



The Messenger

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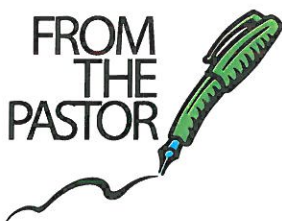
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**FROM
THE
PASTOR**



Dear friends,

We recently received a letter from an annuity company letting us know that Janie Harrington made us a partial beneficiary of

her annuity. Somehow, that didn't surprise me. Janie and her late husband were faithful members of Fairfield Church since they joined in 1951. Both were former members of Methodist churches: she nearby and he from Upstate NY, but both found a home and a family here at Fairfield Presbyterian. Janie never flagged in her love of God and of this Church.

It seems so appropriate and right that she remembered us with this bequest. While it wasn't a numerically large one, it is nonetheless a very impactful one. With the \$13,768.98 she left to us, we will establish the Janie Harrington Fund as a part of our Endowment Fund. Income from that fund will help us to continue the mission and ministry of Fairfield Church. But I would have to say that in some very tangible way, the more important aspect of this is that the generations who follow us will have some sense and appreciation for the members of this congregation who came before them.

In the historic language of the Church, it is expressed that no one ceases to be a member of the Church. Theologians speak of the Church Militant for those of us who still work for the Kingdom here on earth and speak of the Church Triumphant for those who have gone before us into the Heavenly realm. But together we are the

Church of Jesus Christ. Remembering the generations who have been promoted to glory is a very important reminder to us that what we are involved in is not bound by time but is timeless. We all stand on the shoulders of those who have gone before us. We all prepare the way for those who will follow.

I am glad that 100 years from now the people of Fairfield Church will remember Janie Harrington and so many others who have helped shape this congregation to be the special church it is.

If you'd like to make sure someone special is remembered and you want to make sure we leave behind a financially strong church for the coming generations, please talk to me or any of our Stewardship Team.

In Christ's love,



Member News

We congratulate Jessica Aliotti who graduated from Randolph Macon College in May. We hope the future for her is as bright and beautiful as her personality!

We extend our sympathies to **Debbie Lynn** on the death of her sister, Rosalie Walters who passed away on June 15.



IN OUR Thoughts and Prayers

Please keep the following people in your daily prayers: **Becky Clark, Katie Duggan, Jennifer France's** father, Paul, **Kristy Harden's** brother-in law, Tony Bausone, **Larry Harpster, Ken Moore, Virginia Phipps, Donna Richbourg's** great nephew, John, **Peggie Rosen's** sister Alice, **Lynn Rudolph, Joan Sprinkle's** sister, Gail, **Gen Stevens'** brothers Douglas & Daniel, **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 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.)

Marcia Cramer	July 1
Matthew Holloman	July 1
Tanner Lightsey	July 1
John Longest	July 1
Chuck Chelette	July 2
Rebecca Mumpower	July 2
Bonnie Penny	July 2
Charles Ransone	July 3
Mac Spencer	July 3
Kadie Duggan	July 4
Corrinne Harding	July 4
Debbie Palicia	July 4
Sharon Tuckwiller	July 4
Sarah Wash	July 4
Brantley Clark	July 5
Rae Hayden	July 5
David Utley	July 5
Jerry Williamson	July 5
Crystal Bessette	July 6
Linda Gruenhagen	July 6
Carolyn Moore	July 6
McKenna Blue	July 7
Arlene Butchyk	July 7
Jackson Wash	July 7
Ryan Lafferty	July 8
Phoenix Leigh	July 8
Bill Lythgoe	July 11
Debbie Lynn	July 14
Deb Utley	July 15
Harry Zweckbronner	July 16
Ben Hohman	July 17
Jenny Young	July 18
Judy Thompson	July 19
Andrew Young	July 21
Garrett Gauntt	July 23
Jack Ward	July 23
Gloria Dunham	July 25
Madeline Dunn	July 25
Graham Magill	July 25
Nancy Walls	July 27
Robin Wilson	July 27
Merrill Hastings	July 28
Rachel Underdown	July 29

Sheree Duggan July 30
 Mary Gayton July 30
 David Schwartz July 30
 Gerry Nuckols July 31



Charles & Betty Ransone July 2
 Brett & Katy Underdown July 2
 Sue & Herb Coulter July 3
 Brian & Allison Letourneau July 5
 Gene & Peggie Rosen July 9
 Courtney & Miheer Kulkarni July 11
 Troy & Ana Horn July 12
 Mike & Erin Reasor July 12
 Jack & Lori Briel July 13
 Allen & Kathy Boyle July 19
 Riley & Anne Young July 24
 Mark & Lindsey Irwin July 25
 Bryant & Julie Lowery July 25
 J.R.. & Mitzi Marker July 28
 Darren & Deb Utley July 28
 Darlene & Rick Shegogue July 29

Special dates

- Canada Day, July 1
- Independence Day, July 4



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, **July 10**. 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.

Billy Putze

Nursery Schedules

9:00am Infant/Toddler Nursery Schedule

July 1 Sandra Brewster & Allison Letourneau
 July 8 Beverly Burts & Karen Couch
 July 15 Linda Daugherty & Angela Blue
 July 22 Brenda Blue & Hannah Reasor
 July 29 Beverly Burts & Karen Couch

11am Infant /Toddler

July 1 Pam Gigliotti & Angela Schwartz
 July 8 Jan Fadeley & Beth Patterson
 July 15 Pam Roberts & Anne Young
 July 22 Donna Hohman & Dale Woodfin
 July 29 Angela Blue & Pam Gigliotti

A Prayer for the 4th



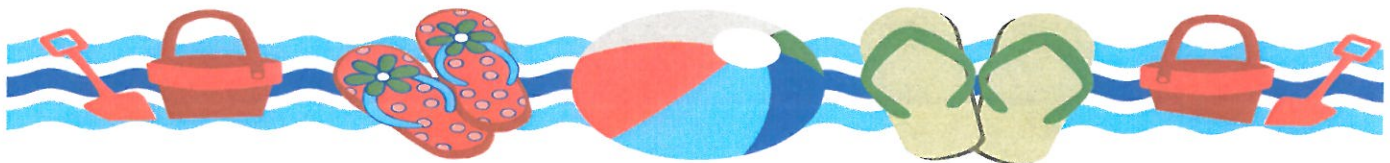
Lord Jesus, thou who art the way, the truth and the life; hear us as we pray for the truth that shall make all free. Teach us that liberty is not only to be loved but also to be lived. Liberty is too precious a thing to be buried in books. It cost too much to be hoarded. Help us see that our liberty is not the right to do as we please, but the opportunity to please to do what is right.

Peter Marshall, before the U.S. Senate

Session Notes

As your Session met this month for its Summer meeting, they were able to get a lot accomplished including:

- Joyfully voted to receive the Sutton, Harding and Hutchison families into the membership of Fairfield Church.
- Learned that Steve Starzer will be again a Chaplain for the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial weekend (October 5-7) at Emmitsburg, MD.
- Celebrated that Carson Rhyne, Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of the James, will be with us on October 14th, so that we can wish him well before his retirement on December 31st.
- Gratefully received the donation of 14 beautiful chairs for the Church Library.
- Heard the report of the Commissioners to the June meeting of the Presbytery and looked forward toward the October meeting which will be held at Lord Jesus Korean Presbyterian Church in North Chesterfield.
- Enthusiastically supported the Adult Discipleship Team on their plans to hold the Adult Vacation Bible School July 15, 16, 17th. It will be taught by Darren, Steve and Pastor Larry Enis of the New Beginnings Church. A dinner will be held the first night and ice cream on the final night. The topic for this year is 1 Corinthians.
- Happily learned more of the plans for the last Sunday of the month Campfire programs. There will be fun activities as well as food and worship around the campfire. This event is for the whole church and will have something for every age!
- Learned that the plans for a new pictorial directory are beginning again after the untimely death of the co-owner of the photo studio.
- Approved the plans of the 9:00 worship team to purchase a covering to expand the shade of the pavilion.
- Celebrated with the Caritas Ministry that they will be housing the homeless men in their refurbished facility in South Richmond. We will be providing lunches for our week in October as well as doing a towel drive to help supply their new facility.
- Rejoiced with the Stewardship Team that our finances are solid and we have been able to rebuild our emergency reserve fund.



Memory Verse for July

Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.

Ephesians 4:2-3



We are very pleased to let you know of the plans for this year's Adult VBS. We will meet for three consecutive evenings, July 15 - 17, with the class beginning at 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. On the first night we will gather before for a meal and fellowship with each other at 6:00 p.m. We'll have more details on that as we get closer to the date.

Our topic for this year is an overview of Paul's First Epistle to the Corinthians. Not only will we have Darren and Steve leading us in this class but we will have the blessing of Dr. Larry Enis co-teaching with us. Not only is Pastor Larry the founding Pastor of New Beginnings Church, he is also a highly respected Biblical Scholar who teaches at Randolph-Macon, Union University and Union Presbyterian Seminary.

Mark your calendars and please plan to join us!!!

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

Let's shake it up a little! You have all been so generous about donating food and funds to the MCEF Food Pantry. I try to give you ideas about the pantry needs but let's just concentrate on one item from July through December.

- ✓ July – pork and beans
- ✓ August – any kind of condiment
- ✓ September – boxed cereal

- ✓ October - jelly
- ✓ November – mac and cheese
- ✓ December – pasta sauce

You can just bring one item listed each month (the first Sunday of the month) or multiples of the item. For instance, if each family brought a can of pork and beans in July think how many cans that would be - WOW. If each person brought a can of beans – DOUBLE WOW. – two cans of beans..... You see how it could work. Remember - NO giant-sized cans please.

Of course, if you prefer to do your own shopping for the pantry, whatever you can share is always appreciated.

THE NEXT DAY TO CONTRIBUTE FOOD FOR THE FOOD PANTRY IS SUNDAY, JULY 1st.

Summer is here! Lazy days and iced tea! The MCEF One Stop Shop is grateful for all you do to keep this ministry up and running for those in Mechanicsville who need a helping hand.

This is just a reminder that even though some of us are traveling, visiting relatives, going on long awaited vacations, some of us are barely making it day by day.

Since our doors opened at 7235 Stonewall Parkway, the number of families who could visit once a month has almost doubled. We have 400 +/- registered families now. The food pantry is being used a lot. **Our food donations can't take a summer vacation.** So, we are appealing to all of you to make sure that you continue your food donations during the summer months just as generously as you do the rest of the year.

MCEF occasionally receives monetary donations designated just for food but they can't sustain the pantry. The shelves are filled by you. Thank you for all you do. This is a valuable ministry in our community. Have a great summer - be safe.

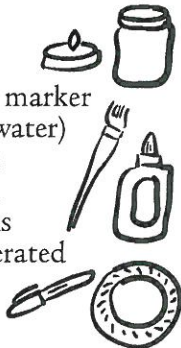
Under-Age Thinking...



Summer is the perfect time to gaze at the wonders in the sky. Make this craft as a reminder of God's handiwork — including you!


What you need:

- Glass jar
- Permanent marker
- Glue (and water)
- Paper plate
- Paintbrush
- Star sequins
- Battery-operated tea light



What you do:

1. Around the jar's opening, write in permanent marker: Shine ... like stars in the sky. Philippians 2:15
2. Pour some glue on the plate. Thin with some water.
3. "Paint" the outside of the jar with glue and then sprinkle on some sequins. Let dry.
4. Add the tea light and give your bedroom a starry glow at nighttime.



Wonders of creation

Our Creator is in control of the entire universe!

Directions: Beginning with column 1, go down each column until you come to a dot. Write the letter that's found to the left of the dot on the blank below to complete Psalm 147:4, NIV. (Some columns have more than one letter.)

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PSALM 147:4, NIV

Answer: He determines the number of the stars and calls them each by name. Psalm 147:4, NIV



FOOD * FUN * PEOPLE * PRAISE!

Join Us the Last Sunday of the Month All Summer
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

July 2018

Fairfield Presbyterian Church

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 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) MCEF Collection	2	3 7:00 PM Christian Ministry Teams (HH) 7:00 PM Evangelism Team (#19) 7:00 PM Missions Team (#14) 7:00 PM Personnel Team (#32) 7:00 PM Worship Team (#26)	4 Church Office Closed  Independence Day	5 7:00 PM Boy Scouts (Heritage Hall) 8:00 PM Praise Band Practice (Family Center)	6	7 1:00 PM NBC Choir Practice
8 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)	9	10 6:00 AM Men of the Church Breakfast (off-site)	11 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM NBC Bible Study (#29)	12 7:00 PM Boy Scouts (Heritage Hall) 8:00 PM Praise Band Practice (Family Center)	13	14 1:00 PM NBC Choir Practice
15 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)	16	17	18 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM NBC Bible Study (#29)	19 7:00 PM Boy Scout Committee Meeting (#20) 8:00 PM Praise Band Practice (Family Center)	20	21 1:00 PM NBC Choir Practice
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM Adult VBS (Heritage Hall)						
22 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 Children's Play (FC)	23 7:00 PM Eagle Scout Board of Review (#26, 29, 32)	24	25 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM NBC Bible Study (#29)	26 7:00 PM Boy Scouts (Heritage Hall) 8:00 PM Praise Band Practice (Family Center)	27	28 1:00 PM NBC Choir Practice
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Finding Freedom

The paradox of faith is that when we conform
our lives to Christ, then we gain our true
freedom. And its fruit is profound and lasting
happiness.

Vincent Nichols



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Return Service Requested

