



# The Messenger

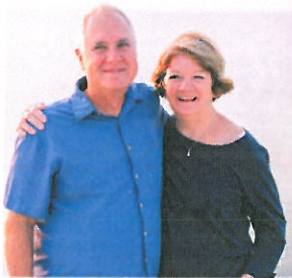
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## November 2021

### From Keith Curran, New Minister in Residence



We're both excited to be part of the Fairfield Presbyterian congregation. We look forward to getting to know you all. And it has been great to recapture my friendship with Steve from back in seminary days and

get to know his wife. They both have been gracious and welcoming to us as we settle into our retirement and new home in Patriots Landing in Bottoms Bridge.

As "Minister in Residence", I hope to get involved with the life of the church in many areas as a volunteer. I'm also open to occasionally helping in a ministry role when asked by Pastor Steve or the session. I've transferred my membership to the Presbytery of the James and the session has approved my parish associate relationship with the church. Pastor Steve and I worked on an honorary title and came up with 'Minister in Residence' to describe my connection to the church. This means that I'm retired and am a part of the church family. Debbie will become a member at the next new member orientation.

I've served as a minister for 40 years in Amsterdam, NY, Huntingdon Co. PA, Titusville, FL, New Castle, PA and Suffolk, VA. My last ministry was as an interim pastor at Kilmarnock, VA, Portsmouth, VA and Newport News, VA. I was an Army Chaplain in the National Guard for 12 years, as well. A main interest of mine over the years has been helping congregations become more intentionally welcoming and open to newcomers and spiritual seekers by focusing on a ministry of hospitality and grace; what used to be called 'evangelism'. One tool in that effort is my book, **Meditations on Belonging to God** that offers an introduction to the PCUSA's catechism, a basic statement of faith for our denomination. I donated a copy to the church library

and you can still get a copy from Amazon. I'm working on another book now called **A New T.U.L.I.P.: A Kinder, Gentler Calvinism for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century** that offers a contemporary understanding of the basics of our Reformed Faith in a grace-filled way. Pastor Steve encouraged me to revive this project. Writing keeps me involved in a ministry of hospitality and grace.

Debbie retired in July from 22 years as a middle school teacher, much of that spent as the Gifted Student Resource Teacher. In our Florida church, she served as part-time Director of Christian Education for 7 years. Because her retirement, like mine, took place during the pandemic, she wasn't able to take on any volunteer work at church or in the community so she has taken up painting and is pretty good at it. Due to recent back surgery, golfing is no longer an option for me, so I took up fishing and kayaking in the lakes around our new home.

We both grew up in Niagara Falls, NY where we met in high school. Debbie's grandfather was a minister and served the church in Halstead, PA where Debby S's dad was pastor. Her father conducted the funerals for my Debbie's grandparents and aunt. And Debby S. was a good friend with my Debbie's cousin. Small world.

We moved to our new home in 2020 to be nearer our VA sons. Todd and his wife Erica live in Short Pump. Their son Oliver is 5 and in preschool. Daniel and his wife Mary live in northside Richmond. Both families work together running a successful sports apparel business called VII Apparel. Our other VA son Kiel and his wife Christina just bought a house in Hilton Village in Newport News. So now we can easily visit them. Our oldest son, Peter lives in Boston. He and his wife Becca are both teachers. Our granddaughters are Zooey 10 and Tallulah 7. We take turns going there and them coming to VA over the year. Lots of Face Timing going on. We also enjoy our travel trailer and go camping often.

God is good all the time and all the time God is



good. This is a mantra that I say to myself as often as possible. I hope I can share it with you as Debbie and I get to know you. Please introduce yourselves to us to help us connect names to faces at church and if you see us in the community.

Rev. Dr. Keith Curran



## Member News

Congratulations to **Josh Patterson** and Liz Oliver on their wedding on October 15<sup>th</sup>. We wish them the best! The happy couple will live in Richmond.

Our sympathy goes out to **Marge Wantz** on the death of her husband Ned who passed away on October 13<sup>th</sup>. Please keep Marge and her family in your prayers.

Please keep the following people in your daily prayers: **Laura Arnette, Jack Briel, Beverly Burts, Myra Compton, Jeff & Becky Cumins'** son Doug, **Willies Fishburne's** son, Brett and his wife Joanne, **Jack Mitchell, Myrtle Muire, Gerry Nuckols, Joyce Nuckols, Calvin and Barbara Pearson, Betty Pittman, Gene Rosen's** niece, Tracy, **Bob Stevens, Buford Wade, Bill Walter, Jack and Beverly Ward, Deborah Wood's** friend Courtney and all those who serve as missionaries abroad and those who serve our nation.

Please remember our members who are unable to get to church due to illness or limited mobility: **Ann Barlow, Reggie Crump, Nita Dunkum, Ruth Gatewood, Laverne Longest, Myrtle Muire, Nancy Norment, Joyce Nuckols, Virginia Phipps, Helen Rigsby, Larry Rigsby, Faye Sandridge, Louise Setchel, Sheila Shaw, and Bootsie Stevens.**

Our Covenant Woods friends: **Carl & Ann Barkley, Margaret Barlow, Marie Blatt, Elizabeth Davis, Walt & Jan Fadeley, Nancy & Ivy Gallihugh, Mary Gayton, Bill & Phyllis Kerns, Doris McCalla, Glenn & Gerry Miller, Jack & Jo Mitchell, Calvin & Barbara Pearson, Rick & Diane Richardson, Bob Stevens, Libby Taylor, Richard Walden, Billy and Nancy Walls.**

*(Please update Pastor Steve or the church office as often as possible if you wish to keep your name or your loved one's name on this list.)*

### **NOVEMBER** Birthdays

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
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
Owen Hendricks	November 21
Theo Hendricks	November 21
Chuck Patterson	November 21
Deborah Wood	November 21
Ruth Harpster	November 22
Danny Couch	November 24
Kaitlyn Sorensen	November 25
Rick Shegogue	November 27
Craig Brewster	November 29
Jim Cooper	November 29
Tracey Sulser	November 30



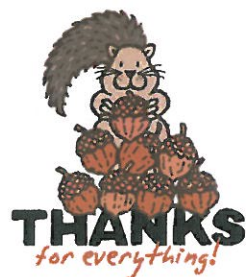
# NOVEMBER

## Anniversaries

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

## Special dates

- All Saints' Day, November 1
- Daylight-Savings Time ends, November 7
- Veterans Day, November 11
- Thanksgiving Day, November 25
- First Sunday of Advent, November 28



*Thank you for hosting the blood drive on Tuesday, October 12. We were very pleased with the drive overall, and the willingness of the donors to share this life saving gift. We registered 27 donors, 3 donors were deferred and 24 units were collected. Again, thank you for your contribution and ongoing support of this important community program.*

Christine Homan



*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: Bob Haller, Stanley Hiner, Emerson Shaw, Win Nuckols, Kathy Dixon, Johnny Dunkum and Murrell Nuckols.



## Prayer Shawl Ministry

In recent months the **Prayer Shawl Ministry** has delivered three baby blankets. Welcoming a new life into our church family is one of the more joyful things we do. **To be part of this Ministry, join us at our next meeting on Wednesday, November 3 at 10:00am**

in the Barlow Parlor.

Anna Barrowclough



**The Joyful Readers Circle** will meet in person on **November 9th** in the Heritage Hall at 7:00pm. We will review the book "This is How It Always Is"

by Laurie Frankel. Our circle always welcomes new members and if you would like to try us out, come meet with us on Tuesday, November 9th!

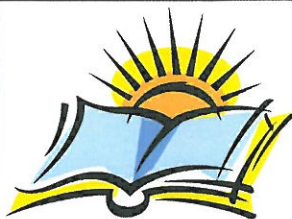


## SINGLES FELLOWSHIP

## Let's Go to Lunch!

The **Super Singles** will be getting together again on **November 14th** and going to Piking Restaurant located at 7100 Mechanicsville Turnpike. Everyone is welcome to join us! We will meet right after the 11:00am service and go to the restaurant. Call Melanie Rubeck (730-5994) if you have any questions about the Super Singles.





## CHURCH LIBRARY *News*

*"I will give to the Lord the thanks due to his righteousness, and sing praise to the name of the Lord, the most high."*

Psalm 7:17 The

Thanksgiving season is upon us. Let us make the time to be still and thank God for the many riches

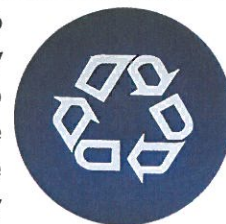
that we enjoy because of His love for us.

Our libraries have a good selection of books that will help us as we reflect on God's love and goodness in our lives. Look for Living Before God, The Journey and Just Give Me Jesus. In the children's library you will find All You Ever Need, All Things Bright and Beautiful and Thank You God For Everything.

We must always remember to give thanks to God for the many blessings that He has bestowed upon us. Happy Thanksgiving.

Elizabeth Covington

**Looking for a new place to recycle your plastic grocery bags?** You can bring them to church! Place them in the marked bins located in the Narthex and outside the Family Center. They will be used in delivering meals for Meals on Wheels. Please contact Janet Chelette for any questions.



## *November Nursery Schedule for 8:45am Service*

Nov. 7	Majken Whitaker & McKenna Blue
Nov. 14	Anne Young & Abbey Glass
Nov. 21	Allison Letourneau & Marge Wantz
Nov. 28	Donna Hohman & Angela Schwartz



As the weather turns and the evening temperature dips, I often think of those that are without consistent

housing. Have you ever wondered what to do when you notice an individual with a sign asking for assistance as you are in your car? The Deacons are collecting the following items to create a prepackaged helping hand for those in need. A resource card will also be included with numbers for assistance for physical, counseling and housing assistance. If you feel led, please drop off the following items to the church office to the attention of the Deacons. Once the items are collected, they will be put together and you will be able to pick up a few to have on hand for instances where you see a need. We thank you for your thoughtful consideration.

dark knee socks

small bottle of hand sanitizer

\$5-10 gift cards to common fast food chains

small bottle of water



**Only two weeks left to help!** Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we have decided to handle this project differently this year. You can help send a shoe box to hard-to-reach areas of

the world. Samaritan's Purse will pack and ship the gift for you for a suggested donation of \$25. This covers the cost of the contents, shipping and other project costs. Go to [samaritanpurse.org/buildonline](http://samaritanpurse.org/buildonline). You can select the items you want to send to a child in need. If you would rather send a donation, we will collect a special offering for Samaritan's Purse up until **November 14<sup>th</sup>**. If you write a check, please put "Operations Christmas Child" on the memo line or on the front of the offering envelope. Fairfield will send one check to Samaritan's Purse for the total amount. Thank you in advance for your participation.





### *Thanksgiving Baskets* of the Church

Thanksgiving baskets through **November 21st**. 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 Breakfast*

It's baaack! We're doing our long-standing Thanksgiving breakfast once again! We will start with our traditional Thanksgiving Worship service on Thanksgiving morning at **7:30am** and then join together for a delicious cooked breakfast by the Men of the Church. Enjoy a special message to remind us of our many blessings God has given to us as a church and his people. Next, break bread with a delicious hot breakfast and wonderful fellowship with fellow church members and friends that you don't always get to see. You will find it to be a great way to start your Thanksgiving Day festivities.

Please fill out the reservation slip located in the weekly bulletins and place it in the offering plate so we can prepare enough food for everyone. We look forward to seeing you there!

## *Thanksgiving Offering*

Join with Presbyterians worldwide in sharing God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief from natural and human-caused disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed. We will collect our "One Great Hour of Sharing" offering on Thanksgiving morning at the worship service.

The One Great Hour of Sharing accomplishes so much in so many ways. When disaster strikes, such as our recent hurricanes, we are there through the OGHS which funds the work of the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. Wherever people are dealing with starvation and lack of potable water, we are there through OGHS which funds the work of our Presbyterian Hunger Program. When someone wants to get a new start on life and doesn't want a hand out but a helping hand, we are there through OGHS and our Self Development of People mission. We who have been blessed with much have the opportunity this Thanksgiving morning to bless the many who need our love and assistance.

***The church is happening right now, all around us - because we share Christ's love.***

## *Thanks to God*

Thanks for prayers that thou has answered,  
Thanks for what thou does deny.  
Thanks for storms that I have weathered,  
Thanks for all thou dost supply.  
Thanks for pain, and thanks for pleasure.  
Thanks for comfort in despair.  
Thanks for grace that none can measure,  
Thanks for love beyond compare.

Thanks for roses by the wayside,  
Thanks for thorns their stems contain.  
Thanks for home and thanks for fireside,  
Thanks for hope that sweet refrain.  
Thanks for joy and thanks for sorrow,  
Thanks for heav'nly peace with thee.  
Thanks for hope in the tomorrow,  
Thanks through all eternity!



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## *Adult Discipleship Upcoming Bible Studies*

We are pleased to announce that we are starting two Bible studies for the months of November and December, and we are so thankful that our Associate Pastor, Shannon Hendricks, is joining us as we learn more about God's word and how it applies to our lives. We will be doing a hybrid format for our Bible studies on the following Monday nights:

First, on November 1, 8, 15 and 22, please join us as we explore the topic of **Gratitude**. Shannon is organizing passages of scripture and a study guide for us as we learn more about this important topic. We have so much to be grateful for, so please join us in November as we learn more about what it means to be truly grateful.

Advent: Please join us as we dive deep into the history of the birth of Christ. We will be studying the book *Light of the World: A Beginners Guide to Advent* by Amy-Jill Levine as we learn more about the traditional Christmas stories, as well as the events leading up to the birth of Christ. Please plan to join us on November 29, December 6, 13 and 20, as we joyfully anticipate our celebration of the birth of Christ.

The meeting time will be 7:00-8:00pm, either in-person at Vicky Brady's house at 7803 Villa Place, Glen Allen, VA 23059 OR via Zoom.

If you choose to do Zoom, here is the information:

Vicky Brady is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6302766828?pwd=V1BTRlhVVGVMWMTJCNFA2eWdKNVU4QT09>

Meeting ID: 630 276 6828

or

One tap mobile:

## *Mission News*



### **Be an Angel for a Local Family This Christmas**

**The Mission Committee** is planning to support a struggling family with children attending Cold Harbor Elementary School, helping them to have a wonderful Christmas this year. The school counselors will select the family, ask the parents about their children's basic needs and wishes and then give the Mission Committee their list. The committee members will purchase the items and deliver them to the school. The counselors will then deliver the gifts to the family.

To become an Angel, send your financial contributions to Fairfield Church or place a check in the offering plate marked "**Angel Tree Project.**" When you contribute, know that you are bringing great joy to little ones and making Christmas very special for one of our local families!

Thank you for your help!

The Mission Committee



## **Mechanicsville Churches Emergency Functions**

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

Happy 46<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to MCEF! Thanksgiving 1975 MCEF was started by Church of the Redeemer, Messiah Lutheran and Church of the Creator. Thank you to the churches, our community and all of our volunteers for your support. MCEF is currently in the 5<sup>th</sup> year of their first five year lease at the present location of the One Stop Shop.

Nancy Gallihugh





The Stewardship and Finance Committee wants to thank the entire congregation for their generosity and faithfulness this year. As we approach

the time for this year's Stewardship Campaign, we ask that you begin considering your pledge for 2022. The theme for this year's campaign has to do with the Hebrew word TZEDAKAH, which can mean both "Generosity" and "Righteousness." The sermon series for November will explore this word and the biblical concepts associated with it.

**Stewardship Sunday will be November 21st.**



A congregational meeting has been called for **November 14<sup>th</sup>** following the 8:45am worship service for the purpose of electing the officers of the church for new terms and for acting on the terms of call for our

Pastor for the year 2022.

## *The nominees for Session and Deacons*

### **APNC (Associate Pastor Nominating Committee)**

Pat Daugherty  
Richard Dunn  
Terry Joyce  
Tracy Young

Sarah Dobson  
Fran Hansbrough  
Gene Rosen

### **Session Class of 2024**

Jeff Blue  
Billy Putze  
Deborah Wood

Patty Gulliver  
Stuart Settle

### **Deacon Class of 2024**

Sandra Brewster  
Melanie Rubeck  
Richard Wood  
Dale Woodfin

Shirley McGhee  
Majken Whitaker  
Dale Woodfin

## *No Room at the Inn Church of the Redeemer*

Please come celebrate the birth of the Christ Child, our shelter of Joy and Hope in our weary world. No Room at the Inn - an exhibit of 200 Nativity sets from around our world will be held at the Church of the Redeemer, 8275 Meadowbridge Road, Mechanicsville, VA 23116 from December 3 - December 5<sup>th</sup>. A Preview Gala will be held Friday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> from 7:00pm until 10:00pm. The evening will feature the Nativity Exhibit, refreshments, music, and live/silent auctions. Tickets for the event are \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door (if available) and may be purchased at the Church of the Redeemer or online at [churchredeemer.org](http://churchredeemer.org). The exhibit will open on Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am until 8:00pm and on Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am until 4:00pm. A children's area will be offered in addition to the Nativity exhibit. Tickets are \$5.00 for adults and \$1.00 for children/students 18 years and younger. Proceeds from the exhibit will benefit My Path Forward, Mechanicsville Churches Emergency Functions emergency housing program, and our mission to Haiti. For details visit [churchredeemer.org/no-room](http://churchredeemer.org/no-room) or call 730-7980.



**The Foundations Class** will start a 3 week series on "When Politics Meets Religion" on November 7<sup>th</sup>. Danny Guertler will lead the class. The Foundations Class has moved to room # 32. Please feel free to join us!



## *Notes from your Session*

The Elders met on October 19 in the Open Door Classroom and during a full agenda they:

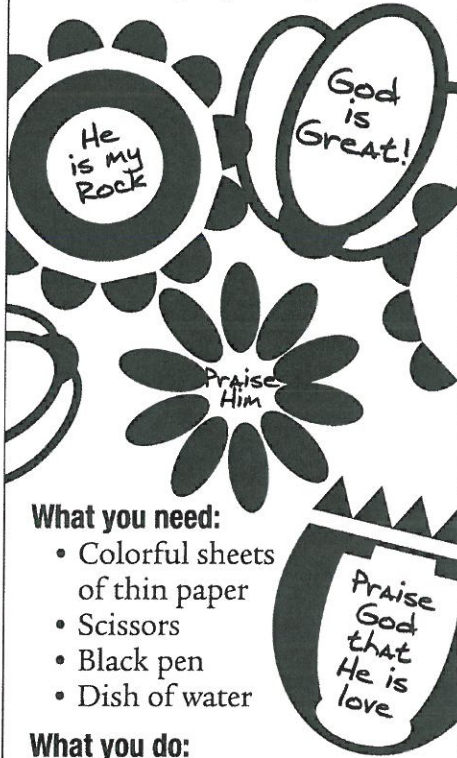
- Opened with devotions and prayer
- Appointed J. R. Marker as the Clerk pro-tem in the absence of Fran Hansbrough, Clerk
- Approved the minutes of the September meeting
- Gladly received Debbie Curran by letter of transfer from Green Acres Presbyterian Church, Portsmouth, VA
- Proudly transferred the membership of Brittany Young to University Presbyterian Church, Durham, NC
- Met as the Board of Trustees and elected the following officers for the year 2022 - J. R. Marker, President; Fran Hansbrough, Secretary; and Gene Rosen, Treasurer. Those results will be filed with the State Corporation Commission since we are an incorporated entity
- Learned of the good work of the Deacons under the very able leadership of co-moderators, Dwight Clark and Debby Starzer. Sandi Shaner provides the Pastoral leadership for this team
- Rejoiced in learning that Shannon Hendricks, one of our Pastors is awaiting the arrival of their third child in May 2022
- Heard that Team Youth is planning to return to Altoona, PA for the Mission Trip 2022
- Gladly called for a meeting of the congregation on November 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:45 a.m. for the purpose of acting on the change in terms of call for our Pastor and to act upon the nomination of officers for the next term and the nominees to serve as the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee
- Celebrated God's Providence with the Stewardship Team learning that the finances of the Church are in very good shape even as we expand our mission and ministry.
- Delighted to learn that our mortgage is below the \$200,000 mark as we continue to retire that debt early
- Rejoiced that in light of prudent investments and generous donations the Endowment Fund has exceeded \$300,000 with income advancing the work of the Missions Team and the upkeep of the facility.
- Approved the asking budget for 2022 which will be presented to the congregation during the stewardship campaign in November.
- Learned of the many projects the Facilities Management Team is doing as they continue to catch up after deferring some maintenance during the Covid-19 pandemic. HVAC system continues to reach its lifespan as we need to replace yet one more original unit
- Glad to learn that plans are underway for Adult Discipleship. Union Class has begun to meet again, moving temporarily into Heritage Hall. Short term small group hybrid studies will begin for November and for Advent. Listen to hear more about these.
- Gladly learned that the Kids Clothing Swap has been rebooted and the first in nearly two years was a wonderful success.
- Delighted to hear of the plans for Fall-O-Ween with a petting zoo, hayride, catered food and much more
- Happy to hear that Dr. Jones from the Sociology Department of VCU will be with us at 6:30 p.m on November 16<sup>th</sup> to speak to the Elders, Deacons and other interested persons about Poverty
- Learned that a head usher is still needed for November for the 8:45 service
- Received updates from both the solar panel task force and the memorial garden task force
- Reviewed the work of the Presbytery at its October meeting
- Adjourned to meet again on November 16<sup>th</sup>



# Under-Age Thinking...

## PRAISE-FILLED petals

Create an interactive display of God's provision for a Thanksgiving centerpiece.



### What you need:

- Colorful sheets of thin paper
- Scissors
- Black pen
- Dish of water

### What you do:

1. From the paper, cut out various shapes and sizes of flowers and petals.
2. In the center of each flower, write a praise to God. Thank him for who he is and for answered prayers.
3. Fold petals inward, toward the center of each flower.
4. Gently place flowers on the water. Petals will slowly unfold to reveal the words.
5. Invite meal guests to participate in this centerpiece that blooms with thanks.

## PUZZLE



## GOD'S WILL

God wants us to follow his will, but how can we know what that is?

*Directions: Write the letters on each vine in the correct order on the lines provided to complete 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, NIV.*

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2 4 1 c 3 i  
w y l a s  
3 5 2 4 6 a

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

p y r a  
1 4 2 3

continually,

e g v i  
4 1 3 2

in all circumstances; for this  
is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

n n t a s k  
2 4 1 3 6 5

1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-18, NIV

Answer: rejoice, always, pray, give, thanks



## Youth Group News



**Nov. 7** Playing Battleship & Eating TACOS, 4:30pm

**Nov. 14** Cards for COVID Service Project, 4:30pm

Join us as we put together and write messages to those who are currently patients, family members, or hospital staff who are still dealing with COVID-19. As the pandemic continues, we want to remind those who are struggling through it that they are not forgotten.

**Dec. 12** **Caroling at Covenant** Woods and coming back to church for Pizza afterwards

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## *Honoring our veterans*

Veterans Day has its roots in what was called Armistice Day, when a peace agreement ended World War I on November 11, 1918. President Wilson proclaimed that Armistice Day was to be marked with solemn pride in heroism and with gratitude for victory as well as the "opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice." In 1954, the remembrance was renamed Veterans Day to honor all U. S. Military personnel. It's a reminder to pray for and honor all who serve and sacrifice, to support and assist their families, and to pray that God will bring peace on earth.



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## *The Journey begins at Advent*

When Advent begins on November 28 this year, so does a new church year for liturgical congregations. The church seasons, which correspond to key events in Jesus' life, begin with the four-week Advent period of preparation for our coming Savior at Christmas. After the 12-day season of Christmas is Epiphany, which begins January 6 and continues through Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. That period of preparation culminates in Holy Week, and then Easter marks the pinnacle of every church year. Forty days after the Resurrection we celebrate Ascension, and 10 days after that, the Pentecost season begins; it lasts until Advent, when the cycle begins again.

"Like a great waterwheel," writes Joan Chittister, "the liturgical year goes on relentlessly irrigating our souls, softening the ground of our hearts, nourishing the soil of our lives until the seed of the Word of God itself begins to grow in us, comes to fruit in us, ripens in us the spiritual journey of a lifetime."



# NOVEMBER 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>31</b> <b>Reformation Day</b> <b>Reformation Sunday</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>9:45 AM - 10:45 AM</b> Sunday School <b>11:00 AM</b> New Beginnings Church Worship (Family Center) <b>11:00 AM - 12:00 PM</b> Traditional Worship (sanctuary)	<b>1</b> <b>All Saints Day</b> <b>8:00 AM - 4:00 PM</b> Classical Conversations <b>6:00 PM - 7:00 PM</b> Pilates Class (Heritage Hall) <b>7:00 PM - 8:00 PM</b> Gratitude Bible Study (Vicky Brady's home/Zoom)	<b>2</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Deacon's Meeting (Heritage Hall) <b>7:00 PM</b> Personnel Team (#26)	<b>3</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Prayer Shawl Ministry (Barlow Parlor) <b>6:00 PM - 8:00 PM</b> Girl Scouts (#20) <b>6:00 PM - 7:00 PM</b> Pilates Class (Heritage Hall) <b>7:00 PM - 8:00 PM</b> Fairfield Ringers (sanctuary) <b>8:00 PM</b> Praise Band Practice (FC)	<b>4</b> <b>6:30 PM - 9:30 PM</b> C.A.P. (Family Center) <b>7:00 PM - 8:00 PM</b> Adult Choir Practice (sanctuary) <b>7:00 PM</b> Boy Scouts (Heritage Hall)	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> <b>12:30 PM - 1:30 PM</b> NBC Choir Practice (#14)
<b>7</b> <b>Daylight-Saving Time Ends</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>9:45 AM - 10:45 AM</b> Sunday School <b>11:00 AM</b> New Beginnings Church Worship (Family Center) <b>11:00 AM - 12:00 PM</b> Traditional Worship (sanctuary) <b>4:30 PM</b> Youth Group (Family Center)	<b>8</b> <b>8:00 AM - 4:00 PM</b> Classical Conversations <b>6:00 PM - 7:00 PM</b> Pilates Class (Heritage Hall) <b>7:00 PM - 8:00 PM</b> Gratitude Bible Study (Vicky Brady's home/Zoom)	<b>9</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Joyful Readers Circle (Heritage Hall)	<b>10</b> <b>6:00 PM - 7:00 PM</b> Pilates Class (Heritage Hall) <b>7:00 PM - 8:00 PM</b> Fairfield Ringers (sanctuary) <b>8:00 PM</b> Praise Band Practice (FC)	<b>11</b> <b>Veterans Day</b> <b>6:30 PM - 9:30 PM</b> C.A.P. (Family Center) <b>7:00 PM - 8:00 PM</b> Adult Choir Practice (sanctuary) <b>7:00 PM</b> Boy Scouts (Heritage Hall) <b>7:00 PM</b> Personnel Team (#19)	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> <b>12:30 PM - 1:30 PM</b> NBC Choir Practice (#14)
<b>14</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>9:45 AM</b> Congregational Meeting (FC) <b>9:45 AM - 10:45 AM</b> Sunday School <b>11:00 AM</b> New Beginnings Church Worship (Family Center) <b>11:00 AM - 12:00 PM</b> Traditional Worship (sanctuary) <b>12:30 PM</b> Super Singles <b>4:30 PM</b> Youth Group (Family Center)	<b>15</b> <b>8:00 AM - 4:00 PM</b> Classical Conversations <b>6:00 PM - 7:00 PM</b> Pilates Class (Heritage Hall) <b>7:00 PM - 8:00 PM</b> Gratitude Bible Study (Vicky Brady's home/Zoom)	<b>16</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Session Meeting (Heritage Hall)	<b>17</b> <b>6:00 PM - 8:00 PM</b> Girl Scouts (#20) <b>6:00 PM - 7:00 PM</b> Pilates Class (Heritage Hall) <b>7:00 PM</b> Boy Scout Greenbar Meeting (#19) <b>7:00 PM - 8:00 PM</b> Fairfield Ringers (sanctuary) <b>8:00 PM</b> Praise Band Practice (FC)	<b>18</b> <b>6:30 PM - 9:30 PM</b> C.A.P. (Family Center) <b>7:00 PM - 8:00 PM</b> Adult Choir Practice (sanctuary) <b>7:00 PM</b> Boy Scout Committee Meeting (#20)	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> <i>Newsletter  Deadline</i> <b>12:30 PM - 1:30 PM</b> NBC Choir Practice (#14)
<b>21</b> <b>Stewardship Sunday</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>9:45 AM - 10:45 AM</b> Sunday School <b>11:00 AM</b> New Beginnings Church Worship (Family Center) <b>11:00 AM - 12:00 PM</b> Traditional Worship (sanctuary)	<b>22</b> <b>8:00 AM - 4:00 PM</b> Classical Conversations <b>6:00 PM - 7:00 PM</b> Pilates Class (Heritage Hall) <b>7:00 PM - 8:00 PM</b> Gratitude Bible Study (Vicky Brady's home/Zoom)	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> <b>6:00 PM - 7:00 PM</b> Pilates Class (Heritage Hall) <b>7:00 PM - 8:00 PM</b> Fairfield Ringers (sanctuary) <b>8:00 PM</b> Praise Band Practice (FC)	<b>25</b> Church Office Closed <b>Thanksgiving  Day</b> <b>7:30 AM</b> Thanksgiving Day Service & Breakfast	<b>26</b> Church Office Closed	<b>27</b> <b>12:30 PM - 1:30 PM</b> NBC Choir Practice (#14)
<b>28</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>9:45 AM - 10:45 AM</b> Sunday School <b>11:00 AM</b> New Beginnings Church Worship (Family Center) <b>11:00 AM - 12:00 PM</b> Traditional Worship (sanctuary)	<b>29</b> <b>6:00 PM - 7:00 PM</b> Pilates Class (Heritage Hall) <b>7:00 PM - 8:00 PM</b> Advent Bible Study (Vicky Brady's home/Zoom)	<b>30</b>	<b>1</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Prayer Shawl Ministry (Barlow Parlor) <b>6:00 PM - 8:00 PM</b> Girl Scouts (#20) <b>6:00 PM - 7:00 PM</b> Pilates Class (Heritage Hall) <b>7:00 PM - 8:00 PM</b> Fairfield Ringers (sanctuary) <b>8:00 PM</b> Praise Band Practice (FC)	<b>2</b> <b>6:30 PM - 9:30 PM</b> C.A.P. (Family Center) <b>7:00 PM - 8:00 PM</b> Adult Choir Practice (sanctuary) <b>7:00 PM</b> Boy Scouts (Heritage Hall)	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> <b>12:30 PM - 1:30 PM</b> NBC Choir Practice (#14)



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Bible Quiz

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Naaman, the commander of the Aramean army, had leprosy. Who told his wife about a prophet in Samaria who might be able to cure Naaman? And who was that prophet?

A. the king of Aram; Elijah  
 B. Naaman's wife's sister; Isaiah  
 C. an Israelite servant girl; Elisha  
 D. a visiting emissary from Israel; Jeremiah

Answer: C (See 2 Kings 5:2-3, 8-10.)

## POINSETTIAS



Poinsettias

Once again this year, we will be decorating our beautiful sanctuary with poinsettias at Christmas. We will take orders from November 28 - December 12. The poinsettias will be displayed on December 19 and Christmas Eve. Look for order forms in the bulletins on November 28th.



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