



The Messenger

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June 2018



Dear friends,

June is a special month for me. It probably is for many of you as well. Many good things have happened in my life in

June. Of course graduations are often associated with the month of June. I've had more than my share of those. You might think that the highest level of academia I achieved would have been the most memorable one for me but you'd be wrong. My High School graduation stands out for me for the simple reason that my Dad who was on the dais to give the invocation handed me my diploma as I walked across the stage. After that, the most memorable and meaningful ones are Courtney and Chad's numerous graduations. (I am after all a very proud Dad!)

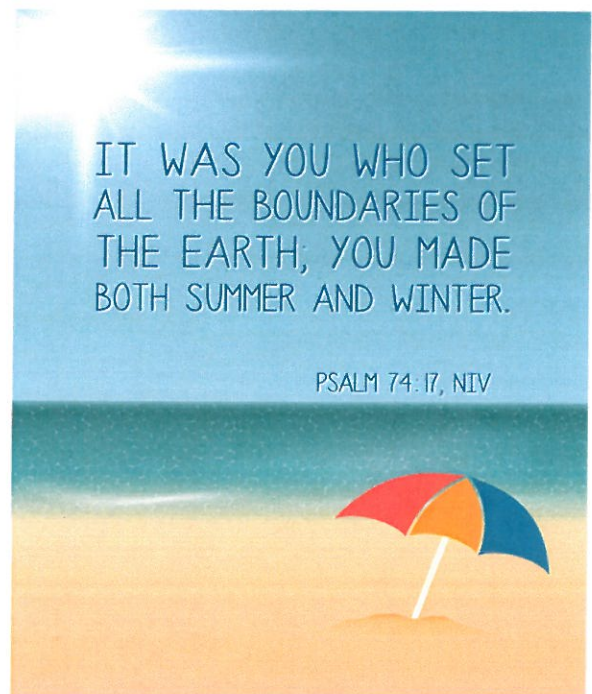
There is a lesson in that, isn't there? We are led to believe that achievements and accomplishments and the accompanying accolades and rewards are what ought to bring us the most pride. But I haven't found that to be true. It's love which is most rewarding in and of itself. To have others whom we can love and others who love us is the greatest gift and our greatest accomplishment. My greatest accomplishment in life was June 22, 1985. The day Debby and I were married. Now that's something I have always been proud of.

I think what I am trying to say to you is that as Christians we are called to use all of our gifts and talents to the best of our abilities. Work hard, strive for the greater good, seize all the

opportunities God gives to us. But never forget that our highest calling as followers of Jesus Christ is to love: to love generously, to love unconditionally, to love graciously - to love others as Christ has first loved us.

Now, there is a goal worth striving toward!

In Christ's love,



Member News

We welcome our newest members **Dennis & Tena Behling** who joined our Fairfield family on May 13th at the 9:00am service. Dennis & Tena transferred to us from Byrd Presbyterian Church in Goochland. Their home address is: 3639 Milton Mews Court, Quinton, VA 23141. We are glad they have joined our family!

On May 20th, the Sacrament of Baptism took place for **Mason Carter Harding, Emily Ray Sutton** and **Heather Renée Lowery**. Heather's uncle, The Rev. Eric Little, came from Cameron, SC to baptize Heather! Such special moments!

In addition to baptisms, we received ten new confirmands who professed their faith and are now members of our Fairfield family. They are: **Matthew Arnette, Henry Atkinson, Taylor Hale, Mason Harding, Heather Lowery, McKenzie Grace Marker, Hannah Reasor, Emily Sutton, Nicole Sutton** and **Victoria Tanner**. We welcome these members and look forward to working and worshiping with them!

Anne Baird has moved to apartment C-226 at Covenant Woods. Please make the change in your directory!

IN OUR *Thoughts and Prayers*

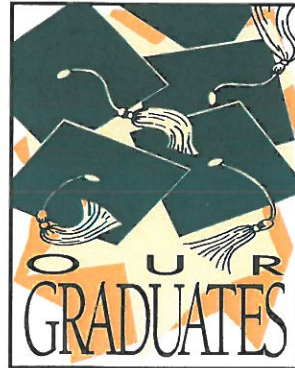
Please keep **Margaret Barlow** in your prayers. Margaret recently lost her youngest sister, Clara Morgan.

Please keep the following people in your daily prayers: **Becky Clark, Jennifer France's** father, Paul, **Kristy Harden's** brother-in law, Tony Bausone, **Larry Harpster, Nancy Hart, Inez Hill, Debby Lynn's** sister, Rosalie, **Ken Moore, Virginia Phipps, Donna Richbourg's** great nephew, John, **Peggie Rosen's** sister Alice, **Lynn Rudolph, Joan Sprinkle's** sister, Gail, **Gen Stevens'** brother Douglas, Rev. Cheryl Sumner, **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, Ann Barlow, Voncile Baughman, Ruth Gatewood, Inez Hill, Stan Hiner, Laverne Longest, Myrtle Muire, Nancy Normont, 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 congratulate our high school seniors who are graduating this year! We are proud of each of you and pray that God will bless your future endeavors!

Zachary Hale
Grayson Palmore
Abby Reasor
Josh Patterson
Cooper Schwartz
Wyatt Schneck
Kaitlyn Sorensen
Kelsey Young

We also congratulate our college graduates this year who worked hard and got their diplomas:

Katrina Gauntt
Emily Hastings
Ben Hohman



Fairfield,
Thank you for being you and a church family and all that you do! Thank you for this last Sunday (May 13) at 9:00am service. The welcome bag was so sweet and we loved it all. Our granddaughter loved the jam and bread especially.

Blessings, Dennis & Tena Behling

Pastor Starzer & church,
Thank you once again for sharing your space with us during IB testing season. We are grateful to have this quiet space during such a stressful time for our kids.

Sincerely, Lesa Berlinghoff



Robby	Stevens
.....	June 2
Madeline Atkinson	June 3
Beth Patterson	June 3
Cooper Schwartz	June 3
Caleb Sutton	June 3
Billy Walls	June 3
Kathy Boyle	June 4
Dot Gammon	June 5
Sharon Gaston	June 5
Jenny Hale	June 5
Brian Letourneau	June 6
Sue Putze	June 6
Barbara Wash	June 6
Matt Wenninger	June 6
Drew Walls	June 7
Ella Glass	June 8
Jenny Lake	June 8
Suzanne Weeks	June 8
Margaret Barlow	June 9
Larry Covington	June 9
Janice Bailly	June 10

Will Glass	June 10
Beth Young	June 10
Barry Snedker	June 11
Edward Wolfgang	June 11
Mason Harding	June 12
Sarah Palicia	June 12
Ginny Patterson	June 13
Leslie Vance	June 13
Jack Dobson	June 14
Chuck Lorch	June 15
Bootsie Stevens	June 15
Rebekah Wenninger	June 16
Beverly Burts	June 17
Jessica Ingerman	June 17
Gerry Rudolph	June 17
Larry Hansbrough	June 18
Jim McDuffee	June 19
Majken Whitaker	June 19
Ray Stevens	June 20
Cathy Wenninger	June 20
Betty Pittman	June 21
Gary Helfrich	June 22
Melanie Magill	June 23
Megan McWilliams	June 23
Darren Utley	June 23
Sarah Dobson	June 24
Taylor Hale	June 25
Susan Lorch	June 25
Connor Sulser	June 26
Bradley Walsh	June 26
Martha Houchins	June 27
Allison Adams	June 28
Jim Gruenhagen	June 28
Tiffany Lynn	June 28
Kanee Johnson	June 29
Jake Lafferty	June 29
Adriana Pope	June 29
Beth Weber	June 30



Tom & Jenny Lake	June 1
Richard & Deborah Wood	June 2
Jim & Barbara Cooper	June 3
Brian & Anne Wash	June 4
Charles & Laura Gauntt	June 6
Rick & Diane Richardson	June 6
John & Janna Daugherty	June 7
Bob & Gen Stevens	June 7

Rob & Brenda Blue	June 12
Don & Pam Wells	June 12
Mike & Donna Hohman	June 13
Jack & Beverly Ward	June 14
Johnnie & Nita Dunkum	June 16
Gerry & Lynne Rudolph	June 17
Gerald & Debbie Atkins	June 18
Matt & Amy Wenninger	June 19
Walt & Jan Fadeley	June 21
Bill & Lee Lythgoe	June 21
Billy & Nancy Walls	June 21
Danny & Cathy Guertler	June 22
Steve & Debby Starzer	June 22
Marge & Ned Wantz	June 22
Chuck & Ginny Patterson	June 23
Ken & Rae Hayden	June 26
Stuart & Becky Settle	June 26
Danny & Karen Couch	June 30



Have a great summer!

The Fellowship Circle will meet for their annual luncheon on June 12, **1:00pm** at Anna's Restaurant. We will not meet again until the second Tuesday in September.

Super Singles

The Super Singles will be going to Roberto Italian Restaurant (5550 Williamsburg Road in Sandston) on **Sunday, June 10th** after the 11:00 service. This is a wonderful group to enjoy lunch with. Come on, join us!

Special dates

- Flag Day, *June 14*
- Father's Day, *June 17*
- First Day of Summer, *June 21*



MEN of the CHURCH

We look forward to seeing you (yes, you!) for our next **Bill Dobson's Men of the Church** breakfast on Tuesday, **June 12**. 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

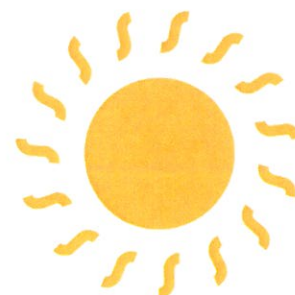


Prayer Shawl Ministry

What is a Prayer Shawl? It is a shawl lovingly crocheted or knitted while praying over each stitch. The prayer is that the shawl will provide the recipient warmth and comfort in a time of turmoil, need or distress. We love what we do and would welcome anyone to join us. We meet the first Wednesday of the month.

The next meeting of the **Prayer Shawl Ministry** is Wednesday, **June 6** at 10:30 in the Barlow Parlor. See you there.

Anna Barrowclough





Join us at the

Church Picnic!

**Sunday, June
10
5:00pm
Melton Pavilion**

Join us for a wonderful afternoon filled with fun, food and fellowship! Hot dogs, hamburgers and drinks will be provided. Please bring a covered dish to share with everyone. Bring a blanket or a lawn chair and eat out on the lawn or under the pavilion. What a wonderful way to relax with friends on a Sunday afternoon!

Fill out a reservation form which is located in the Sunday bulletins so we will know how many to plan for. Thank you!

A day in June

And what is so rare as a day in June?
Then, if ever, come perfect days;
Then heaven tries earth if it be in tune,
And over it softly her warm ear lays;
Whether we look, or whether we listen,
We hear life murmur, or see it glisten;
...Now the heart is so full that a drop overfills it,
We are happy now because God wills it;
No matter how barren the past may have been,
'Tis enough for us now that the leaves are green;
We sit in the warm shade and feel right well
How the sap creeps up and the blossoms swell;
We may shut our eyes but we cannot help knowing
That skies are clear and grass is growing.

James Russel Lowell
from *The Vision of Sir Launfal*



Our youth will be traveling to Jacksonville, Florida from June 17 to June 23 to help with continued hurricane relief and reconstruction. Please keep the following youth and adults in your prayers during this week:

Henry Atkinson
Madeline Atkinson
Meredith Atkinson
Jordan Bridger
Andrew Dunn
Will Dunn
Brooke Foster
Mason Harding
Rynn Harding
Paige Lake
Heather Lowery
Aaron Marker
McKenzie Marker
Matt Palmgren
Beth Patterson
Sam Patterson
Sam Price
Hannah Reasor
Ryleigh Stevenson
Victoria Tanner
David Utley

Adults: Amy Atkinson, Tom Lake, Mitzi Marker and Darren Utley.

They will be commissioned at the 9am service on June 10th.



Nursery Schedules

9:00am Infant/Toddler Nursery Schedule

June 3	Mitzi Marker & McKenzie Marker
June 10	Allison Letourneau & Hannah Reasor
June 17	Sandra Brewster & Linda Daugherty
June 24	Mitzi Marker & McKenzie Marker

11am Infant /Toddler

June 3	Angela Schwartz & Dale Woodfin
June 10	Jan Fadeley & Beth Patterson
June 17	Nikki Glass & Pam Roberts
June 24	Angela Blue & Donna Hohman



Nursery Workers Needed

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.**

Beloved, rest

Busy. We're all so very busy, and we consider that a virtue. We measure our days by how much we accomplish.

Long ago, the psalmist was aware of mankind's workaholic tendencies. "It is in vain," he wrote, "that you rise up early and go late to rest, eating the bread of anxious toil; for he gives sleep to his beloved" (Psalm 127:2 NRSV).

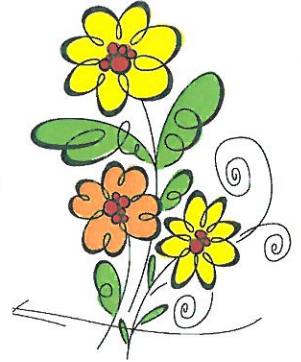
Balance, beloved. God isn't a slave driver. Work and rest in good measure, for God is pleased to give you both.

Summer Flowers

Behold the flowers of June!

How fair and bright their buds appear,
as, opening to the summer air,
our eyes and hearts they
cheer!

Who would have thought
there could abound
such beauty and delight
beneath the cold and wintry
ground
that hid those flowers from
sight?



That power which made
and governs all -
the mighty power of God -
alone could life and beauty call
out of the lifeless sod.

And he, who from the winter's gloom
can summer thus disclose,
shall one day make the desert bloom,
and blossom as the rose.

-Anonymous



June 26
Family Center
1:00-7:00pm

Under-Age Thinking...

DADS are a BLESSING

Surprise your dad or another special man with this Father's Day gift.



What you need:

- Photos of you and your loved one (together, if possible)
- Scissors
- 8.5" x 11" paper
- Glue stick
- Marker
- 8.5" x 11" photo frame



What you do:

1. Cut photos into shapes (hearts, circles, etc.).
2. Arrange photos on the paper, leaving room for a message, and glue them down.
3. Write: "I'm blessed as can be. My heavenly Father has given me the best _____ [dad, uncle, friend] in the world, and he belongs to me!"
4. Place your picture message in the frame.
5. Give your gift to show love and appreciation.



Beloved children

God our heavenly Father loves us so much that he calls us his.

Directions: Follow the instructions below. Then read the remaining words, going across the rows from left to right, to complete 2 Corinthians 6:18, NIV.

- Cross out the opposite of blessings.
- Cross out the disciple who betrayed Jesus.
- Cross out the opposite of love.
- Cross out a word for jail.
- Cross out what happened to Jesus.
- Cross out the opposite of friends.
- Cross out the opposite of found.
- Cross out a word for disobeying God.
- Cross out an animal.
- Cross out a place.
- Cross out a book of the Bible.

I	enemies	will	be	Judas
hate	a	Father	to	serpent
you	and	you	will	crucified
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sin	Golgotha	daughters	says	the
Lamentations	prison	Lord	Almighty	lost

Answer: "I will be a Father to you, and you will be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty." 2 Corinthians 6:18, NIV



CARITAS

Congregations Around Richmond To Assure Shelter

If you are new to the concept of CARITAS you will get a chance to experience it first hand as Fairfield hosts up to 32 men in our Family Center October 13-20, 2018. CARITAS is the largest and most inclusive emergency shelter in central Virginia. It began in the mid-1980's in response to the growing need to provide emergency shelter to homeless adults during the cold winter months. Today, it has grown to a year-round, full-service shelter program for both single adults and families.

In early September a sign-up board will begin to be displayed in our church. This is a place where you can volunteer to help in a variety of ways while the men are our guests. The men sleep in our Family Center and enjoy the comfort and safety of being off the street. We, as a church provide their meals – breakfast, bag lunch and dinner and any other comforts that can be provided during their stay. We are especially fortunate to have showers for them to use. Below is an idea of how the week goes so you can find a spot where you can help.

Saturday, October 13. The sleeping mats, sheets, pillows, blankets and client possessions arrive via CARITAS truck. Help will be needed unloading and setting up the family center. A great place for all ages to help.

Saturday the 13th dinner through breakfast on Saturday 20th we will be feeding the guests. Breakfast that is generally cereal, fruit, juice and coffee and snack items that are less sugary. They leave early each day. The Mission Fund usually provides these breakfast items. Lunches each day are a bagged lunch with the usual fare plus a bottle of water. Families, classes and groups furnish and pack these lunches and bring them to the church. We have been lucky enough to have the bottled water donated in years past. Dinners each evening are a hot meal and dessert furnished and prepared by families, scouts, classes and groups in the church. This meal is served by the group that prepares the meal so you get to meet and talk with our guests. Cleanup is also appreciated.

Once each week we do laundry for those who need it. Families sign up to take a bag of laundry home with them and bring back clean and folded the next day. Church members sign up to spend the night in the church who, along with the CARITAS personnel who spends the night, can field any emergencies (very rare). This overnight volunteer also puts out the breakfast in the morning.

On the 20th, after they leave, the CARITAS truck arrives, and we load up the mats, dirty linen, and any possessions. On to the next location. Another great time for volunteers of all ages.

If you have any questions about Fairfield hosting CARITAS this fall I encourage you to speak to Steve or Darren or ask any member of the Mission Committee. This is a wonderful ministry and a meaningful way to connect with these guests.

Nancy Gallihugh



FOOD * FUN * PEOPLE * PRAISE!

Join Us the Last Sunday of the Month All Summer

June 24th

July 29th

August 26th

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

4-5 PM Bounce House, Fellowship & Games

5-6 PM Dinner (Provided)

6-7 PM Children's Message & Praise Band

Meet Us in the Melton Pavilion



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

**Fairfield Presbyterian Church
Blood Drive**

**Tuesday, June 26th
1:00pm - 7:00pm**

To make an appointment please

- 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. This blood drive is in memory of
Bill Dobson!

American Red Cross

1-800-RED CROSS | redcrossblood.org

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Fairfield Presbyterian Church

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May

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July

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1:00 PM NBC Choir Practice
3:00 PM Scotchtown DAR Set-up (FC)

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9:00 AM Contemporary Service (Family Center)
10:00 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM NBC Worship Service (FC)
11:00 AM Traditional Service (sanctuary)
2:00 PM Scotchtown DAR Program (FC)
MCEF Collection

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12:00 PM - 9:00 PM Hanover High School Banquet (FC)
7:00 PM Deacons Meeting (#20)

6

10:30 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry (Barlow Parlor)
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM NBC Bible Study (#29)

7

7:00 PM Boy Scouts (HH)
8:00 PM Praise Band Practice (Family Center)

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1:00 PM NBC Choir Practice

10

9:00 AM Contemporary Service (Family Center)
10:00 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM NBC Worship Service (FC)
11:00 AM Traditional Service (sanctuary)
12:30 PM Super Singles

11

7:00 PM District Committee Meeting (#20)
7:00 PM OA Chapter Meeting (Heritage Hall)

12

6:00 AM Men of the Church Breakfast (off-site)
1:00 PM Fellowship Circle (Anna's Restaurant)

13

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM NBC Bible Study (#29)

14

7:00 PM Boy Scouts (HH)
8:00 PM Praise Band Practice (Family Center)

15

16

1:00 PM NBC Choir Practice

17

9:00 AM Contemporary Service (Family Center)
10:00 AM Next Step Class (#12)
10:00 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM NBC Worship Service (FC)
11:00 AM Traditional Service (sanctuary)

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7:00 PM Session Meeting (#20)

20

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM NBC Bible Study (#29)
7:00 PM Boy Scout Greenbar Meeting (#20)

21

7:00 PM Boy Scout Committee Meeting (#20)
8:00 PM Praise Band Practice (Family Center)

22

23

1:00 PM NBC Choir Practice

24

9:00 AM Contemporary Service (Family Center)
10:00 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM NBC Worship Service (FC)
11:00 AM Traditional Service (sanctuary)
12:00 PM NBC Picnic
4:00 PM Campfire

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7:00 PM Eagle Board of Review (26, 29, 32)

26

1:00 PM - 7:00 PM Bill Dobson Memorial Blood Drive (FC)

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6:00 PM - 8:00 PM NBC Bible Study (#29)

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7:00 PM Boy Scouts (HH)
8:00 PM Praise Band Practice (Family Center)

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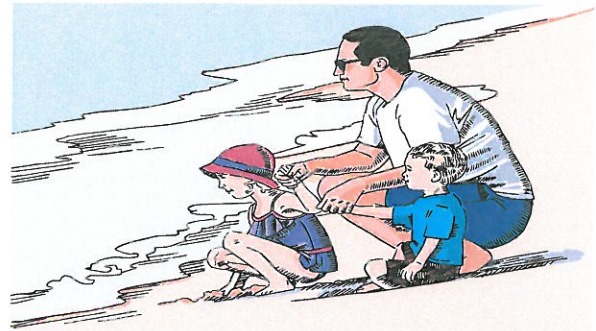
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1:00 PM NBC Choir Practice

Memory Verse for June

*How precious to me are your thoughts, God!
How vast is the sum of them! Were I to count
them, they would outnumber the grains of
sand— when I awake, I am still with you.*

Psalm 139: 17-18



Happy Father's Day!



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