

The Messenger

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Your Session asked me to share with you some

very good news. Because of your wonderful generosity and the good stewardship of the Church's finances, we are very pleased to tell you that we have paid off the last mortgage! When I arrived here twelve years ago, the Church was carrying three separate mortgages simultaneously! By the Grace and Providence of God we whittled those down and were left with the one for our most recent (and largest) addition.

The Session (acting as Trustees) voted to use our reserves to pay off the remaining balance. What this does is use money for which we were getting very low interest to pay off the loan for which we were paying a very high interest rate.

While we are all very excited about this (and we do plan to have a Mortgage Burning Celebration in the fall) we cannot sit back and rest on our laurels. We have borrowed from ourselves. Now we have to be diligent to return our reserves to the level we need to have them. Unfortunately, during the many, many years that Fairfield has had to pay on its mortgages, we have deferred a great number of upkeep projects and improvements to the building. Your Session will be appointing a team to look at what issues we need to deal with and what order we need to tackle them.

I can't begin to thank you enough for your faithfulness thus far. I know that I can count on you to carry us forward so that the next generation of Fairfield Presbyterians will have a building which is well maintained, economical to use and functional to do the mission and ministry they are called to do.

I give thanks to God for the Providence we have experienced, and I give thanks to God for every single one of you in your faithfulness.

In Christ's love,



Member News

Our deepest sympathies go out to **Gerry Miller** who lost her husband Glenn on May 15, 2023. Glenn and Gerry joined our church in October 2019. Glenn will be missed by all of us. A memorial service will be held in Northern Virginia at a later time.

Congratulations to Morgan and Wyatt Wills on the birth of their daughter, Emma Jean, who was born on May 24th. Emma weighed 7lbs, 12 oz. and 19.5 inches long. Emma Jean is also welcomed by her big sister Elliana, and big brother Alexander.

Welcome Melody Watson into our Fairfield family! Melody joined by transferring her membership from Oglethorpe Presbyterian Church in Brookhaven, Georgia. She is Pastor Mike's wife. They have two children, Hazel and Bruce. We are happy to have you as part of our family Melody!

Martha Houchins has a new email address. It is: mbeebug55@gmail.com

Beverly Burts, Elizabeth Moorhouse's husband Bob, Helen Rigsby, Jack & Beverly Ward, Peter Wenninger, Bonnie Wright and all those who serve as missionaries abroad and those who serve our nation.





Please remember our homebound members who are unable to get to church: Ann Barlow, Myra Compton, John Crowe, Reggie Crump, Nita Dunkum, Dot Gammon, Laverne Longest, Jack & Jo Mitchell, Nancy Norment,

Joyce Nuckols, Calvin Pearson, Virginia Phipps, Jean Plott, Helen & Larry Rigsby, Faye Sandridge, Louise Setchel, Sheila Shaw, Bob Stevens, Bootsie Stevens, Libby Taylor, Tony Underdown and Billy Walls. (Please update Pastor Steve or Pastor Mike in the church office as often as possible if you wish to keep your name or your loved one's name on this list.)



Fairfield Presbyterian Church,

Thank you so much for allowing our Classical Conversations Community to meet in your amazing church. We love you guys and we consider you part of our CC Family! Thank you for your grace and patience with us!

CC of Mechanicsville

Dear Pastor Starzer, Donna & Congregation, Thank you for your continued support of our Mechanicsville High School students during IB exams. We appreciate your consideration and generosity.

Sincerely, Lesa Berlinghoff

Dear FPC,

Girl Scout Troop 557 continues to be grateful to have a place to meet. Thank you for allowing us to use your wonderful facility!

Warmly, Karen Fallin

The Mission Drive has ended. A huge **THANK YOU** for your contributions during the drive. As in the past, this committee will strive to disperse the funds in the ways that spread the word of the Lord around the world, in our nation and in our community. Your donations and prayers about missions is very much appreciated.

The Missions Team

Worship Survey - Thank You! Over the course of three weeks, we received over 60 surveys. Clearly, you care deeply about how we worship at Fairfield Presbyterian Church. Your input is extremely valuable and the worship team looks forward to exploring your input over the next month. We will provide a report sometime after we've had time to explore and pray over your responses. Our goal is to address needs and ideas that have consensus, where the Spirit is clearly giving us a nudge. We hope you understand we will not be able to address every request and comment directly. Thank you for your patience, understanding, and desire to be more connected in the life of the church.

Pastor Mike

Special dates

- Trinity Sunday, June 4
- Flag Day, June 14
- Father's Day, June 18
- Juneteenth, June 19
- First Day of Summer, June 21



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Robby Stevens	June 2
Madeline Atkinson	June 3
Beth Patterson	June 3
Cooper Schwartz	June 3
Caleb Sutton	June 3
Billy Walls	June 3
Kathy Boyle	June 4
Dot Gammon	June 5
Sharon Gaston	June 5
Brian Letourneau	June 6
Sue Putze	June 6
Barbara Wash	June 6
Matt Wenninger	June 6
Kaiden Kulkarni	June 6
Mike Weber	June 7
Mac Cunningham	June 8
Ella Glass	June 8

Jenny Lake	June 8			
Suzanne Weeks	June 8			
Margaret Barlow	June 9			
Larry Covington	June 9			
Janice Baily	June 10			
Will Glass	June 10			
Martha Ingram	June 10			
Austin Weis	June 10			
Beth Young	June 10			
Barry Snedker	June 11			
Edward Wolfgang	June 11			
Mason Harding	June 12			
Sarah Palicia	June 12			
Ginny Patterson	June 13			
Leslie Vance	June 13			
Jack Dobson	June 14			
Chuck Lorch	June 15			
Bootsie Stevens	June 15			
Liz Patterson	June 16			
Rebekah Wenninger	June 16			
Beverly Burts	June 17			
Jessica Ingerman	June 17			
Gerry Rudolph	June 17			
Larry Hansbrough	June 18			
Alexander Wills	June 18			
Robert Cunningham	June 19			
Majken Whitaker	June 19			
Ray Stevens	June 20			
Cathy Wenninger	June 20			
Gary Helfrich	June 22			
Bremner Lancaster	June 22			
Melanie Magill	June 23			
Megan McWilliams	June 23			
Sarah Dobson	June 24			
Cory Walter	June 24			
Taylor Hale	June 25			
Susan Lorch	June 25			
Connor Sulser	June 26			
Martha Houchins	June 27			
Allison Adams	June 28			
Jim Gruenhagen	June 28			
Patty Gulliver	June 28			
Bill Walter	June 28			
Tina Cunningham	June 29			
Jake Lafferty	June 29			
Beth Weber	June 30			



JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

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Tom & Jenny Lake	June 1
Richard & Deborah Wood	June 2
Jim & Barbara Cooper	June 3
Brian & Anne Wash	June 4
Rick & Diane Richardson	June 6
John & Janna Daugherty	June 7
Micah & Tiffany Clark	June 11
Rob & Brenda Blue	
Don & Pam Wells	June 12
Mike & Donna Hohman	June 12
	June 13
Jack & Beverly Ward	June 14
Gerald & Debbie Atkins	June 18
Matt & Lauren Joyce	June 19
Matt & Amy Wenninger	June 19
Walt & Jan Fadeley	June 21
Bill & Lee Lythgoe	June 21
Billy & Nancy Walls	June 21
Steve & Debby Starzer	June 22
Chuck & Ginny Patterson	June 23
Ken & Rae Hayden	June 26
Stuart & Becky Settle	June 26
Tim & Patty Gulliver	
Danny & Karen Couch	June 28
Daining & Nateri Coucil	June 30



Congratulations to our high school seniors who are graduating this year! They are:

Meredith Atkinson Rynn Harding Beth Patterson Mason Settle Ryleigh Steveson Rebekah Wenninger

We will recognize our high school graduates on Sunday June 11 during the 9:00am service.



WOW! What a long road you have traveled! You finally made it and we are so proud of each of you. We wish you the best of everything now that you've graduated college and will go out into the world to follow your dreams. May God continue to bless you

on your journey!

Madeline Atkinson graduated from Old Dominion University Frank Batten College of Engineering & Technology with a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering and a minor in Environmental Engineering.

Brittany Bessette graduated from Shenandoah University with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

Madeline Dunn graduated from William & Mary College with a Bachelor of Arts in Government & Economics.

Abbey Franklin graduated from the University of South Carolina with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

Rachel Gaston graduated from Virginia Commonwealth University with a degree in Occupational Therapy.

Sara Gaston graduated from Washington & Lee University with a degree in Accounting & Environmental Studies minor.

Caroline Hastings graduated from Virginia Commonwealth University with a Master of Science in Business/Branding with a concentration in Experience Design.

Emily Hastings graduated from Virginia Commonwealth University with a Master of Science in Environmental Studies and a Certificate in Geographical Informational Systems.

Jake Lake graduated from University of Mary Washington with a Bachelor of Arts in Historic Preservation.

Aaron Marker graduated from Randolph Macon College with a Bachelor of Science degree with majors in Computer Science & Cyber Security and minors in Math & Ethics.

Josh Patterson graduated from Virginia Commonwealth University with a Bachelor of Science in Biology.

Kelsey Young graduated from James Madison University with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing.



The Men of the Church will get together again on Tuesday, June 13th at 7:00am at Cracker Barrel on Bell Creek Road. We invite all men, young and old to attend a breakfast meeting. We look forward to seeing all who

can attend!



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The yarn is soft and gives the feeling of heartwarming comfort. It can be a single color or have multi shades of color. It can be a simple pattern or an intricate design. However it was made, it is intended to give peace and solace to an yet unknown someone. We gather together the first Wednesday of each month to share

fellowship and ideas for the projects we intend to make. If you don't know how to knit or crochet, we would be happy to help you learn. If you would like to be a part of this ministry join us on Wednesday, June 7 at 10:00am in the Barlow Parlor.

Anna Barrowclough

The Pickleball schedule has changed! We are offering Pickleball on the following days in the Family Center:



Monday nights: 5:30-7:30pm Tuesday: 12:00-2:00pm

Wednesday nights: 5:30-7:30pm

Thursday: 12:00-2:00pm

Equipment is provided. Join us for some fun and great exercise!



SAVE THE DATE! Adult VBS will be July 9th at 5:00pm, and July 10-11, at 7:00pm. This year's focus will be on the book of John, led by our pastors, as well as Pastor Larry from New

Beginnings Church. We hope you will be able to attend!

As we celebrate Father's Day, we likely see traits in our dads (or other father figures) that we hope to be known for ourselves: integrity, gentleness, a great sense of humor, a love of learning, a humble spirit.

Amy Grant's song "Father's Eyes" tells of a young girl who wants nothing more than for others to recognize her father - and her heavenly Father - in her. "When people look inside my life, I want to hear them say, "She's got her father's eyes."

What characteristics of God your Father are reflected in your eyes, heart and life? And what godly qualities would you like to cultivate?

May others see our heavenly Father in us!



- Pastor Mike opened the meeting in prayer.
- for June 11th at Roma's. Pam Roberts will be the contact person again, or notify any deacons or Donna in the office. We will leave right after the 11am service and members of other churches and services are welcome as well.
- Plans for the Medical Storage the Deacons moved the inventory from its past location near the back restrooms and Family Center down to the Forum Classroom. All items will be inventoried and sanitized, ready to be loaned out. Some additional inventory had come in the previous week and was already moved. We are contacting the VFW regarding an electric wheelchair for our inventory.
- Sunday of Service July 30th. There is a committee working on activities for Crafts, Physically Active, and Cooking. The joint church service will be at 10:30-11:30am, and we are still working on a meal. There will be an RSVP in the June newsletter for Food, Activities, and Meals.
- Home Communion 4 groups of Deacons and Pastors did Home Communion on May 5th
- Breakfast for 9am service June 25th will not work due to youth being on their Mission Trip. Suggested it be put off until August 27th when the you have returned and are already back to school, ideas are grilling breakfast meats or having Pot Luck at 10am.
- Richard Woods suggested we celebrate Armed Forces Day.

Submitted by Becky Clark



The Deacons would like to inform you of a special service that will take place in July. On **July 30**th we will have one worship service followed by and hour of service. During the hour, members can select from one of four activities

designed to help share our faith and talents with our church family as well as others in our community. For this first Sunday of Service we will have four activities to choose from. You can RSVP for this event using the insert in the bulletin or use this link (https://bit.ly/FPSS730). Immediately following the service hour a light lunch will be available. We look forward to the fellowship that will occur as we complete these tasks and the ripple of faith when the fruits of our labors are shared.



June 25-30, 2023 - Mission Trip to Altoona Pennsylvania! We will commission all of the participants that morning (June 25th) prior to them leaving.



9:00am Nursery

June 4 McKenna Blue & Anne Young
June 11 Marge Wantz & Majken Whitaker
June 18 Linda Daugherty & Angela Schwartz
June 25 Nikki Glass & McKenna Blue

Stewardship News

Fairfield Church The Presbyterian Endowment Fund was established in 1997, mainly based upon a large gift from Mr. Kemper Fitch. Since then, many members and friends of Fairfield have added to the funds and they've continued to grow. The Endowment Fund is designed to be a transgenerational device for accomplishing the church's mission. Just as the preaching, scholarship, and mission work of past generations of Christians continue to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ to the world both today and tomorrow, the endowment takes contributions made by friends and members and invests them so that these faithful gifts will continue to assist the church and its work for generations to come.

The Stewardship & Finance Committee has completed the report on the Fairfield Presbyterian Church Endowment Fund for the years 2019 through 2022. Over the past 4 years, we have had nearly 20 new funds established! Some of the funds were started from memorial gifts for lost loved ones. Others were gifts to honor members who impacted the giver's Christian development. Still others started with contributions to certain ministries the donors wanted to ensure were supported for future generations. Total Endowments more than doubled in size over the past 4 years, increasing from \$127,779.36 to \$328,238.21.

If you would like a copy of the full report, there are printed copies available in the church office. If you are interested in contributing to one of these Endowment Funds or starting a new fund, please contact a pastor or a member of the Stewardship & Finance Team.



MCEF News Mechanicsville Churches Emergency Functions (MCEF) and One Stop Shop (OSS)

Greetings from MCEF and the One Stop Shop. A couple of things to report this month:

- The pantry had 138 sign ins in April (representing 408 persons in the household).
 We also welcomed 8 new clients.
- The new procedure for receiving requests for financial assistance through the website is working well. In April we received 25 requests and were able to help 11.
- Pantry needs: boxed meals, bar soap and canned meats. As always, whatever you can donate is greatly appreciated.
- Clothing needs: men's T-shirts (all sizes and colors, but especially larger sizes) long and short sleeve; women's tops (all sizes, but especially larger sizes).
- No more winter clothes. Moving on to spring and summer.

If you haven't already heard, Tools 4 Teachers won the Hanover Volunteerism Award at the ceremony in May. What an honor. The teachers of Hanover County have expressed how much this helps keep money in their own pockets throughout the year. Please visit the MCEF website to see what supplies they collect on a regular basis.

Besides eggs, MCEF is buying more food for the shelves to supplement donations. Protein rich food and the basics make up our grocery lists. We know that everyone is feeling a pinch at the grocery store and appreciate all the donations of food and money. Our mission

is to be good stewards or what we are given. THANK YOU.

Things you can control:

Your beliefs Your attitude Your thoughts Your perspective How honest you are Who your friends are What books you read How often you exercise How many risks you take How kind you are to others How you interpret situations How kind you are to yourself How often you say, "I love you" How often you say "thank you" How you express your feelings Whether or not you ask for help How often you practice gratitude How many times you smile today The amount of effort you put forth How much time you spend worrying Whether or not you judge other people Whether or not you try again after a setback How much you appreciate the things you have

Caleb Gunners



Sunday, June 18



Tuesday, June 20 1:00-6:00pm Heritage Hall

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS or visit RedCrossBlood.org to make an appointment.

Be a part of something!

Grape Salad

1 cup cream cheese 2/4 cup sour cream 1/4 cup granulated sugar

1 teaspoons vanilla extract

2 pounds red grapes

2 pounds green grapes

2 tablespoons brown sugar

1/4 cup chopped pecans

1/4 cup shredded coconut (optional)

additional pecans and shredded coconut for sprinkling on top

In a large bowl, add cream cheese, sour cream, sugar, vanilla extract and beat it together until fully blended.

Add coconut (optional) and pecans and mix again.

Add red & green grapes and mix until they are fully coated.

Prior to serving, sprinkle brown sugar, pecans and shredded coconut on top.

Enjoy!



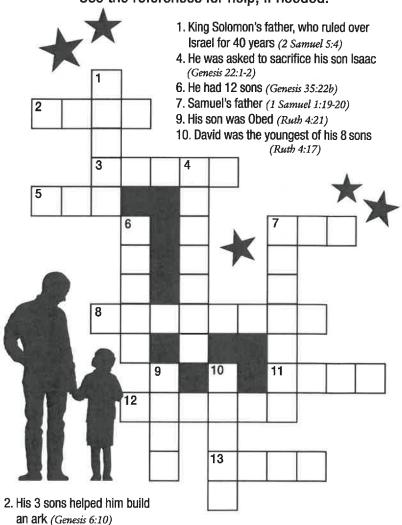
Under-Age Thinking...



- 1. Tape together at least 3 sheets of paper horizontally.
- 2. Draw a straight line across the center of the long paper. Label dates at regular intervals to keep the information organized. For example, each page you add could represent 10 years.
- 3. Gather information for the timeline. Start with your birth year and memorable events in your life. Interview family members to learn what year they were born and when key things in their life happened. Include notes and photos.
- Add pages as needed. Carefully roll up the timeline to keep for generations to come.

Puzzle!

Complete this crossword with names of biblical fathers.
Use the references for help, if needed.



Answer: DOWN 1. David, 4. Abraham, 6. Jacob, 7. Elkanah, 9. Boaz. 10. Jesse; ACROSS 2. Noah, 3. Isaac, 5. God, 7. Eli, 8. Jonathan, 11. Adam, 12. Joseph, 13. Saul

3. His youngest son, Jacob, tricked him into giving away a birthright (Genesis 27:30)

7. His sons were not like Samuel; they were wicked (1 Samuel 2:12)

8. David's best friend and the father of Mephibosheth (2 Samuel 9:6)

13. Father of Jonathan; Israel chose him as their first king (2 Samuel 9:6)

12. He was married to Mary, mother of Jesus (Matthew 1:20-21)

5. The Father of our Lord (Ephesians 1:3)

11. Father of Cain, Abel and Seth (Genesis 4:25)

June 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 Day of Pentecost Worship on-line with us at www.fairfieldpcusa.org 9:00am –9:45am Contemporary Worship Service (Family Center) 9:45am –10:45am Sunday School 11:00am New Beginnings Church Worship (Family Center) 11:00am –12:00pm Traditional Worship (sanctuary) 12:00pm –1:00pm New Beginnings Church Play Rehearsal (Family Center)	29 Church Office Closed Memorial Day 5:30pm –7:30pm Pickleball (FC) 6:00pm –8:00pm AA Group (#29)	30 12:00pm –2:00pm Pickleball (FC)	31 5:30pm –7:30pm Pickleball (FC) 6:00pm –7:00pm Pilates Class (Heritage Hall) 8:00pm Praise Band Practice (FC)	1 12:00pm -2:30pm Pickleball (FC) 6:30pm -9:30pm C.A.P. (Family Center) 7:00pm -8:00pm Adult Choir Practice (sanctuary)	2	3 Communion Set-Up (Small Kitchen) Set up FC for DAR Awards 12:30pm –1:30pm NBC Choir Practice (#14)
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11 Recognize High School Graduates Worship on-line with us at www.fairfieldpcusa.org 9:00am –9:45am Contemporary Worship Service (Family Center) 9:45am –10:45am Sunday School 11:00am New Beginnings Church Worship (Family Center) 11:00am –12:00pm Traditional Worship (sanctuary)	12 5:30pm -7:30pm Pickleball (FC) 6:00pm -8:00pm AA Group (#29)	13 7:00am –8:00am Men's Breakfast (Cracker Barrel) 12:00pm –2:00pm Pickleball (FC)	14 5:30pm –7:30pm Pickleball (FC) 8:00pm Praise Band Practice (FC)	15 12:00pm –2:30pm Pickleball (FC) 6:30pm –9:30pm C.A.P. (Family Center) 7:00pm –8:00pm Adult Choir Practice (sanctuary)	16 5:00pm –7:00pm Meredith Atkinson's graduation party (Heritage Hall)	17 12:30pm –1:30pm NBC Choir Practice (#14)
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25 Commission Summer Mission Trip Participants Worship on-line with us at www.fairfieldpcusa.org Youth Group Mission Trip to Altoona, PA 9:00am –9:45am Contemporary Worship Service (Family Center) 9:45am –10:45am Sunday School 11:00am New Beginnings Church Worship (Family Center) 11:00am –12:00pm Traditional Worship (sanctuary)	26 Youth Group Mission Trip to Altoona, PA 5:30pm -7:30pm Pickleball (FC) 6:00pm -8:00pm AA Group (#29)	27 Youth Group Mission Trip to Altoona, PA 12:00pm –2:00pm Pickleball (FC)	28 Youth Group Mission Trip to Altoona, PA 5:30pm –7:30pm Pickleball (FC) 8:00pm Praise Band Practice (FC)	Youth Group Mission Trip to Altoona, PA 12:00pm –2:30pm Pickleball (FC) 6:30pm –9:30pm C.A.P. (Family Center)	30 Youth Group Mission Trip to Altoona, PA	1 Communion Set-Up (Small Kitchen) 12:30pm –1:30pm NBC Choir Practice (#14)

Hanover County Sheriff's Office presents

Saturday, June 24th | 10am - 3pm Hanover Vegetable Farm 13580 Ashland Road, Ashland, VA 23005

Celebrating The Youth In Our Community!

Food Vendors Free Activities Free Door Prizes **Bounce Houses** Fishing Football and many other activites



This event is designed to give our non-profits, faith-based, and community organizations the opportunity to highlight the valuable services they offer to our youth and families.

Special thanks to



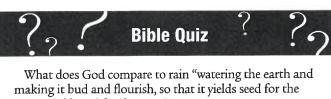












sower and bread for the eater"?

- A. The justice of the nations
- B. The work of God's people
- C. The message of Isaiah the prophet
- D. God's word



Answer: D (See Isaiah 55:10-11, MIV.)

Church Staff

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Associate Pastor	Rev. Mike Watson
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Choir Director	Celeste Underdown
Organist	Dave Starzer
Praise Band Leader	Matt Wenninger
Custodian	John Longest



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Return Service Requested

