

The third Sunday of Advent focuses on joy. "Rejoice in the Lord always," says the apostle Paul (Philippians 4:4). With gladness, we welcome you to worship. 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 or visit our web site: www.fairfieldpcusa.org

PRAYER CONCERNS

Ed Baggett

Beverly Burts

Myra Compton

Merrilyn Jones

Joyce Nuckols

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 this Sunday are given in celebration of our wonderful (temporary) Associate Pastors, Sandi Shaner and Shannon Hendricks who have been a great blessing to us this past year and a half!

NURSERY CARE

9am Infant/Toddler: Marge Wantz & Abbey Glass

Next Week: Linda Daugherty & Majken Whitaker

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

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.

The Men of the Church will get together Tuesday morning, 7:00am at Cracker Barrel Restaurant on Bell Creek Road for their next meeting. All who are able are welcome to join us.

Women's Circle Meetings this Tuesday!

- **The Fellowship Circle** will have their meeting at 10:00am in the Open Door Class. They will finish their study on Mary and then go to lunch at Anna's.
- **The Joyful Readers Circle** will meet in the Heritage Hall at 6:30pm for their Christmas dinner.

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 next Sunday, **December 18th 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**.

Blue Christmas Service: December 21st, 7:00pm in the sanctuary. For those who have had losses – a loved one's passing, a relation-ship broken, a job lost, or other circumstances, we offer this special worship on an early December evening. Let the holidays become a time of peace and reflection. We will pray and sing and light candles in celebration of life and for hope and healing in Christ, the Light of the World. Please join us.

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!

The church is no longer collecting plastic grocery bags. We appreciate everyone who donated over the past year.

Year-End Reminder: Contributions for the 2022 fiscal year **must be** postmarked no later than December 31,2022 to be counted for this year!

THIS WEEK’S CHURCH MEETINGS & EVENTS

Dec. 11	Contemporary Worship Service (sanctuary)	9:00am
	Sunday School	10:00am
	Traditional Worship Service (sanctuary)	11:00am
	New Beginnings Church Worship (Family Center)	11:00am
Dec. 12	Foundations Tutor Meeting	9:00am
	AA Group (#29)	6:00-8:00pm
	Pilates Class (Heritage Hall)	6:00pm
Dec. 13	Men’s Breakfast (Cracker Barrel)	7:00am
	Fellowship Circle (#20)	10:00am
	Joyful Readers Circle (Heritage Hall)	6:30pm
Dec. 14	Girl Scout Troop (#20)	5:00-7:30pm
	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
Dec. 15	Civil Air Patrol (Family Center)	6:30pm
	Adult Choir Practice (Sanctuary)	7:00pm
Dec. 16	Church Directory Make-up Pictures	2:00-8:30pm
	New Beginnings Church Dance Practice (Family Center)	6:00pm
Dec. 17	NBC Choir Practice (#14)	12:30pm
	AA Christmas Gathering (Heritage Hall)	5:00-9:00pm