



The Messenger

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July 2019



Right before our departure on the mission trip we gather all of our luggage and pack it in a trailer that we pull behind Mitzi Marker's truck. We are

blessed to have access to this extra space to carry our baggage. We would need another whole vehicle if we did not have this place to store all our stuff. I mention this out of thanksgiving, but also because the theme for our worship services during the week was baggage. The scripture for the week was Hebrews 12:1-2: "Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding the shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God."

Each night, one of the camp staff spoke with us about the way sin and the presence of evil in the world leads to us having all manner of baggage in our relationships, identity, and life. An important point they made was that we can't really live a baggage free life. We all have inherited flaws and foibles because we are scared by sin and will often miss the mark of the life God desires for us. The point is to not add weight to the baggage. As the scripture verse says, "lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely."

The image that the worship leaders used each night was a bag filled with stones. As they spoke about laying aside the weight that fills our baggage they would take a stone from the bag and lay it at the cross. We were encouraged to have faith in God's love for us that would give us the strength to lay down the weight of the baggage we have about our identity (too old, too young, too heavy, not beautiful, not worth loving, etc.). We were reminded that with faith we can learn to forgive those who have added weight to our baggage in our relationships. Ultimately we were called to look to Jesus who embodied God's love, epitomized forgiveness, and promises us that we are a new creation through his love and sacrifice. When our baggage gets weighed down and we feel life is too much for us, the verse reminds us to "look to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith."

If you are at a place where the race is getting too hard to run because of the weight and the sin that clings so closely to us all, remember these words of Jesus from Matthew 11:28, "Come to me, all of you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."

Member News



Our sympathy goes out to **Nancy Hart** and her family on the death of her husband **Marshall Hart** who passed away on May 30. Marshall was a member of our church family and a dear friend to all. We also give our sympathy to **Dwight Clark** on the death of his oldest brother Roger. his family on the death of his brother, Paul, who passed away on June 16th. Please keep these families in your prayers.



Ayron Young & Collin Humphrey have a new house and a new address! Their new address is 207 Stebbins Street, Ashland, VA 23005.

Please keep the following people in your daily prayers: **Kathy Boyle's** father, **Becky Clark, John Crowe, Tanner Franklin, Fran Hansbrough's** sister, Jane, **Ruth Harpster, Ken & Rae Hayden's** friend, Bill Smith, **Richard Woods'** mother, Elgie and 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, Marie Blatt, Ruth Gatewood, Inez Hill, Stan Hiner, Laverne Longest, Myrtle Muire, Nancy Norment, Mack Perkins, Louise Setchel, Emerson & Sheila Shaw, and Bootsie Stevens.

(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.)



*We would like to personally thank **Fairfield Presbyterian Church** for your love, prayers, and support over the past weeks and even months during Marshall's*

illness. We appreciate all the hard work and dedication to prepare for his funeral. It's very comforting to have a church family that helped our family in a time of need. Marshall loved each one of you. Thank you for caring for us.

Love, Nancy Hart & Family

The deacons and their helpers wish to thank the congregation for their generous donations of food for the reception following Marshall Hart's service. You gave Nancy and her family a gracious opportunity to greet and receive condolences from Marshall's many friends.

Pam Wells

Our good God

For the love of God is broader
than the measure of man's mind;
and the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.

If our love were but more faithful,
we should take him at his word;
and our life would be thanksgiving
for the goodness of the Lord.

-Frederick W. Faber





Marcia Cramer July 1
 Tanner Lightsey July 1
 John Longest July 1
 Chuck Chelette July 2
 Rebecca Mumpower July 2
 Bonnie Penny July 2
 Charles Ransone July 3
 Mac Spencer July 3
 David Compton July 4
 Kadie Duggan July 4
 Corrinne Harding July 4
 Debbie Palicia July 4
 Sharon Tuckwiller July 4
 Sarah Wash July 4
 Brantley Clark July 5
 Rae Hayden July 5
 David Utley July 5
 Jerry Williamson July 5
 Crystal Bessette July 6
 Linda Gruenhagen July 6
 Carolyn Moore July 6
 McKenna Blue July 7
 Arlene Butchyk July 7
 Jackson Wash July 7
 Ryan Lafferty July 8
 Phoenix Leigh July 8
 Bill Lythgoe July 11
 Debbie Lynn July 14
 Deb Utley July 15
 Harry Zweckbronner July 16
 Ben Hohman July 17
 Jenny Young July 18
 Judy Thompson July 19
 Jack Ward July 23
 Gloria Dunham July 25
 Madeline Dunn July 25
 Herta Wenninger July 25
 Nancy Walls July 27
 Robin Wilson July 27
 Merrill Hastings July 28
 Rachel Underdown July 29
 Sheree Duggan July 30
 Mary Gayton July 30
 David Schwartz July 30
 Gerry Nuckols July 31

Charles & Betty Ransone July 2
 Brett & Katy Underdown July 2
 Sue & Herb Coulter July 3
 Brian & Allison Letourneau July 5
 Gene & Peggie Rosen July 9
 Courtney & Miheer Kulkarni July 11
 Troy & Ana Horn July 12
 Mike & Erin Reasor July 12
 Jack & Lori Briel July 13
 Allen & Kathy Boyle July 19
 Mark & Lindsey Irwin July 25
 Bryant & Julie Lowery July 25
 J .R.. & Mitzi Marker July 28
 Darren & Deb Utley July 28
 Darlene & Rick Shegogue July 29

A Prayer for the Fourth



Loving God, we thank you
 - the true Father of our
 country - for the blessings
 of this land and the gifts of
 cultures around the world.
 Prompt us to strive for
 justice for all, at home and
 abroad. Remind us, in the
 words of the hymn, that
 “this is our Father’s world” and that your
 goodness prevails. Amid tragedies and conflicts,
 guard us against despair. Help us focus on the
 kindness evident daily: from generous neighbors
 to conscientious public servants (because most
 are). On Independence Day and every day, “O
 let [us] ne’er forget that though the wrong seems
 oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet.” Amen.

- Sandy Hyland

Bill Dobson's Men of the Church Group

Every second Tuesday the men of the church get together for breakfast and a devotion to get their day going right. They meet at the Cold Harbor Restaurant around 6:00-6:30am to eat together and discuss projects and/or ideas of things the men of the church can do for our church family and groups that need our help. This group is for men of all ages! The next meeting will be on **Tuesday, July 9th**. Call Billy Putze 804-338-3233 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.



Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl ministry is taking a break this month and will get back together on **August 7th**. Have a great July! We will see you in August!



The Super Singles

The Super Singles are a group of single, divorced and widowed members who get together on the second Sunday of each month and go to lunch! **We are NOT meeting in July or August** but will resume our get-togethers on September 8th. Have a wonderful summer!

Melanie Rubeck



NURSERY
Volunteers

9:00am Infant/Toddler Nursery Schedule

July 7	Beverly Burt & Karen Couch
July 14	Sandra Brewster & Hannah Reasor
July 21	Sandra Brewster & Linda Daugherty
July 28	Mitzi Marker & McKenzie Marker

11am Infant /Toddler

July 7	Jan Fadeley & Pam Gigliotti
July 14	Beth Patterson & Anne Young
July 21	Donna Hohman & Dale Woodfin
July 28	Jan Fadeley & Angela Schwartz

We are currently seeking more volunteers for the 9am, 10am and 11am nurseries starting in September. If you can spare one hour of your time to help out in one of our nurseries, please let Angela Blue know (804) 357-3111. It is up to all of us to raise these children in our church family!

Kid's Worship

Kid's Worship, which meets during the 9:00am worship service, is taking a break from June to September 2nd. The children ages 4 and up are welcome to stay in the worship service or sit in the narthex where children's coloring packets will be located or children up to preschool age may go to the nursery.



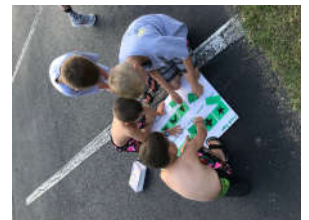
Thank you to everyone who came out for Campfire on June 23rd! We had a wonderful turnout and enjoyed time with our Bethlehem Presbyterian friends. A big thank you to the Praise Band for leading us in worship and to Mike, Pat and Linda Daugherty for grilling hamburgers and hot dogs and letting us all enjoy french fries from their fryer!



We kicked off the event with a sprinkler, corn hole, kick ball, croquet, yard darts, bike riding and ended with a scavenger hunt, escape bag, craft, Praise Band and S'mores around the campfire. What a great way to launch us into the summer months!



“But they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not be faint” (Isaiah 40:31)



Mission Possible

As many of you know, we recently completed a very successful mission trip to Newport, North Carolina, to assist the victims of Hurricane Florence. We learned that there are many people still unable to live in their own homes, almost a year later. The need for volunteers is great!

Therefore we have decided to return to Newport to continue helping the victims. The dates are **October 11-17**. We know that because of work and other responsibilities, some people can't be away a whole week. Therefore, we have a 4 day option from Saturday - Tuesday. In addition to construction volunteers, we are also looking for volunteers to shop for food and prepare dinners. There will be informational meetings in the near future. Please email, text or call me if you are interested in going or would like more information. Danny Guertler, 804-543-2939, daguertler@gmail.com.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

Record breaking flooding and tornadoes have devastated lives and communities in Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, Ohio, Michigan, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Oklahoma, Texas and Mississippi. Your hearts, like ours, have been broken as the fatalities increase. Levee breaches are causing flooding in Iowa, Missouri, Illinois, Louisiana and Arkansas, which will further the destruction in residential areas and agricultural land, and result in greater loss of life.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is strongly engaged in responding to flooding and tornadoes in twenty presbyteries and six synods. Because of your gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing, PDA has been able to respond immediately, offering initial grants and National Response Team members to assist with assessments, and will be able to respond throughout the long term recovery. Church damage grants have been disbursed to support affected churches' continuing ministries, such as

food pantries and emergency shelters, to be able to assist their communities in this time of great need.

We collect our One Great Hour of Sharing at Thanksgiving, but feel free to send a check to PDA at your own discretion. Make your check payable to PCUSA, P. O. Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700.

Destination devotions

Planning a summer trip? Take along a Scripture passage befitting your vacation to use for devotions and prayer time (all NIV below):

- **In the mountains:** "The mountains and hills will burst into song before you." (Isaiah 55:12).

- **At a lake, perhaps on a fishing trip:** "They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fisherman. 'Come follow me,' Jesus said, 'and I will send you out to fish for people'" (Matthew 4:18-19).

- **Near an ocean or river:** "Let the sea resound ... let the rivers clap their hands" (Psalm 98:7-8).


- **In the desert:** "They looked toward the desert, and there was the glory of the Lord appearing in the cloud" (Exodus 16:10).

- **In the woods:** "Blessed is the one... whose delight is in the law of the Lord... That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season" (Psalm 1: 1-3).

- **In the flatlands:** "'My food,' said Jesus, 'is to do the will of him who sent me... I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest'" (John 4:34-35).

- **On a "staycation" close to home:** "Love the Lord your God ... These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. ... Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road... Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates" (Deuteronomy 6:5-9).

Under-Age Thinking...








PUZZLE

"IN DEPENDENCE" DAY!

Always live "in dependence" on God.

Directions: Use the vowel code to complete Psalm 16:8, NIV.

A=  E=  I=  O=  U= 

k _ _ p my _ y _ s
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 W _ th h _ m _ t my
 r _ ght h _ nd,
 w _ ll n _ t b _ sh _ k _ n.
 Ps _ lm 16:8, N _ V

Answer: I keep my eyes always on the LORD. With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken. Psalm 16:8, NIV

PATRIOTIC PINWHEEL

Create this colorful July 4th craft.

What you need:

- Decorated card stock square (5" x 5")
- Scissors
- Hole punch
- 2 one-inch circles of card stock
- Glue
- Pipe cleaner (3 inches)
- Drinking straw



What you do:

1. Fold the square corner to corner to form an X. Unfold.
2. To make spokes, cut the four creases until an inch from the center.
3. Punch a hole in the middle of the square, near the tips of each spoke, and in the middle of each circle.
4. Fold each spoke toward the center, lining up the holes. Glue in place.
5. Wrap one end of the pipe cleaner around the top of the straw. Thread a circle, the pinwheel, and the remaining circle onto the pipe cleaner.
6. Roll the pipe cleaner end into a ball. Then spin!



Honor your hero. Be a hero. **Donate blood.**



**American
Red Cross**

Fairfield Presbyterian Church

Blood Drive

Tuesday, July 2nd
1:00 pm - 6:00 pm

6930 Cold Harbor Road
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For an appointment, please visit redcrossblood.org


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Or call the Church Office at (804) 730-7164



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Bible Quiz

At the burning bush, Moses asks God's name. What is God's answer?

- A. The Lord
- B. I AM
- C. The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob
- D. All of the above



Answer: D (See Exodus 3:14-15.)



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