We gather today, only halfway through the season of Christmas, and trusting God's guidance for the new year. Welcome to worship, on and all. 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: <a href="www.fairfieldpcusa.org">www.fairfieldpcusa.org</a>

## **PRAYER CONCERNS**

Amy Atkinson
Becky Clark & her mother, Nancy
Keith & Debbie Curran's niece
Tim Gulliver's sister, Pam
Gerry Miller's great niece

Elizabeth Moorhouse
Nancy Walls & family
Mike Watson & 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.** 

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given by Nita Dunkum to the Glory of God and in loving memory of her husband, Johnnie Dunkum.

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

**The church office** will be closed tomorrow, January 1<sup>st</sup> for New Year's Day.

Infant/Toddler: Barbara van Steenburgh & McKenna Blue

Next Week: Angela Blue & Nikki Glass

<u>The Prayer Shawl Ministry Group</u> will meet on Wednesday, January 3, 10:00am in the Barlow Parlor. Come work on a shawl or your own personal project. If you don't know how to knit, the ladies will teach you! Contact Anna Barrowclough (804-730-3143) if you have any questions.

MCEF Collection will be held next Sunday, January 7. MCEF is in need of: new socks & underwear, cereal, jelly, pasta sauce, collards or mixed greens, shampoo & conditioner, egg cartons - dozen sized, Kroger paper bags with handles, sheet sets (new or gently used) and bath towels

All Church Night is next Sunday! Join us next Sunday at 4:30 for Joy Choir and Adult Epiphany Bible Study. Then at 5:30pm we will all join together for dinner!

Adult Epiphany Bible Study - Adults will gather in the Open Door classroom next Sunday, January 7 at 4:30pm for a fun exploration of the Epiphany story; Matthew 2: 1-12. We'll use this time to explore what "star" we are seeking in 2024, what we may be called into this new year of promise and opportunity. The study will be led by Pastor Mike. Stick around afterwards for our All Church Dinner at 5:30pm!

**The 2024 Flower Calendar is up!** Please stop by the bulletin board near the small kitchen and sign up for a Sunday to give flowers in honor/celebration/or in memory of someone special. The cost is still \$25 each. There are two arrangements each Sunday feel free to sign up for the second arrangement also.

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 now to the end of January.

<u>The Upper Room Daily Devotional books</u> 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. Today is the last day to turn in any offerings for the 2023 year. 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.

	THIS WEEK 'S CHURCH MEETINGS & EVENTS	
Dec. 31	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
Jan. 1	New Year's Day	
	Church Office is closed	
Jan. 2	Pickleball (Family Center)	12:00-2:00pm
Jan. 3	Prayer Shawl Ministry Group (Barlow Parlor)	10:00am
	Pickleball (Family Center)	5:30-7:30pm
	Praise Band Practice (Family Center)	8:00pm
Jan. 4	Pickleball (Family Center)	12:00-2:00pm
	Civil Air Patrol (Family Center)	6:30-9:30pm
	Adult Choir Practice (sanctuary)	7:00pm
Jan. 5	Wittington/Berczes Wedding Rehearsal	
Jan. 6	New Beginnings Choir Practice	
	Communion Set-up	
	Wittington/Berczes Wedding	2:00pm

