

Were we traveling with Joseph and Mary, we'd be nearing Bethlehem now - a relief, especially for the one great with child. So we ponder the solemnity and wonder of this day. 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. 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

Amy Atkinson

Becky Clark & her mother, Nancy

Keith & Debbie Curran's niece

Tim Gulliver's sister, Pam

Fred McCall & family

Gerry Miller's great niece

Elizabeth Moorhouse

Barbara vanSteenburgh's relatives

Nancy Walls & family

Dale Woodfin's friend, Dee

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 the bulletin for 3 weeks, unless we receive updates.**

We are blessed to have some amazing artists in our midst. Each Sunday in Advent, and for Christmas Eve, our bulletin cover will feature artwork related to the Scripture text, created by one of our own artists. Thanks be to God! Today's cover is done by Larry Rigsby. Thank you Larry for the wonderful cover.

Infant/Toddler: Anne Young & Angela Blue

Next Week: Barbara vanSteenburgh & McKenna Blue

There will be no children or youth Sunday School on December 31st.

The church office will be closed from December 25 - 29. If you have an emergency, please contact Steve or Mike on their cell phones.

Join us tonight for our Christmas Eve services. We have one at 5:30pm in the Family Center for families with young children, one at 7:30pm in the sanctuary and one at 11:00pm in the sanctuary. Each service has a special meaning for all. Join us!

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.

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

We want to remind you that the fiscal year for the church is the calendar year, so **all contributions for 2023 will need to be in by Sunday, December 31**. We know that many of you use your giving to the church as a part of your tax planning, so we wanted to make sure you knew when your contributions would be accounted to you. We also know that there are a few who diligently desire to fulfill your pledges for the year, so we wanted you to know this as well.

The Worship Committee is looking for members willing to usher at the 9:00am and 11:00am services. If you are interested, please call the church office and leave your name, number and whichever service you prefer. A training will be offered on January 14, 2024, at 8:30am for the 9:00am service and 10:30am for the 11:00am service.

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.

Today and tonight, we will collect funds for the **Christmas Joy Offering**. Through this offering we reflect God's perfect gift to us, with generous support of church leaders among us — past, present and future — who have pointed us to God. We honor and celebrate leaders like retired pastors, church workers and their families who have faithfully guided and led us but who now find themselves in critical financial need. We honor and celebrate emerging leaders like students in schools and colleges equipping communities of color, who develop leadership skills as they pursue their education and prepare to bring their gifts in service to the world God loves so much. If you would like for your offering to go to this, please mark your envelope "Joy Gift"

THIS WEEK'S CHURCH MEETINGS & EVENTS

Dec. 24	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
	Family Christmas Eve Service (Family Center)	5:30pm
	Christmas Eve Service (sanctuary)	7:30pm
	Christmas Eve Service (sanctuary)	11:00pm
Dec. 25	Christmas Day!	
Dec. 26	Pickleball (Family Center)	12:00-2:00pm
Dec. 27	Pickleball (Family Center)	5:30-7:30pm
	Praise Band Practice (Family Center)	8:00pm
Dec. 28	Pickleball (Family Center)	12:00-2:00pm
	Civil Air Patrol (Family Center)	6:30-9:30pm
Dec. 30	New Beginnings Choir Practice (#14)	11:30am


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