



# The Messenger

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## November 2020



A couple of weeks ago in the Wednesday night prayer meeting and study we looked at the way God grants us grace through

the Lord's Supper. The Book of Order of the Presbyterian Church USA, the guidebook of our theological traditions and instructions for the life of the church says the following of the Lord's Supper.

The Reformed tradition understands the Lord's Supper to be a sign of God's covenant. The bread of the Lord's Supper is linked with the bread of Passover and the gift of manna in the wilderness. The Lord's Supper thus connects us with God's saving power and providential care from generation to generation. Like the offering of sacrifices, a sign of Israel's thanksgiving for God's faithfulness, the Lord's Supper is a sacrifice of praise and a sign of our gratitude for God's steadfast love. The Lord's Supper represents God's gracious invitation to an everlasting covenant. The Lord's Supper also reflects our calling to feed others as we have been fed, and offers a foretaste of that heavenly banquet when God will wipe away every tear and swallow up death forever.

The Book of Order speaks of Communion as offering "an abundant feast of theological meaning." The table that makes up a central place in our churches connects us with

generations of our ancestors who recognized and passed on deep gratitude as they witnessed the abundant graciousness of God for all of creation.

I was reminded again of the depth and beauty of this sacrament in our Wednesday night study. In her book, *Five Means of Grace*, Elaine Heath recalls Henri Nouwen's meditation of the Lord's Supper where he relates the four moments of communion to our Christian life. Like the bread and wine at the table, in each of our lives we are taken, blessed, broken and given. She says, "We are gathered into community, something like a multigrain loaf. God kneads us into one loaf and then blesses us, forgiving us of our sins and setting us on a path of healing and reconciliation. At the benediction God "breaks" the loaf of our community into many pieces by sending us forth to embody Jesus in the world. As communities of faith, we become the Communion bread that God gives to the world.

Each of us is taken into God's embrace, blessed with membership in God's family, broken out of our prisons of self-interest, and given for the life and light of the world by the power of the Holy Spirit. This November, and all the days of our lives, let us wake up grateful that we have been invited to the feast, overwhelmed with joy that we can have this foretaste of the banquet of the realm of God. Let us rejoice and let us share our joy and our food.

# Member News

Congratulations to **Jessica Ingerman** who recently passed her National Registry Exam for Pharmacy Technician!

**Courtney & Miheer Kulkarni** have moved! Their new address is 5310 Kingsbury Road, Richmond, VA 23226.

Please keep the following people in your daily prayers: **Becky Clark, Reggie Crump, Kathy Dixon, Danny Guertler's** friend Conrad Kurtz, **Bob Haller, Joyce Nuckols, Calvin and Barbara Pearson, Gene Rosen's** niece, Tracy, **Bob Stevens, Marge Wantz'** husband Ned, **Buford Wade, Jack Ward** 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 members who are unable to get to church: **Evelyn Bailey, Ann Barlow, Marie Blatt, Ruth Gatewood, Stan Hiner, Laverne Longest, Myrtle Muire, Nancy Norment, Murrell & Joyce Nuckols, Calvin & Barbara Pearson, Virginia Phipps, Helen Rigsby, Larry Rigsby, Faye Sandridge, 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.)*



*I want to thank everyone for their cards, calls and prayers while Buford was in the hospital and in Autumn Care. The love and support from our Fairfield family has been uplifting and wonderful. Thank you all so much!*

Betty Wade

Dear Fairfield Church,  
*On behalf of our staff, board, and the veterans we serve, we want to express our appreciation for your kind and generous contribution in*

*support of our Capital Campaign Elevator Renovation. This endeavor will enable Liberation Veteran Services to move our veterans and guests who may be unable to climb stairs, throughout the building. We truly thank you for your generosity.*

Alexander J. Patrick, Executive Director

Dear Friends,

*Thank you so much for your GREAT generosity! Because of you, Camp Hanover is on even stronger footing, ready to face the weeks and months ahead. Soon, we'll announce some pretty creative camp experiences for campers of all ages. You're the reason that's possible. You played a huge role in the GreatCampGive fundraiser. Together with other kind-hearted Camp Hanover Superheroes, you helped to raise over \$116,000 for this place! Thank you, thank you, thank you!*

Doug Walters, Executive Director



*Thank you for the blood drive on Tuesday, October 13<sup>th</sup>. We saw 19 donors and collected 24 units which can help as many as 72 lives! Our next blood drive is scheduled for December 8<sup>th</sup> from 1-6pm. We hope to see you there!*

## Special dates

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- All Saints' Day, November 1
- Daylight Savings Time ends, November 1
- Election Day, November 3
- Veterans Day, November 11
- Thanksgiving Day, November 26
- First Sunday of Advent, November 29



Johnnie Dunkum	November 2
Mike Moore	November 2
Cathy Gatewood	November 3
Buford Wade	November 3
Ashley Young	November 3
Ivy Gallihugh	November 4
Jessica Lorch	November 5
Juanita Dunkum	November 6
Brittany Young	November 6
Lee Lythgoe	November 7
Beverlye Wenzlaff	November 7
Betty Wade	November 8
Kelsey Young	November 8
Mitzi Marker	November 9
Jeff Blue	November 10
Jerry Duggan	November 12
Bonnie Creekmore	November 15
Bill Kerns	November 15
John Lightsey	November 15
Tyler Stevens	November 16
Kathy Thomas	November 16
Kelley Spott	November 18
Maisie Blue	November 20
Tyler Palicia	November 20
Steve Starzer	November 20
Chuck Patterson	November 21
Deborah Wood	November 21
Ruth Harpster	November 22
Danny Couch	November 24
Kaitlyn Sorensen	November 25
Murrell Nuckols	November 26
Rick Shegogue	November 27
Craig Brewster	November 29
Jim Cooper	November 29
Tracey Sulser	November 30



Chris & Debbie Palicia	November 2
Robby & Kim Stevens	November 2
Chris & Anne Sorensen	November 19
Jeff & Mandy Harding	November 24



Just a reminder that we are still collecting the special offering for Samaritan's Purse. In lieu of doing Christmas Child boxes, we are making a donation to them. If you have already donated, we greatly appreciate your contribution! If you would like to donate, please be sure to put Operation Christmas Child on the memo line of your check or your offering envelope. The deadline is November 14<sup>th</sup>. Fairfield will send one check to Samaritan's Purse for the total collected. Thanks again for your participation!

Sandra Brewster



"O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for His steadfast love endures forever." Psalm 107 v. 1

As I write this article we are entering into the season of Thanksgiving and it will be a Thanksgiving like we have never experienced before. Not long ago I saw a post on social media that reminded me that "no matter what's going on in your life, there is always something to be Thankful for." I thought this reminder was very appropriate for the days and times that we are living in. In this unique Thanksgiving season of 2020, let us stop and thank God for all that we have and all that we are because of His love for us.

Our libraries are open and there for you to use and we have many books that will help us to reflect on God's love and goodness in our lives even and especially through tough and trying times. Look for Following Christ, Living Before God and The Positive Power of Jesus Christ. In the children's library you will find Thank You God, All Things Bright and Beautiful and Thank You God for Everything.

May we be ever mindful of the many blessings that we enjoy because of God's goodness and remember to thank Him every day. Happy Thanksgiving Blessings to you all.

Elizabeth Covington



### Thanksgiving Baskets

Help make Thanksgiving dinner special for needy families who could not afford to celebrate without our help. Please bring all non-perishable canned or dry food items for the Men of the Church Thanksgiving

baskets through November 22nd. We will be supplying several families with fixings for Thanksgiving dinner. **Please donate items that pertain only to Thanksgiving dinner** such as canned: green beans, sweet potatoes, peas, fruits, dry foods: mashed potatoes, rice, brownie or cake mixes, etc. Place these items in one of the designated boxes around the church decorated for Thanksgiving.

We are also in need of your monetary (\$) donations that we use to purchase any items not collected in the collection boxes. Please put all Thanksgiving donations in the Sunday offering plates or turn them into the office during the week. Designate cash in an envelope, marked, "Thanksgiving Baskets" or make your check out to Fairfield Presbyterian Church and specify "Thanksgiving baskets." Direct any questions to Billy Putze.

## Thanksgiving Offering

Since 1949 Presbyterians have joined with millions of other Christians through One Great Hour of Sharing to share God's love with people experiencing need. Your gift supports ministries of disaster response, refugee assistance and resettlement, food for the hungry, and community development that helps people find safe refuge, start new lives, and work together to strengthen their families and communities.

We will collect this special offering at our Thanksgiving service on November 26<sup>th</sup>. Please make your check payable to Fairfield and mark OGHs in the memo section. Thank you!

***When God's people work together through One Great Hour of Sharing the possibilities are endless.***



*Precious*  
in the sight of the Lord  
is the death of his  
*saints.*  
Psalm 116:15, ESV

In Observance of **All Saints Day**, we remember and honor those of our Fairfield family who have joined our Great Cloud of Witness: Voncile Baughman, Stuart Davis, Mack Perkins, Gen Stevens and Inez Hill.

**Bible Quiz**

After Jesus healed 10 men at one time, how many returned to thank him? What had been their ailment?

- A. five; blindness
- B. all 10; deafness
- C. one; possession by demons
- D. one; leprosy



Answer: D (See Luke 17:11-19.)



**Veterans Day - November 11<sup>th</sup>**

## Mechanicsville Churches Emergency Functions

(MCEF) [www.4mcef.com](http://www.4mcef.com)

Holiday Bags are an extra bag given out starting the last week of October and going through Christmas. Below are the items being collected:

### Items needed for Holiday Bags

\*boxed instant mashed potatoes, \*canned collard greens, \*24 oz. apple sauce, \*boxed stuffing, \*jars of gravy, \*cornbread mix, \*cake mix and icing, \*brownie mix.

### Clothing Closets

Please, no more summer clothing donations. Taking in donations on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays seems to be going well. At the present time we are trying to make room in our closets for fall items.

Current clothing needs include new underwear for men, women and children in all sizes for all ages, fall and winter items in good condition (especially larger sizes), men's t-shirts (short and long sleeve) and as always, boys clothing.

Linen needs include towels, washcloths, and sheets - (please, no stains)

If you are interested in volunteering at the One Stop Shop, please contact Bonnie Hoffman at [hoffmanbs@comcast.net](mailto:hoffmanbs@comcast.net) or check with Nancy Gallihugh. The volunteer application is on the website and can be downloaded.

Thank you for your donations!  
Nancy Gallihugh

## Be Thankful

Be thankful that you don't already have everything you desire. If you did, what would there be to look forward to?

Be thankful when you don't know something, for it gives you the opportunity to learn.

Be thankful for the difficult times. During those times you grow.

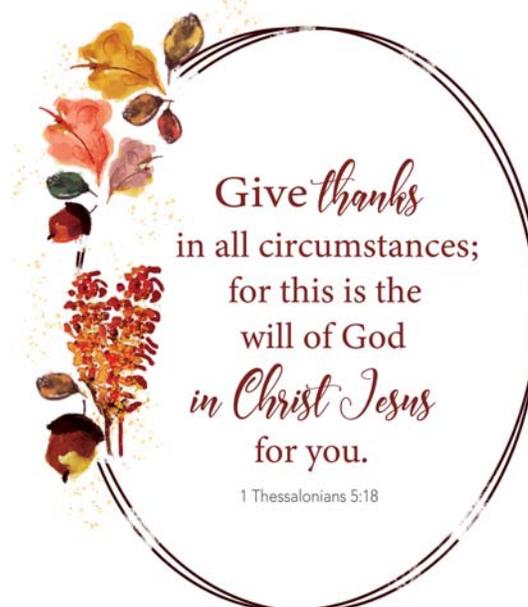
Be thankful for your limitations, because they give you opportunities for improvement.

Be thankful for each new challenge because it will build your strength and character.

Be thankful for your mistakes. They will teach you valuable lessons.

Be thankful when you're tired and weary, because it means you've made a difference.

It's easy to be thankful for good things. A life of rich fulfillment comes to those who are also thankful for the setbacks. Gratitude can turn a negative into a positive. Find a way to be thankful for your troubles, and they can become your blessings.



# Under-Age Thinking...

## Puzzle!

Write the words below in alphabetical order inside the squares. Then read down the second column to discover the sentence that begins and ends Psalms 146, 147, 148, 149 and 150.

FEAST  
KHAKI  
MOUTH  
ESSAY  
LLAMA  
ORBIT  
CARRY  
UDDER  
BRUSH  
ITEMS  
APPLE  
LEARN  
CIDER

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Answer:

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Answer: Praise the LORD!

## A taste of history

Add a yummy, authentic touch to your Thanksgiving meal with this recipe.



### What you need:

- 2/3 cup heavy cream
- pint jar with lid
- strainer
- bowl
- container
- salt



### What you do:

1. Pour cream into the jar and close the lid tightly.
2. Shake vigorously about 8 minutes, until a solid lump of butter forms. (Take turns with a friend!)
3. Strain the contents, catching the buttermilk in a bowl to save for another recipe.
4. Put the butter in a container. Add salt to taste.
5. After chilling the butter, enjoy on fresh bread.

# NOVEMBER 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> <b>All Saints Day</b> Daylight-Saving Time Ends Worship on-line with us at <a href="http://www.fairfieldpcusa.org">www.fairfieldpcusa.org</a> <b>8:45 AM - 9:45 AM</b> Contemporary Worship Service (Family Center) <b>11:00 AM - 12:00 PM</b> Traditional Worship (sanctuary) <b>4:30 PM - 5:30 PM</b> CONNECT Women's Ministry (Zoom)	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Deacon's Meeting (#20) <b>7:00 PM</b> Missions Team (#14) <b>7:00 PM</b> Personnel Team (#26)	<b>4</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Prayer Meeting & Bible Study Online	<b>5</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Boy Scouts (Heritage Hall) <b>8:00 PM</b> Praise Band Practice (FC)	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> <b>1:00 PM - 4:00 PM</b> 4H Club (Pavilion) <b>2:30 PM - 4:00 PM</b> New Beginnings Church (HH)
<b>8</b> Worship on-line with us at <a href="http://www.fairfieldpcusa.org">www.fairfieldpcusa.org</a> <b>8:45 AM - 9:45 AM</b> Contemporary Worship Service (Family Center) <b>11:00 AM - 12:00 PM</b> Traditional Worship (sanctuary)	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Stewardship Team (#26)	<b>11</b> <b>Veterans Day</b> <b>5:30 PM - 8:00 PM</b> Girl Scouts (#20) <b>7:00 PM</b> Prayer Meeting & Bible Study Online	<b>12</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Boy Scouts (Heritage Hall) <b>8:00 PM</b> Praise Band Practice (FC)	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> <b>2:30 PM - 4:00 PM</b> New Beginnings Church (HH)
<b>15</b> Worship on-line with us at <a href="http://www.fairfieldpcusa.org">www.fairfieldpcusa.org</a> <b>8:45 AM - 9:45 AM</b> Contemporary Worship Service (Family Center) <b>11:00 AM - 12:00 PM</b> Traditional Worship (sanctuary) <b>4:30 PM - 5:30 PM</b> CONNECT Women's Ministry (Zoom)	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Session Meeting (#20)	<b>18</b> <b>5:30 PM - 8:00 PM</b> Girl Scouts (#20) <b>7:00 PM</b> Boy Scout Greenbar Meeting (#19) <b>7:00 PM</b> Prayer Meeting & Bible Study Online	<b>19</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Boy Scout Committee Meeting (#20) <b>8:00 PM</b> Praise Band Practice (FC)	<b>20</b> <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>	<b>21</b> <b>2:30 PM - 4:00 PM</b> New Beginnings Church (HH)
<b>22</b> Worship on-line with us at <a href="http://www.fairfieldpcusa.org">www.fairfieldpcusa.org</a> <b>8:45 AM - 9:45 AM</b> Contemporary Worship Service (Family Center) <b>11:00 AM - 12:00 PM</b> Traditional Worship (sanctuary)	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Children's Nurture Team (#20) <b>7:00 PM</b> Team Youth (#26)	<b>25</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Prayer Meeting & Bible Study Online	<b>26</b> Church Office Closed <b>Thanksgiving Day</b> <b>7:30 AM</b> Thanksgiving Worship Service & Breakfast	<b>27</b> Church Office Closed	<b>28</b> <b>2:30 PM - 4:00 PM</b> New Beginnings Church (HH)
<b>29</b> <b>Advent</b> Worship on-line with us at <a href="http://www.fairfieldpcusa.org">www.fairfieldpcusa.org</a> <b>8:45 AM - 9:45 AM</b> Contemporary Worship Service (Family Center) <b>11:00 AM - 12:00 PM</b> Traditional Worship (sanctuary) <b>4:30 PM</b> CONNECT Women's Ministry (Zoom)	<b>30</b>	<b>1</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Deacon's Meeting (#20) <b>7:00 PM</b> Missions Team (#14)	<b>2</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Prayer Meeting & Bible Study Online	<b>3</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Boy Scouts (Heritage Hall) <b>8:00 PM</b> Praise Band Practice (FC)	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> <b>2:30 PM - 4:00 PM</b> New Beginnings Church (HH)

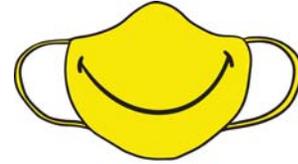


- YouTube.com (search up Fairfield PCUSA)
- On our Facebook page
- at our website: Fairfieldpcusa.org.

**In Person Worship Services on Sundays:**

**8:45 a.m. in the Family Center**

**11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary**



**FACE MASK  
REQUIRED**



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