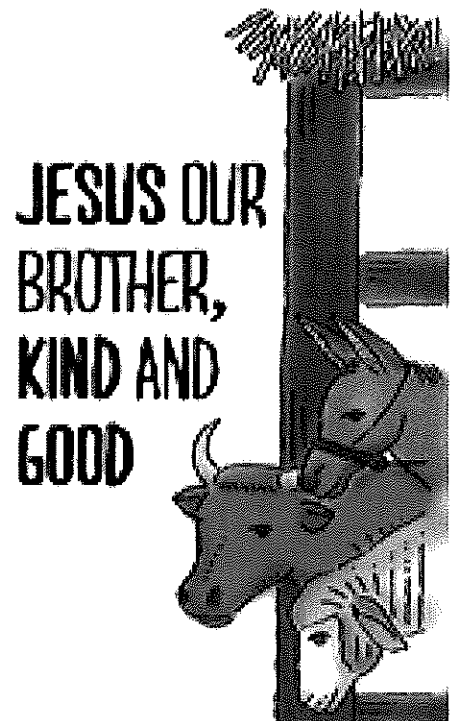
Total General Fund Income:	\$ 227,507
Total General Fund Expense:	<u>\$ 252,860</u>
Difference:	\$(-25,353)



Those with health concerns
Bill Petersen, Emily Yingst, Ashley Margetich, Ruth Atkinson, Frances Popjoy, Ray Beiler, and Reverend Denny Finnegan, Anne Borrer, Leona DeVore, Roberta Hitch, Adrienne Karr, Joyce Leshner

Those battling cancer
Chris Graf Grau, Sarah Jacob, Kay Salinger, Bill Gagliardi, Tom Bobor, Wendy Hartman, Phyllis Ruggiero, Kim Larson, Marilyn Bowling, Dottie Resetco, Harvey Roeder, Cheryl Sauder, and Janie Schultz, Pam Brown, Nancy Hayes

Those serving our country
Major Brian Dieffenbach, George Loef, Jason Shipe, Matthew Fishman, Paul Weber, Jon Connell and Kyle Smith.



*"I am the light of the world."
Whoever follows me will
never walk in darkness, but
will have the light of life."*

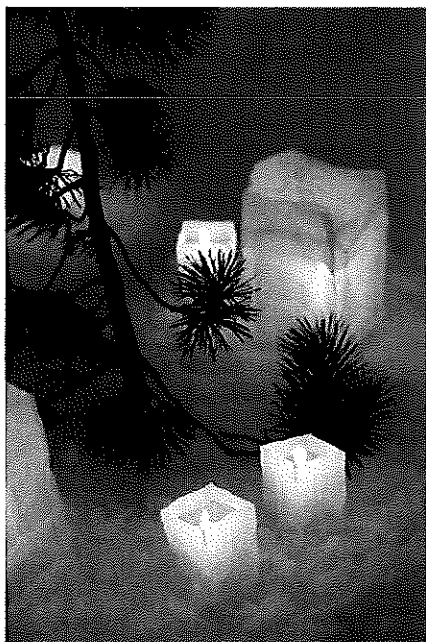
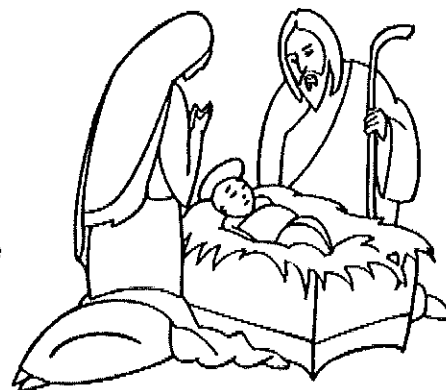
Let Your Light Shine!

On Christmas Eve, help Fairview share the light of Christ! The Women's Ministry will be placing luminaries around the front of the church to create a warm and inviting display in honor of Jesus' birth.

How You Help...

Sponsor a luminary for \$5.00 (or 3 for \$12.00).

You can dedicate your luminaries to your family or friends or in memory of loved ones.



*The funds raised will be used to provide
scholarships for the women's retreat.*

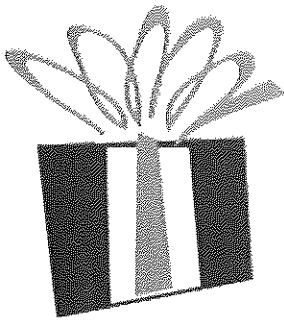
Members of the Women's Ministry Committee will be available in the foyer before and after worship between November 29th and December 13th to accept your donation and dedication cards.

Thank you for your support!

<p>The Deacon's Fund offering will take place the fourth Sunday of every month. Envelopes for this purpose are located in the pew racks. These funds, as in the past, will be used to assist our family members at FEPC who are in need of assistance. This ranges for meals-on-wheels, personal and special needs as they arise.</p>	<p>Deacon Flock Christine Adler, Moderator</p>		
	Last Name	Deacon Name	Deacon Number
	A-B	Stephanie Miller	(610) 469-5037
	C-E	Kelley Streeter	(610) 524-8190
	F-G	Gerri Reigle	(610) 621-4024
	H-K	Geoff Back	(484) 875-9023
	L-Pe	Chris Adler	(610) 458-0520
	Ph-Ro	Gayle Hammond	(610) 827-7159
	Ru-S	Linda Baxter	(484) 769-1005
	T-Y	Val Petrie Fieo	(610) 942-3620
Friends of Fairview	Jay Hayes	(610) 380-8066	

Fairview Presbyterian Calendar, Contacts, FPC Cancer Support Group, FPC CE, FPC Celebration, FPC Family Ministry, FPC Men's Ministry, Dec 2015 (Eastern Time)
 FPC Mission, FPC Music, FPC Outreach and Worship, FPC Stewardship, FPC Trustees, FPC Women's Ministry, FPC Youth, Holidays in United States

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29 First Advent 9:15am - New Member's 9:15am - Sunday School 10:30am - Worship	30	1 9:30am - Women's Bible 7pm - Women's Ministry	2 Flying Colors Art Group -	3 6:30am - Men's Bible Study 9:30am - Women's Bible	4 6pm - Stellfox wdg rhtsl	5 3pm - Stellfox Wedding
6 Second Advent 9:15am - Sunday School 10:30am - Worship 12pm - Christmas Dinner	7	8 9:30am - Women's Bible	9 Flying Colors Art Group - 7pm - Women's Bible Study	10 6:30am - Men's Bible Study 9:30am - Women's Bible	11	12
13 Third Advent 9:15am - Sunday School 10:30am - Worship &	14 7pm - Trustees Meeting	15 Newsletter deadline 9:30am - Women's Bible	16 Flying Colors Art Group -	17 6:30am - Men's Bible Study 9:30am - Women's Bible	18 7pm - Linda Piano Recital	19 8am - Good Works Work
20 Fourth Advent 10:30am - Worship &	21	22 9:30am - Women's Bible 7pm - Session Meeting	23 Flying Colors Art Group -	24 Christmas Eve 5:30pm - Early Worship 11pm - Trad w/ Communion	25 Christmas Day	26 Day After Christmas Day
27 10:30am - Worship	28	29 9:30am - Women's Bible	30 Flying Colors Art Group -	31 New Year's Eve 6:30am - Men's Bible Study	1 New Year's Day	2



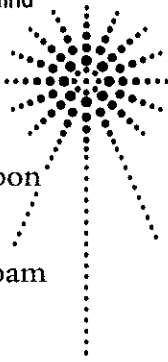
Fun & Games

STAR OF BETHLEHEM

Make a mobile to remind you of Jesus' birth.

What you need:

- Paper plate
- Hole punch
- Thin blue ribbon
- Scissors
- Pencil
- Yellow craft foam
- Marker



What you do:

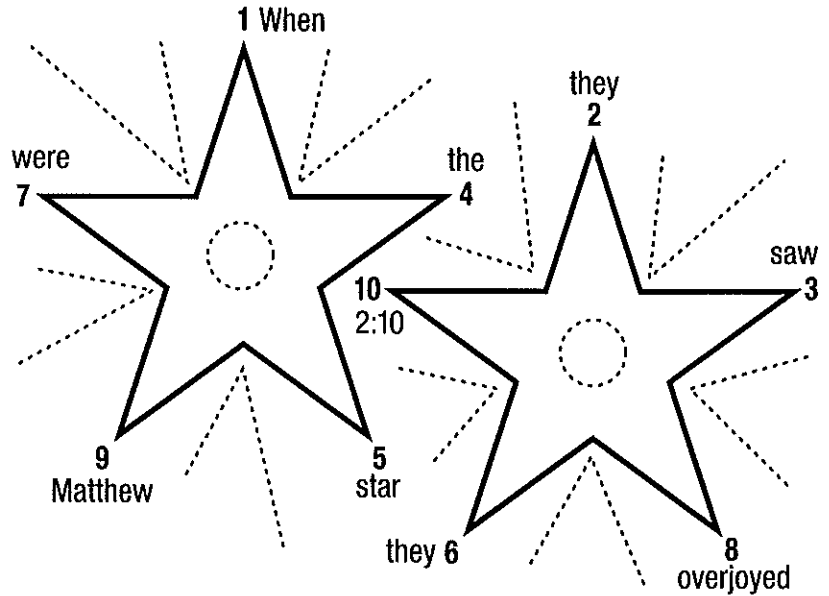
1. With the paper plate upside down, punch evenly spaced holes along the rim. Gently fold the plate and punch a hole in the center.
2. Cut pieces of ribbon, thread them through the holes as desired and tie the ribbons securely.
3. Trace several small stars and one larger star on the foam and cut them out. Punch a hole atop a point of each star.
4. Tie one small star to each outer-rim ribbon.
5. Thread a longer ribbon through the center hole and tie the large star to the other end.
6. Write a verse on the plate or large star. Hang the mobile from the ceiling with another piece of blue ribbon.



The star of Christmas

When Jesus was born, a star led the wise men to him.

Directions: Place the words in order, by their numbers, on the blanks below to complete Matthew 2:10, NIV.



“ _____ ,
 _____ ,
 _____ .”
 _____ : _____ , NIV

Answer: “When they saw the star, they were overjoyed.” Matthew 2:10, NIV

Do you Shop on Amazon.com?

Would you like to donate to your church as you shop? Fairview Evangelical Presbyterian Church is part of Amazon Smile Charitable Donations program. Through it, you can support Fairview Evangelical Presbyterian Church as you shop at Amazon. Go to this link: <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/23-2104563>. Follow the instructions and you will be able to donate a portion of your purchase at Amazon to the Ministry of Fairview Evangelical Presbyterian Church.

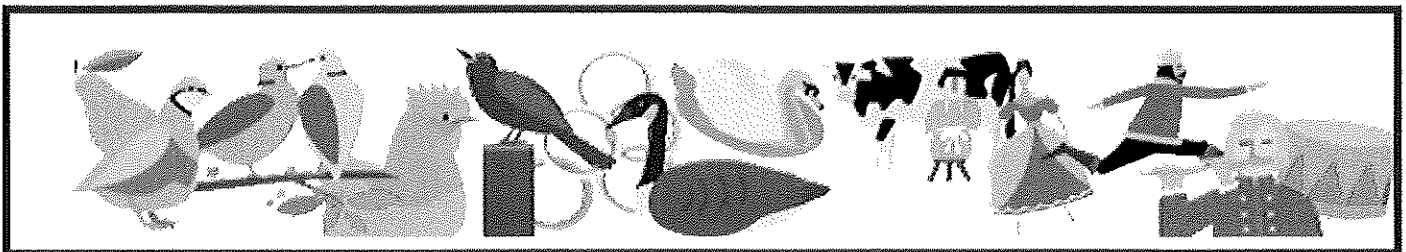
Office Hours

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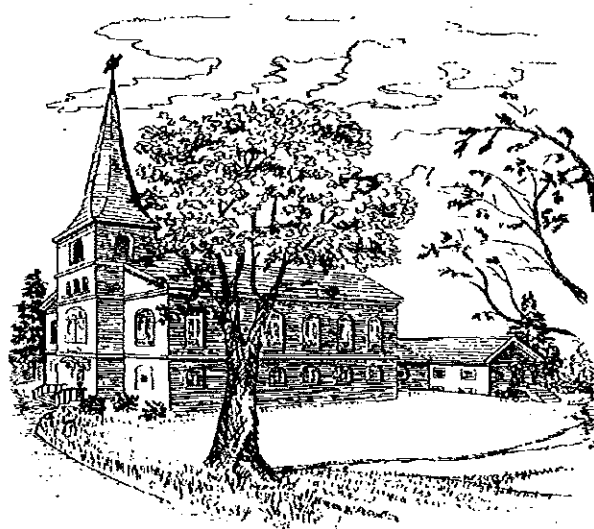
[Office @Fairviewpc.org](mailto:Office@Fairviewpc.org)
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Information You Need To Know

- Bulletin news is to be at the office no later than Wednesday, noon.
- Deadline for the January Newsletter is December 15. Call Jenn MacMullin in the church office at 610-942-2640 or email information to office@fairviewpc.org.
- In the event of a Pastoral emergency and you are unable to reach anyone at the church office, Pastor Mark's cell phone number is (484) 798-4081.
- If you have a prayer concern on Sunday, any ruling Elder is available for prayer after Worship.
- Contact Nancy Hayes at (610) 380-8066 if you have questions about ordering Sanctuary flowers for Sunday.
- Text copies of Pastor Mark's Sermons are available in written form in the Church Foyer; by email from the Church Office; or on the Fairview Church Web Site to read (www.fairviewpc.org) or MP3 Version (www.cloudcloud.com/fairview-pres/sermons) to hear.
- Copies of Session Minutes are available through the Church Office. Contact the office for a hard copy or send an email (office@fairviewpc.org) for an electronic version.
- A binder is on display in the foyer with all the current Mission letters. You can browse through the binder at your leisure.
- The church calendar is available on www.fairviewpc.org by scrolling down and clicking on "this week's events." To view the "whole" calendar, you can use the navigation at the top.
- Remember to place your mission insert from the bulletin in your Bible so you can refer to it as needed.
- If birthdays or anniversaries are not listed or listed incorrectly, please let Jenn MacMullin know.
- Flyers listing Counselors approved by FPC are in the foyer.
- Find us at Fairview Presbyterian Church and click "like" on FaceBook. Follow us on Twitter@FairviewEPC or at <https://twitter.com/FairviewEPC>.
- If you are interested in learning more about the "Persecuted Church" check out these websites: <http://www.persecution.org/> or <http://www.opendoorsusa.org/>.
- Extra copies of the current Fairview Messenger are found at the Welcome Desk. If you are not receiving a current newsletter, please let the person at the Welcome Desk or a greeter know.
- Donations of K-cups for the Keurig in the foyer are greatly appreciated. DECAF ones are really helpful.



Fairview Messenger
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Fairview Evangelical Presbyterian Church's vision is to develop faithful disciples of Jesus Christ and thereby strengthen marriages, families, and Christians of all ages to serve His church and the communities in which they live.