

“...and they shall name him Emmanuel,” which means, “God is with us” (Matthew 1:23, NRSV). What message is more comforting and praiseworthy? Welcome 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 by Dale Woodfin and children to the Glory of God and in memory of Greg Woodfin, Sr., a wonderful husband and father.

NURSERY CARE

9am Infant/Toddler: Linda Daugherty & Majken Whitaker

Next Week: No nursery on Christmas Day

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.

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!

Last chance to order a poinsettia for Christmas! Order forms are located in the narthex of the Family Center and Sanctuary! Deadline is today!

Angel Tree: **Today** is the deadline to make a contribution to our Angel Tree. Please mark your check and/or envelope “Angel Tree” and place it in the offering plate. We gratefully appreciate your generosity in this project to help out those in need here at Christmas.

The **deadline** for the January 2023 newsletter is **Tuesday, December 20**. Articles submitted after that date will go in the next newsletter.

Blue Christmas Service: This **Wednesday, December 21st, 7:00pm** in the sanctuary. For those who have had losses – a loved one’s passing, a relationship 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.

For all our bakers, or maybe those who have been inundated with tasty treats **this season**, we are looking for some **cookie donations for our 5:30pm family service** on Christmas Eve. We are incorporating some delicious fun into the service. Please bring them by the church before Friday so we know what we need to purchase.

2023 Pledges: It’s not too late to turn in your pledge for 2023! Please place your pledge 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.

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.

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. 18	Contemporary Worship Service (sanctuary)	9:00am
	Reception for Sandi & Shannon after the service	
	Sunday School	10:00am
	Traditional Worship Service (sanctuary)	11:00am
	Reception for Sandi & Shannon after the service	
	New Beginnings Church Worship (Family Center)	11:00am
Dec. 19	AA Group (#29)	6:00-8:00pm
	Pilates Class (Heritage Hall)	6:00pm
Dec. 20	<i>Newsletter Deadline</i>	
	Session Meeting (#20)	7:00pm
Dec. 21	AA Group (#29)	6:00-8:00pm
	Pilates Class (Heritage Hall)	6:00pm
	Blue Christmas Service (Sanctuary)	7:00pm
	Praise Band Practice (Family Center)	8:00pm
Dec. 22	Civil Air Patrol (Family Center)	6:30pm
Dec. 24	Christmas Eve Family Service (Family Center)	5:30pm
	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service (Sanctuary)	7:30pm
	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service (Sanctuary)	11:00pm

Upcoming dates:

December 25 Merry Christmas! No Sunday School. Join us for a Christmas worship service in the sanctuary at 10:30am.

December 26-31 The church office will be closed.

January 1, 2023 Happy New Year! No Sunday School. Start the New Year off by joining us for worship in the sanctuary at 10:30am.