



THE FAIRVIEW MESSENGER

FAIRVIEW EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

April 2016

From Pastor Mark

There is a Christian retreat center outside London where, as a college student, I attended a L'Abri Conference. Years later, Lois Ann and I went there for an International Pastor's conference. The retreat center was begun in the late 1960's when a Methodist pastor was informed that he was the sole surviving heir to a historic English country estate. The estate fell to him and he had to determine what to do with it. Between the death taxes due and the economics of the changing world, it was not an option for the pastor to become the Lord of the Manor, as would have been the case one hundred years earlier. He sold off significant portions of the inherited land and used the proceeds to redesign to manor house, reconfiguring the space for guest rooms, meeting rooms, a book store and more.

I thought of that retreat center last night as Lois Ann and I watched the final episode of the Downton Abby series. This was the sixth, and final, season. (Though I hear reports of a promised feature film continuing the story of the major characters.) Downton Abby is special to me in that it has been a cultural event that has begun, matured and now ended during my tenure as pastor of Fairview Evangelical Presbyterian Church. I have referenced the characters in my sermons, we have talked about it at our dinner parties - I have even cooked a recipe or two from the time period. It has been a fun ride. The last episode of Downton Abby ended at the turn of the new year, 1930. Fast forward thirty years and perhaps it too would become a Christian retreat center.

In my experience, the final episode of a major television show is typically not very satisfying. The writers and producers try to do too much. They want to go out with a bang. The folk who produced Downton Abby resisted that temptation. They told the end of the story, winding down and resolving the lives of the major characters, and hinting and suggesting at the future for the minor characters. I read some of the cultural commentators complaining that Downton's conclusion was too clean, too tidy. These folk believe that it was not realistic enough. I do not agree. I believe that art and entertainment ought to encourage within us the pursuit of that which is good and worthy.

Consider: Henry Talbot and Tom Branson embark upon a business enterprise together: a necessary step embracing the modern world. Long suffering Lady Edith is finally happily married; arriving at that state through a commitment to honesty and transparency. Anna and Bates welcome their baby son. Molesley sees his dream to be a teacher become reality. Spratt, finally, gets the better of Denker, winning the ultimate compliment from the Dowager Countess, *"In future, I shall come to you for advice about my clothes - and my entertaining. Who knew we had an expert in the basement?"* Carson must give up being the butler of the household - age catches up to us all - providing the opportunity for Barrow's redemption as he takes up Carson's duties as butler. Through most of the seasons of Downton Abby, Barrow has been self-centered, crafty and mean, a character we loved to hate. In the last two seasons he has matured, grown out of himself; pursuing moral improvement. The knowledge of his wicked past often overshadowed his efforts to better himself, though he persevered in spite of being misunderstood. Cora established herself as the leader of the local hospital and her husband, Lord Grantham, grew in his respect and admiration of his wife. Cora even wins the respect of the Dowager Countess, *"It's your kingdom now, your village. Your hospital - and I think you run it very well."*

Yes, I know people will say that the ending is too tidy, that that is not the way the world is. True, but it is the way the world ought to be. I am glad for the encouragement in the right direction.

See you in church on Sunday.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

is coming to Fairview EPC.
Join us for the most fun week of your summer!

June 20-24, 2016
9:00 - 11:30am
Ages: 5-10

Cave Quest
FOLLOWING JESUS
THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

**Following Jesus
the Light of
the World**

TO REGISTER
call the church office
610-942-2640

OR

register online
www.fairviewpc.org



Dear Friends in Faith at Fairview:

If you are looking for a way to serve Christ this summer and have fun doing it please join us for Vacation Bible School this summer from June 20th to the 24th. The theme is Cave Quest-Following Jesus - the Light of the World. The time is 9-11:30 in the morning. You don't have to have availability all week. We have about 20 people signed up right now and we have no idea how many kids are coming until we see how registration on line unfolds. Our next planning meeting is Saturday April 2nd at 9:30 - 11:00 in Fellowship Hall. Please come if you are interested.

Our stations this year are:

- Sing and Play Rock- Buddy Intros
- Deep Bible Quest
- Imagination Station- science experiments and crafts
- Games- pray for good weather
- Cavern Cave- snacks
- Closing- Sing and Play Rock-Kid Vids

Our "so fun" ad was created by Aimee Ludt. You'll see it on our sign and all around town. Please include VBS in your daily prayers.

Please consider joining us to spread the Gospel 5-10 year olds. Email please if you can help. Thank you. Jo-Ellen Claphanson,

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.



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



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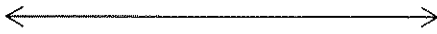
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Jay Hayes

Nursery Attendant
Nancy Finch



Men's Fellowship

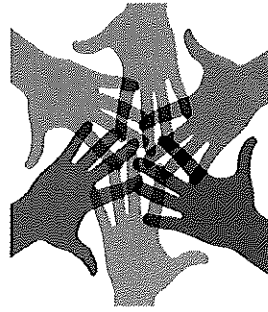
The Good Works Workday and Men's Fellowship Breakfast meets at 7:00 AM for breakfast and fellowship at the Double D Diner in East Coatesville normally on the 4th Saturday of the month or meet at the Good Works warehouse in Coatesville at 8:30 AM to begin our workday. Most tools, supplies, guidance and 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.

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.



April 22



*Opportunities To Serve *

Sunday Foyer Greeters : Sign up groups (i.e. Bible Studies, Good Works, etc.) within the church and/or individuals -maintain schedule- this doesn't have to be forever, just try one year. History of Greeters available. Contact person is Jo-Ellen at wdclaphanson@verizon.net or see her in church.

Bagel Sunday: If we want to go forward with this fund and delicious, once a month event, we need someone to sign people up, not forever, just try it for one year. History of contributors available. Contact person is Jo-Ellen at wdclaphanson@verizon.net or see her in church.

Trustees Spring Clean Up for Fairview Church Grounds, Saturday April 16th or rain date of April 23rd. Contact is Bill Mecaughey: billmec@comcast.net or Steve Chambers: steven.w.chambers@gmail.com or see them in church on Sunday.

New \$ Budget

As of February 29, 2016

Total General Fund	
Income:	\$ 42,697
Total General Fund	
Expense:	\$ 49,546
Difference:	\$ -6,849

Spring Planting: On May 12th Bobbie Mackey, Jim Pomager (Sr.) and Jo Ellen Claphanson will be planting Begonias and Vinca in front of Fairview. All volunteers are welcome. BUT: we very much need people to sign up to help us water this summer when it doesn't rain. We need 5 people. Please help us. Just take one day and if God provides the rain, take a day off. Contact Jo-Ellen at wdclaphanson@verizon.net.

If you have an "Opportunity for Service" we can include your need each week. Email the church office by noon Wednesday at office@fairviewpc.org.

Christian Education ***Sunday Morning Ministry***

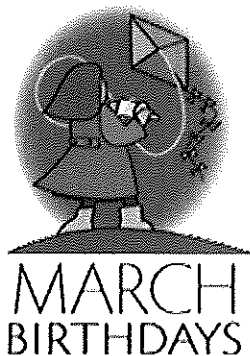
Beginning April 3
Philippians: Partners
An 8 week study

It's a favorite Christian letter, with its commands for us to rejoice in the Lord, to live in peace, to seek unity and to imitate the humility of our Savior.

Philippians also encourages us to be partners in the gospel—partners with Christ in the work of salvation, and partners with each other in giving, praying and serving the household of God. We are also warned not to be partners with those who oppose a life worthy of the gospel. In short, Philippians teaches us partnership for life.

In these eight interactive studies, Tim Thorburn helps us to explore the meaning of this partnership, the threats to it, and the means by which we can persevere, knowing that "to live is Christ, and to die is gain".

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



- 3/4 Kelly Anne Fox
- 3/6 Donna Shoemaker
- 3/9 Marion DeGroot
- 3/9 Gayle Hammond
- 3/9 Virginia Keeler
- 3/10 Lila Steingra
- 3/12 William Schaffer
- 3/16 Carol Seawell
- 3/16 Diana Sears
- 3/20 Patrick Finch
- 3/21 Linda Fishman
- 3/22 C.J. Schaffer
- 3/23 Matt Steingra
- 3/28 Benjamin Finch
- 3/30 John Keeler
- 3/31 Markley Denman



- 4/1 Lois Ann Atkinson
- 4/2 Roy Adler
- 4/3 Ronald Finch
- 4/5 Carl Shoemaker
- 4/5 Pat Adams
- 4/8 Ray Beiler
- 4/8 Glenn Dieffenbach
- 4/9 Annie Keeler
- 4/10 Linda Frost
- 4/11 Jake Senters
- 4/18 Linda Condron
- 4/18 April White
- 4/22 Linda Gyrrath
- 4/26 Adelaide Fieo
- 4/29 Phil Harvey
- 4/29 Janie Wallace



Those with health concerns

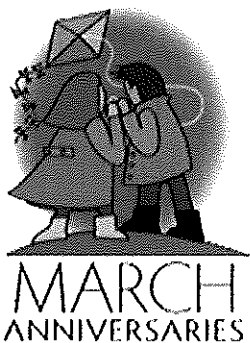
Bill Petersen, Ashley Margetich, Frances Popjoy, Ray Beiler, Leona DeVore, Roberta Hitch

Those battling cancer

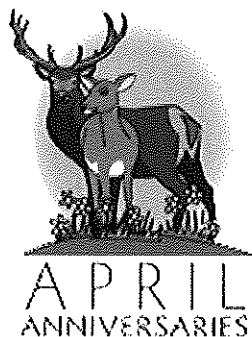
Chris Graf Grau, Sarah Jacob, Kay Salinger, Bill Gagliardi, Tom Bobor, Wendy Hartman, Phyllis Ruggiero, Kim Larson, Marilyn Bowling. Dottie Resetco, Harvey Roeder, Cheryl Sauder, and Janie Schultz, Pam Brown, Nancy Hayes

Those serving our country

Jon Connell and Kyle Smith.



- 3/1 Mike & April White
- 3/20 Jim & Eileen Fox
- 3/25 Brian & Heidi Cocca
- 3/27 Frank & Doreen Newby



- 4/19 James & Stephanie Palmer
- 4/25 Mark & Karin Kinkelaar
- 4/27 Greg & Linda Baxter



Prayer Request

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

or
(610) 942-2640.

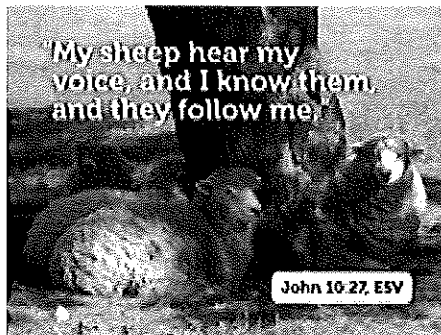
Prayer Chain

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

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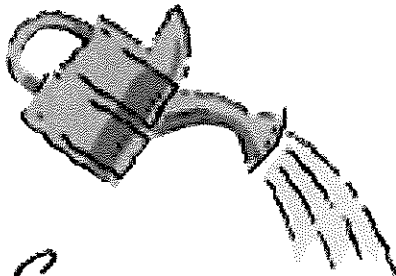


On February 25th a memorial service was held at FEPC for Louise Clayton McCardell. Louise was a FEPC member many years ago.. She was laid to rest in Fairview's cemetery next to her husband, Major Norman C. McCardell. Louise was the sister of Fairview member Lewis Clayton Jr.



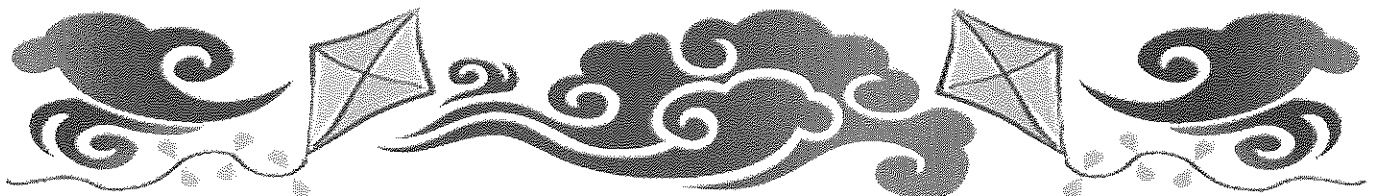
Fairview Women's Ministry Retreat Good News for Weary Women

On March 4th and 5th approximately 30 women participated in the Fairview Women's Ministry Retreat. We enjoyed each other's company, a great speaker, and delicious food. Our speaker this year, Elyse Fitzpatrick, came to us through a series of DVD's with Lois Ann giving us additional insights. What a wonderful way to spend the weekend.



*So neither the one
who plants nor the
one who waters is
anything, but only
God, who makes
things grow.*

1 Corinthians 3:7, NIV





Fun & Games

SHAVING CREAM EARTH

God created this wonderful world and told us to care for it. Remember that by making a unique painting.

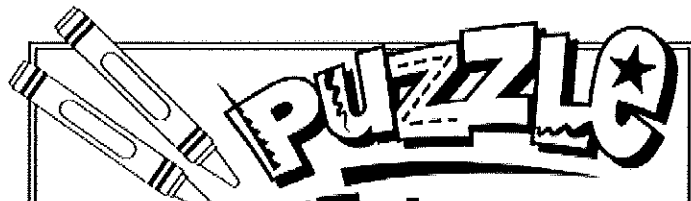


What you need:

- A cookie sheet
- White shaving cream
- A wooden craft stick
- Paint (blue and green)
- A straw
- A paper plate

What you do:

1. On the cookie sheet, spray shaving cream in a circle (the same size as the bottom of the paper plate). Smooth it out with the craft stick.
2. Squirt the blue and green paint on top of the shaving cream in loopy, squiggly patterns. Swirl the paint around with the straw.
3. Place the bottom of the paper plate on top of the paint. Press it down gently so the whole plate bottom is covered in paint.
4. Lift up the plate and gently remove excess shaving cream with the stick.
5. After the painting dries, hang it on your wall.



A SPECIAL GIFT

Give thanks to God for this amazing planet, which he filled with people, animals and plants.

Directions: Following the code below, fill in the blanks to complete the Bible verse. Then color the earth.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26
A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z



The _____ is _____, and
 _____ the
 _____, and _____
 _____ 24:1, NIV

Answer: The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it. (Psalm 24:1, NIV)

Area-Wide All Church Picnic

West Goshen Community Park
 1023 Fern Hill Rd, West Chester, PA
 (Next to Ice Line)

Sunday, May from 1pm - 4pm



Hot Dogs Provided, Bring a side or dessert and come fellowship!

Do you Shop on Amazon.com?

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Office Hours

Tuesday–Friday
9:00 AM– 3:00PM
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Information You Need To Know

- Bulletin news is to be at the office no later than Wednesday, noon.
- 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.
- 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.

Deacon Flock

Christine Adler, Moderator

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.

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Deacon Name

Deacon Number

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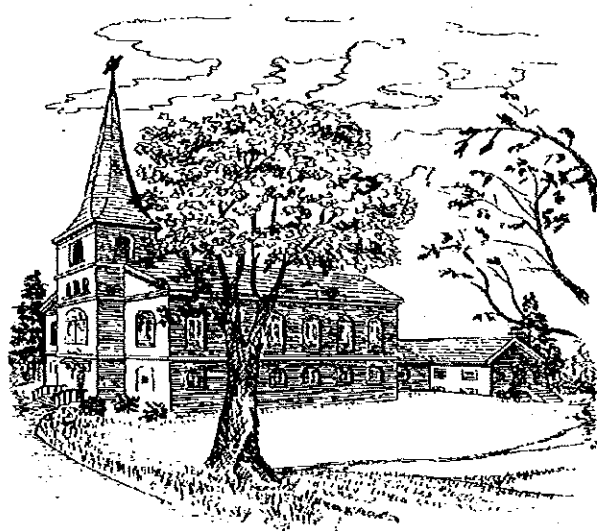
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Fairview Evangelical Presbyterian Church's process of discipleship begins with weekly participation in worship; deepens through Small Group participation thereby strengthening families and increasing our understanding of the Bible; ongoing discipleship is revealed by serving all communities in Christ's name.