

The Messenger

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Dear friends,

The good people of A. P. Grappone and Sons have generously provided us with a beautiful marker to timelessly note the history and heritage of Historic Beulah Presbyterian Church. I want to make sure you know that Tony Grappone was a joy to work with, and his skill and professionalism are exceptional. I guess it shouldn't surprise me that they are a 100 plus year family business. We thank them for their generosity, skill and care. I also want to thank Marshall Hart for his efforts to make this connection for us and for coordinating its placement on the grounds of Historic Beulah Church.

A simple marker like that is a major way of remembering not only the faithfulness of the people of Beulah Presbyterian Church over their 182 years of service and worship but it also stands as a reminder that God's faithfulness is from generation to generation. It knows no beginning and it knows no end. The marker on the grounds of Historic Beulah Church serves a commemoration of God's people and our Lord working together to share Good News, to Worship and Praise and to serve the community over the course of many generations.

Since the merger of Beulah with Fairfield, we, together, now have two birthdays (three if we celebrate our re-birth in 1991!) to remember and to celebrate. Beulah's story is now Fairfield's story and Fairfield's story is now Beulah's story and together we seek to write a new history of how God brought together two congregations to

become one. 2017 is the first year of this new history.

That makes me wonder. How will our children's children write our story? Will they be able to speak of our faithful efforts to serve and worship, learn and grow? Will they speak of the providence of God and God's faithfulness through the good days and the challenging ones alike? How they write our story is being determined right now with the decisions we make as we seek to be faithful followers of Jesus Christ here and now.

I'd have to say we are on a good path. We are a blessing to many and God is blessing us greatly. For that I am very grateful. It is my hope, prayer and resolve that 182 years from now they will speak of our faithfulness and the blessings of God in this generation and the ones that follow us.

In Christ's love,

Steve



Member News

This past month we lost a very dear member of our church family, **Bill Harding**. Bill passed away on May 7 and will be deeply missed by everyone here at Fairfield. Please keep his family in your prayers. A memorial service will be held here at Fairfield on June 17.

Please keep the following people in your daily prayers: Cindy Cattoi's husband Bill, Dwight Clark, John Crowe, Rebecca Harvey's nephew, Charlie Hunt, Terri Joyce, Ken Moore, Barbara Pearson, Charles Ransone, Earl Rigsby, Lynn Rudolph, Faye Sandridge, Beth Weber, John Weeks, Pam Wells, Woodfin family, all those who serve as missionaries abroad and those who serve our nation. Also remember those who need jobs and those in our congregation who are unable to attend church regularly due to illness or limited mobility.

Please remember our shut-ins: Evelyn Bailey, Ann Barlow, Voncile Baughman, Ruth Gatewod, Inez Hill, Stan Hiner, Marjorie Hughes, Laverne Longest, Gloria Meador, Myrtle Muire, Nancy Norment, Mack Perkins, Emerson & Sheila Shaw, Bootsie Stevens and June Yates.

(Please update Pastor Steve or Pastor Darren as often as possible if you wish to keep your name or your loved one's name on this list.)

The view

"Christian faith is a grand cathedral, with divinely pictured windows. Standing without, you see no glory, nor can imagine any. But standing within, every ray of light reveals a harmony of unspeakable splendors."

Nathaniel Hawthorne



My students and I want to thank you for allowing us to use the beautiful piano, Sanctuary, and Heritage Hall for our Spring Piano Concert on May 21. The kids did a wonderful job this year, and we all had a great time! We appreciate the support this congregation

gives to our music!

Amy Wenninger

Dear Fairfield Church,

Thank you so much for the support! This past year we saw tremendous growth in our youth programs; debuted our Boot Camp in the City program; Date Nights exposed a new generation of relationships to education that make them stronger. We couldn't continue our mission without Fairfield Presbyterian Church!

Debra Rogers
Dev. Director of Relationship
Foundation of VA

Special Dates

- Pentecost, June 4
- Trinity Sunday, June 11
- Flag Day, June 14
- Father's Day, June 18
- First day of summer, June 20



Robby Stevens June	2
Madeline Atkinson June	
Beth PattersonJune	e 3
Cooper SchwartzJune	e 3
Caleb Sutton June	2 3
Billy Walls June	e 3
Kathy Boyle June	2 4
Dot Gammon June	2 5
Sharon Gaston June	2 5
Jenny HaleJune	2 5
Brian LetourneauJune	e 6
Sue Putze June	
Barbara Wash June	e 6
Matt WenningerJune	e 6
Drew WallsJune	€ 7
Henry Warren June	
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Suzanne Weeks June	8 s
Margaret Barlow June	
Larry Covington June	
Janice BailyJune	
Will Glass June	
Beth Young June	
Barry Snedker June	11
Edward Wolfgang June	
Sarah PaliciaJune	12
Ginny Patterson June	
Leslie Vance June	
Jack Dobson June	
Chuck LorchJune	
Bootsie Stevens June	15
Rebekah Wenninger June	
Beverly BurtsJune	
Jessica Ingerman June	
Gerry Rudolph June	
Larry Hansbrough June	
Jim McDuffeeJune	19
Majken Whitaker June	
Ray StevensJune	
Cathy Wenninger June	
Betty Pittman June	
Garv Helfrich June	22

Melanie Magill June 23
Megan McWilliams June 23
Darren Utley June 23
Sarah Dobson June 24
Taylor Hale June 25
Susan Lorch June 25
Connor Sulser June 26
Bradley Walsh June 26
Martha Houchins June 27
Allison Adams June 28
Jim Gruenhagen June 28
Tiffany Lynn June 28
Kanee Johnson June 29
Jake Lafferty June 29
Adriana Pope June 29
Beth Weber June 30



Tom & Jenny Lake	June 1
Richard & Deborah Wood	June 2
Brian & Anne Wash	June 4
Charles & Laura Gauntt	June 6
Rick & Diane Richardson	June 6
John & Janna Daugherty	June 7
Bob & Gen Stevens	June 7
Rob & Brenda Blue	June 12
Don & Pam Wells	June 12
Mike & Donna Hohman	June 13
Jack & Beverly Ward	June 14
Gerry & Lynne Rudolph	June 17
Gerald & Debbie Atkins	June 18
Matt & Amy Wenninger	June 19
Walt & Jan Fadeley	June 21
Bill & Lee Lythgoe	June 21
Billy & Nancy Walls	June 21
Danny & Cathy Guertler	June 22
Steve & Debby Starzer	June 22
Marge & Ned Wantz	June 22
Chuck & Ginny Patterson	June 23
Ken & Rae Hayden	June 26
Stuart & Becky Settle	June 26
Danny & Karen Couch	June 30



We congratulate the following students who have worked hard over the past 12 years to obtain their high school diploma!

Amanda Ciejek
Michael Gee
Caroline Hastings
Emily Helfrich
Parker Hohman
Matthew Holloman
Alaina Price
Graham Williamson

May the years to come be filled with happiness and success!

Do all the good you can,
By all the means you can,
In all the ways you can,
In all the places you can,
At all the times you can,
To all the people you can,
As long as ever you can.
- John Wesley

The origin of Father's Day

One Sunday in 1909, Sonora Smart Dodd listened to a sermon honoring mothers. Her mother had died some years before, so her father had raised her by himself. Dodd wondered why there wasn't a day to honor fathers, so she arranged a tribute to her father at a church in Spokane, Washington. The date was June 19, 1910. Many people believe this was the beginning of Father's Day.

Another account holds that a West Virginia

church held a tribute service for fathers in 1908, following a mine explosion that killed 360 men. Regardless of which story is correct, President Calvin Coolidge was the first president to designate a special day to honor fathers. In 1924, he proclaimed the third Sunday in June as Father's Day.

The **Super Singles** will be going to Debbie's Kitchen located at 13155 Mountain Road in Glen Allen on **June 11**th immediately following the 11:00am service. Please call Melanie Rubeck (730-5994) before Friday, <u>June 9th</u> so she can make a reservation. Meet in the church



parking lot after the 11:00am service to carpool to the restaurant.

This is a fun fellowship! We get together once a month for a meal and Christian fellowship. If you are a single adult – divorced, widowed, or never-married, you are invited to attend!

Melanie Rubeck



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new born. We also make hats and scarves that we donate to MCEF during the winter months.

If you would like to be part of this Ministry, please come to our next meeting on Wednesday, **June 7th at 10:30**am in the Barlow Parlor. We look forward to having you join our fellowship.

Anna Barrowclough



The Lord blessed us with another beautiful spring day for monthly fellowship together. Our devotion reminds us that even Jesus asked for help from God the Father. We should remember that we need to give our life to God and let him help us with ALL our problems. We also discussed giving some monetary help to one of our member families in need.

There was some discussion as to changing the time we meet for breakfast on this monthly Tuesday meeting, BUT for now the present time of 6:00 to 6:30 seems to accommodate all work schedules, so there will be NO change in meeting time for June.

There was also a request for a new Men of the Church director and treasure. Both jobs can be the same person, but it is always better with a team for decision making. The position is rewarding and does not take a lot of your time. We look forward to someone coming in with fresh new ideas. Please prayerfully consider receiving this blessing of service.

All men are encouraged to join us and the experience this group's fellowship first hand. You won't regret it.

We look forward to seeing you for our next breakfast on Tuesday, **June 13th**. Join us at The Cold Harbor Restaurant, every 2nd Tuesday of the month starting around 6:00 to 6:30 am. Call or email Bill Dobson 804-314-3127 or Bill.dobson@comcast.net with any questions about the Men of the Church activities. You never have to reserve a seat, we will always have an opening for you.

In Christ Service, Billy Putze, Bill Dobson

family CONNECT

An interactive Bible School experience for ALL ages!

Join us **Saturday, August 12**th at 4:00pm to learn about some of Abrahams direct family connections all while connecting with your church family through skits, crazy games, music and more! ALL ages are welcome to attend. There will be a potluck dinner (Fried Chicken provided) immediately following the event at 6:15.



Recently we sent out the second letter to the Shepherds. As soon as we have a clear idea of the number of new Shepherds that will be needed, we will appeal to the congregation for new members of this

ministry.

We are working to make the Take Them a Meal website more accessible to everyone. If you or a friend or family member would like meals delivered to you, please contact either Debby Starzer (ddstarzer85@aol.com) or Jessica Ingerman (jessingerman88@gmail.com) so the name and password can be set up.

The Deacons will be meeting on **June 6th** at 7 p.m.

Marge Wantz

Session News

While it seems as if we should be winding down for the summer, your Session is still working hard and well for Fairfield Church and the Mission and Ministry of Jesus Christ.

- heard a report on the hosting of Presbytery on June 20th. The agenda for the day concludes early, so we will not have to serve lunch. We will be looking for volunteers to help with parking, hospitality, set up/break down and coffee/tea/refreshments.
- approved the use of our facilities on an occasional basis by Bekah Hughes Davis for her vocal students.
- learned that the Adult Summer VBS will be extended to three or four nights to cover the material. Darren will be teaching in addition to Steve. The topic is the Book of Romans and its influence on the Reformation.
- Team Youth informed us that they have a total of 28 youth and adults participating in the Mission Trip to Tennessee. The fundraising was successful with the only need now being the transportation costs.
- learned that Gingerbread Cottage Preschool will be moving their items into the church on May 25th as they need to vacate Shalom Baptist Church since that facility has been sold. They will be with us for a year while Shalom builds their new facility. Their fall program starts September 5th and will be four mornings a week for approximately 35 children.
- approved moving forward with a new church photo directory with a new company which has come highly recommended to us. It is hoped to have the new directory started in Spring 2018.
- Mission and Christian Witness shared their delight that \$13,700 was raised for the Mission Budget!
- Stewardship and Finance reported that we

are in excellent financial shape after the first third of the year. We were reminded though that Summer is coming and giving tails off a bit and that there are obligations which still will need to be met. But we are extremely grateful to God and to the people of Fairfield for generosity and faithfulness!

• Stewardship and Finance also updated and drew the Session into conversation on the topic of planned giving, wills emphasis and endowments with the hope and dream that Fairfield will be a blessing to many more generations after us. We hope to provide for the future in a manner where the Church will always be able to do its mission and ministry even in lean years.

Session will meet again Tuesday evening **June 20th** for its stated meeting for the Summer.

Adult Discipleship News

Our memory verses for the next year will be from Romans, Chapter 12. See how many you can remember! This is the one for June:

"For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, through many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others."

Romans 12:4-5



Children's Nurture Team

We welcomed **Gingerbread Cottage Preschool** to Fairfield this past Wednesday! They will be holding classes at Fairfield Tuesdays through Fridays from 9:00am-12:00 noon during the 2017-2018 school year. We are excited to have them with us!"

Mission Team News

The Mission Team would like to give a **big heartfelt thank you** to are Fairfield family for such a successful 2017 Mission Drive. We were able to raise \$13,700 and surpassed our goal of 10,000. We can't wait to put this to good use by helping the less fortunate and spreading the word of God.

Summer Flowers

Behold the flowers of June! How fair and bright their buds appear, as, opening to the summer air, our eyes and hearts they cheer!

Who would have thought there could abound such beauty and delight beneath the cold and wintry ground that hid those flowers from sight?

That power which made and governs all the mighty power of God alone could life and beauty call out of the lifeless sod.

And he, who from the winter's gloom can summer thus disclose, shall one day make the desert bloom, and blossoms as the rose.

Anonymous



9:00am Infant/Toddler Nursery Schedule

June 4	Mitzi Marker & McKenzie Marker
June 11	Brenda Blue & Hannah Reasor
June 18	Linda Daugherty & Angela Blue
June 25	Karen Couch & Beverly Burts

10:00am Infant/Toddler

June 4	Cathy Wenninger & Janet Chelette
June 11	Linda Gruenhagen & Martha
	Houchins
June 18	Majken Whitaker & Jennifer France
June 25	Katy Underdown & Allison
	Letourneau
	Katy Underdown & Allison

11am Infant /Toddler

June 4	Angela Schwartz & Pam Gigliotti
June 11	Nikki Glass & Donna Hohman
June 18	Pam Roberts & Anne Young
June 25	Angela Blue & TBD

Slow Down

Walk a little slower, Daddy, said a little child so small. I'm following in your footsteps and I don't want to fall. Sometimes your steps are very fast; sometimes they're hard to see. So walk a little slower, Daddy, for you are leading me.

Someday when I'm all grown up, you're what I want to be. Then I will have a little child who'll want to follow me. And I would want to lead just right, and know that I was true; so walk a little slower, Daddy, for I must follow you.

Author unknown

Under Age Thinking....



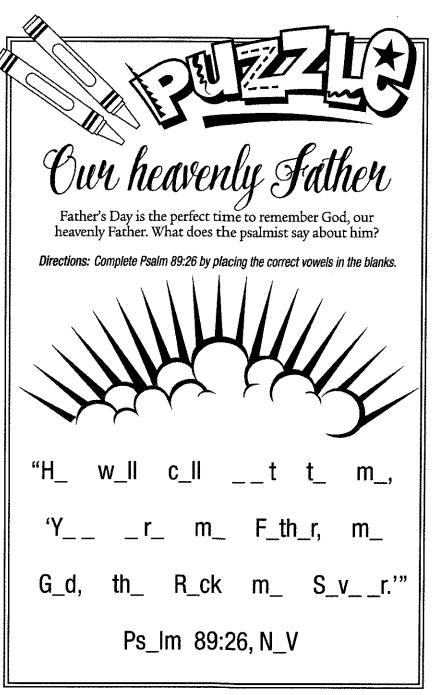
Make this heartwarming handprint gift to give your dad or another special man on Father's Day.

What you need:

- Tempura paint (any two colors besides white)
- A paper plate
- Two paintbrushes
- Your dad's hand
- White cardstock
- Paper towels
- A pen

What you do:

- 1. Place paint on the paper plate.
- 2. Paint your dad's palm and the insides of his fingers with one color of paint. Set his hand in the center of the cardstock and press down. Let dry.
- Paint your palm and fingers with the other color. Place your hand in the center of your dad's. Let dry.
- 4. Write a loving message to your dad on the blank sections of the cardstock.
- 5. Give your dad the gift and a hug!



Answer: "He will call out to me, You are my Father, my God, the Rock my Savior." Psalm 89:26, NIV

Fairfield Church Men's Softball Team

Have you been to support our church's softball team this year? They play on Tuesday nights at Pole Green Park from April to the middle of July. We have a great group of players this year - so we hope to see you at one of the games!

Jun. 6	8:30pm 9:30pm	Fairfield vs. Restoration Church Restoration Church vs. Fairfield	Pole Green Park #1
Jun. 13	8:30pm 9:30pm	Cool Spring Baptist vs. Fairfield Fairfield vs. Cool Spring Baptist	Pole Green Park #2
Jun. 20	6:30pm 7:30pm	New Bridge Baptist vs. Fairfield Fairfield vs. New Bridge Baptist	Pole Green Park # 2
Jun. 27	6:30pm 7:30pm	Redeemer # 2 vs. Fairfield Fairfield vs. Redeemer #2	Pole Green Park 2
July 11	8:30pm 9:30pm	Fairfield vs. New Highland Baptist New Highland Baptist vs. Fairfield	Pole Green Park #2

Our softball team consists of: Allen Boyle, Craig Brewster, Chuck Chelette, John Daugherty, Kevin Daugherty, Wayne Early, Jim France, Kevin France, Keith Franklin, Justin Harvey, Sean Link, Charlie Mingroni, Chad Starzer, Stephen Starzer, Brett Underdown, Jeff Wash, Matt Wenninger, Pete Wenninger, and KC Whitaker.









The need is constant. The gratification is instant. Give blood.TM

Blood Drive Fairfield Presbyterian Church **Family Center**

Tuesday, June 27nd 2:00pm - 7:00pm

To make an appointment please

- Call church office (804) 730-7164
- signup sheet
- http://www.redcross.org/
- Walkins are always welcome

Remember to drink plenty of water, eat a good meal, and bring a photo ID.

American Red Cross

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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9:00 AM Contemporary Service (Sanctuary) 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Traditional Service 2:00 PM - 9:00 PM Scotch- town Chapter DAR Meeting (FC) 4:30 PM Youth Farewell Cookout (Pavilion)	5 6:30 PM Cub Scout Pack graduation (Heritage Hall)	7:00 PM Christian Ministry (HH) 7:00 PM Evangelism Team (#19) 7:00 PM Missions Team (#14) 7:00 PM OA Lodge Planning Meeting (#29) 7:00 PM Personnel Team (#31) 7:00 PM Worship Team (#26) 7:15 PM Deacon's Meeting (#20) 8:30 PM Softball Game (Polegreen Park) 9:30 PM Softball Game (Polegreen Park)	7 10:30 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry (#12) 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM Hanover Concert Band Covered Dish Dinner (FC)	8 7:00 PM Boy Scouts (HH)	9 Set-up F/C for Eagle Scout Ceremony	8:00 AM - 8:00 PM Braedon Aycock Eagle Scout Cere- mony (FC) 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM Becky Clark (Heritage Hall)
9:00 AM Contemporary Service (Sanctuary) 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Traditional Service	12 7:00 PM OA Chapter Meeting (HH or Pavilion)	6:00 AM Men of the Church Breakfast (off-site) 7:00 PM Christian Administration (HH) 7:00 PM Facilities Management Mtg. (#20) 7:00 PM Stewardship Team (#26) 8:30 PM Softball Game (Polegreen Park) 9:30 PM Softball game (Polegreen Park)	14	7:00 PM Boy Scout Committee Meeting (#29)	16	17 Bill Harding's Memorial Service (Family Center)
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9:00 AM Contemporary Service (Sanctuary) 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Traditional Service	26 7:00 PM Eagle Board of Review (26, 29, 32)	27 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM Blood Drive (Family Center) 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Daisy Troop (#29) 6:30 PM Softball Game (Polegreen Park) 7:00 PM Adult Discipleship (#19) 7:00 PM Children's Nurture Team (#20) 7:00 PM Christian Formation Teams (HH) 7:00 PM Youth Ministry Team (#26) 7:30 PM Softball Game (Polegreen Park)	28	29	30	



Peace for today

May today there be peace within.

May you trust God that you are exactly
where you are meant to be.

May you not forget the infinite possibilities that are born of faith.

May you use those gifts that you have received and pass on the love that has been given to you.

May you be confident knowing you are a child of God.

Let this presence settle into your bones, and allow your soul the freedom to sing, dance, praise and love.

It is there for each and every one of us. St. Therese of Lisieux (1873-1897)



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