

The Messenger

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Over the last four months I have been walking through the confirmation process with some wonderful young people. We have looked at everything from creation to salvation with all kinds of stops in between. In Presbyterian circles we

spend a lot of time wringing our hands about the future of the church. What we seldom remember is that for us a part of the future of the church is walking our halls, singing in our services and being sent by us on mission trips. Our confirmands are just starting their journeys of faith and faithfulness. For a short time, all of us here are able to care for them and help them grow into faithful members of the body of Christ of the next decades.

We are often reminded that we as a congregation make promises when babies are baptized into our community. We make promises to help those children grow and mature in their faithfulness to God. Sometimes we think of this as providing good children and youth programing culminating in a confirmation class. We do an excellent job with the programing thanks to the hard work of faithful volunteers. Even so, that promise goes beyond providing programing. We have an opportunity to model faithfulness to our young people all of the time. Studies show that one of the best indicators that a young person will maintain their faith through and past college years is the number of faithful adults in addition to their parents who they know and who demonstrate care for them. This year many of you have been praying for our youth with the Pray For Me campaign.

Fairfield folks are great about showing care and concern for our young people. Many of you often show interest in the lives of our youth.

May 20th is Pentecost Sunday and will be the day that we recognize seniors. Our confirmands will profess their faith on that day as well. We will be led in worship by our youth as we celebrate all of these milestones. It will be a big day of celebration of not only the coming of the Holy Spirit but also of all of our youth here at Fairfield. I ask that you pray for our confirmands: Henry Atkinson, Matthew Arnette, Taylor Hale, Mason Harding, Heather Lowery, McKenzie Marker, Hannah Reasor, Emily Sutton, Nicole Sutton, Victoria Tanner, SuLing Trexler. I also ask you to pray for our seniors as they finish up their final year of high school and make plans for the next stage of their lives: Zachary Hale, Greyson Palmore, Josh Patterson, Abby Reasor, Wyatt Schneck, Cooper Schwartz, Kaitlyn Sorensen, Kelsey Young. We hope that you will be sure to be in worship on the 20th to celebrate these wonderful young people. Be sure to say hello to your young people even if they just lower their heads and walk past you. They still know that you care even if they are overcoming shyness. For all of you who are active in the lives of our young people, the parents and grandparents, the aunts and uncles, great aunts and uncles, and so many more; we thank you and encourage you to continue to model faithfulness and love to our young folks.

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Member News



We extend our sympathy to Robbie, Jack and Sending Our Sarah Dobson on the death of Bill Dobson. He will be missed by all. We

also extend our sympathy to Anne Young on the death of her aunt, Margaret Battle and to Betty Pittman on the death of her husband Russell. Please keep these members in your prayers.

Congratulations to Brandon Stevens and Brittany Lampie who were wed on April 28 here at Fairfield. We wish the best to the happy couple!

Bill & Lee Lythgoe have a new address! They have moved to 8120 Tavern Keepers Way, Mechanicsville, VA 23111. Their phone number remains the same.

Larry & Elizabeth Covington have also moved! Their new address is 6300 Pine Slash Road. Mechanicsville, VA 23116.



Please keep the following people in your daily prayers: Becky Clark, Jennifer France's father, Paul, Nancy Hart, Debby Lynn's sister, Rosalie, Ken Moore, Virginia Phipps, Richbourg's great nephew, John, Peggie Rosen's sister Alice, Lynn Rudolph, Joan Sprinkle's sister, Gail, Marge Wantz's husband, Ned, Beth Weber, 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, Voncile Barlow, Baughman, 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.)



A big thank you to everyone who supported our youth at the Talent Show in March. \$1,776.74 was raised to help our youth on their summer mission trip!

Dear Friends.

Thank you so much for the many cards, kind words and prayers that you sent to our family on the passing of our elderly aunt. She was a sweet lady who held a special place in the hearts of all who knew her. Your care and concern for us has shown us again what a blessing it is to be a part of the Fairfield family.

> With grateful hearts, Anne, Riley and Jenny Young

Hello!

I just wanted to thank the Joyful Readers' Circle for making me a goody bag! I really appreciated all of the treats and snacks. Thank you for thinking of me!

> Thanks again, Rachel Gaston



The Mission Team would like to give a big heartfelt thank you to our Fairfield family for another successful Mission Drive. We were able to raise \$12,379. We can't wait to put this to good use by helping the less fortunate and

spreading the Word of God.



Cindy Cattoi	
Joanne Leudesdorff	
Sally Mills	. May 2
Meredith Atkinson	
Erik Whitaker	. May 4
Rebecca Harvey	
Shirley McGhee	. May 6
Sean Wodwaski	. May 7
Janna Daugherty	
Carl Fulwider	. May 8
Bonnie Warren	
J. R. Marker	. May 9
Arnold Neuharth	May 10
Abby Reasor	May 10
Gen Stevens	May 10
Sharon Eshler	May 11
Win Nuckols	May 16
Alan Brown	May 18
Zachary Hale	May 18
Jacob Lafferty	May 18
Mike Reasor	May 18
Elizabeth Moorhouse	May 19
Jolie Daugherty	May 21
Jack Letourneau	May 21
Munira Dunn	May 24
Cindy Holloman	May 24
Carolyn Ingram	May 24
Chris Lorch	May 24
Barbara Smith	May 24
Graham Williamson	May 24
Pam Gigliotti	May 26
Linwood Ingram	May 28
Kim Stevens	May 28
Bob Stevens	May 29
Brandon Sulser	May 30
Caroline Hastings	May 31
Brett Underdown	May 31

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Sharon & George Tuckwiller May 6
Norman & Barbara Wash May 9
Sheri & Patrick Wodwaski May 9
Chuck & Susan Lorch May 10
Roger & Crystal Bessette May 20
Wyatt & Morgan Wills May 20
CJ & Sarah Hall May 21
Kelley & Eric Spott May 24
Marshall & Nancy Hart May 27
Jacob & Leigh Lafferty May 29
Patrick & Dani Young May 29
Amy & Stephen Atkinson May 30

Special dates

- National Day of Prayer, May 3
- Ascension, May 10
- Mother's Day, May 13
- Armed Forces Day, May 19
- Pentecost, May 20
- Trinity Sunday, May 27
- Memorial Day, May 28



We look forward to seeing you (yes, you!) for our next Men of the Church breakfast on Tuesday, May 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 Billy Putze 804-323-3833 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.

We are still looking for NEW leadership for this Men's group, with fresh new ideas. Please keep praying for someone to 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.

Billy Putze



ellowship The Fellowship Circle will meet on May 8th at Circle 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 May 8th, 6:30pm at Debby Starzer's home for a salad supper. This will be the last meeting of the circle until we resume in September. Please bring ideas or suggestions for a book to read when we get back together in September. forward to seeing you on May 8th!

Barbara Wash

Super Singles

The Super Singles will be going to Riverbound Cafe on Sunday, May 20th. Please let Melanie Rubeck (730-5994) know if you are going to lunch no later than Friday, May 19th. This is a wonderful group to enjoy lunch with. Come on, ioin us!



We meet the first Wednesday of each month. We share the projects we are working on as well as skills and ideas. The results are Prayer Shawl Ministry many prayer shawls, lap robe and baby blankets. During the warmer

months we work on hats and scarves for MCEF. This is what the Prayer Shawl Ministry is all about. If you would like to join us for crocheting and knitting and fellowship, come to the next meeting of the Prayer Shawl Ministry on Wednesday, May 2 at 10:30 in the Barlow Parlor.

Anna Barrowclough



Tews

Evening and morning and at noon, will I pray and cry aloud: and he shall hear my voice. Psalm 55 v 17

Thursday May 3, 2018 is National Day of Prayer. For me this brings to mind a morning devotion that I read not long ago on the

importance of prayer in our lives. As part of the devotion there was this thought for the day: "Daily prayers will diminish your cares" (God's Little Devotional Book for Moms). As Christians prayer should be an important and vital part of our lives.

In our libraries you will find many titles that will help us as we strive to strengthen our prayer lives. Look for Discovering the Power of Prayer, How to Pray and A Year of Living Prayerfully. In the children's library you will find The Child's Own Book of Prayers and Hymns, A Child's Treasury of Best Loved Prayers and Prayers for Little Hands.

May we always be mindful of the importance of prayer in our spiritual lives.

Elizabeth Covington

A National Day of Prayer service will be held at Historic Polegreen on Thursday, May 3rd at 5:30pm. This short service will provide an opportunity to pray for our government, first responders, military, schools, and environment.

Fabric Needed

Making pillow cases for children at MCV in the cancer unit and the intenseve care unit. Cheerful prints and bright colors are the best. One yard of fabric is needed to make on pillow case.

If you can sew and would like to make cases yourself, that would be great also. To turn in any fabric or cases, please drop off at the Cornerstone Sunday School Class which meets in the church library.

Thank you in advance for helping to bless these children and brighten their day.

Dale Woodfin

Nursery Schedules

9:00am Infant/Toddler Nursery Schedule Linda Daugherty & Hannah Reasor May 6 May 13 Mitzi Marker & McKenzie Marker May 20 Angela Blue & Majken Whitaker May 27 Beverly Burts & Karen Couch 9:00am Kid's Worship Deb Utley May 6 May 13 Ginny Patterson May 20 Angela Schwartz May 27 Donna Hohman 10:00am Infant/Toddler May 6 Brenda Blue & Allison Letourneau May 13 Barbara Wash & Molly Zweckbronner May 20 Janet Chelette & Melanie Rubeck May 27 Marge Wantz & Cathy Wenninger 11am Infant /Toddler Donna Hohman & Pam Roberts May 6 May 13 Nikki Glass & Beth Patterson



Pam Roberts & Anne Young

Angela Blue & Beth Patterson

May 20

May 27

The nurseries are in need of some additional hands. We have lost a lot of our volunteers and need more. Please help! If you have a child in the nursery, please try to help out once a month. If you are someone who loves children and don't mind helping us out for an hour once a month, please contact Angela Blue at 357-3111. One hour, once a month is all we ask to help us take care of our little ones.

Mechanicsville Churches Emergency Functions (MCEF) www.4mcef.com One Stop Shop (OSS)

- 243 bags of food given out in March. Current needs at the pantry are tomato products (paste, sauce, diced, stewed), pop tarts, instant oatmeal, personal hygiene products such as full-size shampoo, conditioner, deodorant. If you have empty single dozen egg cartons, please consider donating them to the OSS. Single dozen only.
- 5 bags infant clothing, 17 bags children's clothing, 28 bags of women's clothing, 13 bags of men's clothing were distributed in March. The closets are now accepting spring and summer clothing only. No winter clothes please. Needs identified are: Teen sizes, all school age summer clothes especially girls size 8 and boys size 5-14; 30-34 men's blue jeans, 2x size light jackets for women. Adults may visit the closets once every three months.
- 11 bags of linens were distributed in March.
 Needs: queen size top and fitted sheets.

Hanover Senior Rides

During the month of March, MCEF gave 79 (one-way) rides to seniors for medical appointments, grocery shopping and for personal business. ACES provided 55 (one-way) rides in the Ashland, Elmont, Doswell and Hanover Courthouse areas during March.) Overall, Hanover Senior Rides provided a total of 134 (one-way) rides for the month of March 2018.

MCEF is funded and supported by approximately 39 churches in Mechanicsville either with monetary support, food drives, clothing donations or volunteer hours. Your support is appreciated. Volunteer are the heartbeat of MCEF. Thank you for all you do.

THE NEXT DAY TO CONTRIBUTE FOOD FOR THE FOOD PANTRY IS SUNDAY, MAY 6.

Notes from your Session

At their stated meeting of April 17th your Session:

- Celebrated that Megan McWilliams has applied to Union Presbyterian Seminary and is feeling called to full time Christian ministry. Fran Hansbrough joyfully agreed to be her liaison through the discernment process.
- Joyfully learned that the Confirmation Class has progressed well and will be received at the May
 20th worship services after meeting with the Session at their May meeting.
- Happily learned that Dennis and Tena Behling will be joining us by letter of transfer from Byrd Memorial Presbyterian Church.
- With regret at our loss and joy for the people of Sunrise Presbyterian Church Sullivan's Island, SC, we transferred the membership of Alan and Melissa Henderson.
- Were pleased to learn that we have 21 people going on the youth mission trip to Jacksonville, FL this summer.
- Rejoiced with the Children's Nurture Team on the success of the Kid's Clothes Swap. The fall swap has been scheduled for October.
- Gratefully learned that the Mission Fund Drive was progressing quite well and we will be able to continue our support of the many missionaries who rely upon us for their callings.
- Celebrated the wonderful participation for our Easter and Palm Sunday services especially from our youngest members of the Church!
- Reflected upon the job well done by Brittany Young in her presentation about her recent mission trip to Guatemala with her college group at Williamsburg Presbyterian Church.
- Spent a great deal of time considering the request of New Beginnings Church to share our space with us. The response was positive with Beth Young, Richard Dunn, Bill Kerns and Jenny Young appointed to follow up with the leadership of New Beginnings Church. (Please see an additional article in this newsletter for more information.)

Class of 2018	Class of 2019	Class of 2020	
Angela Blue	Marshall Hart	Allen Boyle	
Richard Dunn	Donna Horn	Jim France	
Fran Hansbrough	J. R. Marker	Larry Hansbrough	
Bill Kerns	Beth Young	K. C. Whitaker	
Pam Roberts		Jenny Young	



Opportunities to serve the Lord Jesus Christ often times come to us in unexpected ways. We received a call a while back from a new congregation in Hanover County. They were looking for a new home to worship. They had outgrown their space at New Hanover Presbyterian Church and needed something bigger than the fairly small room where they were meeting.

Something very compelling was taking place. We didn't understand it at first. Nesting a congregation wasn't anything we had been talking about or even thinking about. Yet, something felt right about this. From the first phone call through the subsequent meetings (in a few short weeks) we felt an immediate kinship with the leadership of New Beginnings Church. To a person your Elders felt the Providence of God was moving us.

Fairfield Presbyterian Church has a long tradition of being a mission oriented church. This opportunity allows us to use our building to do mission within our own county. There was an immediate need for New Beginnings Church and we took the opportunity to meet it.

They are a predominantly African-American congregation whose Pastor is a graduate not only of Virginia Union University but also has his Th.M. and Ph.D. from Union Presbyterian Seminary where he studied under President Brian Blount. The more we talked the more we discovered that we have more in common than we have differences. Dr. Larry Enis, who is an adjunct Professor at both Randolph-Macon College and Union Presbyterian Seminary, is a scholarly Pastor who believes in intellectually sound sermons and solid Biblical teaching. While his small congregation of about 100 members is not related to a particular denomination, we recognize that they are very Presbyterian in many ways.

After several meetings, your Session has welcomed them to share our home with us. They will worship at 11:00 a.m. in the Family Center. They will bring their own sound system and other equipment so they will not be using any of ours. Occasionally, they will use other individual rooms in the building for Bible Study and other small group activities. Our covenant with them is for a six month trial period. They will be reimbursing us for shared expenses.

We believe we have resolved any logistical issues including parking but if we have not then we will do so during the six month period. Please make them feel welcome. We are looking forward to finding ways to share in the mission of Jesus Christ together. In a day when division seems to grow wider and wider, we feel God is leading us to narrow the divide. We are counting on you to prayerfully support this new opportunity. If you have any questions at all, please talk to Darren or Steve.

Under-Age Thinking...



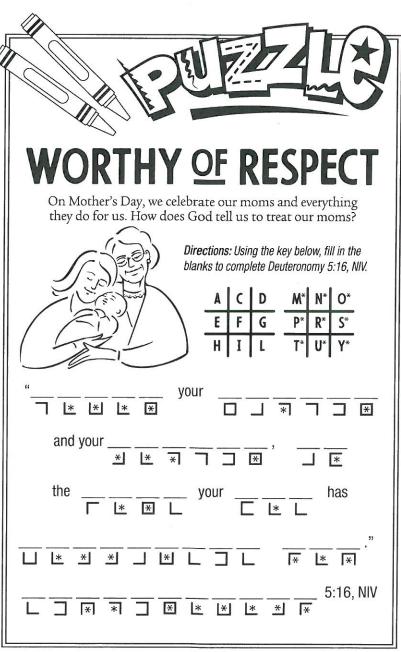
This Mother's Day, make a bright gift for someone special in your life.



- Mason jar
- Primer paint
- Acrylic paint (3 colors)
- Paintbrushes
- Battery-operated tea light
- Paper and pen
- Hole punch
- Twine

What you do:

- 1. Cut out two cardstock hearts and tape them to the jar sides, near the bottom.
- 2. Paint the entire jar with primer paint. Let dry.
- 3. Paint splotches of acrylic paint over the primer. Let dry. Remove the heart shapes.
- 4. Place the tea light in the jar.
- 5. Write a note that says, "Mom, you're the light of my life!" Punch a hole in one corner of the note, thread twine through the hole and tie the note around the jar's neck.



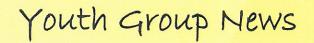
Answer: "Honor your father and your mother, as the LORD your God has commanded you." Deuteronomy 5:16, NIV



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Monthly Planner

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May 6: Youth Group, 4:30pm

May 11: Lock-In & Scavenger Hunt,

6-10pm

May 13: No Youth Group

May 19: Youth Sunday Practice,

10am - 1pm

May 20: Youth Sunday, gam & 11am

May 27: No Youth Group

Memory Verse for May

"When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit."

John 20:22



