



The Messenger
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Dear friends,

New Years Day is traditionally a time of celebration. Ring out

the old: ring in the new. For many it is a time to reflect on one's life and find avenues of improvement: you know, the tradition of making new year's resolutions, most of which are broken before we turn the page on the calendar!

I think, just maybe, that our emphasis should not be on regrets or on areas of improvement but instead on gratitude and counting our blessings. As I have studied Paul's writings one of the things that I have noticed is common among them is his gratitude. Certainly we know that he has challenged us to rejoice always and other encouragements to be grateful but if you notice in those sections which we gloss over, Paul practices gratitude.

Even in the churches he is most troubled by (cf. Corinth) he manages to find in his heart some gratitude for the church and at least a few of its people. He tends to open and conclude his letters with words of appreciation and thankfulness for those who are a part of the churches he is writing to.

In that light, let me start 2019 by saying thank you! I was talking with an old friend over the Christmas holiday and he asked me how I liked it here. My answer was clear and straight forward: I love the people with whom I am serving. No matter which way I look in this congregation there are wonderful people who are working hard to exhibit the love of Jesus Christ in

their lives. Not only is the membership made up of some of the finest people I have ever known but your staff is probably the finest church staff ever assembled by any congregation our size! And of course I brag often to anyone who asks that our Elders and Deacons are so good at being servant leaders! Trust me when I say that having such leaders around us makes Darren's and my job so much easier!

Suffice it to say that I am beginning 2019 with a heart full of gratitude to God for the blessing that Fairfield Presbyterian Church is to me. I dearly miss the people of Conklin and Wyalusing but I am so glad that God led me here to be with all of you!!

Happy New Year to all of you with my prayers that you will see God's richest blessings in your lives!

In Christ's love,



Member News



Please keep the following people in your daily prayers: **Becky Clark, John Crowe, Dot**

Gammon, Fran Hansbrough's sister, Jane, **Kristy Harden's** brother-in law, Tony Bausone, **Marshall Hart, Ken Moore, Virginia Phipps, Mark Price's** brother-in-law, Doug Jewell, **Donna Richbourg's** great nephew, John, **Peggie Rosen's** sister Alice, **Lynn Rudolph, Joan Sprinkle, Leslie Vance, Nancy Walls, Barbara Wash** 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, Marie Blatt, 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.)

Louise Kellum has moved. Her new address is 300 Twinridge Lane, Apt. 418, North Chesterfield, VA 23235.



Dear Fairfield Members,

Thank you for your kind words of hope and encouragement that you have sent to our family during this challenging time. We appreciate your prayers and all of the pastoral visits to the hospital. My mother has returned to her facility and looking forward to her 91st

birthday on Christmas Eve. John continues to make progress in his facility. We trust that patience and prayers will carry us through this slow recovery from John's accident. Thanks

again for undergirding us.

Lizabeth Lee Crowe

Dear Fairfield Presbyterian,

I am tardy in writing but thank you so much for your generous gift to Camp Hanover's Capital Campaign. Your belief in what Camp Hanover stands for is both humbling and inspiring to us. Your faithful support of the camp through the years continues to be a blessing to us. I hope many of the Fairfield congregation will be able to visit camp for our Hanover Christmas starting at 6:00pm on December 7 & 8th. Thank you again and Merry Christmas!

Peace, Tim Beane

Dear Church Family,

I want to thank everyone who visited me and sent cards during my stay at Sheltering Arms after my stroke. Thanks to the church for the beautiful arrangement of fragrant white lilies and white roses. It all helped to brighten my stay there. Thanks to those who gave me rides to my outpatient therapy.

Sincerely, Helen Rigsby

To our Church Family,

We want to express our sincere gratitude for sending us the generous Thanksgiving basket. It was so special to us to be remembered in this way. Thanks again.

Helen & Larry Rigsby

Thank you so much for all who participated in the Angel Tree program this year. Thank you to Nancy Gallihugh for making the calls for gift ideas to put on the Angels. As always, Fairfield members show their generosity to these special children. The families appreciate it so much!

Janet Chelette

From the moment we wake up in the morning, to the moment we rest our heads at night, there are possibly dozens of people who touch our lives. A call from Mom, text messages from your college roommate, emails from a business partner, etc. These are the people that make up our support systems. They help us tackle the

touch days and provide hope for the future. For the men and women CARITAS serves, you are one of those connections. Fairfield Presbyterian is the difference between crisis and stability. Thank you so much for your generous gift of \$500. Because of contributions like yours, we can provide compassion and connectivity to men and women who have nowhere else to turn when they are caught in a crisis. With the support of volunteers and donors, CARITAS wraps its services around each person to help them make a successful transition to dignity and self-sufficiency.

Karen Stanley, CEO

“Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God.” (Isaiah 40:1) “Comfort my people” is a divine command people of faith are eager to obey. How many times we yearn to fulfill that command when we see pictures of hurricane destruction in Florida or the Philippines; video of catastrophic fires overtaking communities in California; a community gathered in candlelight vigil following a mass shooting, or a small refugee child looking through a fence of a detention camp at the freedom she yearns for but cannot reach! We cannot touch them all... but we can pray, and we can give, and when we do, we become a visible witness of the loving heart of God, and the hands and feet of Jesus, whose incarnation as God’s presence in human form we celebrate during this holy season. Many thanks to the congregation for the generous gift of \$1,000 for disaster relief and support. A gift that makes divine comfort real, helping those afflicted by disaster touch the tangible presence of love. May peace be with you this season of hope and joy, and always.

The Rev. Dr. Laurie A. Kraus
Director, PDA

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

We give thanks to you for your support of Special Offerings, our collective witness to the love of Jesus Christ. By participating in the One Great Hour of Sharing on Thanksgiving, your congregation joins other churches to change lives around the world - through ministries of compassion, advocacy, development, peacemaking, Christian formation, education and witness.

Thank you for the support we received of \$380. Your congregation’s gift, when combined

with that of others, will share the love of Christ with those in need.

Bryce Wiebe
Director, Special Offerings
Presbyterian Missions

I just wanted to inform Fairfield Church staff and members that my mom, Voncile Baughman has transitioned into the Memory Support Unit (MSU) - still at the Masonic Home of Virginia. Her room number is 26.

Due to Mom’s confusion, she no longer has a personal phone in her room. She’s welcome to receive phone calls via the Nurses’ Station phone. The main number to call is (804)222-1694 and the extension is 77277. The nurses will bring a portable phone to Mom.

Visitors are always welcome! You will just need to be buzzed into the MSU. The MSU is located through double doors, just 2 doors down from where Mom resided for 3 years in Magnolia Court.

Mom continues to have her mailbox:

Voncile Baughman
500 Masonic Lane, Unit 7
Richmond, VA 23223

Thank you for continued prayers and remembrances to my mom during this more difficult time of her life. I’m sure she’d be thrilled with birthday cards. Mom will be 93 on January 3rd.

Mary Beth Lambert





The following is a list all of our Elders & Deacons currently serving our church.

2019 Session (Elders)

Moderator: Steve Starzer
Vice Moderator: Darren Utley
Clerk: Fran Hansbrough

The elders and deacons who have rotated off in 2018 They are:

Angela Blue (elder)
Richard Dunn (elder)
Kristy Harden (deacon)
Donna Hohman (deacon)
Bill Kerns (elder)
Jenny Lake (deacon)
Pam Roberts (elder)
Ryan Westphal (deacon)

These members served our congregation well and did a wonderful job! Please be sure to thank these individuals when you see them.

We now welcome our new Class of 2021! The following individuals will be installed and/or ordained as deacons on Sunday, January 20th:

Sandra Brewster
Jessica Ingerman
Shirley McGhee
Melanie Rubeck
Majken Whitaker
Dale Woodfin

The following individuals will be installed and/or ordained as elders on Sunday, January 27th:

Fran Hansbrough
Mark Price
Gene Rosen
Stuart Settle
Wyatt Wills
Deborah Wood

Class of 2019: Marshall Hart
 Donna Horn
 J. R. Marker
 Beth Young

Class of 2020: Allen Boyle
 Jim France
 Larry Hansbrough
 K. C. Whitaker
 Jenny Young

Class of 2021: Fran Hansbrough
 Mark Price
 Gene Rosen
 Stuart Settle
 Wyatt Wills
 Deborah Wood

2019 Deacons

Class of 2019: Robbie Dobson
 Terri Joyce
 Debby Starzer
 Pam Wells

Class of 2020: Dwight Clark
 Chuck Patterson
 Peggie Rosen

Class of 2021: Sandra Brewster
 Jessica Ingerman
 Shirley McGhee
 Melanie Rubeck
 Majken Whitaker
 Dale Woodfin



Voncile Baughman	January 3
Zachary Letourneau	January 3
Collin Humphrey	January 4
Tess Wenninger	January 4
Kelly Wolfgang	January 5
Kathryn Zweckbronner	January 6
Dale Woodfin	January 10
Eva Ladd	January 11
Richie Tanner	January 11
Ryan Westphal	January 12
Richard Wood	January 12
Cooper Irwin	January 13
Debby Starzer	January 13
Jo Mitchell	January 14
Sydney Westphal	January 14
Jack Briel	January 15
Morgan Wills	January 18
Nancy Hart	January 19
Diane Brown	January 20
Anna Barrowclough	January 21
Katrina Gauntt	January 23
Louise Setchel	January 23
Elizabeth Davis	January 24
Troy Horn	January 24
Charles Walsh	January 24
William Dunn	January 25
Mike Hohman	January 26
Virginia Phipps	January 26
Rick Richardson	January 27



Jeff & Becky Cumins	January 4
Scott & Megan Stevens	January 30
Tracy & Beth Young	January 31

Special Dates

- New Year's Day, *January 1, 2019*
- Epiphany, *January 6, 2019*
- Baptism of the Lord, *January 13, 2019*
- Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, *January 18-25, 2019*
- Martin Luther King Jr. Day, *January 21, 2019*

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, January 8th**. 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 Prayer Shawl Ministry meets monthly for fellowship and to share ideas and projects. **The next meeting of the Prayer Shawl Ministry is Wednesday, January 2 at 10:30 in the Barlow Parlor.**

Anna Barrowclough

The Super Singles are 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 TGI Friday's Restaurant on Sunday, **January 13th** right after the 11:00am service. Join us! We will meet in the parking lot at 12:15pm and car pool over.

Joyful Reader's Circle

The Joyful Readers' Circle will meet on **January 8th, 7:00pm** in Room #14 at church. This month we will be discussing the book, "Falling Home" by Karen White. Beth Young will lead the discussion.

Every women is welcome to attend. This group meets on the second Tuesday night of each month from September to June.

Barbara Wash



The 2019 Flower Calendar is up! Please sign up for a Sunday in 2019 to honor, remember, or celebrate someone special with flowers! The flowers are yours to take home after both services or you can donate them and one of our deacons will deliver them to a shut-in. The cost is \$25.

COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE **THERE IS A BLOOD DRIVE** on **Tuesday, January 8** in the Heritage Hall from 2:00-7:00pm. We have filled all of the slots and thank everyone who signed up! Our next

blood drive will take place on **March 5th**. If you did not get a chance to sign up for the January one, please make sure to get your time in for March 5th!



Library News

Happy New Year! It is that time of the year for resolutions, new beginnings and fresh starts. Let one of your resolutions be to make time for daily devotions. Bible readings or just a few minutes of quiet time to read something reflective and inspirational.

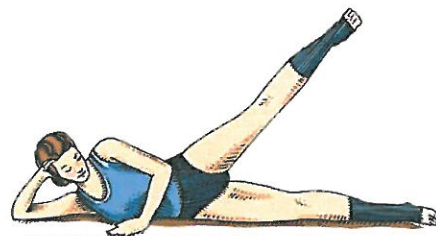
You will find many books in our Church's library that will help you to follow your resolutions. A few examples are "Souvenirs of Solitude", "Enter His Gates" and "The Daily Walk Bible." In the children's library you will find "An Alice in Bibleland Storybook," "The One Year Book of Devotions for Preschoolers" and "Treasury of Bible Stories."

In this New Year may we all, young and old, make time to read and share the many stories of God's love for us and find new ways and opportunities to enrich our spiritual lives. Happy New Year and many Blessings to you in 2019.

Elizabeth Covington

Christian Yoga Classes

Do you have a New Year's resolution to exercise more? Then try our Christian Yoga Class on Thursday evenings beginning January 10 at 7:00pm in the Foundations Classroom. This class is open to everyone who wants to stretch and learn yoga. The class is led by Willye Fishburne. Come and join us for a fun-filled hour!.



EXERCISE CLASS

Epiphany Series: A Light to Enlighten the Nations

"For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel." These lines from the Song of Simeon (Luke 2:29-32) speak of the season of Epiphany, of the light of Christ for all the world. Seeing Jesus born in Bethlehem, dedicated at the temple, and baptized in the River Jordan, it's easy to focus on his life as a first-century Jew. But the audacity of the gospel is that the light shining in Jesus shone far beyond Israel to illuminate the whole world. Through the Gospel readings this season, we see how the light of Christ reached outsiders from the beginning and continued to grow, lighting the dark places throughout our world and in our own hearts.

- Jan. 6 Outsiders Becoming Insiders
Matt. 2: 1-12
- Jan. 13 Saved to Serve the Whole World
Luke 3:15-17, 21-22
- Jan. 20 The Illumination of New Year
John 2: 1-11
- Jan. 27 A Mission to Light Your Way
Luke 4: 14-21



9:00am Infant/Toddler Nursery Schedule

- Jan. 6 Sandra Brewster & Hannah Reasor
- Jan. 13 Mitzi Marker & McKenzie Marker
- Jan. 20 Sandra Brewster & Linda Daugherty
- Jan. 27 Beverly Burts & Karen Couch

9:00am Kid's Worship

- Jan. 6 Angela Schwartz
- Jan. 13 Deb Utley
- Jan. 20 Pattersons
- Jan. 27 Donna Hohman

10:00am Infant/Toddler

- Jan. 6 Brenda Blue & TBD
- Jan. 13 Jennifer France & Marge Wantz
- Jan. 20 Pam Roberts & Melanie Rubeck
- Jan. 27 Brenda Blue & TBD

11am Infant /Toddler

- Jan. 6 Jan Fadeley & Anne Young
- Jan. 13 Pam Gigliotti & Beth Patterson
- Jan. 20 Donna Hohman & Dale Woodfin
- Jan. 27 Jan Fadeley & Angela Schwartz

Committee News

From the Stewardship & Finance Committee:

Your pledges for 2019 were very generous and allowed us to restore some line items that we had removed from the Asking Budget. The Final Budget for 2019 was presented to the Session and approved at the December meeting. We want to thank you for your financial commitment to the work God will do through our church in the coming year.

Below is a condensed version of the 2019 Final Budget. If you have questions on the budget, please feel free to contact a member of the Stewardship & Finance Committee.

Fairfield Presbyterian Church
Income and Expense Budget
January through December 2019

INCOME

Annual Givings	522,985.72
Capital Debt Reduction	52,332.00
Church School	1,620.00
Initial Offerings	48.00
Loose Offerings	6,120.00
Mission Givings	22,040.00
Reimbursements	7,680.00
Special Givings	<u>27,000.00</u>
TOTAL INCOME	639,825.72

EXPENSES

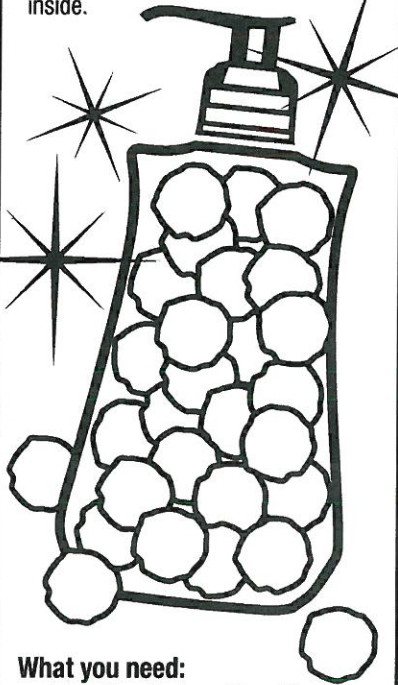
Administration Program	57,180.04
Christian Formation Comm.	13,060.00
Deacons	1,200.00
Evangelism & Publicity Comm.	4,020.00
Facilities Management Comm.	105,716.96
Finance & Stewardship Comm.	113,261.04
Missions	38,784.00
Personnel	270.00
Professional Staff	296,643.00
Worship Committee	<u>6,864.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	636,999.04

NET SURPLUS	<u><u>2,826.68</u></u>
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Under-Age Thinking...

Washed Clean

Decorate a soap bottle as a reminder of how baptism cleans us on the inside.



What you need:

- Bottle of clear liquid hand soap
- Small craft pompoms (different colors)
- Wooden skewer

What you do:

1. Remove the bottle label and unscrew the lid.
2. Using the skewer, push pompoms down into the soap one at a time.
3. Replace the lid and put the dispenser in a bathroom or kitchen.



A fresh start

Baptism is a blessing because it changes us and gives us hope.

Directions: Write the boxed letters in the squares below. Then unscramble those letters to form two words that complete the Bible verse and represent the gift of baptism.



We were therefore buried with him
through baptism into death in order that,
just as Christ was raised from the dead
through the glory of the Father,
we too may live a _____.

Romans 6:4, NIV

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Answer: f i e l d n e w l i f e

January 2019

Fairfield Presbyterian Church

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Youth Group News



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| Jan. 6 | Youth Group, 4:30pm |
| Jan. 13 | Amazing Race, 4:30pm |
| Jan. 20 | No Youth Group |
| Jan. 26 | Help with Compass Basketball |
| Jan. 27 | Youth Group, 4:30pm |



?? ? Bible Quiz ? ?

What did Jesus say brings greater joy in heaven than 99 righteous people?

- A. The singing of angels
- B. One sinner who repents
- C. 100 righteous people
- D. None of the above



Answer: B (See Luke 15:7.)

To everything there is a season . . . The writer of Ecclesiastes was wise in sharing with us that even the good things must come to an end. One of the remarkable stories in the life of Fairfield Presbyterian Church has been the heritage of the **Forum Class** which has existed as the longest continuing Sunday School Class in our Church's life. However, its lifespan has drawn to a close. After its many, many years of faithful study of the scriptures, the Forum Class met for the last time. While we are sad to see its life come to an end, we are happy to say that the Young Adults class will now be moving into that classroom space.



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Return Service Requested

