



The Messenger

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The Rev. Darren W. Utley, Associate Pastor

January 2018



Dear friends,

I want to thank all of you who took part in the Pray For Me campaign. I have heard a number of comments about how meaningful this experience was for those praying and especially for the parents of those being prayed for. I know that I have felt the power of this experience as I prayed for my partners and as I imagined my oldest son being prayed for. Know that even if you never got a chance to meet the youth that you were praying for that your prayers have been deeply important in their lives.

In this New Year, I would ask that you continue to keep the young person you were given in your prayers. If you like you can go back through the book and keep a more formal prayer structure for your young person. If you are like me you could probably string a week or two together of prayers that you missed along the way. In whatever manner possible, keeping these young people in your prayers would be wonderful. As one saying the prayers and as a father of one being prayed, I have experienced the power of your prayers over the course of the last thirteen weeks.

Also, if you have some story or experience that you would like to share with me about praying these prayers for our youth, having your youth prayed for, or being prayed for yourself I would love to collect some of them to share with others when we try this program again. So, please call

or email me with anything that was meaningful to you in this time of prayer for our youth.

I want to leave you with one of the prayers that was particularly meaningful to me:

Father, you have called us to shine in such a way that the world will know you are great. I pray that (insert your name) would grasp the calling on their life to shine for your glory. Don't let them hide their light behind shyness and fear. Create in them courage to do works of love, kindness, mercy and justice so that the world might be captured by your greatness. Awaken them to new ways that they can serve you and mankind that would exalt your name and goodness on earth. Give them insight on how to help others join in the joy of serving and glorifying you through their good works. May you be praised forever, in Jesus' name, amen.

This year may your light shine bright for the glory of God and the goodness of the earth!

D Utley



Member News



We congratulate **Courtney & Randy Street** on the birth of their baby boy, Carson James Street, who was born on December 19 weighing 5 lbs., 2 oz. We also congratulate **Larry &**

Elizabeth Covington on having their 4th grandson! Best wishes to the whole family!

We express our sympathies to the family of **Gloria Meador** who passed away on December 25th. Gloria was a long time member of Fairfield. She will be greatly missed. We also express our sympathies to Craig Brewster on the death of his father, Donald Brewster and to Tom Lake on the death of his father this past month.

Karen & Merrill Hastings have gotten rid of their landline phone. You can reach them on their cell phones now. Karen's is (804) 955-0827 and Merrill's is (804) 955-0893.



Welcome new member **Kathy Thomas!** Kathy joined our church family on December 10th by transfer of letter. Her address is: 9091 Pine Hill Road, Mechanicsville, VA 23116.

Liz Crowe's mother, Alice Lee recently celebrated her 90th birthday. We hope Alice had a wonderful birthday on December 24th!

Please keep the following people in your daily prayers: **Kathy Boyle's** father, Bill, **Beverly Burts'** nephew, **Bill Dobson**, **Jennifer France's** father, Paul, **Fran Hansbrough**, **Larry Harpster**, **Janie Harrington**, **Terri Joyce**, **Louise Kellum**, **Ken Moore**, **Virginia Phipps**, **Debby Starzer's** parents, **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**, **Janie Harrington**, **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 Family,

Thank you so much of all the beautiful cards, heartfelt prayers, encouraging phone calls and delicious meals delivered to me during my recent double knee replacement surgery. The support from my church friends has kept me going from day to day. Although it seems to be a SLOW recovery, I know that God is with me and I will become stronger each day. Thanks to all of you for making things much more tolerable.

Love, Fran

Craig & Sandra Brewster would like to thank everyone for the prayers, love and support we received during my fathers illness and recent death. We feel so blessed to have such a caring extended family here at Fairfield. A special thank you for the lovely prayer shawl given to us. He was surrounded with love and prayers his last few days. Blessings to all.

Our One Great Hour of Sharing offering, collected on Thanksgiving Day, totaled \$124 and was sent to the Presbyterian Mission Agency for shared mission support. Thank you for all who participated!



Lord, I give up all my own plans and purposes, all my own desires and hopes, and accept thy will for my life. I give myself, my life, my all utterly to thee, to be thine forever. Fill me and seal me with thy Holy Spirit. Use me as thou will.

Send me where thou will, and work out thy whole will in my life at any cost, now and forever. Amen.



Voncile Baughman	January 3
Zachary Letourneau	January 3
Collin Humphrey	January 4
Tess Wenninger	January 4
Kelly Wolfgang	January 5
Kathryn Zweckbronner	January 6
Dale Woodfin	January 10
Eva Ladd	January 11
Richie Tanner	January 11
Ryan Westphal	January 12
Richard Wood	January 12
Cooper Irwin	January 13
Debby Starzer	January 13
Janie Harrington	January 14
Jo Mitchell	January 14
Jack Briel	January 15
Morgan Wills	January 18
Nancy Hart	January 19
Diane Brown	January 20
Anna Barrowclough	January 21
Katrina Gauntt	January 23
Louise Setchel	January 23
Elizabeth Davis	January 24
Kurt Gardiner	January 24
Troy Horn	January 24
Charles Walsh	January 24
William Dunn	January 25
Mike Hohman	January 26
Virginia Phipps	January 26
Margaret Courtney	January 27
Rick Richardson	January 27



Jeff & Becky Cumins	January 4
Scott & Megan Stevens	January 30
Tracy & Beth Young	January 31

Special dates

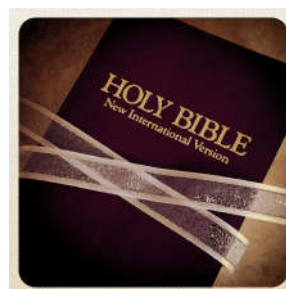
- New Year's Day, *January 1*
- Epiphany, *January 6*
- Baptism of the Lord, *January 7*
- Martin Luther King Jr. *Birthday Observance, January 15*
- Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, *January 18-25*

Thursday Morning Bible Study

Are You Curious About John?

We all know bits and pieces of the Gospel of John, but is there more to discover about this deeply loved portrait of Jesus? Come to the Thursday Morning Bible Study, beginning on **January 11 at 10:00am**, in the Choir Room and explore this remarkable book with other Bible seekers. Just bring your favorite Bible and your curiosity and begin your journey through the pages of John as we learn great truths that will enlarge our faith in the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords!

Questions? Call Anne Young at 730-8361.





MEN of the CHURCH

We were inspired by a devotion that tells us to be grateful for all the blessings we have been given. God gave us the Gift of Jesus Christ which is the ultimate blessing for us to share as well. We should freely share our faith, blessings and gifts as God does with us.. We had wonderful fellowship and conversation as we reflected back thru the year of giving. We are looking forward to another year of helping others in our Church and community through Fairfield's most gracious generosity.

We are hoping to start a New Year with new leadership for this Men's group, with fresh new ideas. We know you are out there considering 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, January 9th**. 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



The Fellowship Circle will meet again on **January 9th at 10:30am** at church. Please join us and be part of our wonderful circle!

Joyful Reader's Circle

The Joyful Readers' Circle will meet on **January 9th, 7:00pm** in Room #14 at church. This month we will be discussing the book, "The Paris Architect" by Charles Belfoure. Debby Starzer will lead the discussion and the devotion will be led by Barbara Wash.

Everyone is welcome to attend. This group meets on the second Tuesday night of each month from September to June.

Barbara Wash



Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl ministry worked diligently through the summer and fall and happily donated 36 scarves, 54 hats and 4 headbands to MCEF. The hats were a variety of sizes from newborn to adult in a variety of colors, designs and styles...something to please everyone. We will continue to work on hats and scarves for the winter months. If you would like to contribute to this worthy endeavor, we meet on the first Wednesday of the month for crocheting, knitting, fun and fellowship. Come and join us.

The next meeting of the Prayer Shawl Ministry is Wednesday, **January 3 at 10:30am** in the Barlow Parlor.

Anna Barrowclough

Super Singles

The Super Singles will be going out to eat at Outback Steakhouse at Mechanicsville Turnpike on Sunday, **January 14th** right after the 11:00am service. This is a great time to get together for lunch and fellowship. All are welcome to attend!

This is a wonderful group to enjoy lunch with. Come on, join us!



the elders and deacons who have rotated off in 2017. They are:

Anna Barrowclough (deacon)
Philip Ciejek (elder)
Julie Gee (deacon)
Ray Hayden (deacon)
Carolyn Ingram (elder)
Bill Lythgoe (elder)
Marge Wantz (deacon)
Deborah Wood (deacon)

These members served our congregation well and did a wonderful job! Please be sure to thank these individuals when you see them.

We now welcome our new Class of 2020! They will be installed and/or ordained on Sunday, **January 21st**.

Allen Boyle (elder)
Dwight Clark (deacon)
Jim France (elder)
Larry Hansbrough (elder)
Chuck Patterson (deacon)
K. C. Whitaker (elder)
Jenny Young (elder)

The following is a list all of our Elders & Deacons currently serving our church.

2018 Session (Elders)

Moderator: Steve Starzer
Moderator: Darren Utley
Clerk: Fran Hansbrough

Class of 2018: Angela Blue
Richard Dunn
Fran Hansbrough
Bill Kerns
Pam Roberts

Class of 2019: Marshall Hart
Donna Horn
J. R. Marker
Beth Young

Class of 2020: Allen Boyle
Jim France
Larry Hansbrough
K. C. Whitaker
Jenny Young

2018 Deacons

Class of 2018: Kristy Harden
Donna Hohman
Jessica Ingerman
Jenny Lake
Ryan Westphal

Class of 2019: Robbie Dobson
Terri Joyce
Debby Starzer
Pam Wells

Class of 2020: Dwight Clark
Chuck Patterson



The 2018 Flower Calendar is up! Please sign up for a Sunday in 2018 to honor, remember, or celebrate someone special with flowers! The flowers are yours to take home after both services or you can donate them and one of our deacons will deliver them to a shut-in. The cost is \$25.



9:00am Infant/Toddler Nursery Schedule

Jan. 7	Mitzi Marker & McKenzie Marker
Jan. 14	Linda Daugherty & Brenda Blue
Jan. 21	Sandra Brewster & Hannah Reasor
Jan. 28	Karen Couch & Beverly Burts

9:00am Kid's Worship

Jan. 7	Deb Utley
Jan. 14	Ginny Patterson
Jan. 21	Donna Hohman
Jan. 28	Angela Schwartz

10:00am Infant/Toddler

Jan. 7	Marge Wantz & Molly Zweckbronner
Jan. 14	Linda Gruenhagen & Barbara Wash
Jan. 21	Janet Chelette & Jennifer France
Jan. 28	Melanie Rubeck & Cathy Wenninger

11am Infant /Toddler

Jan. 7	Pam Gigliotti & Beth Patterson
Jan. 14	Beth Patterson & Pam Roberts
Jan. 21	Donna Hohman & Ginny Patterson
Jan. 28	Angela Blue & Pam Roberts

Winter Gift

"God...does great things beyond our knowing. He says to the snow, 'Fall to the earth'; likewise to his heavy, drenching rain. He shuts up all humankind indoors, so that all people may know his work" (Job 37:5-7, NABRE).

Snow, ice and cold can make winter a hassle. "Snow days" due to a blizzard may thrill students but usually inconvenience parents. But now and then, winter blankets the earth so heavily that it seems to quiet everything. We're granted permission to hunker down at home, snuggle close with family or pets, enjoy a book or movie, make cocoa or cookies and rest. It's like a surprise sabbath - the gift of grace-time - when no one's expected to get out the door or the driveway.

Perhaps indeed, as Job declared, God sees fit on such days to put our busyness on hold and shut us all indoors so we pause and remember his work - his place - in our lives. Praise God for snow days!

Heidi Mann

Ministry Team News

Adult Discipleship News

We've almost made it through Romans, Chapter 12. Here is the last verse:

"Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good." (Romans 12:21)

Mission News

The next day for Fairfield to contribute food is **Sunday, January December 3**. The pantry is in need of toilet paper, applesauce, jam/jelly, pancake mix and syrup. Thank you for supporting MCEF and its ministries.

Stewardship News

"Thank You!" As the theme for this year's Stewardship Campaign, we wanted to communicate our deep appreciation to all of you who give to Fairfield Presbyterian Church. Whether your gifts are financial or of your time and abilities, we thank you for your faithfulness and generosity.

Your pledges for 2018 have allowed us to present to the Session the same budget we set as our goal at the start of the Stewardship Campaign and it has been approved as the 2018 Budget. We want to thank you for your financial commitment to the work God will do through our church in the coming year.

Below is a condensed version of the 2018 Budget. If you have questions on the budget, please feel free to contact a member of the Stewardship and Finance Committee.

**Fairfield Presbyterian Church
Income and Expense Budget
January through December 2018**

INCOME	
Annual Givings	\$506,732.00
Capital Debt Reduction	52,236.00
Church School	1,740.00
Initial Offerings	60.00
Loose Offerings	4,500.00
Mission Givings	19,920.00
Reimbursements	6,940.00
Special Givings	23,250.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$615,378.00
EXPENSES	
Administration Program	\$ 55,280.00
Christian Formation Committee	11,760.00
Deacons	1,260.00
Evangelism & Publicity Committee	4,020.00
Facilities Management Committee	103,956.00
Finance & Stewardship Committee	113,165.04
Missions	36,060.00
Personnel	252.00
Professional Expense	281,492.00
Worship Committee	7,380.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$614,625.04
NET SURPLUS	752.96

Under-Age Thinking...



NEW YEAR'S NOISE-MAKERS

Ring in the New Year with these fun noisemakers!




What you need:

- Wooden craft sticks
- Metallic paint (gold and silver)
- Paint brushes
- Jingle bells (gold and silver)
- Hot glue gun
- Metallic ribbon
- Scissors
- Adult help

What you do:

1. Paint half the sticks gold and half silver. Let dry.
2. Glue three bells to each stick.
3. Cut a six-inch piece of ribbon for each stick. Tie a bow and glue it to the noisemaker. Celebrate!



A NEW CREATION

The apostle Paul says everyone who believes in Jesus becomes brand new.

Directions: Cross out every third letter. Then write the remaining letters in the blanks to complete 2 Corinthians 5:17, NIV.

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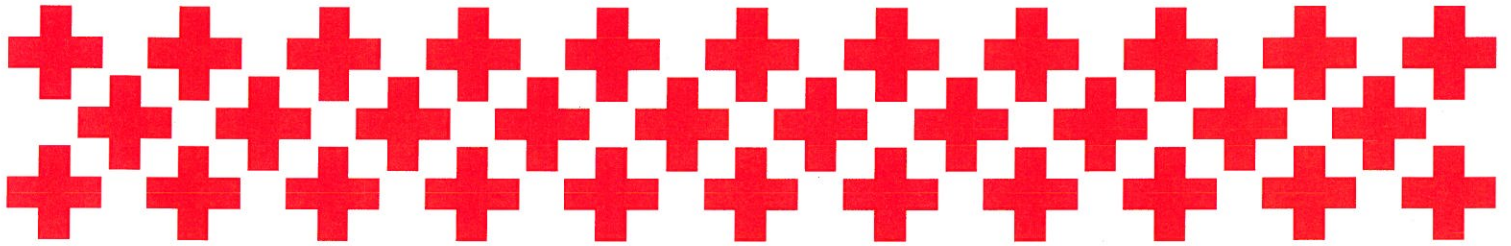
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Answer: Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! 2 Corinthians 5:17, NIV

American Red Cross

Give blood. Help save lives.



Blood Drive
Fairfield Presbyterian Church

Heritage Hall
6930 Cold Harbor Road
Mechanicsville, VA 23111

Tuesday, January 16, 2018
2:00 PM to 7:00 PM

To schedule an appointment, call the church office at (804) 730-7164, visit
redcrossblood.org,
or call 1-800 RED CROSS

Remember to drink plenty of water, eat a good meal, and bring a photo ID!
If you have questions regarding donating please call (800) 542-5663



Scan to schedule
an appointment.

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Youth Group News

January 7: Youth Group, 4:30pm

January 14: No Youth Group

January 21: Youth Group, 4:30pm

January 28: Amazing Race



Friendly Reminder

The hallway doors and classroom doors are fire stop doors. If a fire breaks out in our church (especially when the church is empty) those doors will slow the fire's spread and give our brave firefighters a safer and better chance at saving our facility. Fire needs oxygen and if the doors are closed the fire will not be able to "breathe." So, if you are the last person to leave the building, please close the interior doors. Additionally, as a side benefit, closing the doors allows our zoned heating and air conditioning systems to function more efficiently and effectively and will help our heat pumps to last longer.



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Return Service Requested

