



The Messenger

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The Rev. Dr. Stephen W. Starzer, Pastor
The Rev. Darren W. Utley, Associate Pastor

June 2021



Dear friends,

Donna Carson, our beloved church secretary, suggested that I use Ecclesiastes 3 as the

basis for my monthly newsletter article for you. She is absolutely right. We are in the midst of a season of changes. "There is a time for everything and a season for every activity under heaven" is how the writer of Ecclesiastes phrases it. That certainly does seem to sum it up for each of us.

We are moving ourselves through (we hope and pray!) the last throes of the Covid-19 pandemic. The vast majority of our membership have received our vaccinations and are grateful to be able to see each other's smiles on a Sunday morning. But we know that many have not been able to get their inoculation yet and still others are just not comfortable with any kind of public gathering yet. We are on our way, but we are not fully there yet. It is a time of change.

Darren has accepted his call from God by the voice of the people of the First Presbyterian Church of Racine Wisconsin. June 2021 is his last month here with us after more than seven years of sharing our lives together. Its hard to imagine what it will be like not to see him on a Sunday morning and at all sorts of church functions. It is a time of change.

Your Session has delegated to the Personnel Committee the responsibility of plugging the holes in Darren's absence. We are hoping to find a team of part time people to each take a portion

of the Associate Pastor's Job Description to be sure that the work carries on. We do not have any of these people "signed up" yet but we are hopeful that we will have a resolution before I write next month's newsletter. It is unsettled right now because it is a time of change.

Someone once said to me that the only absolute there is, is change. That may feel very true. The writer of Ecclesiastes would seem to amen that sentiment. I cannot argue with it myself. But what I do know is what Jesus said, "Seek first the Kingdom of God and all these things will be given to you. Therefore, do not worry about tomorrow." (Matthew 6:33 – 34a).

There are seasons of changes, but the One who never changes still reigns and His Providence still cares for us. Sometimes that is all we need to know.

In Christ's love,



For Everything There is a Season

Member News

Our sympathies goes out to **Bill Lythgoe** on the death of his aunt, Sadie Lee Kennedy, who passed away on May 3rd; to **Brenda Harris** on the death of her niece, Debbie who passed away on May 20; and **Ken Hayden** on the death of his sister, Judy who passed away on May 26. Please keep these families in your prayers.

Steve & Debby Starzer have a temporary new address until their house is built. It is 9278 Monongahela Trail, Ashland, VA 23005. They do not have a land line phone. You can reach Steve at 804-938-4725. You can reach Debby at 607-761-7373.

Gary Helfrich has a new address. It is: 9425 Amberleigh Drive, N. Chesterfield, VA 23238-1498.

Bill Kerns has a new email address. It is: shaler54@gmail.com.

Please keep the following people in your daily prayers: **Jack Briel, Becky Clark, Reggie Crump, Nita Dunkum, Mitzi Marker, Jack Mitchell, Calvin and Barbara Pearson, Jean Plott, Gene Rosen's** niece, Tracy, **Buford Wade, Marge Wantz's** husband Ned, **Jack Ward, Deborah Wood's** friend Courtney 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, Laverne Longest, Myrtle Muire, Nancy Norment, Murrell & Joyce Nuckols, Calvin & Barbara Pearson, Virginia Phipps, Helen Rigsby, Larry Rigsby, Faye Sandridge, Louise Setchel, 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 Church Family,
Thank you for the care package you sent me. It means a lot to know that you are thinking of me and praying for me. Thanks again!
Caleb Sutton

Dear Fairfield,
We were very pleased with the last blood drive on April 27th and the willingness of the donors to share this life saving gift. We had 24 registered donors and 25 units of blood collected. Thank you for your ongoing support of this important community program.

Christine Homan



Congratulations to this year's high school seniors who are graduating: **Matthew Arnette, Andrew Dunn, Lucas Settle, Emily Sutton, Nicole Sutton, Grant Sulser, SuLing Trexler.**

Grant Sulser & Andrew Dunn have both been accepted to the JMU Engineering Program in the fall. They were the only two from Lee Davis to be accepted. Awesome!

We also congratulate our college graduates: **Amanda Ciejek, Caroline Hastings and Conner Sulser.**

We hope God will continue to bless your journey through life with many successes!



Your Elders in Session on May 18th carefully and prayerfully resolved that in light of the latest CDC guidelines anyone who has been fully vaccinated is welcome to attend worship without the use of a face mask. Anyone who is not fully vaccinated is strongly encouraged to continue to follow the CDC guidelines which includes both the wearing of a face mask and social distancing. If anyone feels more comfortable wearing a face mask to worship, you are encouraged to do so, whether or not you are vaccinated. In all situations we are asking that everyone be very respectful of each other since this is a personal decision on each person's part and we must respect that not everyone will make the same decision.

Special dates

- Flag Day, June 14
- Father's Day, June 20
- First day of summer, June 20



Robby Stevens	June 2
Madeline Atkinson	June 3
Beth Patterson	June 3
Cooper Schwartz	June 3
Caleb Sutton	June 3
Billy Walls	June 3
Kathy Boyle	June 4
Dot Gammon	June 5
Sharon Gaston	June 5
Brian Letourneau	June 6
Sue Putze	June 6
Barbara Wash	June 6
Matt Wenninger	June 6
Drew Walls	June 7
Mac Cunningham	June 8
Ella Glass	June 8
Jenny Lake	June 8
Suzanne Weeks	June 8

Margaret Barlow	June 9
Larry Covington	June 9
Janice Baily	June 10
Will Glass	June 10
Beth Young	June 10
Barry Snedker	June 11
Edward Wolfgang	June 11
Mason Harding	June 12
Sarah Palicia	June 12
Ginny Patterson	June 13
Leslie Vance	June 13
Jack Dobson	June 14
Chuck Lorch	June 15
Bootsie Stevens	June 15
Rebekah Wenninger	June 16
Beverly Burts	June 17
Jessica Ingerman	June 17
Gerry Rudolph	June 17
Larry Hansbrough	June 18
Robert Cunningham	June 19
Majken Whitaker	June 19
Ray Stevens	June 20
Cathy Wenninger	June 20
Betty Pittman	June 21
Gary Helfrich	June 22
Melanie Magill	June 23
Megan McWilliams	June 23
Darren Utley	June 23
Sarah Dobson	June 24
Cory Walter	June 24
Taylor Hale	June 25
Susan Lorch	June 25
Connor Sulser	June 26
Bradley Walsh	June 26
Dennis Behling	June 27
Martha Houchins	June 27
Allison Adams	June 28
Jim Gruenhagen	June 28
Patti Gulliver	June 28
Bill Walter	June 28
Tina Cunningham	June 29
Kanee Johnson	June 29
Jake Lafferty	June 29
Adriana Pope	June 29
Beth Weber	June 30





Tom & Jenny Lake	June 1
Richard & Deborah Wood	June 2
Jim & Barbara Cooper	June 3
Brian & Anne Wash	June 4
Rick & Diane Richardson	June 6
John & Janna Daugherty	June 7
Rob & Brenda Blue	June 12
Don & Pam Wells	June 12
Mike & Donna Hohman	June 13
Jack & Beverly Ward	June 14
Gerald & Debbie Atkins	June 18
Matt & Amy Wenninger	June 19
Walt & Jan Fadeley	June 21
Bill & Lee Lythgoe	June 21
Billy & Nancy Walls	June 21
Danny & Cathy Guertler	June 22
Steve & Debby Starzer	June 22
Marge & Ned Wantz	June 22
Chuck & Ginny Patterson	June 23
Ken & Rae Hayden	June 26
Stuart & Becky Settle	June 26
Tim & Patty Gulliver	June 28
Danny & Karen Couch	June 30

Wednesday Evening Prayer Meetings

The Wednesday Night Prayer meeting will meet one more time for the season (June 2nd). With Summer coming on, people returning to church and getting back out in the world, we are going to pause the prayer meeting till the Fall when we will reassess the need for a virtual prayer meeting. Throughout the pandemic this has been a sacred time for a few of us and Steve and Darren are grateful for those who joined us in prayer these past Wednesday nights. We are also grateful that we were able to combine this meeting with wonderful educational opportunities as well. We hope everyone has a great Summer and continues to hold each other in prayer.



The Prayer Shawl Ministry strives to provide a measure of healing and comfort during trying times. We are working to replenish the Prayer Shawl closet after our two previous meetings.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry meets the first Wednesday of the month and **the next meeting is Wednesday, June 1st at 10:00 in the Barlow Parlor.** We would welcome you into our fellowship.

Anna Barrowclough



Steve Starzer will be in the Heritage Hall on Saturday, **June 19th** from 10:00am until 11:30am to sign copies of his latest book, *Sermons from the Heart in Trying Times*. There will be copies of this book (and his previous one) available for purchase (\$20) if you have not already received one. Light refreshments will be served. This event is open to anyone and everyone.



A week of tributes to Dad

To celebrate the special man in your life, use a quote a day the week before Father's Day, or honor him with tributes the whole week after. Write one of these (or one of your own) on a card, make a message into a placemat,

tape one to the bathroom mirror - get creative! Every day of the week is a good day to celebrate his love and show him yours.

"The heart of a father is the masterpiece of nature."

Antoine F. Prevost

"To the world you are a dad. To our family you are the world."

Unknown

"The best fathers have the softest, sweetest hearts. In other words, great dads are real marshmallows."

Richelle E. Goodrich

"Dad: a son's first hero, a daughter's first love."

Unknown

"A good father is one whose only reason for putting down a laughing baby is to pick up a crying one."

Linda Poindexter

"My father didn't do anything unusual. He only did what dads are supposed to do - be there."

Max Lucado

"I love my father as the stars: He's a bright shining example and a happy twinkling in my heart."

Terri Guillemets

Mechanicsville Churches Emergency Functions (MCEF) and One Stop Shop (OSS)

www.4mcef.com

Slowly but surely the MCEF OSS is getting back to close to normal operations. Clients are now permitted to do their own shopping with a volunteer. Hand sanitizers are required before entering clothing closets and the food pantry. By the time you read this, masks are no longer required for those who are fully vaccinated. BUT, masks may certainly be used by volunteers and clients as desired.

Here is a list of items to concentrate on during the summer:

Current Needs For The Food Pantry

- Personal Care Items (bar soap, deodorant, shampoo)
- Feminine Hygiene Items
- Pancake Mix Syrup
- Jelly, Jams, Preserves (Strawberry needed)
- Canned Beets
- Canned Spinach
- Canned Navy Beans and Great Northern Beans
- Canned Fruit
- Protein Shakes
- Coffee/ Tea
- Individual Wrapped Snacks
 - Cheese crackers
 - Peanut butter crackers
 - Goldfish
 - Pretzels
 - Granola Bars
 - Breakfast bar

Current Clothing Needs

We would welcome donations of children's and infant's clothing (all sizes) and men's jeans (small & medium sizes). As always, we can use new underwear in all sizes for the entire family, especially men's and boys' boxer briefs (**not older white styles**) and toddler sizes.

All donations are accepted the first and third Sunday of the month from 2-3:30 p.m.

Notes from the Session

Your Elders met on May 18th for their stated meeting during which time they:

- Received correspondence which was delegated to the Personnel/Nominations Team
- Approved the minutes of both the previous meeting and the congregational meeting
- Heard the good work the Deacons are doing including providing several weeks of meals to a family, the gratitude of the recipients of the Brunswick stew and plans for a possible community garden
- Prayerfully and carefully considered the most recent CDC guidelines and voted to release the previous rule that all people will wear face masks in church to allow those who are fully vaccinated to attend maskless
- Discussed the titles given to ministers who “belong” to a local church
- Learned that the negotiations with Classical Conversations was progressing well
- Supported the Facilities Management Team in their plan to replace one of the HVAC units for the Family Center
- Affirmed the decision of the Team to replace the gutters on the church with seamless gutters because of the myriad leaks in the original gutters
- Encouraged the Team to further investigate a video security system for the church
- Noted repairs were being made to the tractor
- Rejoiced that the Personnel/Nominations Team was working hard with all of their responsibilities
- Celebrated our commitment to the plan of worship plus two for all members as we look toward restarting our full range of Sunday School classes this fall
- Pleased to know that an excellent group of 19 young people and adults will be heading to Altoona PA for mission work late in June
- Talked at length and affirmed our desire to rekindle the Kids Clothing Exchange and how we can help families to break the cycle of generational poverty through mentorship and education
- Learned that as we slowly return to normal, we will need more greeters/ushers and others to make our Sunday morning work smoothly
- Were updated on the progress of the Memorial Garden/Columbarium Task Force
- Heard that the Solar Panel Task Force is gathering information
- Elected two financially literate persons to be our commissioners to the June Presbytery of the James virtual meeting
- Adjourned with prayer until their next stated meeting June 15



Under-Age Thinking...

PUZZLE



Conundrums of creation

God's creation is filled with amazing and sometimes puzzling works.

Directions: Use the bank of picture clues to answer the riddles.



- You can hold but not touch this. _____
- Before using this, you must break it. _____
- This falls without getting hurt. _____
- This gets bigger the more you take away. _____
- This has an eye but cannot see. _____

"In the heavens God has pitched a tent for the ____.

It is like ... a champion rejoicing to run his course.

It rises at one end of the heavens and makes its circuit
to the other; nothing is deprived of its warmth."

PSALM 19:4-6, NIV

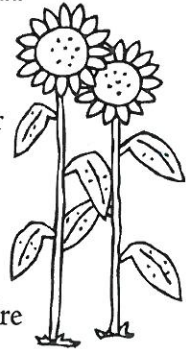
Answer: breath, egg, rain, hole, hurricane, sun



Make a sunflower, which turns its head to follow the sun.

What you need:

- Paper plate
- Yellow marker
- Scissors
- Yarn (black and brown)



What you do:

1. Color the entire plate yellow.
2. Around the edge, cut out an odd number of triangles. Evenly space the cuts to form flower petals.
3. Poke a hole in the plate's center. String black yarn through the hole and over one triangle cut. Tie a knot at the back of the plate.
4. Continue looping yarn through the hole and over the remaining cuts. Secure the end. The flower should look like a wagon wheel with black spokes.
5. Tie the brown yarn to a black "spoke." Weave the brown yarn over and under the spokes in a circle. Continue until the sunflower has a large center. Then tie the end.
6. Display your craft as a reminder to follow the Son, Jesus!



Blood Drive
Fairfield Presbyterian Church

Family Center
6930 Cold Harbor Road
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Tuesday, June 22, 2021
1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

To schedule an appointment, call the church office at (804) 730-7164, visit
redcrossblood.org,
or call 1-800-RED CROSS

Remember to drink plenty of water, eat a good meal, and bring a photo ID!
If you have questions regarding donating please call 800 542-5663

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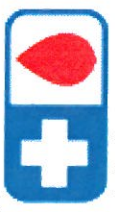
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 Trinity Sunday Worship on-line with us at www.fairfieldpcusa.org 8:45 AM - 9:45 AM Contemporary Worship Service (Family Center) 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Traditional Worship (sanctuary)	31 Church Office Closed Memorial Day 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Pilates Class (Heritage Hall)	1 10:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry (Barlow Parlor) 7:00 PM Deacon's Meeting (Heritage Hall) 7:00 PM Personnel Team (#19)	2 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Pilates Class (Heritage Hall) 7:00 PM Prayer Meeting Online 8:00 PM Praise Band Practice (FC)	3 6:30 PM - 9:30 PM C.A.P.'s (Family Center) 7:00 PM Boy Scouts (Heritage Hall)	4	5 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM C.A.P.'s (Family Center) 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM New Beginnings Church (HH)
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13 Worship on-line with us at www.fairfieldpcusa.org 8:45 AM - 9:45 AM Contemporary Worship Service (Family Center) 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Traditional Worship (sanctuary) 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM Reception for Rev. Darren Utley (FC)	14 Flag Day 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Pilates Class (Heritage Hall)	15 7:00 PM Session Meeting (Heritage Hall)	16 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Pilates Class (Heritage Hall) 7:00 PM Boy Scout Greenbar Meeting (#19) 8:00 PM Praise Band Practice (FC)	17 6:30 PM - 9:30 PM C.A.P.'s (Family Center) 7:00 PM Boy Scout Committee Meeting (#20)	18	19 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM Steve Starzer's Book Signing Event (Heritage Hall) 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM New Beginnings Church (HH)
20 Father's Day <i>Newsletter Deadline</i> Worship on-line with us at www.fairfieldpcusa.org 8:45 AM - 9:45 AM Contemporary Worship Service (Family Center) 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Traditional Worship (sanctuary)	21 First Day of Summer 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Pilates Class (Heritage Hall)	22  1:00 PM - 6:00 PM BLOOD DRIVE (Family Center)	23 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Pilates Class (Heritage Hall) 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Fairfield Ringers (sanctuary) 8:00 PM Praise Band Practice (FC)	24 6:30 PM - 9:30 PM C.A.P.'s (Family Center) 7:00 PM Boy Scouts (Heritage Hall)	25	26 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM New Beginnings Church (HH)
27 Worship on-line with us at www.fairfieldpcusa.org YOUTH MISSION TRIP - JULY 2 8:45 AM - 9:45 AM Contemporary Worship Service (Family Center) 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Traditional Worship (sanctuary)	28 Youth Mission Trip to Altoona, PA 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Pilates Class (Heritage Hall)	29 Youth Mission Trip to Altoona, PA	30 Youth Mission Trip to Altoona, PA 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Pilates Class (Heritage Hall) 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Fairfield Ringers (sanctuary) 8:00 PM Praise Band Practice (FC)	1 Youth Mission Trip to Altoona, PA 6:30 PM - 9:30 PM C.A.P.'s (Family Center) 7:00 PM Boy Scouts (Heritage Hall)	2 Youth Mission Trip to Altoona, PA	3 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM New Beginnings Church (HH)



If you would like a Wurlitzer organ for free, call Barbara VanSteenburgh (746-8206). It does need work. It is a model 4100 Series and it's about 50 years old. Please help us find a good home for it!

?? ? Bible Quiz ? ??

Ecclesiastes 3:1 says, "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven." Which of the following are mentioned in the list that follows?

- A. a time to teach, and a time to learn
- B. a time to mourn, and a time to dance
- C. a time to fast, and a time to eat
- D. a time to work, and a time to rest



Answer: B (See Ecclesiastes 3:1-8.)



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