

# The Messenger

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Dear friends,

Summer is here. In the life of the church that usually means that some of our programs take a little hiatus to ready themselves for returning in the fall. Of course, other programs pop us such as VBS. But the one constant is the Public Worship of God, including the Preaching of the Word and the celebration of the Sacraments. Our gathering together never goes out of season!

Mike and I will be doing a series of Sermons, entitled "Eight in Eight," to start our Summer together. Probably one of the most popular chapters in the Bible is the 8<sup>th</sup> chapter of Paul's letter to the church at Rome. It is a chapter full of verses that I always like to call "counted crossstitch" passages. Those simple verses from the Bible that offer us comfort and hope - verses that we may even know by heart.

While many of these verses are familiar to us and yes, they hold great encouragement for us, nonetheless, Mike and I want to help all of us to dig a little deeper to mine all the richness they offer. We hope you will make every effort to be with us every Sunday during the Summer months. We know, too, that there will be

Sundays when you will be traveling and enjoying the season. On those weeks we would like to encourage you to view the streamed worship services online either through YouTube or from our website.

We hope and pray that through rest, study, and worship, you Summer is a time of renewal for you!

In Christ's love.



## Member News



Louise Setchel, a member of Fairfield for 89 years, passed away on May 9. At her request, there wasn't a service. Also, Helen Rigsby's niece, Rose Alvarez, passed away on May 7th

from health issues. Please keep these families in your prayers.

Beverly Burts, Cindy Cattoi, Becky Clark, Karen Couch, Jeff Cumins' brother Mike, Pat Daugherty, Gerry Miller's sister-in-law. Marguerite, Carolyn Charles Moore,



Moore. Susan Patterson's friend Mike Davis, Deborah Wood's friend, Susan Blanco, Bonnie Wright, 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 Ann Barlow, John church: Crowe, Reggie Crump, Nita Dunkum, Dot Gammon, Ruth Homebound Harpster, Eva Ladd, Laverne Longest, Jack & Jo Mitchell, Elizabeth Moorhouse, Carolyn

Moore, Nancy Norment, Joyce Nuckols, Virginia Phipps, Charles & Betty Ransone, Helen Rigsby, Larry Rigsby, Faye Sandridge. Tony Underdown, Jack Ward, Herta Wenninger and Sherri Woodburn.

(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.)

# Welcome to our Newest Members!

On May 19th we welcomed our newest members into Fairfield. There were seven confirmands who joined Fairfield after taking classes, professing their faith and being presented to the session.

> **Madison Blue** McKenna Blue **Topher Carson Abbey Glass** Ella Glass Zoe Marker **Kylee Smith**

Kylee was also baptized that day. Welcome to all of our new members. We look forward to continuing our journey with you here at Fairfield!



We congratulate the following members who have graduated from college this year!

Micah Clark graduated from the Workforce Solutions Alliance at Liberty University.

Paige Lake graduated from Radford University

Sam Patterson graduated from Virginia Military Academy with a diploma in Civil Engineering.

Kaitlyn Sorensen graduated from the University of Colorado Boulder with her Masters of the Environment in Sustainability in the Outdoors Industry.



#### Dear Fairfield,

Thank you so much for hosting the blood drive on Tuesday, April 23. It was a bit lighter turnout, however, we still helped to save lives. We saw 19 donors and collected 17 blood donations for the patients for the patients impacting as many as 51 lives. We look forward to seeing you for our next drive on Tuesday, June 18 from 1-6pm.

Katie Miller, American Red Cross

Dear Fairfield Family,

I sincerely appreciate your kind words, cards and prayers after Mom's passing. Fairfield was an important part of life for Mom, Dad and myself. Again, thank you.

**Bonnie Setchel Bradford** 

To my Fairfield family,

I wish to thank my Fairfield Church friends for all of the prayers and thoughts you offered to me and the family of Kaitlyn Whitmer Dula, my greatniece. She was a wonderful young lady of 31 who we think God called home far too soon leaving a husband, a 4 year old son, 2 older sisters and their families and her grandparents, my brother and sister-in-law to mourn her death as well as many friends.

I'm convinced God had a bigger plan for her which she had partially fulfilled in her short 31 years and will continue to fulfill even after death. She was a very gifted athlete from an early age, participating in many sports; but as she grew, volleyball became her favorite. She played volleyball all through high school, winning many personal performance honors as well as a volleyball scholarship to college.

She accepted Christ as her savior as a young preteen and was very active in her church. These concepts she took with her to school, and

on the court both as a player and coach. After college she got a job as a teacher of business as well as volleyball coach at the same high school where she had played. She taught her students that honesty, kindness, hard work, dedication, and respect were all a part of the volleyball game and just as important as learning the techniques of the game. She instilled in all her students that these same principles applied to everyday life.

Her volleyball teams were very successful as she led them to the state championship games several seasons. As a result of her love of the game, the love of her teams past and for ones in the future, a scholarship has been established in her name so that volleyball team members at the school where she played, taught and coached will have an opportunity to continue in the game she loved at the college level. Her values and teaching/coaching skills will not be forgotten. All though she is gone from her family, friends and students; in God's infinite way our prayers have been answered.

Kaitlyn's family told me how much they appreciated the thoughts and prayers of so many people. They received encouragement and comfort from knowing so many people were holding them in their prayers. Her team of doctors tried everything to conquer this very rare form of cancer but when it was obvious that they could not do anymore, she accepted the diagnosis with inoperable cancer. She was at peace with the life and time God had given her on earth and was prepared to meet her Savior.

Now I ask that my Brother and sister-in-law, Beverly and Marguerite Whitmer be continued on the prayer list. Marguerite has had many health issues for the last 8 years. The latest addition to her existing problems is a type of cancer of the blood that seems to be confined to her stomach. She has opted to undergo chemo but in her existing condition it is questionable as to whether she will be able to stand the treatments. The outlook is very bleak.

I'm so thankful that Glenn and I were led to Fairfield upon our arriving at Covenant Woods. I appreciate your friendship and prayers.

> Peace and Blessings to each of you, Gerry Miller



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Robby Stevens	June 2			
Madeline Atkinson	June 3			
Beth Patterson	June 3			
Cooper Schwartz	June 3			
Caleb Sutton	June 3			
Kathy Boyle	June 4			
Dot Gammon	June 5			
Sharon Gaston	June 5			
Brian Letourneau	June 6			
Sue Putze	June 6			
Barbara Wash	June 6			
Matt Wenninger	June 6			
Kaiden Kulkarni	June 7			
Mike Weber	June 7			
Ella Glass	June 8			
Jenny Lake	June 8			
Suzanne Weeks	June 8			
Margaret Barlow	June 9			
Larry Covington	June 9			
Janice Baily	June 10			
Will Glass	June 10			
Martha Ingram Austin Weis	June 10			
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Beth Young Edward Wolfgang	June 11			
Mason Harding	June 12			
Sarah Palicia	June 12			
Ginny Patterson	June 13			
Leslie Vance	June 13			
Jack Dobson	June 14			
Chuck Lorch	June 15			
Liz Patterson	June 16			
Rebekah Wenninger	June 16			
Beverly Burts	June 17			
Jessica Ingerman	June 17			
Gerry Rudolph	June 17			
Larry Hansbrough	June 18			
Alexander Wills	June 18			
Majken Whitaker	June 19			
Ray Stevens	June 20			
Cathy Wenninger	June 20			
Gary Helfrich	June 22			

Bremner Lancaster	June 22
Melanie Magill	June 23
Megan McWilliams	June 23
Sarah Dobson	June 24
Cory Walter	June 24
Гaylor Hale	June 25
Susan Lorch	June 25
Connor Sulser	June 26
Martha Houchins	June 27
Jim Gruenhagen	June 28
Patty Gulliver	June 28
Γiffany Lynn	June 28
Bill Walter	June 28
Jake Lafferty	June 29
Beth Weber	June 30



Tom & Jenny Lake	June 1
Richard & Deborah Wood	June 2
Jim & Barbara Cooper	June 3
Brian & Anne Wash	June 4
Rick & Diane Richardson	June 6
John & Janna Daugherty	June 7
Micah & Tiffany Clark	June 11
Rob & Brenda Blue	June 12
Don & Pam Wells	June 12
Mike & Donna Hohman	June 13
Keith & Debbie Curran	June 14
Gerald & Debbie Atkins	June 18
Matt & Lauren Joyce	June 19
Matt & Amy Wenninger	June 19
Walt & Jan Fadeley	June 21
Bill & Lee Lythgoe	June 21
Steve & Debby Starzer	June 22
Chuck & Ginny Patterson	June 23
Ken & Rae Hayden	June 26
Stuart & Becky Settle	June 26
Tim & Patty Gulliver	June 28
Ed & Judy Baggett	June 30
Danny & Karen Couch	June 30



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whose prayer life it would help. Come and in us. If you don't know how to knit or crochet, we can help you learn.

The next meeting of the Prayer Shawl Ministry is Wednesday, June 5 at 10:00am in the Barlow Parlor.

Anna Barrowclough

# All Church Night

We will be taking a break for the summer. Stay tuned for when we come back in the fall!



June 2 Barbara VanSteenburgh & McKenna Blue

June 9 Marge Wantz & Abbey Glass June 16 McKenna Blue & Nikki Glass June 23 Anne Young & Angela Blue

June 30 Barbara VanSteenburgh & Angela Blue



# Van Accessible Parking Spaces

What a gift it is to have a church where people of every ability can participate. You may have recently noted a change to our handicap parking, in that we have added several of these "van accessible parking spaces." They are extremely important for those who use wheelchairs to be able to park and access our building. Fairfield has at least four families who need them regularly. If you are not in need of one of these "van accessible parking spaces," please leave them for those who need them most. If you are not in need of a handicap space, perhaps consider parking further out than usual to allow more parking space availability near the entrances. Thank you!

# Worship Liturgists

Starting this month, in both 9am and 11am services, you'll be seeing a nice rotation of church members taking part in leading portions of the liturgy for our worship services. If you'd like to partake in reading or writing liturgies with us, let the church office know!



The Men of the Church - join us on Tuesday, June 11th starting at 7:00am at Cracker Barrel Restaurant on Bell Creek Road for our monthly Men of the Church Breakfast! It is a great time of fellowship and a

good way to fulfill the mission statement of the church: As a Christian community, together we BELONG to God, GROW in Christ and SERVE led by the Spirit. We encourage any and all men of the church to join us. Bring a friend! We will not be meeting in July and August but return to our monthly meetings in September.

Call or email Billy Putze (804-510-8719) or billyputze@comcast.net with any questions about the men of the church activities. We have a seat waiting for you!

> Service in Christ, Billy Putze



The Joyful Readers will meet on Tuesday, June 11, 6:30pm in the Heritage Hall. It will be the end of year Salad Supper. Please come with suggestions for books for the group to read when we return in September.



- · At our meeting in May, Anna was elected as Deacon member of Nominating Committee.
- Three people were served homebound communion in April. On June 2, Anna plans to reach out to seven people who have requested communion.
- The card ministry continues to go well.

- Blessing socks are ready for pickup. They are usually located in the narthex and Family Center. These packages are meant to provide a little comfort and show care for those living on the streets.
- · Dale and her son Gregory continue to pack lunches for the homeless on the fourth Thursday of each month.
- We are planning a new member social event on August 4th.
- · Angela will make some flyers advertising our medical equipment loan closet. We have received positive views. We just ask folks to contact Donna in the office or Angela Schwartz (804-337-4475) with your needs so equipment can be accounted for in the closet.
- The Deacons will not formerly meet in July and August as this is customary for many church groups.



This summer our pastors will preach a series called "Eight in Eight - A Fresh Look at the Eighth Chapter of Romans (with thanks to N. T. Wright's book "Into the Heart of Romans")

No Condemnation - Steve preaching June 2 Romans 8: 1-4

June 9 The Spirit Gives Life - Steve preaching Romans 8: 5-11

June 16 Led by the Spirit - Mike preaching Romans 8: 12-17

The Liberation of Creation - Steve June 23 preaching Romans 8: 17-21

The Groaning of the Spirit - Steve June 30 preaching

Romans 8: 22-27

# Summer Sunday School

As some things slow down for the summer - opportunities to dig into God's scriptures continue! Please take note of these schedules and consider attending a class at 10:00am:

- Youth & Children's Sunday School will resume on September 8<sup>th</sup>. Kids Worship will still take place during the 9:00am worship service.
- The Adult Rock Bible Study class will officially start back on September 8<sup>th</sup> reviewing Pauls' letters.
- The Adult Cornerstone & Union classes will continue to meet as usual throughout the summer.
- The Adult Open Door Class will be hosting a group conversation exploring the Psalms this summer, led by Fred McCall.

6/2 Psalm 8 6/9 Psalm 19 6/16 Psalm 24 6/23 Psalm 32 6/30 Psalm 42

# Fairfield Young Adult Group

Calling all young adults seeking connection and fellowship! We are excited to explore how we can create a space for young adults to gather for fun and laughter. We are considering meeting once a month for fellowship in all kinds of ways; from high ropes to line dancing. If you feel that these exciting activities resonate with you, then e-mail Sam Grady at <a href="mailto:sgrady656@gmail.com">sgrady656@gmail.com</a> and we can set up a time to meet and chat about our ideas!



From June 10-14, our youth will be joining with other youth around the Presbytery of the James for a week of service activities. It will be a

wonderful time to partake in Christ's work of healing in our community, while getting to know other wonderful youth groups around us!



# Assembling a Fairfield Community Service Team

Fairfield - who's ready to help us put our faith into action? I am assembling a team of interested folks who'd like to meet and plan community service opportunities. These would include showing up to help our local community partners, as well as planning longer distance trips such as for storm relief and recovery. Contact Pastor Mike if you'd like to be part of this conversation!



Beginning in September, in place of our usual Sunday afternoon discussion group, the Adult Discipleship Committee will be launching a 6-8 week series of small groups! Subjects can vary, days of the week, and locations can vary - they can be on church grounds or off-site. We would love for these to be centered around different hobbies or activities our church members enjoy. For example: walking/hiking in nature, board games, dog park, card games, boating, music, geocaching, knitting/sewing, etc. I'm sure there are many talents and hobbies that we don't even know about, so please let us know! Please contact Stuart Settle with your ideas and if you would like to lead any of these small groups: ssettle31@gmail.com

#### **COME DANCE WITH US!**

#### **BEGINNING LINE DANCING**

WE ARE DOING IT!
Tuesday evenings 6:30-7:30pm
Beginning July 2nd---5 weeks of classes
Cost: 20 for all 5 weeks- must pay in advance

Make check out to Fairfield Presbyterian church Notate for line dancing

Quite a few of you play pickleball with us. You can drop off your check then.

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There is not an age restriction on this. Well behaved children are allowed. An adult must accompany them.



# News from MCEF

(Mechanicsville Churches Emergency Functions (MCEF) and the One Stop Shop (OSS)

A BIG Thank you to our Youth Group who came the end of April to work in the food pantry again. You all are awesome and work well together. The pantry was definitely ready to receive clients on Monday.

MCEF is only taking donations of summer clothes now. Please save your coats and winter clothing until September. Speaking of clothing donations - and this doesn't apply to just Fairfield - we notice that we are re-donating a number of donations to the schools for recycling. I know it is hard to just throw away clothing that you no longer need, want or can wear. Just keep in mind - if you wouldn't wear it, don't donate it. The "cash for schools" bins can take all that stained, ripped, ragged clothing you no longer want and the school gets a percentage of cash for it. The bins are white and green and located in the outer parking lots of most of our elementary schools.

For the pantry, please think about bar soap, peas, and boxed potatoes. With school out for summer break soon, healthy snacks will also be appreciated.

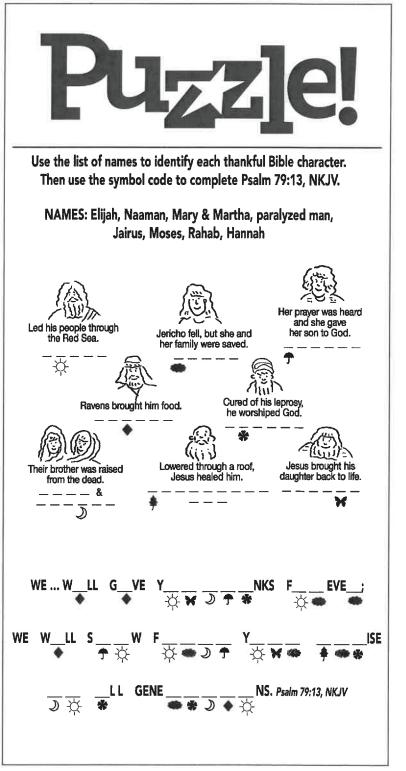
Mark your calendars. The 9/11 concert is back this year on Wednesday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at Walnut Grove Baptist Church. Performers will be the Hanover Middle and High School String Orchestras. More details to come.

"The Church is the Church only when it exists for others...not dominating, but helping and serving." Dietrich Bonhoeffer

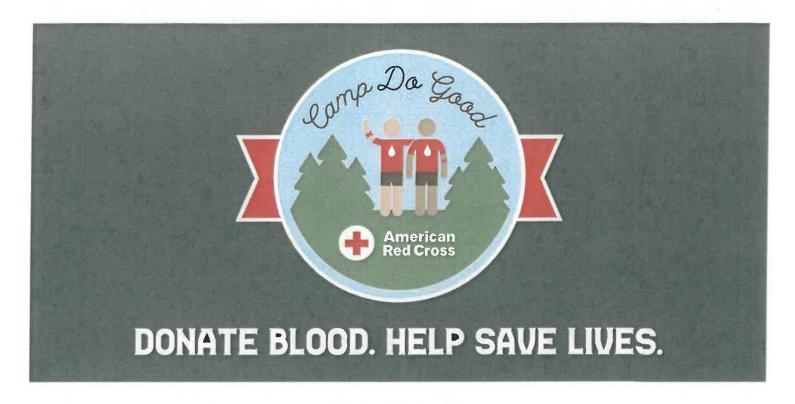


# Under-aged Thinking





Answers: Moses, Rahab, Hannah, Elijah, Maaman, Mary & Martha, paralyzed man, Jairus; We ... will give You thanks forever; We will show forth Your praise to all generations. Psalm 79:13, MKJV



# **Blood Drive** Fairfield Presbyterian Church

Heritage Hall 6930 Cold Harbor Road Mechanicsville, VA 23111

**Tuesday, June 18, 2024** 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: Fairfield to schedule an appointment.

Maximize your blood donation. Help more patients. If you are an eligible type O, B - or A - donor, consider making a Power Red donation. Red blood cells are the most commonly transfused blood component.



Do Good Things! Come to give blood June 10 through 30 for a \$15 e-gift card! See rcblood.org/DoGood



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#### Fairfield Presbyterian Church

### June 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 Trinity Sunday 9:00am –9:45am Contemporary Worship Service (Family Center) 9:45am –10:45am Sunday School 11:00am New Beginnings Church Worship (Family Center) 11:00am –12:00pm Traditional Worship (sanctuary)	27 Church Office Closed Memorial Day 5:30pm -7:30pm Pickleball (FC) 6:00pm -8:00pm AA Group (#29)	28 12:00pm –2:00pm Pickleball (FC)	5:30pm –7:30pm Pickleball (FC) 7:00pm Columbarium Meeting (Heritage Hall) 8:00pm Praise Band Practice (FC)	30 7:00am -8:00am AA Meeting (#29) 12:00pm -2:00pm Pickleball (FC) 6:30pm -9:30pm C.A.P. (Family Center)	31	1 Communion Set-Up (Small Kitchen) 11:00am –12:00pm NBC Choir Practice (#14)
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# Save the Date for... Intergenerational Vacation Bible School July 7-9 5-7pm Concluding with a "Rise Against Hunger" meal packing event on Saturday, July 20th at 10:00am

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#### **Return Service Requested**

