



# The Messenger

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## August 2017



Dear friends,

I had an interesting conversation with a friend who worships in one of the many congregations who use our public schools on Sunday for worship and education. I asked how their church was doing and whether they were getting

closer to having their own space for worship and service. His answer surprised me just a bit. He told me that the congregation was doing just fine but they had no interest whatsoever in having a building of their own. He explained that they liked being itinerants who came and went as they pleased with no building to worry about.

At first thought, I wondered if maybe they were right. But then I considered our facility. Just a week or two ago, I was privileged to host a statewide gathering of Firefighters, EMS personnel and law enforcement Officers in our Family Center. We were gathered to listen to a presentation on how to reduce the number of suicides among first responders. (They are number two behind our military for rates of suicide!) It was an outstanding presentation and it will be making a positive impact in the future throughout our Commonwealth. Hosting it here and my being able to address the assembled group in some small way communicated that Fairfield Presbyterian Church and the Christian Church in general care about those who serve us. In some small way we witnessed to the Good News of Jesus' love for all people.

Time and time again, this facility of ours is such a blessing to so many. We host so many

different opportunities to serve our community and to share the love of God in ever so subtle ways. I would really have to look at a calendar of activities to tell you how many different groups and individuals use our rooms to celebrate, to weep together, to learn together, to serve together. Groups as varied as Caritas to the Boy Scouts to Stop Hunger Now to Firefighters to Moms and Dads and Sons and Daughters! This space is such a blessing and such an avenue of service and outreach to our community.

I am afraid, I can't agree with my friend and the congregation he worships with. We are blessed with a wonderful facility in a wonderful location and we are using it to bring glory to God. I for one am very grateful that the folks who came before me had the wisdom, insight and courage to hear God's call to serve Jesus Christ in and through this place on Cold Harbor Road. Thanks be to God for their faithfulness which allows us to be faithful in this time and in this place!

In Christ's love,

## Member News

Congratulations to **Noah Clark** & Ashley Measley on the birth of their son, Brantley Graham Clark. Brantley was born on July 5<sup>th</sup>. We also congratulate new grandparents **Dwight and Becky Clark** and Uncle **Micah**! Brantley was baptized on Sunday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> at the 11:00am service.

We also congratulate **Alan & Melissa Henderson** on becoming grandparents! Their son Mike and daughter-in-law Christine had a baby boy on July 24<sup>th</sup>. His name is Rowan Lee Henderson.

Our sympathy goes out to the family of **Marjorie Hughes** who passed away on July 17<sup>th</sup>. Marjorie was a member of Beulah Presbyterian Church. Her daughter is Gay Wade and grandson is **Jerry Hughes**. We also send out our sympathy to the family of **Rev. Newton Todd**, who passed away on July 14<sup>th</sup>. Newton was our visitation pastor for several years when Dr. David Wright was head pastor.

**Janie Harrington** has moved to a different apartment at Covenant Woods. Her new apartment number is B215.

**Laverne Longest** has a new address: 17 Shore Street, Petersburg, VA 23803.

Please keep the following people in your daily prayers: **Cindy Cattoi's** husband Bill, **Dwight & Becky Clark**, **John Crowe**, **Bill Dobson**, **Sherry Duggan's** mother, **Rebecca Harvey's** nephew, Charlie Hunt, **Alan & Melissa Henderson's** daughter, Christine, **Gloria Meador**, **Ken Moore**, **Greg Woodfin**, 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 Gatewood**, **Inez Hill**, **Stan Hiner**, **Laverne Longest**, **Myrtle Muire**, **Nancy Norment**, **Mack Perkins**, **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 Friends,  
*Thank you for the prayer shawl, cards, visits, food, and telephone calls I received during my illness, hospitalization and recovery. Your concern and prayers were a great comfort to me during what was a very difficult time. I appreciate so much everyone's thoughtfulness.*

In Christ's Love, Charlie Ransone

*Thank you for the cards, prayers and condolences on my Mom's recent passing. We have a very thoughtful church family!*

Janet Chelette

To our Church Family,  
*Thank you for the calls, cards, visits, food, and most of all your prayers at the time of Earl's passing. It all helped to ease our family's time of heartbreak. Thanks to Jane, Darren, and a special thank you to Steve who was with us every step of the way. It is wonderful to be part of a congregation that loves and cares for us so much.*

In Christ's Love,  
Helen and Larry Rigsby  
Lynda R. Sikes & Family  
Pam Wells

The 9am service will be held in the Family Center beginning **August 13th**. Please join us where the air is cool and the music is awesome!



Myrtle Muire	August 2
Ivy Williamson Lightsey	August 2
Scott Holloman	August 6
Kendall Underdown	August 7
Keelyn Underdown	August 7
LeVonne Neuharth	August 8
Louise Kellum	August 10
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
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



Bruce & Cathy Jenkins	August 1
Harry & Shirley McGhee	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



With the summer heat we will begin concentrating on making hats and scarves for MCEF for fall and winter. If you would like to join in these efforts we would welcome your participation.

The next Prayer Shawl meeting will be **August 2**, 10:30am in the Barlow Parlor.

Anna Barrowclough



Bob shared in his devotion the beauty and blessings of our facility and how we should never take it for granted. We should always appreciated what God has given us. Our church is a wonderful outreach to all people around the community and we should allow God to show us, as a church, how we can best serve His people. We also discussed the needs of some of our members and the importance of prayer as a strong support to help them through their challenges.

We continue to seek new leadership for this Men's group, with fresh new ideas. Please prayerfully consider this rewarding 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, **August 8th**. 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](mailto: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

Fairfield Family and Friends,

As I write this letter, I trust it finds each of you well. I imagine many of you are out and about participating in summertime activities, and if not, then hopefully inside enjoying the cool of the A.C.

I wanted to update you all on some recent news. As many of you know, I have been patiently listening for God's call in my life as to what and where the next chapter will be. I am grateful to report that I have accepted a call to become the Covenant Pastor of New Covenant Presbyterian Church, located in Chesterfield. I am anticipating starting this new position sometime in October.

As I begin this next step, I reach out to ask you to continue to keep me in your prayers. I still have a couple more steps to take towards becoming ordained and be eligible to begin pastoring at New Covenant. I would greatly appreciate your prayers as I continue to prepare for these coming months.

I cannot put into words how grateful I am to you all for your continued encouragement and support over these past several years. I continue to look forward to my time of worship and visitation with you.

In Christ's Love,  
Brett

## *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 August:

*"Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord."*

Romans 12:9-11

## *Mission Team News*

**MCEF-** Mechanicsville Churches Emergency Functions - [www.4mcef.com](http://www.4mcef.com)

Twenty-seven church representatives met July 10 to hear an update on the One Stop Shop (OSS). News was shared about the new space at 7235 Stonewall Parkway and the necessary upgrades that are taking place inside to make the space ready for the OSS. Many hands are working to make this a reality. A simple "thank you" doesn't seem appropriate but this could not become a reality without the devotion, prayer and vision of so many people for many years. **STAY TUNED FOR FURTHER UPDATES.**

**HANOVER SENIOR RIDES** - 96 rides were given during the month of June- 70 by MCEF and 26 by ACES. Battlefield Press designed and printed a new brochure for this ministry to help recruit drivers. If you or someone you know might be interested please reach out to Charles Rasnick at 357-9360.

### **FOOD PANTRY**

The next day to contribute food for the pantry is **Sunday, August 6.** – 175 households were served in June. Whatever you can share is exactly what is needed!

### **UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AND PLANS**

- August 12, 2017 – Church of the Creator Yard Sale from 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. There will be lots of preschool items since their school has closed.
- Monday, September 11, 2017 – Patriotic Concert presented by the John Marshall Alumni Band at Walnut Grove Baptist Church. Details to follow.
- Saturday, October 21, 2017 – Hanover County Sheriff's Office presents Fall Fellowship Festival from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Hanover County Government Complex. Contact Robbie Hess at (804) 365-7183 for info and how to register your organization. Deadline, Oct. 1.





## Deacon's Corner

The Deacons want to thank the Union Class for organizing and serving the reception for Earl Rigsby after his memorial service. We appreciate the generosity of the congregation in these

events.

Take Them A Meal website has been established and information on how to use it will be printed as an insert for a Sunday bulletin. Debby Starzer and Jessica Ingerman are the coordinators of this website for the church.

I hope the Deacons are enjoying these summer months and are considering some ideas and innovations for our Shepherds program. Our next meeting will be **September 5th**.

Marge Wantz



Mark your calendars for the next blood drive on **Tuesday, September 19<sup>th</sup>; 2:00-7:00pm** in the Family Center.

Bill Dobson

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## *The heart of Jesus*

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The idea of a spiritual heart transplant is a vivid image to me; once you have the heart of somebody else inside you, then that heart is there. Jesus' heart is inside me, and my heart is gone. So if God were to place a stethoscope against my chest, he would hear the heart of Jesus Christ beating.

Max Lucado



## family CONNECT

An interactive Bible School  
experience for ALL ages!

Family Connect- Don't forget to mark your calendars for **August 12th at 4pm!** ALL are welcome to attend our church-wide Vacation Bible School Event! We will be traveling back in time and checking in with Abraham and Sarah and a few of their descendants all while playing crazy games and connecting with our individual and church family!

We will have a potluck dinner (fried chicken provided) in the Family Center following the event at 6:15 so if you can't make it to Family Connect, feel free to come on out afterwards!

To RSVP, (for Family Connect, dinner or both) head to our website [www.fairfieldpcusa.org](http://www.fairfieldpcusa.org)  
Hope to see you there!

## *Nursery Schedules*

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

Aug. 6 Mitzi Marker & McKenzie Marker  
Aug. 13 Sandra Brewster & Hannah Reasor  
Aug. 20 Linda Daugherty & Angela Blue  
Aug. 27 Karen Couch & Beverly Burts

### 10:00am Infant/Toddler

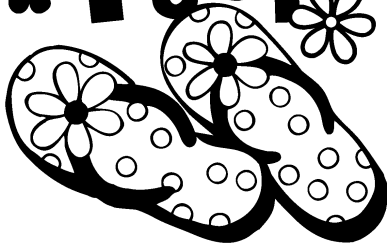
Aug. 6 Cathy Wenninger & Janet Chelette  
Aug. 13 Linda Gruenhagen & Martha Houchins  
Aug. 20 Katy Underdown & TBD  
Aug. 27 Majken Whitaker & Allison Letourneau

### 11am Infant /Toddler

Aug. 6 Angela Blue & Pam Gigliotti  
Aug. 13 Nikki Glass & Donna Hohman  
Aug. 20 Pam Roberts & Anne Young  
Aug. 27 Angela Blue & TBD

# Under Age Thinking....

## Happy Feet



This summer, put your best foot forward by brightening up a pair of flip-flops.

### What you need:

- Flip-flops in your size
- Metallic permanent markers
- Foam stickers
- Craft gemstones
- Plastic flowers
- Ribbon
- Hot glue gun (and adult help)

### What you do:

Use these ideas to decorate clean, dry flip-flops:

- Draw with markers on the soles.
- Decorate the sides and soles with stickers.
- Glue gemstones along the strap.
- Glue plastic flowers on the strap between your toes.
- Wrap ribbon around the strap and glue in place.



## BE HAPPY IN THE LORD

Happiness and joy are frequent themes in the Old Testament book of Psalms.

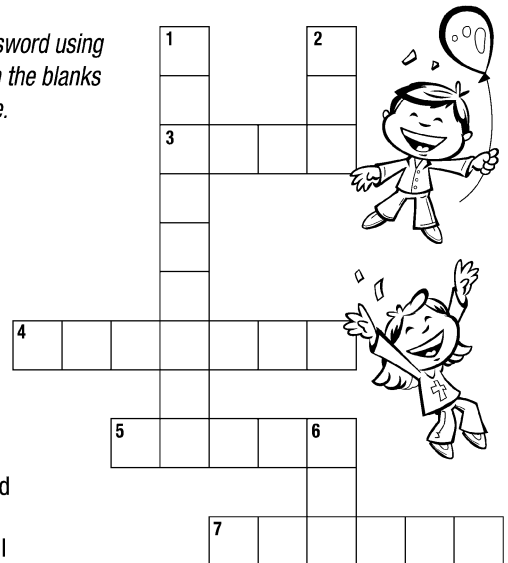
*Directions: Solve the crossword using the clues below. Then fill in the blanks to complete the Bible verse.*

### ACROSS

3. A word for happy (rhymes with had)
4. What you do when you're very happy
5. A song written by David
7. Full of joy

### DOWN

1. People who obey God
2. Our Creator
6. The month after April



"But may the 1. \_\_\_\_\_ be 3. \_\_\_\_\_ and

4. \_\_\_\_\_ before 2. \_\_\_\_\_; 6. \_\_\_\_\_ they

be happy and 7. \_\_\_\_\_." 5. \_\_\_\_\_ 68:3, NIV

Answers: (across) 3. glad, 4. rejoice, 5. psalm, 7. joyful; (down) 1. righteous, 2. God, 6. may and joyful." Psalm 68:3, NIV



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

**Blood Drive**  
**Fairfield Presbyterian Church**  
**Family Center**

**Tuesday, Sept 19<sup>nd</sup>**  
**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**

1-800-RED CROSS | [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org)

# A note from the Fairfield Deacons

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**Do you know someone feeling overwhelmed after a family crisis, surgery, or illness?**

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Let Debby Starzer or Jessica Ingerman know if someone needs meals and they will set up a schedule for up to a week's worth of meals on *Take Them a Meal's* website, [takethemameal.com](http://takethemameal.com).

Church members will then be alerted about the need via email or by word-of-mouth and given a username and password to log in to [takethemameal.com](http://takethemameal.com) to sign up for a time to provide a meal.

[takethemameal.com](http://takethemameal.com) is an easy-to-use website to efficiently organize and coordinate meals for those in need and was recently used to help out a church family member. You can also use the site to find recipes and meal ideas.

If you are not interested in using [takethemameal.com](http://takethemameal.com), you can also contact Jessica or Debby and they can schedule a time convenient for you to deliver a meal.

- Debby Starzer: 789-0083
- Jessica Ingerman: (607) 725-9198



For those times  
when filling their  
table will warm  
their hearts.

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# August 2017

## Fairfield Presbyterian Church

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## A Month of Sundays

“August is like the Sunday of summer,” an online meme proclaims. But that means different things to different people.

If you see Sunday as the end of a week - a chance to sleep in, do “nothing,” relax and play - then August might be your downtime at the end of a busy summer. If Sunday feels heavy because the onslaught of the workweek is approaching, then August may carry the dread of falling leaves and falling temperatures.

But if you view Sunday as a fresh start to the week, then August, with a new school year and new church programming around the corner, can be exciting. And if you honor Sunday as the Sabbath, indeed “August is like the Sunday of summer.” God invites us to enjoy these holy days and give thanks to him, the Creator of all seasons.

Heidi Mann



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Return Service Requested

