

Welcome to the promise of Advent: Amid barren trees, Isaiah announces spring growth - a "shoot" representing new life in Jesus. Here at Fairfield, we offer a contemporary service at 9:00; Sunday School for all ages at 10:00 and our traditional service at 11:00. Please ask Dr. Steve Starzer, Rev. Shannon Hendricks, Rev. Sandi Shaner or any of the ushers for information on various programs and ministries. You may also call the church office at (804) 730-7164 or e-mail us: [office@fairfieldpcusa.org](mailto:office@fairfieldpcusa.org) or visit our web site: [www.fairfieldpcusa.org](http://www.fairfieldpcusa.org)

## **PRAYER CONCERNS**

Ed Baggett

Beverly Burts

Myra Compton

Karen Couch

Merrilyn Jones

Joyce Nuckols

Sam Penny & family

Helen Rigsby

Gene Rosen's niece, Tracy

Joan Sprinkle

Serena Vignola

Herta Wenninger

Ryan Westphal

All who serve our nation here  
and abroad.

Please call the church office (804) 730-7164 or let a pastor know at the end of the service for someone to be on our prayer list. **Names will normally be listed in bulletin for 3 weeks, unless we receive updates.**

*The flowers in the sanctuary today are given by Bill & Judie Thompson to the Glory of God and in celebration of Henry's 9<sup>th</sup> birthday.*

## **NURSERY CARE**

**9am Infant/Toddler:** Allison Letourneau & McKenna Blue

**Next Week:** Marge Wantz & Abbey Glass

**We offer a Kid's Worship Program** during the 9:00am service for ages 3 years old through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. The program takes place in Room # 21.

**MCEF Collection is today!** If you would like to make a monetary donation, please write MCEF in the memo part of your check and mark it on the offering envelope as well. Thank you.

**The Prayer Shawl Knitting Group** will meet this coming Wednesday, **December 7 beginning at 10:00am** in the Barlow Parlor. Come work on a shawl or your own personal project. If you don't know how to knit, the ladies will teach you. Contact Anna Barrowclough (804-730-3143) if you have any questions.

**This year, for Advent, the Adult Discipleship Team** is offering a devotional series for you to assist you with the preparation of your hearts and minds. The devotional series is call “Close to Home.” It is available for you to pick up from either the lobby of the Family Center of the Narthex, just outside of the Sanctuary. It offers daily devotionals that include Poetry Prayer, Biblical Commentary, Opportunities for Reflection, Journaling, Hymns, and preparation for the Sabbath, our Sunday worship. We encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity and pick up a devotional for use as you begin your own Advent journey.

**2023 PLEDGES:** If you were unable to be with us on Stewardship Sunday, you may still bring your pledge cards in. Please place them in the offering plate during the Offertory. Extra cards are available in the attendance books. Please pray about making a commitment to our ministries for 2023.

We have been wonderfully blessed for the past year and a half to have had **Sandi Shaner** and **Shannon Hendricks** step up to the plate to serve as our part-time temporary Associate Pastors. We will have a chance to say thank you to them on **December 18<sup>th</sup> after each of the worship services.** Please join us for a cup of coffee and the opportunity to greet each of them to say thank you!

**Interested in joining Fairfield?** We’d love to talk to you! Call the church office between 9:30am - 3:30pm, Monday - Thursday to talk to one of our ministers.

**Angel Tree:** Be an angel for a local family this Christmas! The Mission Committee is planning to support a few struggling families with children attending Cold Harbor Elementary School, helping them to have a wonderful Christmas this year. To become an Angel, send your financial contributions to Fairfield or place your check in the offering plate marked “Angel Tree.” When you contribute, know you are bringing great joy to little ones and making Christmas very special for a few local families. The **deadline is December 18th.**

**Hurricane Ian Relief:** We are still supporting Buckingham Presbyterian Church in the Fort Myers, Florida area as they are a local clearing house and support center for efforts to bring the love of Christ to their neighbors. Financial gifts are still needed! If your hearts leads you, please help by giving a donation in Christ’s name. Make check payable to Fairfield with a notation “Hurricane Ian Relief” and place it in the offering plate, mail or bring it to the office. Bless those in need and help Jesus calm the storms of life for our Fort Myers’ neighbors.

**The Flower Calendar** for 2023 is up! The cost remains \$25. Please stop by and sign up for sanctuary flowers in honor, memory or celebration of someone special.

**Blessing Socks:** We are collecting supplies for these “packets” to hand out to the homeless. There are bins outside of our worship spaces to collect knee high socks, hand warmers, \$5-10 fast food gift cards, hand sanitizers and toothbrushes. Donate what you wish - all is appreciated!

### THIS WEEK'S CHURCH MEETINGS & EVENTS

<b>Dec. 4</b>	Contemporary Worship Service (sanctuary)	9:00am
	Sunday School	10:00am
	Traditional Worship Service (sanctuary)	11:00am
	New Beginnings Church Worship (Family Center)	11:00am
	Hanover Towne Garden Club (Heritage Hall)	3:00-8:00pm
<b>Dec. 5</b>	Classical Conversations	8:00am - 4:00pm
	AA Group (#29)	6:00-8:00pm
	Pilates Class (Heritage Hall)	6:00pm
<b>Dec. 6</b>	Blood Drive (Heritage Hall)	1:00 - 6:00pm
	Deacon's Meeting (#20)	7:00pm
<b>Dec. 7</b>	Prayer Shawl Ministry (Barlow Parlor)	10:00am
	AA Group (#29)	6:00-8:00pm
	Pilates Class (Heritage Hall)	6:00pm
	Fairfield Ringers (Sanctuary)	7:00pm
	Praise Band Practice (Family Center)	8:00pm
<b>Dec. 8</b>	Civil Air Patrol (Family Center)	6:30pm
	Adult Choir Practice (Sanctuary)	7:00pm
<b>Dec. 10</b>	New Beginnings Choir Practice (#14)	12:30pm

