Psalm 90 proclaims, "Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations" (vs.1, NRSV). May children, youth and adults all feel at home in this, Christ's church. Welcome. 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**

Danny Couch's relative, Richard Tony Underdown
Sally Kovac's uncle John Jack Ward & family
Bremner Lancaster Herta Wenninger

Fred McCall & family Ed Wolfgang's brother, Gary

Kaylyn McGhee's grandmother, Joyce People of Ukraine

Jack Mitchell People of Israel & Palestine

Family of Bob Stevens 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 the bulletin for 3 weeks, unless we receive updates.** 

The two flower arrangements are given by Dave Compton, to the Glory of God and in loving memory of his dear wife, Myra and as a special thank you to Nancy Hart and Shirley McGhee for their thoughtful kindness and support during her illness.

Infant/Toddler: McKenna Blue & Linda Daugherty
Next Week: Nikki Glass & Barbara vanSteenburgh

<u>A meeting of the Congregation</u> has been called for **today at 9:50 a.m.** in the Family Center. (At the conclusion of the 9:00 a.m. worship service.) The stated purpose of this meeting is to receive the report of the Nominating Committee, the election of officers of the church and to act upon changes in the terms of call for our two installed Pastors.

**TODAY IS STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY**, when we faithfully present our pledges for the coming year. It's fitting that this is also the beginning of Thanksgiving week since Stewardship is one of the ways we express our thanks to God for all He has blessed us with. We appreciate you taking the time to pray about and carefully consider your pledge for 2024. If you forgot your pledge card, you will find extras in the red attendance pads at the end of each aisle. If you are not ready to present your pledge today, feel free to mail it to the church later or bring it with you next Sunday.

**Don't fell like cooking tomorrow?** Then go to Chicken Salad Chick for dine-in, carryout or drive thru from 10am - 8pm located at 6576 Mechanicsville Turnpike. Mention you are supporting MCEF and they will received part of the proceeds.

**This coming Thursday, Thanksgiving morning** we have a worship service at 7:30am followed by an awesome Men of the Church breakfast in the Heritage Hall. Please fill out the reservation slip on the insert and place it in the offering plate. We want to make sure we have plenty of food!

<u>There will be no Pickleball</u> on Wednesday, November 22 or Thursday, November 23. We will resume our normal schedule starting on November 27.

<u>The deadline for the December newsletter</u> is tomorrow, November 20. Please make sure to have all articles in by that date. Thank you!

On Sunday, November 26 at 10am in the Heritage Hall, Rev. Dr. Keith Curran will be leading a Sunday study on the Hidden Meanings Behind the Presbyterian Cross. All are welcome to join!

**Angel Tree**: The Mission Committee is planning to support several struggling families who have children at Cold Harbor Elementary School. If you would like to become an angel and help support this mission, please send make your check out to Fairfield and place it in the offering plate. Make sure to write "Angel Tree project" on your check and/or the offering envelope. Let's all make a difference in the struggling families' lives for Christmas!

Choir Notes: "On Eagle's Wings" was written in 1976 by Michael Joncas following the unexpected death of a friend's father. He wanted to write something for the family that was prayerful and comforting. He was asked to sing the song at the funeral. Joncas went on to become a Catholic priest and this hymn became an integral part of worship in his parish and, later, the Catholic Church. The hymn is now a favorite in many denominations, including the Presbyterian church. It is #438 in our hymnal. The lyrics of the hymn are based on Psalm 91. When asked about the popularity of this hymn, Father Joncas said, "It's the fact that it's Scripture, that the melody then allows this incredibly important scripture to hit the heart in a way that it wouldn't, maybe, if you were just reading it." What a testimony to the power of music to draw us closer to God; to find comfort in His words, and to praise Him with all our being! Father Joncas is currently a professor at St. Thomas University In Minnesota where he continues to add melody to scripture and enrich the worship of many. On Eagle's Wings is often sung at funerals to bring comfort to those who are mourning. We sang this hymn recently at Beverly Ward's celebration of life service.

As fall turns to winter, our homeless population often suffers due to the cold. Please prayerfully consider Giving the Gift of Warmth to those less fortunate by providing your gently used blankets and gloves. You can support this very worthy cause by placing your contributions in the box located in the narthex from November through January.

	THIS WEEK 'S CHURCH MEETINGS & EVENTS	
Nov. 19	Contemporary Worship Service (Family Center)	9:00am
	Sunday School for all ages!	9:45am
	Traditional Worship Service (Sanctuary)	11:00am
	New Beginnings Church Worship Service (FC)	11:00pm
Nov. 20	Classical Conversations	8:00am - 4:00pm
	AA Group Anniversary Event (HH)	4:00-8:00pm
	Pickleball (Family Center)	5:30-7:30pm
Nov. 21	Pickleball (Family Center)	12:00-2:00pm
	New Beginnings Church Play Practice (Family Center)	6:30pm
Nov. 22	Adult Choir Practice (sanctuary)	7:00pm
	Praise Band Practice (Family Center)	8:00pm
Nov. 23	Thanksgiving Day service & breakfast	7:30am
Nov. 25	New Beginnings Church Choir Practice (#14)	12:30-1:30pm

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