



# The Messenger

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## August 2019



Dear friends,

August is bringing a wonderful opportunity for me. I will be taking a mini-sabbatical from August 9 - September 7. My terms of call offer me a three month sabbatical after seven years of continuous service as your Pastor. I have completed nearly eight and a half years of the honor of serving all of you! Time does fly! I didn't feel the need for a three month sabbatical to be taken all at one time but I certainly do feel the need for some extended time of rest and refreshment. I had a good conversation with the Personnel Committee and they agreed that I could take one month of sabbatical over each of the next three summers starting in 2019. Your Session agreed that it was a good plan.

Two things I want you to know about this. Pastoral ministry is hard. I'm not saying that you are difficult people to deal with but quite the opposite. You are wonderful people whom I love and enjoy very much! I want to be the best Pastor I can be for you and that means that I need to take a deep breath and let my body and soul catch up with each other. I will be traveling with Debby to the cottage which we rent annually and I hope to read, relax and yes, work a little bit on the book I was asked to write. I know that Darren will take wonderful care of you all in my absence.

The other thing I need to say is that when it

comes time for Darren to take a sabbatical, please don't follow my example with him. One of the reasons that I felt that an extended sabbatical wasn't necessary for me was because of the fact that in 2009, I was the recipient of a Lilly Foundation grant to take a wonderful sabbatical that year. That time away may very well have kept me in the ministry at a time when I was exhausted. But I didn't think ten years later that I needed such an experience again. Darren should take the full three months so that he might be renewed and refreshed for the next leg of his pastoral journey. Please keep that in mind when his time rolls around.

I give thanks to God every day for the honor and privilege it is to be called your Pastor.

In Christ's love,



# Member News



Congratulations to **Morgan & Wyatt Wills** on the birth of their daughter, Elliana Faye Wills, who was born on July 17, 2019. We are

happy for the whole family including grandparents Jerry & Melissa Hughes, great-grandparents Jim & Barbara Cooper; great aunt Ruth Harpster and Uncle Connor!



We welcome our newest member to the Fairfield family **Richard Walden**. Richard transferred to us from Cornerstone Presbyterian Church in Cary, North Carolina. He

lives in Covenant Woods. His address is 7090 Covenant Wood Drive, Apt. I-304, Mechanicsville, VA 23111. His phone number is (804) 417-9173 and his email address is [RichWal2004@yahoo.com](mailto:RichWal2004@yahoo.com). Welcome to our family Richard!



**Jack & Jo Mitchell** have moved to a new place in Covenant Woods. Their new address is 7090 Covenant Woods Drive, Apt. J103, Mechanicsville, VA 23111. Their phone number will remain the

same.

**Gary Helfrich** has moved. His new address is 12300 Moores Lake Road, Apt. 1417, Chester, VA 23831.

Please keep the following people in your daily

prayers: **Becky Clark, John Crowe, Fran Hansbrough's** sister, Jane, **Ken & Rae Hayden's** friend, Bill Smith, **Larry Rigsby, 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.)*



*Dear Fairfield Family,  
I'm so happy and thankful for ya'lls support of me this summer serving for Young Life in West Virginia. Every day kids from all over the country are hearing about the Lord in new ways and being disciplined. I have been challenged and grown in my faith as well since being here! Look forward to being with ya'll soon.*

Grace, peace and love,  
Kevin France

*Dear Rev. Steve and the entire Fairfield Congregation: God's grace to you! I'm humbled*

*as I send you this note of my sincere APPRECIATIONS for your presence, prayers and support during my ordination as a Minister of Word and Sacrament in the PCUSA Church. I cannot thank you enough for your help! You are nothing less than a blessing from God! You made me feel so special when I saw you being there for me. I knew that you spent time, effort, and energy to make sure my ordination was success. Your encouragement added to the joy of my faith journey as we serve the Lord together.*

Kindly accept my endless gratitude.  
In Christ's service,  
Rev. Humphrey Muraya

Dear Mark & FPC,

*Thank you for coordinating the Tuesday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> blood drive. We were very pleased with the drive overall and the willingness of the donors to share this life saving gift. The efforts of FPC have always been greatly appreciated and their support of the community blood drive program will go a long way toward replenishing blood supplies and ultimately saving lives. In addition, we very much appreciate your efforts during the crucial time. You may be interested to know that 33 donors registered, 4 donors were deferred and 32 units were collected! We also registered 6 first time donors! Again, thank you for your contribution and ongoing support to this important community program. I look forward to working with you again on an upcoming blood drive.*

Christine Homan  
Account Manager, American Red Cross

Fairfield Presbyterian Church,

*On behalf of Liberation Veteran Services, our staff, board of directors and veterans we serve, we want to say THANK YOU for your support so far this year. This July 4<sup>th</sup>, we*

*celebrated our independence thanks to the brave souls, who sacrificed so much to serve and protect our country. As we celebrate our veterans, we also wanted to celebrate you... the donors and volunteers whose unwavering support of our veterans has allowed us the opportunity to combat veteran homelessness. Because of your generosity, LVS has maintained our 86% success rate and can continue to positively impact the lives of veterans in our regions. Thank you so much for partnering with us in our fight to end veteran homelessness!*

Warmest Regards,  
Alexander J. Patrick



Bruce & Cathy Jenkins	August 1
Harry & Ann Zweckbronner	August 2
Larry & Fran Hansbrough	August 3
Mike & Beth Weber	August 3
Justin & Rebecca Harvey	August 7
Linwood & Carolyn Ingram	August 8
Sean & Melanie Magill	August 10
Dennis & Tracey Sulser	August 11
Arnold & LaVonne Neuharth	August 12
Gerry & Celeste Underdown	August 12
Buford & Betty Wade	August 12
Todd & Joanne Leudesdorff	August 14
Bob & Sharon Gaston	August 21
David & Tina Cunningham	August 23



Ivy Lightsey . . . . .	August 2
Myrtle Muire . . . . .	August 2
Kendall Underdown . . . . .	August 7
Keelyn Underdown . . . . .	August 7
LeVonne Neuharth . . . . .	August 8
Louise Kellum . . . . .	August 10
Tena Behling . . . . .	August 12
Donna Horn . . . . .	August 12
Rob Blue . . . . .	August 13
Peggie Rosen . . . . .	August 14
Brandon Stevens . . . . .	August 14
Calvin Pearson . . . . .	August 15
Todd Leudesdorff . . . . .	August 17
Helen Rigsby . . . . .	August 17
Lori Briel . . . . .	August 18
Barbara Cooper . . . . .	August 19
Tim Sutton . . . . .	August 19
Billy Putze . . . . .	August 20
Hunter Glass . . . . .	August 21
Lexie Horn . . . . .	August 21
Jake Lake . . . . .	August 21
Ken Hayden . . . . .	August 22
Jean Plott . . . . .	August 22
Robert Wilson . . . . .	August 22
Linda Daugherty . . . . .	August 24
Mark Schneck . . . . .	August 24
Topher Carson . . . . .	August 25
Linda Canyock . . . . .	August 27
Justin Harvey . . . . .	August 29
Sue Coulter . . . . .	August 30
Faye Sandridge . . . . .	August 30

August 4 - 6

Mark your calendars for August 4,5 & 6 for our joint Adult Vacation Bible School. Once again New Beginnings Church will join us those three evenings from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. Dr. Larry Enis, will join our own Darren and Steve in presenting the letter to the Galatians. We look forward to filling the Heritage Hall all three evenings!

### 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, August 13th.** 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 summer heat slows the crocheting and knitting but we still keep going. The joy of completing a project that will prayerfully give peace and comfort to the recipient is inspiring. Choosing a project with no particular person in mind and then having it

delivered to just the right person is a Godsend. If you would like to join this ministry, **the next meeting of the Prayer Shawl Ministry is Wednesday, August 7, 10:30am in the Barlow Parlor.**

Anna Barrowclough

## The Joyful Readers Circle

The Joyful Readers Circle will begin in September and are welcoming any and all ladies interested in joining. Their first meeting will be on Tuesday, September 10 at 7:00pm here at church.

The first book they will be discussing will be MoloKa'i by Alan Brennert. The discussion leader will be Jane Welborn and refreshments will be furnished by Angela Schwartz.

So please, read the book and join us on September 10<sup>th</sup> and see what you think!



**NURSERY**  
*Volunteers*

### 9:00am Infant/Toddler Nursery Schedule

- Aug. 4 Brenda Blue & Linda Daugherty
- Aug. 11 Angela Blue & Beverly Burts
- Aug. 18 Hannah Reason & Majken Whitaker
- Aug. 25 Beverly Burts & Karen Couch

### 11am Infant /Toddler

- Aug. 4 Donna Hohman & Angela Schwartz
- Aug. 11 Nikke Glass & Beth Patterson
- Aug. 18 Jan Fadeley & Dale Woodfin
- Aug. 25 Pam Gigliotti & Anne Young

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 will begin again on **September 9<sup>th</sup>**. Kid's Worship is for children ages 3 years through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and are dismissed from church after the Children's Sermon to go to the Kid's Worship room (#18) where they are taught a lesson more geared toward their age.

We are seeking volunteers to help with Kid's Worship on Sunday mornings. If you can help, please contact Donna Hohman at 746-1907.

## Come Home to Camp Hanover

### Homecoming

### Labor Day Weekend

Friday, August 30 - Monday, September 2

Homecoming Weekend is a time of celebration for all alumni - staff, campers, parents, grandparents, volunteers - any and all who have a connection to Camp Hanover. Reconnect with old friends and relive the "good old days." This relaxed weekend will feature plenty of time to wander about and rekindle memories and friendships, some special events like "decade vs. Decade" volleyball and foursquare tournaments and lowland games, storytelling, campfires, worship and other camp activities. You can "come home" for just a day or stay through the weekend. Register now at [CampHanover.org](http://CampHanover.org),



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](mailto:daguertler@gmail.com).

## A Day Away in a Quiet Place

Maya Angelo said, "Each person deserves a day away in which no problems are confronted, no solutions searched for. Each of us needs to withdraw from the cares which will not withdraw from us." Similarly, when Jesus' disciples were consumed with ministry, he urged them, "Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest." (Mark 6:31, NIV)

The late days of summer might be just the time to seek "a day away" not only from problems but even from ministry. While serving God and others can be energizing, we must balance work and rest. God set that example resting after creating the world; Jesus set that example, calling his disciples away - not just alone, but with him - to be refreshed.

Spend a relaxing day at a lake. Go on a scrapbooking retreat or a leisurely hike with friends. Find a monastery that welcomes guests, and experience 48 hours of prayer and silence there. Invite Jesus into that time and space. And remember another message he shared: "



**MECHANICSVILLE CHURCHES  
EMERGENCY FUNCTIONS  
(MCEF)**

[www.4mcef.com](http://www.4mcef.com)

Mechanicsville churches have been so generous in response to the call for full size toiletries (items that are not covered by food stamps.) Please remember to shop sales and coupons to make your donations to the food pantry easier. This month we were going to concentrate on Mac and Cheese. Whatever you can share is always appreciated. Please, no large cans or boxes of items. Needs at the current time are those canned vegetables that the pantry considers "other vegetables" such as collards, spinach, beets, lima beans, etc.

**The next day to contribute food for the One Stop Shop food pantry is Sunday, August 4<sup>th</sup>.**

**OSS Clothing** - the One Stop Shop will hold a 'back to school' day for the children and teen clothing is current clients on Wednesday, August 21 from 9:30 a.m. - Noon and 6-8 p.m.. Please consider donating new underwear for boys and girls, all sizes, smaller size men's underwear (boxer type), boy's jeans and khakis in good condition.

**CARITAS**

In October we will be conducting a sock drive for men who are living at the Healing Place. Any kind of new socks for men will be collected in October. There will be bins for collection at that time.

Thank you for all you do to reach out to those who need a helping hand in our community.

Nancy Gallihugh

**African Evangelical International  
Ministries PCUSA (AFRIEM)  
announces:**

**KEEP THE FIRE BURNING**

**August 11<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup>**

**A 7 Year Anniversary Celebration with  
Pastor Humphrey Muraya**



Pre-Anniversary Service - Sunday, Aug. 11<sup>th</sup> at 12:30pm

Nightly Seminars - Monday August 12 - Thursday August 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm

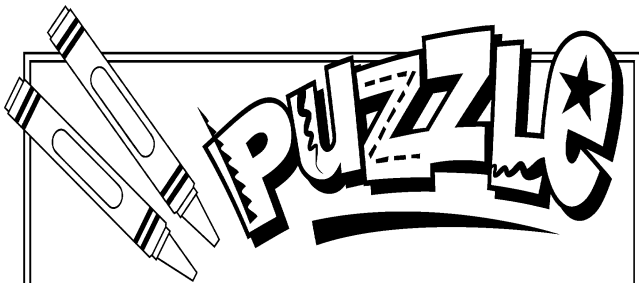
Musical - Friday August 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm

Royal Priesthood Day Celebration (Cookout) - Saturday August 17 at 2:00pm

Anniversary Services & Banquet - Sunday, August 18 at 12:30pm

All events will take place at 4103 Monument Avenue, Richmond, VA 23230

# Under-Age Thinking...



## GOD'S MORNING ROUTINE

Every new day, we wake up to blessings from God.

Directions: Use the clues to fill in the words. Then write the boxed letters in order below to complete Lamentations 3:22-23, NIV.

- Brush these daily                    \_ \_ \_ \_
- Do this to your shoes                 \_ \_
- This rises in the east                 \_ \_ \_
- Cold breakfast food                  \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
- Hot breakfast food                  \_ \_ \_ \_
- Talk to God                             \_ \_ \_ \_
- Morning meal                         \_ \_ \_  \_ \_  \_
- Extend your limbs                     \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
- Fruit drink                             \_ \_ \_  \_
- Waffle machine                        \_ \_   \_
- Eat these scrambled or fried        \_ \_ \_



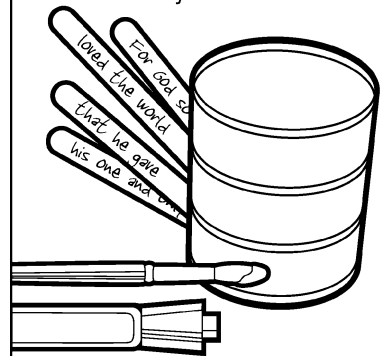
Because of the LORD's great love...     
          never fail. They are  
 new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

LAMENTATIONS 3:22-23, NIV

Answer: teeth, tie, sun, cereal, oatmeal, pray, breakfast, stretch, juice, iron, eggs; his compassions

## WAKE-UP WORDS

Play this memory game to start each day in God's Word.



### What you need:

- Paint and paint brushes
- Stickers
- An empty, clean tin can
- Permanent marker
- Bible
- Wooden craft sticks

### What you do:

1. Paint and decorate the outside of the can.
2. With marker, write a Bible verse on several sticks (only two or three words per stick).
3. Put the sticks in the can, and set it in a spot you'll see daily. As you eat or brush your teeth, practice unscrambling the verse and placing sticks in the correct order.
4. When you've memorized the verse, repeat with a new one.



# Attention ladies of all ages..

*(This includes the teen girls as well!)*

Mark your calendars for the  
evening of **September  
25th @ 6pm!**

National women's ministry  
speaker, author and minister  
Nicole Unice will be at  
Fairfield to speak to our  
ladies. It is an all inclusive  
evening with a meal and  
praise and worship.

You will leave refreshed and  
renewed in the spirit-just in  
time to tackle the craziness  
of the Fall!

*Learn more about Nicole  
Unice @*  
<https://nicoleunice.com/>



Presented by Fairfield Presbyterian 's  
Connect Women's Ministry

Contact Angela Blue with questions:

[Angela@fairfieldpcusa.org](mailto:Angela@fairfieldpcusa.org)

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## Bible Quiz



During the dramatic experience when God called Isaiah to be a prophet, who or what filled the temple?

- A. 144,000 worshipers
- B. The bottom of God's robe
- C. Smoke
- D. Priests offering sacrifices

Answer: B and C (See Isaiah 6:1-8.)



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**Return Service Requested**



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