

“To the church of Fairfield in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace.” (1 Thessalonians 1:1) 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. Mike Watson 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 website: www.fairfieldpcusa.org

PRAYER CONCERNS

Beverly Burts

Pat Daugherty

Sally Kovac’s uncle John

Bremner Lancaster

Charles Moore

Charles & Betty Ransone

Family of Sheila Shaw

Buck Smith & family

Chad Starzer

Jack & Beverly Ward

Herta Wenninger

People of Ukraine

People of Israel & Palestine

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 Mark & Marsha Young to the Glory of God in celebration of their daughter Kelsey (Young) & Caleb Boyd’s wedding on Saturday, October 14, 2023 at Persimmon Creek Barn in Beaverdam.

Infant/Toddler: Linda Daugherty & Abbey Glass

Next Week: Barbara vanSteenburgh & McKenna Blue

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.

FALL-O-WEEN takes place on **Sunday, October 29** this year. There is an insert in your bulletin to help make this event happen by volunteering to help or bring one or two of the items listed. *This is our biggest community event all year.* It takes many hands to make this event happen so please help out!

Our next ALL CHURCH NIGHT takes place on **November 5th**. There is something for every age to enjoy from 4:30-5:30pm and then a simple meal will be provided from 5:30-6:30pm. We are looking forward to an additional gathering of both individual and church families together in fellowship each month!

Celebration Sunday is November 12th. It will be a combined service at 10:30am in the Family Center. Check out the insert and make your reservation early!

Hanover Caregiver Expo will be held on Wednesday, **November 15th** from 9:00am to 12:30pm at the American Legion Post 175 (8700 Bell Creek Road). Join them for a free educational event for those providing care to older adults.

PAINT & PRAISE NIGHT - Sunday, **November 17** here at Fairfield from 6:00-8:00pm. See the insert for more information. *Deadline to register is November 10th*.

The Upper Room Daily Devotional books for November/December are located in the narthex. These books are free so please pick one up!

The **JOY CHOIR** will be singing next Sunday at both services. Come listen to our children make a beautiful noise to the Lord!

Looking forward to:

- Fall-O-Ween, October 29
- All Church Night, November 5
- Celebration Sunday, November 12
- Hanover Caregiver Expo, November 15th
- Paint & Praise Night, November 17

THIS WEEK'S CHURCH MEETINGS & EVENTS

Oct. 22	Contemporary Worship Service (pavilion)	9:00am
	Sunday School	9:45-10:45am
	Traditional Worship Service (sanctuary)	11:00am
	New Beginnings Church (Family Center)	11:00am
	Adult Bible Study (#20)	4:30pm
Oct. 23	Classical Conversations	8:00am - 4:00pm
	Pickleball (Family Center)	5:30-7:30pm
	AA Group (#29)	6:00-8:00pm
Oct. 24	Pickleball (Family Center)	12:00-2:00pm
	Special Olympics (Family Center)	5:30-7:30pm
Oct. 25	Girl Scouts (#20)	5:30-7:00pm
	Pickleball (Family Center)	5:30-7:30pm
	Fairfield Ringers (sanctuary)	7:00-8:00pm
	Praise Band Practice (Family Center)	8:00pm
Oct. 26	Pickleball (Family Center)	12:00-2:00pm
	Civil Air Patrol (Family Center)	6:30-9:30pm
	Adult Choir Practice (sanctuary)	7:00-8:00pm
Oct. 27	Hanover County Community Services set-up (FC)	
Oct. 28	New Beginnings Church Choir Practice (#14)	12:30-1:30pm
	Hanover County Community Services (FC)	5:00-8:00pm

Reminder: Please be sure to call the church office if you would like to use a room for a meeting or event. A room to meet in might not always be available if it isn't on the calendar. This also helps Donna from "overbooking" rooms due to conflicts. You can also get the latest updates to our calendar online at www.fairfieldpcusa.org.

Choir Notes:

This morning's introit, "*O God Beyond All Praising*" is a new hymn written by Englishman Michael Perry in 1982. Perry wrote the words and then used a melody written by the English orchestral composer, Gustav Holst. The melody comes from a portion of his orchestral work "The Planets" written in 1921. David played this melody as a prelude a couple of weeks ago on the organ. The words to the first stanza are:

"O God beyond all praising, we worship you today and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay; for we can only wonder at every gift you send, at blessings without number and mercies without end. We lift our hearts before you and wait upon your Word, We honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord."

This hymn is not in our hymnal, but perhaps we may sing it in worship in the future. It is a majestic song of praise.

The choir's anthem, *Great is Thy Faithfulness*, also comes from England. Like the introit, the lyrics were first a poem written by Thomas Chisholm in the early 1920's. Thomas admitted there was no dramatic story behind the poem. He sent this poem to his musician friend, William Runyan, who was so moved by the poem that he prayed earnestly for special guidance when writing the tune. The hymn was published with the melody in 1923 and has been a source of strength for many since then. The Refrain of the song is a paraphrase of Lamentations 3:22.

The Offertory, "*I Love to Tell the Story*," was also a poem written by an English poet that was set to music by an American hymn writer, William Fischer. The poem was written by Arabella Hankey in 1866. Hankey began her ministry early in her life. She taught Sunday School at her church and when she was 18, organized a Bible study for factory girls in London. Fifty years later, several of these "young girls" attended her funeral. Fischer composed the melody for these words and the hymn was published in an American hymnal in 1869.