



# The Messenger

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**August 2018**



As I write this, it has been about a month since our team of youth and their adult chaperones left for our mission trip to Florida. I thought this newsletter article might be a good place to let everyone know about our experience this year. We had a great

group of young folks go on the mission trip this year. Some have been on all three of our mission trips and a good number of rising seventh graders joined us for the first time. Special thanks go out to Amy Atkinson, Mitzi Marker and Tom Lake for agreeing to be the adults on the trip (always a stretch for some of us).

We left for Green Cove Springs, FL at around 7AM on Sunday, June 17<sup>th</sup>. All of the young men rode with Mitzi in her truck and most of the older young ladies rode with Amy in her van. This left the majority of the rising seventh through ninth grade girls to ride with Tom and I in the fifteen-passenger van on the twelve-hour trip down to Florida. Tom and I decided that we are not the negotiators in our families. Fortunately, our travel companions are wonderful young people even if they had their moments of higher than optimal volume for the two of us. The weather was great all the way down and we were able to coordinate relatively smooth lunch and dinner stops along the way.

We were housed at a nice location that had a large building with multiple rooms that held about 6-8 people each. The rooms had a

door on one wall, so the girls had a large suite for their accommodations. The rooms had bunk beds and extra mattresses on the floor. Our main concern going in was that they were air conditioned, which they were. Each evening on the trip the mission staff provides worship. We were late the first evening, because I was not listening very well when they told me the worship was held off campus. We were scolded a little, but we were on time the rest of the evenings. The theme for the week was casting your nets, talking about our call to be fishers of people through our service and witness.

Our work site was not far from our housing. We were tasked with helping Tammy, a woman whose trailer was damaged in the recent hurricanes. Throughout the week we did some demolition work and helped to reinstall some windows that were hung incorrectly. We also hung, mudded and sanded dry wall through much of the house. By the end of the week we had accomplished some good work for Tammy. We were blessed with decent weather while we were there, and I believe that some days we saw it was hotter in Mechanicsville than it was in Florida. We left the worksite each day between three and four and returned to the housing area. The camp where we stayed had a nice dock on a small body of water. A couple of the days some of the kids got in the water, but it rained every afternoon we were there, so it was hard to plan the time to get down to the water around the storms. The food was pretty good at this site and I think we all ate pretty well. Mitzi has a tradition of making sure that there is extra food

around, so no one goes hungry. Every night after worship we would gather for watermelon and discussion of the day's theme from worship and the devotional book they give each of us.

You will have to ask some of the youth and chaperones about some of the trouble we got in with the TeamEffort staff and some of the other stories from the trip. Mostly, we want to thank all of you again for helping us through your donations and prayers. These mission trips are a great experience for our youth and we could not do it without you.

Duffy



## Member News

With sympathy we pray for **Gen Stevens** and family on the loss of her brother Douglas Johnson who passed away on July 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Rev. Richard Haney has recently moved. His new address is 11540 Rexmoor Drive, North Chesterfield, VA 23236.

**Dwight Clark's** cell phone number has changed. It is 944-0168. His email address is [Noahexpressinc@aol.com](mailto:Noahexpressinc@aol.com).

## IN OUR Thoughts and Prayers

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**, **Marshall Hart**, **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 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 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.)*



Dear Fairfield Church Family,  
*Thank you for the many cards, calls, prayers, and acts of kindness shown during my surgery and recovery. Your support has been a blessing.*

In Christ's love,  
Nancy Hart



Dear Fairfield Friends,  
 Thank you for all of the calls and cards when I lost my brother Douglas. It is wonderful to be a part of the Fairfield Church family. Please continue to pray for my brother Daniel who remains very ill.

In Christian love,  
 Gen & Bob Stevens



*Great Job Everyone!*

The results from our blood drive on June 26 were fantastic! We collected 39 pints on a 40 unit goal. It was an awesome turnout! This means that over 156 lives can now be saved because of the donors. Thank you for your support of our blood drive. Our next one is scheduled for **September 18th**.



Bruce & Cathy Jenkins	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



Ivy Lightsey	August 2
Myrtle Muire	August 2
Scott Holloman	August 6
Kendall Underdown	August 7
Keelyn Underdown	August 7
LeVonne Neuharth	August 8
Louise Kellum	August 10
Tena Behling	August 12
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
Barbara Cooper	August 19
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



The 9:00am Contemporary Worship Service will move back into the Family Center on **Sunday, August 5<sup>th</sup>**. The 11:00 Traditional Worship Service will remain in the sanctuary.



## 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, **August 14**. 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



### Prayer Shawl Ministry

It is the middle of summer and we are working on scarves and hats for the late fall and winter. These hats and scarves will be donated to MCEF. We also continue to work on Prayer Shawls, Lap Robes and Baby Blankets but the smaller items are easier to make in the heat of summer. If you think you would enjoy this ministry, we would definitely welcome you...we are always looking for new members. Don't know how to crochet or knit? We will gladly help you learn. We meet the first Wednesday of each month. **The next meeting of the Prayer Shawl Ministry is Wednesday, August 1 at 10:30 in the Barlow Parlor.** We would love to see you there.

Anna Barrowclough

## Nursery Schedules

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

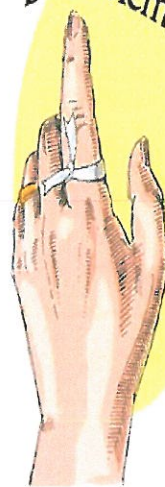
Aug. 5	Mitzi Marker & McKenzie Marker
Aug. 12	Linda Daugherty & Brenda Blue
Aug. 19	Sandra Brewster & Hannah Reasor
Aug. 26	Karen Couch & Beverly Burts

### 11am Infant /Toddler

Aug. 5	Dale Woodfin & Nikki Glass
Aug. 12	Beth Patterson & Jan Fadeley
Aug. 19	Pam Roberts & Anne Young
Aug. 26	Angela Schwartz & Donna Hohman

## for August

### Bible Memory Verse



For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

(Ephesians 2:8-10)



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

Just a reminder of the products we will concentrate on for August (if you want to). August – any kind of condiment – this can include mustard, catsup, relish, mayo, salad dressing, pickles, etc. 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, AUGUST 5.**

## **CARITAS**

Great news for CARITAS! The Men's shelter was the first to transition to a non-mobile shelter site. They have 32 case-managed shelter beds located at the Healing Place at 700 Dinwiddie Avenue, Richmond, VA. What does this mean for Fairfield Presbyterian Church? The men will not be staying at the church during our October 13-20 dates. But, we will still be supplying bagged lunches for the week along with hosting a towel drive. Please make sure you check the narthex starting in September and sign up to make lunches for the men. More details to follow.

The lunches consist of a sandwich, chips, fruit, dessert, bottled water and a napkin. The Mission Committee hopes to get the water donated and will also supply the lunch bags. We will also be delivering the lunches to the Healing Place.

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## *Forgive the inexcusable*

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To be a Christian means to forgive the inexcusable, because God has forgiven the inexcusable in you. This is hard. It is perhaps not so hard to forgive a single injury. But to forgive the incessant provocations of daily life - to keep on forgiving the bossy mother-in-law, the bullying husband, the nagging wife, the selfish daughter, the deceitful son - how can we do it? Only, I think, by remembering where we stand, by meaning our words when we say in our prayers each night, "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us." We are offered forgiveness on no other terms. To refuse it means to refuse God's mercy for ourselves. There is no hint of exceptions and God means what He says.

- C. S. Lewis



## *A Church Garden*

First, plant five rows of peas:

Presence, Promptness, Preparation, Purity, Perseverance.

Next to these, plant three rows of squash:

Squash gossip, squash criticism, squash indifference.

No garden is complete without turnips:

Turn up for meetings; turn up with a smile;  
Turn up with new ideas; turn up with  
determination to make everything count for  
something good and worthwhile.

# Under-Age Thinking...

## BUMBLE BEE BALLS

Make these yummy treats as a summer snack.

### What you need:

- 1 cup peanut butter
- 1½ oz. instant oats
- ¼ cup honey
- ½ cup instant milk powder
- ½ cup dark chocolate chips
- 40 mini chocolate chips
- 20 slivered almonds
- 40 sliced almonds
- Adult help

### What you do:

1. In a bowl, mix peanut butter, oats, honey and instant milk powder into dough. If too dry, add more peanut butter or honey.
2. Roll dough into 20 long balls. Place them on a cookie sheet and refrigerate.
3. Melt the dark chocolate chips and place them in a zippered baggie. Cut a tiny bit off one corner.
4. Remove dough from refrigerator. Squeeze thin lines of chocolate as stripes onto the bee bodies.
5. Use two mini chocolate chips for eyes, a slivered almond for a stinger and two sliced almonds as wings. Enjoy!

## PUZZLE

### GOD'S amazzzing BEES

God created bees to pollinate flowers and make honey. Psalm 119:103 says God gives us something that's even sweeter than honey.

*Directions: Find the word that fits each clue. Then write the answers in the correct numbered honeycomb shape to complete Psalm 119:103, NIV.*

#### CLUES

1. rhymes with cow
2. opposite of sour
3. pronounced "R"
4. rhymes with four
5. Letters create \_\_\_\_.
6. not too or two
7. rhymes with by
8. the tongue's job
9. more sweet
10. rhymes with pan
11. golden liquid
12. Pleased \_\_ meet you.
13. rhymes with fly
14. body part

#### WORD BANK

than your to are  
sweet sweeter How  
my honey mouth  
words to taste, my

Answer: How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth! Psalm 119:103, NIV





**FOOD \* FUN \* PEOPLE \* PRAISE!**

Join Us the Last Sunday of the Month All Summer  
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**



## *Children Etiquette Class*

Ages 9-12

**Summer Class:**  
**Saturday, August 4**  
**9:30 am – 3:30 pm**

**Fall Classes:**  
**Saturday, October 6, 27, November 3, 17**  
**9:30 am – 11:30 am**



## *Teen Etiquette Class*

Ages 13-17

**Summer Class:**  
**Saturday, August 11**  
**9:30 am - 3:30 pm**

**Fall Classes:**  
**Saturday, October 6, 27, November 3, 17**  
**1:30 pm - 3:30 pm**

## *Etiquette for a Day*

For Boys Only

Ages 8-16

**Saturday September 8, 2018**  
**1 pm – 5 pm**



For Girls Only

Ages 8-16

**Saturday September 15, 2018**  
**1 pm – 5 pm**

*Join us for complimentary classes*

8 Students maximum – open to members ONLY

**Fairfield Presbyterian Church**

Register at [info@flemmingetiquette.com](mailto:info@flemmingetiquette.com) or call  
804.277.4412



# AUGUST

## 2018

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