



The Messenger

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Dear friends,

Change! Change! For many of us that may be the most stress-inducing word in the English language!

Yet, we know that change is inevitable. Nothing stays the same forever. I think my little grandson is the cutest little 13-month-old ever. But I know that he will not stay a little toddler for long nor would I want him to do so. Change is a part of growing.

The only question is how do we handle change? Do we allow it to shape us or do we seek to shape the change so that we gain and grow from it? Since the schools will be opening earlier this year than they have in a very long time, you will probably notice that our school-year programming at the Church will be starting a little sooner this year as well.

Use this change to your advantage! Find a Sunday School class to join. Plan to be a part of the fall small group book study this year. Find some new avenues to serve the Lord and His Church. Find new ways to allow the church to serve you. Renew your commitment to fully participating in the worship of God through regular Sunday morning attendance.

This month's newsletter and next month's newsletter are going to be full of wonderful opportunities. I know I read in the scriptures that

if anyone is in Christ that person becomes a new creation. Now, there is a change we should be striving for!

In Christ's love,



Member News

Shirley McGee has a new email address! It is Sbmcghee5@gmail.com. Please make a note for future reference.

Beverly Burts, Myra Compton, Nita Dunkum, Charles Moore, Elizabeth Moorhouse & husband Bob, Helen Rigsby, Larry Rigsby, Bob Temple, Jack & Beverly Ward, Peter Wenninger 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, Eva Ladd, Laverne Longest, Carolyn Moore, Nancy Norment, Joyce Nuckols, Virginia Phipps, Helen & Larry Rigsby, Faye Sandridge, Louise Setchel, Sheila Shaw, Tony Underdown, Billy Walls, Jack & Beverly Ward.

(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.)

Thank You!

*Dear Fairfield Church,
You are incredible! You have helped to provide an individual with exceptional care, quality of life, security and comfort. Your gift of \$500 to the Covenant fund was received on July 10th. The recipients of the Covenant fund made an impact as they volunteered and worked in the community over their lifetime. Your generosity provides peace of mind, not only for the resident, but their family as well. Thank you again for your thoughtful gift.*

Dr. Thom Wright, President & CEO

Dear Fairfield,

Thank you for your financial investment in the kingdom. Sanjay supplied the voice of Christ in his heart language version of "JESUS." He's knowledgeable about religion and grew up within a family who practiced the dominant faith in the area. The recording team prayed for Sanjay to accept Christ's gift of salvation. One the final day of recording Lal, a spiritual leader on the team, shared Christ's message of love and forgiveness with him through the Four Spiritual Laws booklet. Sanjay listened intently. He prayed to accept Jesus as his Savior. Lal shared the Four Spiritual Laws with Bibek, another voice actor. When asked by Lal if he wanted to receive Christ, Bibek said yes! Sanjay and Bibek wanted to know more about Jesus and both men committed to attend a local church fellowship.

*Yours for reaching everyone,
Josh Newell, Executive Director
Jesus Film Project*

Dear Fairfield Presbyterian,

TEAMeffort wants to thank you, the church, for sending your youth to serve with us on a mission trip last week. They were a great representation of your church and they worked incredibly hard on laying down new flooring and painting Vanessa's house. Also, they worked hard on landscaping and staining Miss Cindy's deck. We were so proud of them and we know you are too! Specific lives were changed in Altoona because of the service from your youth. It was a joy to watch them grow relationally and spiritually throughout the week. The TEAMeffort staff thanks you for supporting your youth group on their summer mission trip. We enjoyed serving alongside them!

*Crystal, Victoria, Eily & Carrie
TEAMeffort Missions*

Dear Fairfield Members,

Your notes, flowers and prayers have been so uplifting to Jack and myself. We appreciate all of you who have taken the time to reach out to us. While we may not be able to see you in person, we think of you fondly.

*Yours in Christ,
Jack & Beverly Ward*



A huge thanks to **Larry Covington**, who's been working hard on our nature trail, clearing out trees and debris. Go take a walk out there and enjoy our wonderful outdoor space!



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
Linwood & Carolyn Ingram	August 8
Sean & Melanie Magill	August 10
Dennis & Tracy Sulser	August 11
Arnold & LaVonne Neuharth	August 12
Gerry & Celeste Underdown	August 12
Todd & Joanne Leudesdorff	August 13
Bob & Sharon Gaston	August 21
Bob & Elizabeth Moorhouse	August 22
Bill & Cory Walter	August 22
David & Tina Cunningham	August 23



Dave Starzer	August 1
Ivy Lightsey	August 2
Keelyn Underdown	August 7
Kendall Underdown	August 7
LeVonne Neuharth	August 8
Donna Horn	August 12
Rob Blue	August 13
Rick Heretick	August 13
Peggie Rosen	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
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



*Welcome to our
Seminary
Intern, Kaylyn
McGhee!*

Kaylyn is a Mechanicsville native and third-year student at Union Presbyterian Seminary. She is in the dual degree program for MDiv and MACE. Before attending seminary to pursue ministry, she went to VCU, earning a degree in Environmental Studies, and then enrolled in an MS program studying Environmental Education. Kaylyn firmly believes that God is calling her to serve in Christian Camp and Conference Ministry. For the previous 11 years, Kaylyn has joyfully served in various year-round and seasonal roles at Camp Hanover. Kaylyn feels a deep connection to God when surrounded by nature. She enjoys camping, canoeing, working with youth and young adults, and cherishes spending time with her family. *Kaylyn will be starting with us in early September.*



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Adult Education Sunday School Classes for 2023 - 2024

UNION

The Union Class (#14) meets in the room across the hall from the small kitchen, and uses a lecture format in teaching Bible lessons from the "Uniform Lesson Series." A student book outlining each lesson is available.

The Open Door Class (Room # 20) follows an open curriculum, led by four rotating leaders using a variety of topics. Presently we are exploring: The Apostles Creed as understood through the Catechism; the life of David and application lessons for today; the Apostles and their work in the early church to carry out the message and ministry of Jesus. Class participation and input is encouraged!

OPEN DOOR

CORNERSTONE

The Cornerstone Class (#29/30) studies different books by various authors chosen by class consensus/interests. We are currently working through the book "They Turned the World Upside Down" by Charles Martin. The book and the rich discussions and sharing are changing us! There may even be some very delicious donuts!

The Rock Class (#31/32) studies Bible stories together. The format is open discussion and very informal. Beginning in September, the class will look at key characters in the Bible such as Esther, Ruth, and Daniel. This class is open to all ages.

THE ROCK



Children's Ministry on Sundays

For those that attend the 9am service:

- There is a Children's Sermon/Message where the children will be asked to come forward after singing and prayer.
- After the Children's Sermon/Message, the 3-4 year olds through 2nd graders have the option to go to Kids Worship for the remainder of the service. Kids Worship will be based off of Sermons4kids and will be a very basic lesson (so not in place of Sunday School curriculum- just in addition.)

Sunday School:

- Sunday School will begin at 10:00am and last until 10:45am.
- Classes will be divided by age:
Pre-K through 3rd Grade (Room #21)
4th Grade - 8th Grade (Room #23)
- Our goal is to help foster the love of learning about the Bible not only on Sundays but throughout the week. The question that we have asked ourselves is WHAT IF Sunday was just the starting point?

A little bit about Wonder Ink:

- Faith formation is not limited to Sunday mornings. Wonder Ink empowers families and invites children to experience the wonder of God every day in every way.
- Supporting Early Childhood and Elementary kids in both large and small group models, Wonder Ink comprehensively explores the Big Questions and Big Ideas of the entire Bible through a 4-part journey of Curiosity, Belief, Faith, and Identity.
- Rooted in Biblical truth, weekly lessons are enriched with 4 core values:
 - ★ **God Knows Me**
 - ★ **Jesus Loves Me**
 - ★ **The Holy Spirit Leads Me**
 - ★ **I Am a Child of God**



Daily Reasons to Celebrate

Poor August, the only month without holidays! Still, there's lots to celebrate these final weeks of summer. Enjoy some summer flavors: August 1 is National Raspberry Cream Pie Day; August 2nd is National Ice Cream Sandwich Day, August 3rd is National Watermelon Day; August 10 is National S'mores Day (have a bonfire!); and August 24 is National Peach Day.

If you share life with young kids, have a water balloon fight on, you guessed it, National Water Balloon Day, August 6th! Head out for a final National Beach Day on August 30, or head out for an intergenerational hike on National Trail Mix Day, August 31.

And don't forget to celebrate God's precious gifts of friends - National Friendship Day is the first Sunday in August, creation - Global Sleep Under the Stars Night is August 8 (prime time for meteor showers!), laughter - National Tell a Joke Day is August 16; and the opportunity to put God's love into action by serving others - on August 22, National Be an Angel Day, or August 28; National Thoughtful Day, and for that matter, every day of the year - holiday or not!



9:00am Nursery

Aug. 6 Angela Schwartz & Majken Whitaker
Aug. 13 Marge Wantz & McKenna Blue
Aug. 20 Anne Young & Linda Daugherty
Aug. 27 Allison Letourneau & Barbara vanSteenburgh



Prayer Shawl Ministry

Color, design, texture, softness... these are all considerations when planning a prayer shawl or lap robe. It is also how we manage so many variations. We meet monthly for the joy of fellowship and to share our project ideas with each other. If you would like to join us, the next meeting of the

Prayer Shawl Ministry is Wednesday, August 2 at 10:00am in the Barlow Parlor.

Anna Barrowclough



*Greetings from
MCEF and One Stop
Shop*

A couple of things to report this month:

- The pantry had 176 sign ins in June (representing 528 persons in the household). We also welcomed 18 new clients.
- The new procedure for receiving requests for financial assistance through the website is working well. In June we received 26 requests and were able to help 15 with 4 additional on hold waiting for them to pay down their balance.
- Pantry needs: applesauce, shampoo and deodorant, boxed meals. As always, whatever you can donate is greatly appreciated.

MCEF's Back to School Event will be held August 1 and August 2 for the current clients. Hopefully it will be a success for those in need of some clothes and supplies to start school this year.

The number of rides provided by the Senior Rides program is back up to pre-COVID numbers. Volunteer drivers are needed now more than ever. IF this is something you might like to consider for your volunteer effort, please let MCEF know by calling 804-357-9360.

A big THANK YOU to Adult Vacation Bible School. Not only was it a wonderful learning experience but condiments and boxed cereal were collected for the Food Pantry. Learning, fellowship, food and missions all rolled into one great experience.

Nancy Gallihugh

Under-Age Thinking...



Use simple ingredients and your imagination to bake these fluffy, cloud-like treats.

What you need:

- 3 egg whites
- ½ tsp. vanilla extract
- Mixer
- 2 Tbsp. powdered sugar
- 1 Tbsp. cornstarch
- Parchment paper

What you do:

1. Preheat oven to 300°. In a mixing bowl, combine egg whites and vanilla. Whisk eggs with mixer at medium speed until frothy.
2. While whisking, gradually add sugar and cornstarch. Keep whisking at high speed until stiff peaks form.
3. Spoon mixture onto a baking sheet lined with parchment paper. Create fun shapes.
4. Bake 20 minutes. Cool and enjoy!



No kidding

Whatever our age, God calls us to model holy living for others.



Directions: Match the animal young with its parent. Then write the letter answers in order below to complete 1 Timothy 4:12, NIV.



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|-----------------|-------------------|------------|--------------|
| 1. ___ bear | 9. ___ monkey | A. fry | I. hatchling |
| 2. ___ frog | 10. ___ platypus | B. fawn | K. foal |
| 3. ___ owl | 11. ___ alligator | C. gosling | L. owlet |
| 4. ___ horse | 12. ___ giraffe | D. cub | M. puggle |
| 5. ___ kangaroo | 13. ___ goose | E. kid | N. joey |
| 6. ___ deer | 14. ___ swan | F. cygnet | O. polliwog |
| 7. ___ goat | 15. ___ dog | G. infant | P. puppy |
| 8. ___ fish | | H. calf | |

“1 on’t let any 2 ne 3 oo 4 down o 5 you 6 ecaus 7
 you 8 re youn 9, but set an exa 10 ple for the bel 11 evers
 in spec 12, in 13 onduct, in love, in 14 aith and in 15 urity.”

1 TIMOTHY 4:12, NIV

Answer: D, O, L, K, N, B, E, A, G, M, I, H, C, F, P

Meet Me at the Car Wash!

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12TH 10AM-12PM

- Bring ride on toys/bike etc
- Wear clothes that you can get wet/swimsuit and bring a towel
- Bring a Picnic Lunch
- Popsicles and drinks are provided
- All ages are welcome to attend.



The back of the parking lot will be blocked off for the kids to play and run/ride through our very own "car wash" sprinkler along with other fun water games!


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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>30</p> <p>Worship on-line with us at www.fairfieldpcusa.org</p> <p>10:30am –11:30am Fairfield Joint Worship Service (sanctuary)</p> <p>11:00am New Beginnings Church Worship (Family Center)</p> <p>11:30am –12:30pm Acts of Service</p> <p>12:30pm Picnic Lunch</p>	<p>31</p> <p>1:30pm –3:30pm SonLight Learning Center (FC)</p> <p>5:30pm –7:30pm Pickleball (FC)</p> <p>6:00pm –8:00pm AA Group (#29)</p>	<p>1</p> <p>12:00pm –2:00pm Pickleball (FC)</p> <p>2:00pm –3:30pm Special Olympics Meeting (#29)</p> <p>7:00pm –8:00pm Called Session Meeting (#20)</p>	<p>2</p> <p>10:00am Prayer Shawl Ministry (Barlow Parlor)</p> <p>5:30pm –7:30pm Pickleball (FC)</p> <p>8:00pm Praise Band Practice (FC)</p>	<p>3</p> <p>8:00am –4:00pm Classical Conversations Practicum (FC, HH, Kit, 20, 31, 32)</p> <p>6:30pm –9:30pm C.A.P. (Family Center)</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Communion Set-Up (Small Kitchen)</p> <p>9:00am –10:00am New Beginnings Prayer Service (FC)</p> <p>12:30pm –1:30pm NBC Choir Practice (#14)</p>
<p>6</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>7</p> <p>5:30pm –7:30pm Pickleball (FC)</p> <p>6:00pm –8:00pm AA Group (#29)</p>	<p>8</p> <p>12:00pm –2:00pm Pickleball (FC)</p> <p>7:00pm Personnel Team (#19)</p>	<p>9</p> <p>5:30pm –7:30pm Pickleball (FC)</p> <p>8:00pm Praise Band Practice (FC)</p>	<p>10</p> <p>12:00pm –2:30pm Pickleball (FC)</p> <p>6:30pm –9:30pm C.A.P. (Family Center)</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p> <p>10:00am –12:00pm Meet Me at The Car Wash (Parking lot)</p> <p>12:30pm –1:30pm NBC Choir Practice (#14)</p>
<p>13</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>14</p> <p>Classical Conversations Orientation Day (FC)</p> <p>8:00am –4:00pm CC Challenge Class (#14)</p> <p>9:00am –1:00pm Classical Conversations Tutor Meeting (#20)</p> <p>5:30pm –7:30pm Pickleball (FC)</p> <p>6:00pm –8:00pm AA Group (#29)</p>	<p>15</p> <p>12:00pm –2:00pm Pickleball (FC)</p>	<p>16</p> <p>5:30pm –7:30pm Pickleball (FC)</p> <p>8:00pm Praise Band Practice (FC)</p>	<p>17</p> <p>12:00pm –2:30pm Pickleball (FC)</p> <p>6:30pm –9:30pm C.A.P. (Family Center)</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p> <p>9:00am –12:30pm Special Olympics (FC)</p> <p>12:30pm –1:30pm NBC Choir Practice (#14)</p>
<p>20</p> <p><i>Newsletter Deadline</i></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>21</p> <p>8:00am –4:00pm CC Challenge Class (#14)</p> <p>5:30pm –7:30pm Pickleball (FC)</p> <p>6:00pm –8:00pm AA Group (#29)</p>	<p>22</p> <p>12:00pm –2:00pm Pickleball (FC)</p> <p>5:30pm –7:30pm Special Olympics (FC)</p> <p>6:00pm –8:00pm Classical Conversations Parent Meeting (#20)</p>	<p>23</p> <p>5:30pm –7:30pm Pickleball (FC)</p> <p>8:00pm Praise Band Practice (FC)</p>	<p>24</p> <p>12:00pm –2:30pm Pickleball (FC)</p> <p>6:30pm –9:30pm C.A.P. (Family Center)</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p> <p>12:30pm –1:30pm NBC Choir Practice (#14)</p>
<p>27</p> <p>RALLY DAY</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>28</p> <p>8:00am –4:00pm Classical Conversations</p> <p>5:30pm –7:30pm Pickleball (FC)</p> <p>6:00pm –8:00pm AA Group (#29)</p>	<p>29</p> <p>12:00pm –2:00pm Pickleball (FC)</p> <p>5:30pm –7:30pm Special Olympics (FC)</p>	<p>30</p> <p>5:30pm –7:30pm Pickleball (FC)</p> <p>8:00pm Praise Band Practice (FC)</p>	<p>31</p> <p>12:00pm –2:30pm Pickleball (FC)</p> <p>6:30pm –9:30pm C.A.P. (Family Center)</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Communion Set-Up (Small Kitchen)</p> <p>12:30pm –1:30pm NBC Choir Practice (#14)</p>

Bible Quiz

The book of Revelation is written to seven churches. Which list includes a city that is not among those seven?

A. Ephesus, Thyatira, Philadelphia
 B. Smyrna, Laodicea, Galatia
 C. Pergamum, Thyatira, Smyrna
 D. Sardis, Ephesus, Laodicea



Answer: B (See Revelation 2-3.)

Church Staff

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Return Service Requested

