

The Lord anoints us, as he did Jesus, “to bring good news to the oppressed to bind up the broken-hearted” (Isaiah 61:1 (NRSV)). We gather here to be strengthened for this work. Welcome! Here at Fairfield, we offer a contemporary service at 9:00am; Sunday School for all ages at 10:00am and our traditional service at 11:00am. Please ask Dr. Steve Starzer, Rev. Darren Utley or any of the ushers for information on various programs and ministries. If you have any questions please feel free to call the church office 730-7164 or e-mail us at office@fairfieldpcusa.org. You can also visit our web site at www.fairfieldpcusa.org.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Craig Brewster & Family
Chuck Chelette’s mom, Gerry
Barbara Cooper’s brother, Larry
Bill Dobson
Jennifer France’s father, Paul
Fran Hansbrough
Terri Joyce
Tom Lake & Family
Bill Lythgoe’s brother, Hank

Gloria Meador
Ken Moore
Virginia Phipps
Donna Richbourg’s nephew, Alex
Jack Ward
Greg Woodfin, Sr.
All who serve our nation here
and abroad.

Please call the church office (730-7164) or let a pastor know at the end of the service for someone to be on our prayer list. ***Names will normally be listed in bulletin for 3 weeks, unless we receive updates.***

The flowers in the sanctuary are given by Jean Plott to the Glory of God and in celebration of all of her friends in Mechanicsville.

NURSERY CARE

9am Infant/Toddler: Angela Blue & Hannah Reasor
Next Week: Angela Blue & Linda Daugherty

9am Children’s Church: Ginny Patterson
Next Week: Donna Hohman

10am Infant/Toddler: Barbara Wash & Cathy Wenninger
Next Week: Linda Gruenhagen & Melanie Rubeck

11am Infant/Toddler: Donna Hohman & Pam Roberts
Next Week: Angela Blue & Beth Patterson

WE OFFER A KID’S WORSHIP PROGRAM during the 9:00am service. The program takes place in Room # 6.

YOUTH GROUP

- Today: Christmas Tacos! Bring a dessert to share, 4:30pm
- Dec. 24: No Youth Group
- Dec. 31: No Youth Group

A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will take place this morning at 9:55am in the Family Center for the purpose of electing officers and approving changes in Terms of Call for Steve and Darren (see insert.) Here are the names of the persons being nominated to the office of elder: Beth Young, Allen Boyle, Jim France, Larry Hansbrough, K. C. Whitaker, Jenny Young. Here is the person being nominated to the office of deacon: Chuck Patterson and Becky Settle is nominated for a 3 year term as at-large member of the nominating committee.

2018 PLEDGES: If you were unable to be with us on Dedication Sunday, you may still bring your pledge cards in. Please place them in the offering plate during the Offertory. Extra cards are available in the Attendance Books. Please pray about making a commitment to our ministries for 2018.

CHRISTIAN YOGA CLASSES: Thursday night, **December 14** will be the last class until we resume again on Thursday, January 11. We hope everyone has a wonderful holiday!

CAN YOU HELP? We continue to look for a few more people to become a team to set up and take down chairs in The Family Center. If you are willing to help many hands make light work, please talk to Matt Wenninger or Darren Utley.

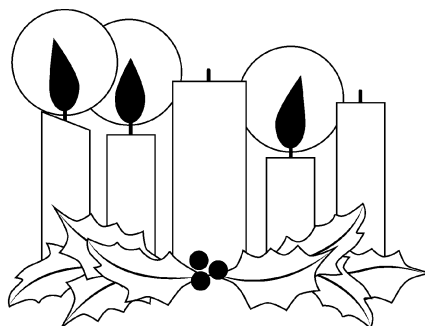
THE 2018 FLOWER CALENDAR is up! Please choose a date to honor, celebrate, or remember someone special in your life. The flowers are yours to keep or you can donate them and one of our deacons will deliver them to someone to brighten their day. The cost is \$25 next year.

THE DEADLINE FOR THE January newsletter is **December 20th**. Articles submitted after that date will go in the next newsletter.

NEED A LAST MINUTE GIFT? How about a Fairfield t-shirt. Call the church office to see if we have the size you need! Cost is \$5.00 each.

THIS WEEK'S CHURCH MEETINGS & EVENTS

Dec. 17	Contemporary Worship Service (Family Center)	9:00am
	Congregational Meeting (Family Center)	9:55am
	Sunday School	10:00am
	Traditional Worship Service (sanctuary)	11:00am
	Youth Group	4:30pm
Dec. 19	Session Meeting (#20)	7:00pm
Dec. 20	Fairfield Ringers' Practice (sanctuary)	7:00pm
	Adult Choir Practice (sanctuary)	8:00pm
Dec. 21	Blue Christmas Service (sanctuary)	6:30pm
	Boy Scouts Committee Meeting (#20)	7:00pm
	Christian Yoga Class (#29)	7:00pm
	Youth Sunday School Praise Band (Family Center)	7:15pm
	Praise Band Practice (Family Center)	8:00pm



THIRD SUNDAY
OF
Advent

Advent & Christmas Events

December 17:

- ★ *Third Sunday of Advent*
- ★ Congregational Meeting 9:55am
- ★ Special music service at 11:00am
- ★ Youth Group, 4:30pm

December 21:

- ★ **Blue Christmas Service**, 6:30pm in the sanctuary. For those who have had losses – a loved one's passing, a relationship broken, a job lost, or other circumstances, we offer this special worship on an early December evening. Let the holidays become a time of peace and reflection. We will pray and sing and light candles in celebration of life and for hope and healing in Christ, the Light of the World. Please join us.

December 24:

- ★ *4th Sunday of Advent*
- ★ Regular services at 9:00am & 11:00am
- ★ 5:00pm - Christmas Eve Family Service - all ages are welcome to worship in this family-friendly service. This service will be held in the Family Center.
- ★ 7:30pm Candelight Worship - in the hush of the evening, all gather in the light of Christ's birth. This service will be held in the sanctuary.

December 25

- ◆ *Merry Christmas!*
- ◆ Church Office is closed.

December 26

- ★ Church Office is closed.