



The Messenger

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Thinking back over my life and the people, who have impacted my faith journey I am struck by how often it hasn't been the pastors, who have made the greatest impact on my faith development. It was the people who were Sunday school teachers and the volunteers for different events that made the biggest impact. Often we think that it has to be the people who are exceptional to be the leaders and teachers, like our pastors and the wonderful Angela, who are also paid to bring their passions to the church. While I am so grateful for the gifts of these people and their willingness to commit on a bigger level, the volunteers and people who have showed up are often the ones who create the most memorable impact. One of those moments for me is thinking back and I still know that my third grade Sunday School teachers were Mr. and Mrs. Runger. They were the ones who really helped me to start making sense of the church aspect of faith and making the connections of what it really meant to be a Christian. They were an "older" couple who helped generations of children make these connections. They weren't the people who one would imagine as the typical volunteers- the parents who had kids in the programs. I was very fortunate to grow up in a congregation that I knew loved and cared about its children and youth. People continually showed up and proved that and I am forever grateful. Steve has been sharing a sermon series with us about being called as Christians and what it is to live into our identity as Christians. I wonder if some of you might be feeling called to explore what it could

be like to be a Sunday school teacher. I think about the quote from Mary Oliver that is often shared: "Tell me, what is it you plan to do with your one wild and precious life?" What is it that I want to do? How is it that I would want to be remembered? What is it that I am being called to do?

We know that there are so many people with talents and gifts out there that could be shared with the next generation or even in other places in the church if that is where your gifts lie. We would love to explore together how your gifts could be used to glorify God and connect with others in the church.

We are currently in need of Sunday School teachers and helpers for the 10am education hour. We also need Kids Worship leaders and helpers for 9am. Additionally, we need volunteers for the nursery at 10am and 11am. We will help to make sure you have everything you need to be successful as a volunteer for these positions! Please talk to Angela Blue at church, by calling her at 804-357-3111 or emailing her at angela.blue.fairfield@gmail.com if any of these are things that you think you could do!

Shannon



Member News

With sympathy we inform you that **Darlene Shegogue's** brother, W. D. Curtis, Jr., passed away peacefully on June 28; **Elizabeth Moorhouse's** sister-in-law, Charlotte Wood passed away on June 29 and **Mary Gayton's** sister Eva Figuly passed away on July 12. Please keep these families in your prayers as they grieve the loss of their loved ones.

Danny Couch has a new cell phone number. It is: 804-442-6297. Please make a note of it!

Jean Plott has moved into Assisted Living. Her address is: Commonwealth Assisted Living, 7486 Lee Highway, Apt. D-8, Radford, VA 24141. Please help Jean with this transition by sending her some words of encouragement.

Please keep the following people in your daily prayers: **Dwight Clark's** nephew Wyatt, **Myra Compton**, **Jen France's** mother Colleen, **Fran Hansbrough**, **Jack Mitchell**, **Joyce Nuckols**, **Jean Plott**, **Gene Rosen's** niece, Tracy, **Joan Sprinkle**, **Buford Wade**, **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 limited mobility: **John Ann Barlow**, **John Crowe**, **Reggie Crump**, **Nita Dunkum**, **Dot Gammon**, **Laverne Longest**, **Marie Maida**, **Nancy Norment**, **Joyce Nuckols**, **Virginia Phipps**, **Helen Rigsby**, **Larry Rigsby**, **Faye Sandridge**, **Louise Setchel**, **Sheila Shaw**, **Bootsie Stevens** and **Tony Underdown**.

Please keep our Covenant Woods friends in your prayers: **Carl & Ann Barkley**, **Margaret Barlow**, **Elizabeth Davis**, **Walt & Jan Fadeley**, **Nancy & Ivy Gallihugh**, **Mary Gayton**, **Bill & Phyllis Kerns**, **Doris McCalla**, **Glenn & Gerry Miller**, **Jack & Jo Mitchell**, **Calvin 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.)



Dear Fairfield Family,
Thank you so much for the study Bible that you gave me for my High School graduation. I will cherish this gift as I begin this new chapter in my life at JMC. Fairfield has been a major part of my life and has been a strong foundation for my faith and love of Jesus. I will think of you all often as the fall semester begins and look forward to seeing each of you soon.

In Christ's Love,
Taylor Hale

To my Family at Fairfield,
I would like to express my thanks to all who have remembered me with cards and calls after my sister's death.

With Christian Love,
Mary Gayton

Safe and Secure

The Resurrection is an exploding flare announcing to all sincere seekers that it is safe to believe. Safe to believe in ultimate justice. Safe to believe in eternal bodies. Safe to believe in heaven as our estate and the earth as its porch. Safe to believe in a time where questions won't keep us awake and pain won't keep us down. Safe to believe in open graves and endless days and genuine praise...

Because of the Resurrection, everything changes. Death changes. It used to be the end; now it is the beginning.

Max Lucado
"When Christ Comes"



Dave Starzer	August 1
Ivy Lightsey	August 2
Kendall Underdown	August 7
Keelyn Underdown	August 7
LeVonne Neuharth	August 8
Louise Kellum	August 10
Donna Horn	August 12
Rob Blue	August 13
Rick Heretick	August 13
Peggie Rosen	August 14
Brandon Stevens	August 14
Calvin Pearson	August 15
Todd Leudesdorff	August 17
Helen Rigsby	August 17
Lori Briel	August 18
Barbara Cooper	August 19
Tim Sutton	August 19
Billy Putze	August 20
Hunter Glass	August 21
Lexie Horn	August 21
Jake Lake	August 21
Ken Hayden	August 22
Jean Plott	August 22
Robert Wilson	August 22
Linda Daugherty	August 24
Mark Schneck	August 24
Topher Carson	August 25
Linda Canyock	August 27
Justin Harvey	August 29
Sue Coulter	August 30
Faye Sandridge	August 30

Arnold & LaVonne Neuharth	August 12
Gerry & Celeste Underdown	August 12
Buford & Betty Wade	August 12
Todd & Joanne Leudesdorff	August 14
Bob & Sharon Gaston	August 21
Bill & Cory Walter	August 22
David & Tina Cunningham	August 23



Adult Vacation Bible School is coming!

Mark your calendars for July 31, August 1 and August 2nd. We will have a joint VBS with New Beginnings Church starting on Sunday at 5:00pm and then Monday and Tuesday at 7:00pm, each night in the Heritage Hall.

The class will be led by Steve and Dr. Enis and we will be studying the Book of James.

“James wrote to Jewish Christians who had been scattered throughout the Mediterranean world because of persecution. In their hostile surroundings they were tempted to let intellectual agreement pass for true faith. This letter can have rich meaning for us as we are reminded that gentle faith transforms lives. We are encouraged to put our faith into action. It is easy to say we have faith, but true faith will produce loving actions towards others.”



Bruce & Cathy Jenkins	August 1
Harry & Ann Zweckbronner	August 2
Larry & Fran Hansbrough	August 3
Mike & Beth Weber	August 3
Noah & Ashley Clark	August 7
Justin & Rebecca Harvey	August 7
Linwood & Carolyn Ingram	August 8
Sean & Melanie Magill	August 10
Dennis & Tracey Sulser	August 11

Attention Ladies!



Fellowship Circle

The Fellowship Circle will get together again on **August 9th** in the Open Door Classroom (#20) at 10:00am.

We continue to discuss angels and the women of the Bible. All ladies are invited to join us!

Beverly Burts



Prayer Shawl Ministry

Can you knit or crochet? Would you like to learn? We meet the first Wednesday of every month. Sharing patterns and skills, some really beautiful shawls and lap robes are made. It can be a simple yarn in an intricate design or a simple design using an

elegant yarn. At the same time we enjoy fellowship with each other. If you would consider being a part of this Ministry, **join us on Wednesday, August 3 at 10:00am in the Barlow Parlor.**

Anna Barrowclough



9:00am Service

Aug. 7 Majken Whitaker & Abbey Glass
Aug. 14 Anne Young & Linda Daugherty
Aug. 21 Allison Letourneau & McKenna Blue
Aug. 28 Donna Hohman & Abbey Glass

The nursery is available for children up to 3 years of age and Sunday School for ages 4 through 5th grade is available in Room #21 (Vine Art Room).

New Sunday School Class

A new Sunday School class is being formed **this fall** and we are calling it **THE ROCK**. A Bible based Sunday School class. We are going back to the basics, reading the text and having discussions. The first few months we are discussing the childhood stories, Cain & Abel, Noah & the Ark, Daniel, etc. Reading the text and discussing. **THE ROCK** is an all ages Sunday School class. We welcome those that know a lot who will help share their knowledge with those that only know a little. If you have questions, see Richard Dunn, Amy Atkinson or Mitzi Marker. We look forward to seeing you Sept. 11th during the Sunday School hour!

News from Mechanicsville Churches Emergency Functions (MCEF) and One Stop Shop (OSS) www.4mcef.com

- Again this summer, MCEF will have a **Back to School Shopping Days** on Tuesday evening, August 16 (6-7:30 pm) and Wednesday, August 17 (9:30-11:00am) for current clients. Kids (preschool through high school) will have the opportunity to choose some outfits for school and get some new socks and underwear. School supply lists will be on hand to help students pick some school supplies. Donations for this event will be collected right up until the day before.
- **The Annual 9/11 Concert** featuring the John Marshall Alumni Band will take place at Walnut Grove Baptist Church (7046 Cold Harbor Road). The cost is \$2 per person and one can or box of food. Thank you for your support!
- **Current Needs:** Children's School Clothes - all sizes, School Supplies, Stews & Soups (not condensed), Boxed Potato Side Dishes Cereal, Pasta Sauce

Under-Age Thinking...

Superior BANANA SPLIT

Fruit and yogurt
combine for this
healthy take on
a sweet treat.



What you need:

- Bananas
- Plain Greek yogurt
- Assorted berries and fruit
- Granola
- Honey

What you do:

1. Using a butter knife, split the banana in half lengthwise. Lay the halves open in a bowl.
2. Add several dollops of yogurt atop the banana halves.
3. Arrange other fruit, such as berries and grapes.
4. Top the banana split with a sprinkle of granola and a drizzle of honey. Enjoy!

Puzzle!

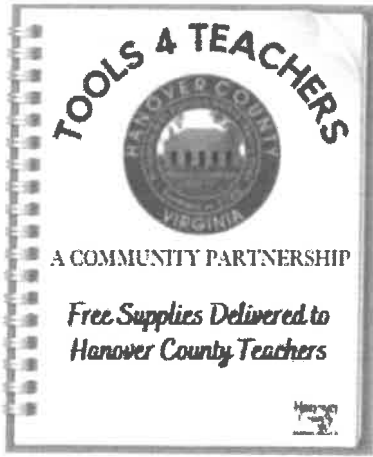
Search for and circle all the bold words from Psalm 18:2,
which reminds us where we find our strength.

The **LORD** is **MY ROCK**, my **FORTRESS** and my
DELIVERER; my **GOD** is my rock, in whom I **TAKE**
REFUGE. **HE** is my **SHIELD** and the **HORN** of my
SALVATION, my **STRONGHOLD**.

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GOD ROCKS!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>31</p> <p>Worship on-line with us at www.fairfieldpcusa.org</p> <p>9:00am –9:45am Contemporary Worship Service (Family Center)</p> <p>9:45am –10:45am Sunday School</p> <p>11:00am New Beginnings Church Worship (Family Center)</p> <p>11:00am –12:00pm Traditional Worship (sanctuary)</p> <p>5:00pm –6:00pm Adult Vacation Bible School (HH)</p>	<p>1</p> <p>9:00am –3:00pm Classical Conversations Tutor Meeting</p> <p>6:00pm –8:00pm AA Group (#29)</p> <p>7:00pm –8:00pm Adult Vacation Bible School (HH)</p>	<p>2</p> <p>7:00pm –8:00pm Adult Vacation Bible School (HH)</p> <p>7:00pm Personnel Team (#19)</p>	<p>3</p> <p>10:00am Prayer Shawl Ministry (Barlow Parlor)</p> <p>6:00pm –7:00pm Pilates Class (Heritage Hall)</p> <p>8:00pm Praise Band Practice (FC)</p>	<p>4</p> <p>6:30pm –9:30pm C.A.P. (Family Center)</p> <p>7:00pm –8:00pm Boy Scout Leadership Team (#20)</p> <p>7:00pm Boy Scouts (Heritage Hall)</p>	<p>5</p> <p>11:00am –1:00pm Open Gym for Middle & High Schoolers (FC)</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Communion Set-Up (Small Kitchen)</p> <p>12:30pm –1:30pm NBC Choir Practice (#14)</p> <p>1:00pm –4:00pm Eagle Scout Court of Honor (F/C)</p>
<p>7</p> <p>Worship on-line with us at www.fairfieldpcusa.org</p> <p>9:00am –9:45am Contemporary Worship Service (Family Center)</p> <p>9:45am –10:45am Sunday School</p> <p>11:00am New Beginnings Church Worship (Family Center)</p> <p>11:00am –12:00pm Traditional Worship (sanctuary)</p>	<p>8</p> <p>6:00pm –8:00pm AA Group (#29)</p> <p>6:00pm –7:00pm Pilates Class (Heritage Hall)</p>	<p>9</p> <p>10:00am –12:00pm Fellowship Circle (#20)</p>	<p>10</p> <p>1:30pm –3:00pm SonLight Learning Center (FC)</p> <p>6:00pm –7:00pm Pilates Class (Heritage Hall)</p> <p>8:00pm Praise Band Practice (FC)</p>	<p>11</p> <p>6:30pm –9:30pm C.A.P. (Family Center)</p> <p>7:00pm Boy Scouts (Heritage Hall)</p>	<p>12</p> <p>11:00am –1:00pm Open Gym for Middle & High Schoolers (FC)</p>	<p>13</p> <p>12:30pm –1:30pm NBC Choir Practice (#14)</p> <p>1:00pm –2:00pm Eagle Scout Court of Honor (F/C)</p>
<p>14</p> <p>Worship on-line with us at www.fairfieldpcusa.org</p> <p>9:00am –9:45am Contemporary Worship Service (Family Center)</p> <p>9:45am –10:45am Sunday School</p> <p>11:00am New Beginnings Church Worship (Family Center)</p> <p>11:00am –12:00pm Traditional Worship (sanctuary)</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Classical Conversations Tutor Meeting</p> <p>6:00pm –8:00pm AA Group (#29)</p> <p>6:00pm –7:00pm Pilates Class (Heritage Hall)</p>	<p>16</p> <p>1:00pm –6:00pm BLOOD DRIVE (Heritage Hall)</p> <p>7:00pm –8:00pm Deacon Planning Meeting (#20)</p>	<p>17</p> <p>6:00pm –7:00pm Pilates Class (Heritage Hall)</p> <p>8:00pm Praise Band Practice (FC)</p>	<p>18</p> <p>6:30pm –9:30pm C.A.P. (Family Center)</p> <p>7:00pm Boy Scout Committee Meeting (#20)</p>	<p>19</p> <p>11:00am –1:00pm Open Gym for Middle & High Schoolers (FC)</p>	<p>20</p> <p><i>Newsletter Deadline</i></p> <p>12:30pm –1:30pm NBC Choir Practice (#14)</p>
<p>21</p> <p>Worship on-line with us at www.fairfieldpcusa.org</p> <p>9:00am –9:45am Contemporary Worship Service (Family Center)</p> <p>9:45am –10:45am Sunday School</p> <p>11:00am New Beginnings Church Worship (Family Center)</p> <p>11:00am –12:00pm Traditional Worship (sanctuary)</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Classical Conversations Team Set-up & Prep</p> <p>6:00pm –8:00pm AA Group (#29)</p> <p>6:00pm –7:00pm Pilates Class (Heritage Hall)</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>1:30pm –3:00pm SonLight Learning Center (FC)</p> <p>6:00pm –7:00pm Pilates Class (Heritage Hall)</p> <p>8:00pm Praise Band Practice (FC)</p>	<p>25</p> <p>6:30pm –9:30pm C.A.P. (Family Center)</p> <p>7:00pm Boy Scouts (Heritage Hall)</p>	<p>26</p> <p>11:00am –1:00pm Open Gym for Middle & High Schoolers (FC)</p>	<p>27</p> <p>12:30pm –1:30pm NBC Choir Practice (#14)</p>
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A new partnership has been created to support Hanover County Public School teachers. Currently, teachers at Bell Creek, Chickahominy, Liberty, and Oak Knoll Middle Schools may submit requests, twice a month for supplemental classroom supplies. Teacher requests are packaged and delivered to the schools, at no cost to the teacher.

Since fall of 2021, community partners have contributed \$3,000 in financial support and our motivated volunteers have filled almost 400 orders!

If you are interested in supporting this effort by volunteering, donating items, being a sponsor or giving a financial gift:

- Contact Hanover Department of Community Resources at 804-365-4300.
- Visit the MCEF website at www.4mcef.com and select the donation button. Choose T4T for your donation. Checks should be mailed to MCEF, P.O. Box 604, Mechanicsville, VA 23111.
- Drop off donations for T4T at the MCEF One Stop Shop at 7235 Stonewall Parkway, Mechanicsville, VA 23111 on the first and third Sundays of the month from 2-3:30.

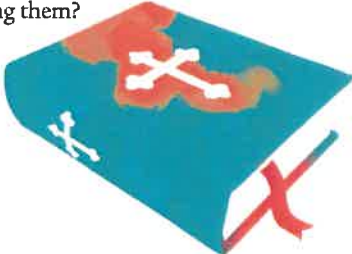
Items being collected for the Tools 4 Teachers Store:

Ream of colored card stock	Pack of magnets	Large post-it tablet
Pack of Velcro	Pack of magnet clips	Earbuds
Poster board	Colored duct tape	Subject notebooks
Pack of colorful pens	Pack of pencils	Picture hangers
Pack of black pens	Notebook paper	Stress balls
Pack of red pens	Pack of highlighters	Cups
Pack of expo markers	Pack of markers	Erasers
Adult scissors	Variety of incentive items	Colored pencils
Pack of white index cards	Pack of construction paper	Scotch tape
Pack of colored index cards	Pack of wall hanging putty	Paper towels
Pack of stickie notes	Birthday & Accomplishment certificates	
Box of tissues		
Labels	Pack of glue sticks	
Binders	Reusable water bottles	

Bible Quiz

A few Bible books have only one chapter. Which of the following is not among them?

- A. Obadiah
- B. Philemon
- C. 1 John
- D. 2 John
- E. 3 John
- F. Jude



Answer: C

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