



# The Messenger

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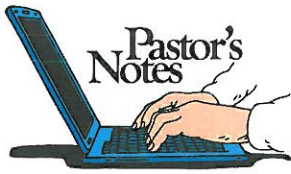
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## September 2018



September is full of all kinds of transitions and most regrettable is the end of summer. While most of us have been continuing our regular work weeks throughout the summer, things just seem a little different. The return of Fall means figuring out the kids' schedules and how we are going to make them work. Going back to school or work for students, teachers and educators. We get busy. This month our sermon series asked us to think about work, but hopefully not in the same stress producing way the end of summer does.

*A Faith That Works* is the sermon series for September and it is an investigation of the book of James. Usually in Protestant circles, we don't get around to looking at the book of James because it seems to contradict our emphasis on faith with an emphasis on works. The truth is the book offers us very practical advice about how to put our faith into action. This should be an inspiring series that will help us move into the Fall walking closer to God not just in our minds but as our whole selves.

"The book of James stands unique in the New Testament for its no-nonsense, practical, proverbial wisdom. There is very little cryptic language or mysterious imagery in the way that it calls people to live out their discipleship. For James, faith is neither radically privatized nor solely personal. It is to be expressed outwardly, to improve one's relationships with others and to help those in need. This series challenges those in a congregation who believe that faith is something that should be kept to one's self and challenges a culture that sees very little value in

religion at all." \*

Our memory verse for this month is typical of the kinds of challenges and themes that come up in the book of James. James 2:14-17:

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So, faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead."

We hope you will be able to join us in worship for this series and encourage you to take some time each week to look at a chapter of the book of James which is just five short chapters.

\*A Preachers Guide to Lectionary Sermon Series, Jessica Miller Kelly.





## Member News

Our sympathy goes out to **Anne Young** on the death of her husband Riley Young who passed away on August 3rd.. Riley was an out-standing member of this congregation and served this church wholeheartedly. He will be missed by his children, **Cathy, Patrick** and **Jenny** as well as our church family.

Our sympathy also goes out to the family of **Anne Baird**. Anne passed away on August 19<sup>th</sup>. She was a wonderful member of this congregation and will be greatly missed.

**Barbara Smith** has been moved to Sunnyside Assisted Living. Her address is 3935 Sunnyside Drive, Room 159, Harrisonburg, VA 22801.

**Mike & Erin Reasor** have dropped their land line at home. You can reach Mike at 804-972-0123 and Erin at 804-310-9962. Please make these changes in your directory!

### IN OUR Thoughts and Prayers

Please keep the following people in your daily prayers: **Becky Clark, John Crowe's** first cousin Ted, **Jennifer France's** father, Paul, **Fran Hansbrough's** sister, Jane, **Kristy Harden's** brother-in law, Tony Bausone, **Larry Harpster, Marshall Hart, Ken Moore** and his granddaughter Macie Allen, , **Virginia Phipps, Donna Richbourg's** great nephew, John, **Peggie Rosen's** sister Alice, **Lynn Rudolph, Joan Sprinkle's** sister, Gail, **Gen Stevens'** brother Daniel, **Richard Wood's** parents, **Tracy Young, Beth Young's** friends, Charles & Joan Russell, 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.)*



*To all that gave me uplifting phone calls, notes, cards and prayers, thank you. They gave me the strength for the days of recovering after my recent fall. I have had all of you and God to support me down my path. Thank you for all your ways in faith and God's love.*

With God's love, Melanie Rubeck

*Mark (Price), thank you for coordinating the Tuesday, June 26 blood drive for the American Red Cross. We were very pleased with the drive overall, and the willingness of the donors to share this life saving gift. The efforts of Fairfield Church have always been greatly appreciated and their support of the community blood program will go a long way toward replenishing blood supplies and ultimately saving lives. I look forward to working with you again on the upcoming blood drive.*

Nicole Robinette

*Many thanks to everyone for the prayers, cards, phone calls, emails, and Facebook posts during my recent knee surgery! Your special prayers and well wishes enabled me to recover quickly and get back into the swing of things. What a blessing to belong to such an awesome church!*

Judie Thompson



Dear Fairfield friends,

*Our hearts have been overwhelmed by all the ways you have shown your great love and many acts of kindness to our family in the wake of Riley's unexpected illness and promotion to Heaven. Your cards, visits to the funeral home, attendance at his service, contributions of food for the reception after his service, hugs, encouragement and many heartfelt prayers have all sustained us as we face the future without Riley being in our midst. We are so grateful for the many ways you have helped us by sharing your caring spirit with us.*

With love and gratitude,  
Anne Young & family

*"Some people have a special gift for making others feel welcome. Thank you for your hospitality!"* I recently attended Riley Young's funeral service. This is the first church, other than my own, that has truly made me feel welcomed. I had the opportunity to speak with a few members who made me feel comfortable and welcomed. I was not able to stay after the service due to a doctor appointment. You folks are a prime example of how a church should be. May God bless each one of you.

Gene Flowers

*Thank you so much to Nancy Gallihugh, Barbara Wash, Beth Young and Sue Putze for filling in for me while I was on vacation. You ladies are awesome!*

Donna Carson

Dear Fairfield Church Disciples,  
Thank you so much for your generous gifts to camperships and camp facility improvements. Many youth could not afford to come without financial aid. Also, improving our facilities is a priority. Your gifts are helping to transform young lives through this outdoor ministry. Also a big thank you for your help with a Sunday registration.

Camp Hanover Ministries Board  
Hal Raddin

*"Intelligence is knowing the right answer.  
Wisdom is knowing when to say it."*

Tim Fargo



If you have a college student/students in your family for the 2018-2019 academic year, please help us keep in touch with them by sending the requested information below to the church office

(secretary@fairfieldpcusa.org).

Student's name & complete address

Name of college/educational facility

Email address

Phone/cell phone

Freshman/sophomore/junior/senior/etc.

This information is also helpful to the Joyful Readers Circle when they send out care packages to our college students!



Charles & Pamela Walsh	...	September 2
John & Suzanne Weeks	...	September 2
Jeff & Angela Blue	...	September 3
Pat & Linda Daugherty	...	September 4
Charles & Bonnie Warren	...	September 9
Merrill & Karen Hastings	..	September 12
Mike & Myra Moore	..	September 14
Keith & Dana Franklin	..	September 19
Edward & Maurine Wolfgang		September 20
Buck & Barbara Smith	..	September 22
Stan & Laura Edwards	..	September 24
Jerry & Dawn Williamson	..	September 25
Billy & Sue Putze	..	September 26
Jack & Jo Mitchell	..	September 27





Laura Arnette	September 3
Ruth Gatewood	September 5
Karen Hastings	September 6
Courtney Starzer Kulkarni	September 6
Melanie Rubeck	September 6
Brian Croy	September 8
Kim Boehme	September 9
Tom Lake	September 9
Charles Warren	September 9
Austin Wilson	September 9
Megan Leigh	September 10
Wyatt Schneck	September 10
Tanner Franklin	September 11
Alissa Helfrich	September 11
Chris Palicia	September 12
Emily Helfrich	September 14
McKenzie Marker	September 14
Madison Stevens	September 15
Kylee Smith	September 17
Scott Stevens	September 17
Julie Sutton	September 17
Debbie Atkins	September 20
Bettina Tanner	September 20
Henry Atkinson	September 22
Sandra Brewster	September 23
Matt Joyce	September 23
Dawn Williamson	September 23
Mary Beth Adams	September 24
Marie Maida	September 24
Aaron Marker	September 24
Joan Sprinkle	September 24
Tony Underdown	September 24
Emily Westphal	September 26
Angela Blue	September 28
Heather Lowery	September 28
Tracy Pope	September 30

*"The happiest people don't have the best of everything, they just make the best of everything."*

Unknown

## Special Dates

- Labor Day, September 3
- National Grandparents Day, September 9
- Patriot Day, September 11
- Hispanic Heritage Month, Sept. 15- Oct. 15
- First Day of autumn, September 22

## Memory Verse for September

<sup>14</sup> What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? <sup>15</sup> If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, <sup>16</sup> and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? <sup>17</sup> So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

(James 2: 14-17)



*"Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God." Ephesians 5 v. 1-2* In a recent sermon Pastor Darren talked to us

about the importance of how we, as followers of Christ, should be "imitators of God". How are we doing in that aspect of our lives? In our libraries you will find many resources that will help us as we continue on our journey of faith to build up the body of Christ.

In the library you will find Living Before God, Reaching For the Invisible God and When God Whispers Your Name. In the children's library look for Someone Awesome, God Is With You and All You Ever Need.

May we always strive to be the people God wants us to be and therefore we will be true "imitators of God".

Blessings,  
Elizabeth Covington



# How Can I Be More Involved here at Fairfield?

There are many Bible studies, ministry groups, activities and specialized groups that Fairfield has to offer it's members and the community. The month of September is a great month to get involved in one of the following. Every group is very inviting and would welcome you as a member. Consider joining one of the following:



## MEN of the CHURCH

### BILL DOBSON'S MEN OF THE CHURCH GROUP

Every second Tuesday the men of the church get together for breakfast and a devotion to get their day going right. They meet at the Cold Harbor Restaurant around 6:00-6:30am to eat together and discuss projects and/or ideas of things the men of the church can do for our church family and groups that need our help. This group is for men of all ages! The next meeting will be on **Tuesday, September 11**. Call Billy Putze 804-338-3233 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.



### THE JOYFUL READERS' CIRCLE

**The Joyful Readers' Circle** is an evening group of ladies who pick out books to read and discuss.

The meet on the second Tuesday of every month from September to May. Their next meeting is September 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:15pm in the Union Class (#14) here at church. For September, the group is reading "A Man Called Over" by Fredrik Backman. Jennifer France will be the discussion leader, Sue Putze will do the devotion, and refreshments will be taken care of by Anna Barrowclough and Robbie Dobson. This is a fun group! We have a whole list of good books picked out for this season. Call Barbara Wash if you have questions or need more information at 746-7531. You are invited to join us!



### FELLOWSHIP CIRCLE

The Fellowship Circle is a daytime Bible study group for women who do not work during the day. They meet on the second Tuesday of each month at 10:30am in the Open Door classroom (#20). **They will meet on September 11<sup>th</sup>** and be reviewing Old Testament heroes with the theme "God is With You Everywhere." Please come to our next meeting and give us a try! Call Beverly Burts if you have any questions or need more information at 746-7053.



Join us on Sunday evenings from 4:30-5:30pm in the Foundations Classroom beginning on **September 23<sup>rd</sup>** for our mom's group, Refresh. We will be using the Bible study, "Brave Enough" written by local author and minister, Nicole Unice. "Mom-ing" is hard work! Join us for an hour of down time where you can renew your faith and refresh your soul. Childcare is provided. Contact Angela Blue at 357-3111 or [Angela@fairfieldpcusa.org](mailto:Angela@fairfieldpcusa.org) with questions.





### Prayer Shawl Ministry

Once a month the members of the **Prayer Shawl Ministry** gather to share ideas and fellowship. We enjoy each others company while sharing ideas and working on worthwhile projects. There is great joy in providing the love and comfort a Prayer Shawl can bring in times of distress and loss. If you would like to join us, we meet on the first Wednesday of the month.

**The next meeting of the Prayer Shawl Ministry is Wednesday, September 5 at 10:30 in the Barlow Parlor. See you there!**

Anna Barrowclough



The **Super Singles** is a group of single, divorced and widowed members who get together on the second Sunday of each month and go to lunch! This month they will be going to The Cold Harbor Restaurant on Sunday, **September 9th** right after the 11:00am service. They have a great time at lunch! Join us! We will meet in the parking lot at 12:15pm and carpool over.



### Adult Choir

The **Adult Choir** is a group of men and women who sing at the 11:00am service on Sunday mornings. They practice on Wednesday evenings at 8:00pm. If you are interested in singing with the choir, please let our Director of Music, Celeste Underdown know and she will be happy to talk to you about it! **We start practicing on September 5th!**



### Fairfield Ringers

Our handbell choir plays during the 11:00am service once a month and on special occasions. They practice on Wednesday nights at 7:00pm in the sanctuary. If you are interested in joining the handbell choir, please talk with our Director of Music, Celeste Underdown. She will be happy to talk to you about it! **First practice is September 5<sup>th</sup>!**



Our **Praise Band** leads the music at the 9am contemporary service. They sing contemporary Christian songs using their voices and musical instruments to praise God.

The band practices on Thursday nights at 8:00pm in the Family Center. If you are interested in singing or playing an instrument in the Praise Band, please let Matt Wenninger know (690-7643).



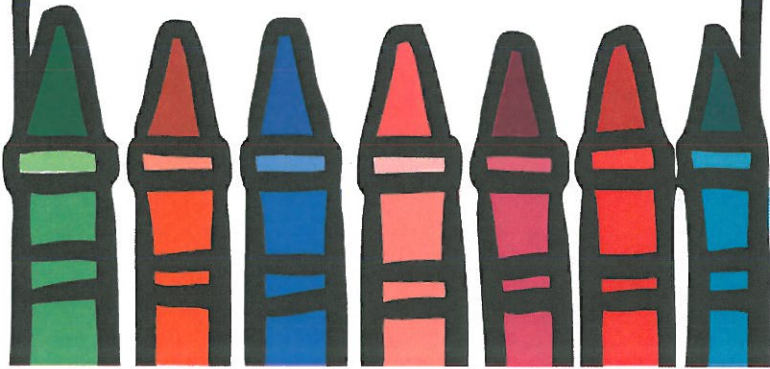
Did you know we have a **Christian Yoga Class** here at church? We do! It is led by Willye Fishburne on Thursday nights beginning at 7:00pm in the Foundations Class (#29). Classes start up again on **September 27!** Bring your mat and be ready for a good workout! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Willye at 559-0775.



## GINGERBREAD COTTAGE PRESCHOOL

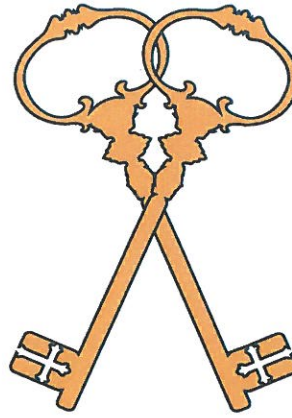
Our church is very pleased to be hosting **Gingerbread Cottage Preschool** again this year. This preschool meets from September to May in the mornings during the week. When preschool starts on September 11<sup>th</sup>, there will be a specific drop-off line in the mornings (8:45-9:00AM) and a specific pick-up line if the afternoons (12:00-12:15PM) for parents of the preschoolers.

If you are coming to church during the morning hours for Bible study, visits, or meetings, we ask that you park up near the office area only. Do not park down near the single entrance door or the last set of double doors as these doors will be used for the parents and teachers for drop-off and pick-up lines. If you have any questions about where to park, please feel free to call the church office. Thank you!



*"If you want children to turn out well, spend twice as much time with them, and half as much money."*

Abigail Van Buren



## Church Security

If you are the last person (or think you may be) to leave through any door of the church, please be sure that you check to make sure the door is securely closed and locked. We recently found doors open and unlocked and we want to be good stewards of this facility to make sure it is a safe and secure environment for all of us here. If you have any questions contact Steve or Darren or any member of the Facilities Management Team. Thank you for your cooperation and assistance in this matter.



## Fall Sermon Series

"The book of James stands unique in the New Testament for its no-nonsense, practical, proverbial wisdom. There is very little cryptic language or mysterious imagery in the way that it calls people to live out their discipleship. For James, faith is neither radically privatized nor solely personal. It is to be expressed outwardly, to improve one's relationships with others and to help those in need. This series challenges those in a congregation who believe that faith is something that should be kept to one's self and challenges a culture that sees very little value in religion at all."

Join us as we begin our sermon series on "A Faith that Works" on September 2nd.





**Mechanicsville Churches Emergency  
Functions (MCEF) [www.4mcef.com](http://www.4mcef.com)  
One Stop Shop (OSS)**

Just a reminder of the products we will concentrate on for September (if you want to).

• **September – boxed cereal**

If you prefer to do your own shopping for the pantry, whatever you can share is always appreciated. In the month of July, the OSS served 197 households distributing 310 bags of food.

***The next day to contribute food for the food pantry is Sunday, September 2nd.***

**CARITAS**

To give you an idea of the bagged lunch schedule please note the following:

- October 13 Fairfield will drop off 64 bagged lunches to cover lunch on 10/14 and 10/15
- October 15 Fairfield will drop off 64 bagged lunches to cover lunch on 10/16 and 10/17
- October 17 Fairfield will drop off 64 bagged lunches to cover lunch on 10/18 and 10/19
- October 19 Fairfield will drop off 32 bagged lunches to cover lunch on 10/20

This is the same schedule of 32 lunches per day, but they will be brought to the church on a different schedule than in years past. The sign up will make it clear when each group will bring their lunches to the church. There will also be a place to sign up for lunch delivery.

Deliveries will be made to The Healing Place at 700 Dinwiddie Avenue, Richmond, VA. Anyone who would like to help deliver lunches to the Healing Place should contact Nancy Gallihugh or Pam Roberts at church.

The lunches consist of a sandwich, chips, fruit, dessert, bottled water and a napkin. The Mission Committee will supply bottled water and the lunch bags.

We will have a towel drive for the men. Clean used or new towels can be brought to the church on October 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. There will be containers in the narthex outside the sanctuary and the Family Center for collection.

Nancy Gallihugh

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

Sept. 2	Beverly Burts & Karen Couch
Sept. 9	Allison Letourneau & Hannah Reasor
Sept. 16	McKenzie Marker & Mitzi Marker
Sept. 23	Sandra Brewster & Linda Daugherty
Sept. 30	Beverly Burts & Karen Couch

**10:00am Infant/Toddler**

Sept. 2	Marge Wantz & Majken Whitaker
Sept. 9	Brenda Blue & Molly Zweckbronner
Sept. 16	Barbara Wash & Cathy Wenninger
Sept. 23	Jennifer France & Melanie Rubeck
Sept. 30	Pam Roberts & TBD

**11am Infant /Toddler**

Sept. 2	Angela Schwartz & Dale Woodfin
Sept. 9	Jan Fadeley & Beth Patterson
Sept. 16	Nikki Glass & Pam Roberts
Sept. 23	Pam Gigliotti & Anne Young
Sept. 30	Angela Blue & Donna Hohman

A 6 year-old and his grandma went for a walk one autumn day. "Look at the gorgeous leaves!" Grandma exclaimed. "Just think, God painted each one of them just for us!"

"Yep," said her grandson, "and he did it left-handed."

Perplexed, Grandma asked, "Why do you think God used his left hand to create all this beauty?"

"Because," said the boy matter-of-factly, "we learned in Sunday School that Jesus sits on God's right one."





# Under-Age Thinking...

## Miracles happen!

Create this colorful reminder of God's wondrous works.



### What you need:

- white cardstock
- white wax crayon
- paintbrush
- water
- watercolor paints

### What you do:

1. Across the paper horizontally, write with the white crayon "Miracles happen!" (or a Bible verse such as Job 5:9; Psalm 77:14; Jeremiah 32:27; or Matthew 19:26).
2. Wet the paintbrush and paint over the words with different colors.
3. Let dry and then hang up.



## IT'S A MIRACLE!

Jesus performed many amazing miracles during his earthly ministry.

*Directions: Match the words and pictures of different healings, from one column to the other. Then fit the word pairs in the blanks below to complete Matthew 11:5, NIV.*



The \_\_\_\_\_ receive \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_, those  
who have \_\_\_\_\_ are \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_ are \_\_\_\_\_ ...

MATTHEW 11:5, NIV

Answer: The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised ... Matthew 11:5, NIV



## Youth Group News

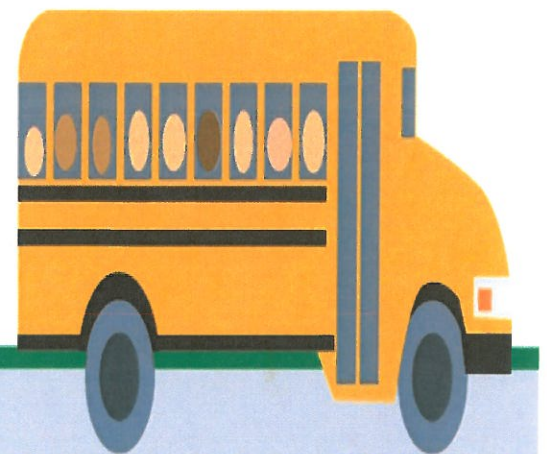
Sept. 9: 4:30pm Youth Ice Cream Social  
& Fall Kickoff

All families with raising 6-12th graders, join us on September 9 to hear about our Fall events, fill out some forms, and eat some ice cream! Hope to see you there!

Sept. 16: 4:30pm Youth Group Meetings

Sept. 23 4:30pm Youth Group Meetings

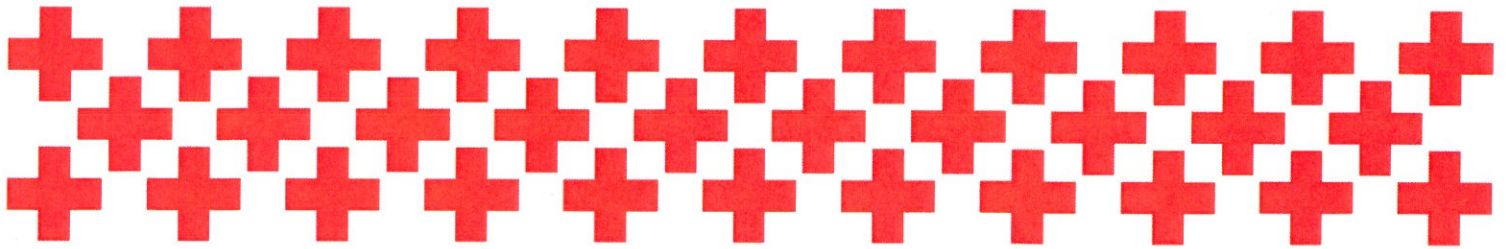
Sept. 30 We're going to Swaders! Time to be announced later.





**American Red Cross**

*Give blood.* Help save lives.



# **BLOOD DRIVE**

## **Fairfield Presbyterian Church**

**Tuesday, September 18th**  
**2:00 pm - 7:00 pm**

### **Family Center**

6930 Cold Harbor Road Mechanicsville, VA 23111

**Presenting Donors will receive a free haircut coupon from Sports  
Clips via email!**

For an appointment, please visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) and type in  
keyword "Fairfieldpres" or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-  
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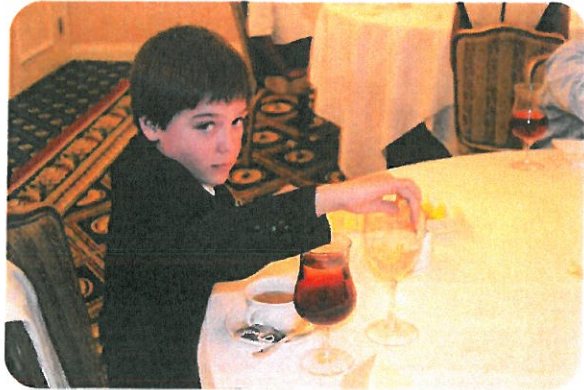


## *Children Etiquette Class*

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**



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## Fairfield Presbyterian Church

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**Living Life Abundantly with a Gracious  
God**

**September 27<sup>th</sup>  
8:00am to 3:00pm  
Camp Hanover**

You are invited to join in a day centered  
around keeping

**our spirits** joyful and positive  
**our minds** and souls alive,  
**our bodies** moving and active.

Join us in **Remembering When.....**

The Power of Narrative and Storytelling in  
the Work of Social Justice

**Greening Our Relationships....**

Life Abundant in Difficult Times

and **Folk Dancing** with Rev. Carson  
Rhyne!

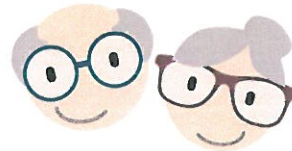
Pick up a registration form in the Narthex!

## *A Legacy of Faith*

National Grandparents Day became an official observance in 1978, thanks largely to the lobbying efforts of Marian McQuade, a West Virginian who had 15 children and 43 grandchildren during 60 years of marriage.

The purpose of National Grandparents Day, celebrated on the first Sunday after Labor Day, is threefold: to honor grandparents, to give grandparents an opportunity to show love for their children's children and to help children become aware of strength, information and guidance older people can offer.

Grandparents - and, in this mobile society, surrogate grandparents - also serve as examples of how to endure challenges with God's help. Elders describe how God remains present, faithful and steadfast throughout the years. As Psalm 145:4 (NIV) says, "One generation commends your works to another; they tell of your mighty acts."



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