



The Messenger

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Dear friends,

Someone asked me recently, "Why are endowments important?" I think that is a great question, but the answer is multi-faceted.

Of course, the most obvious part of the answer is the long-term stability that endowments give to congregations. A strong congregation needs to have a steady source of income to help it get through challenging situations. While it doesn't solve every problem it does help to alleviate some of the issues faced by churches in unforeseen situations. As an example, some of the endowments we have are earmarked for their income to help with upkeep or improvements to the building. We can use that income source to help pay for the unexpected loss of our HVAC system in the family center. It certainly will not be enough to pay for everything, but it is a piece of the puzzle for solving that issue.

Endowments also help us to do more than we thought we might. Some of our endowments are earmarked for their income to help us do our mission. It is an avenue for us to stretch what we have and do more, whether it is local or disaster-related or an opportunity for our young people to grow through serving others.

But there is another key element that has nothing to do with dollars and cents. It is a way to remember and honor those members of Fairfield

who have made a difference in our lives. As I look down the list of those for whom we have named endowments, I am touched by the good memories of those people and how each of them has touched my life or touched the life of this congregation. We grow in our discipleship when we follow the example so many of these people have set for us. Not only does it help us to remember them but in a sense, it makes real for us that the Body of Christ includes those who have gone before us. "Mystic sweet communion" is the phrase a previous generation used to describe the union we maintain with our sisters and brothers who have entered the heavenly kingdom before us.

Yes, I know, only a preacher can give you a three-paragraph answer to a four-word question! But it is a meaningful part of what makes Fairfield Presbyterian so special. I wanted everyone to hear my answer.

In Christ's love,



Member News



DEEPEST SYMPATHY

Last month we lost our oldest member of Fairfield, **Charles Moore, Sr.** Charles died on July 8, he was 103 years old. We held a memorial service here on July 11. Please

keep Charles' family in your prayers. In addition, we lost two more members: **Jack Mitchell** passed away on July 22 and **Cindy Cattoi** passed away on July 25. Last but not least, **Bill Lythgoe's** brother Hank passed away. The congregation expresses their deepest sympathy to all who have lost loved one.

We welcomed into our Fairfield family **Kaylyn McGhee** on July 14. We are so excited to have her worshipping with us. Her address is 6341 War Horse Lane, Mechanicsville, VA 23111. Her phone number is (804) 763-9670 and her email address is Kaylyn.McGhee@upsem.edu Welcome Kaylyn!

Henry Atkinson, Beverly Burts, Linda Canyock, Jeff Cumins' brother Mike, **Pat Daugherty, Jerry Duggan's** aunt Bettye, **Jennifer France's** friend James Flint and his family, **Sally Kovacs' friend Sharon, Gerry Miller's** sister-in-law, Marguerite, **Elizabeth Moorhouse's** niece, Emily, **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 church: **Ann Barlow, John Crowe, Reggie Crump, Nita Dunkum, Dot Gammon, Ruth Harpster, Eva Ladd, Laverne Longest, Jo Mitchell, Elizabeth**

Moorhouse, 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.)



The family of Charles Andrew Moore, Sr. acknowledges you kind expression of sympathy. I will cherish the love and support you have shown me and my family during our time of sadness. The prayers, cards and reception were greatly appreciated.

*God Bless you all,
Bonnie Creekmore & family*

*Dear Fairfield,
I want to take a moment and let you know how much we appreciated the use of your beautiful Heritage Hall so we could host the district ice cream circle. We are truly grateful for your continued support with our recovery community.*

*Holly Fleming
Activities Chair, AA*

Thank you so much for your prayers for us and for your gifts. You are a blessing to us!

David & Susan Howard



John Longest has been so helpful in placement and setting our new Nature Trail Angel. (The original Angel had fallen apart from over 20 years on the trail.) Our new Angel has been placed at the beginning of the trail (on the right side as you

enter.) He also has positioned Garry's memory plaque that was given several years ago in Garry's memory. It looks beautiful!

Donna Horn



Dave Starzer	August 1
Ivy Lightsey	August 2
Brian Clark	August 4
David Jones	August 6
Keelyn Underdown	August 7
Kendall Underdown	August 7
LeVonne Neuharth	August 8
Donna Horn	August 12
Rob Blue	August 13
Rick Heretick	August 13
Peggie Rosen	August 14
Calvin Pearson	August 15
Helen Rigsby	August 17
Lori Briel	August 18
Joyce Ziglar	August 18
Barbara Cooper	August 19
Billy Putze	August 20
Hunter Glass	August 21
Lexie Horn	August 21
Jake Lake	August 21
Ken Hayden	August 22
Linda Daugherty	August 24
Mark Schneck	August 24
Topher Carson	August 25

Linda Canaryock	August 27
Amanda Nittinger	August 28
Justin Harvey	August 29
Sue Coulter	August 30
Faye Sandridge	August 30



Bruce & Cathy Jenkins	August 1
Harry & Ann Zweckbronner	August 2
Larry & Fran Hansbrough	August 3
Mike & Beth Weber	August 3
Noah & Ashley Clark	August 7
Linwood & Carolyn Ingram	August 8
Sean & Melanie Magill	August 10
Dennis & Tracy Sulser	August 11
Arnold & LaVonne Neuharth	August 12
Gerry & Celeste Underdown	August 12
Bob & Sharon Gaston	August 21
Bob & Elizabeth Moorhouse	August 22
Bill & Cory Walter	August 22



HVAC Dilemma

A catastrophic loss happened to our HVAC system that heats and cools the Family Center. Both air handlers in the attic have simultaneously failed. It will be a long, complicated, and expensive process to replace both units. We ask for your patience as we are taking all the necessary steps to do this right.

If you would like to help defray the cost of these replacement units, that would be deeply appreciated and extremely helpful. Please earmark your donation HVAC.



A prayer square is a small thing but can bring comfort while holding it and airing your cares and concerns.

It is prayerfully made with different colors, patterns, and textures. When you choose one, keep in mind what would be most meaningful for you in your prayer time. Prayer squares can be found in the trays in the Narthex and outside the Family Center. Feel free to take one for yourself and/or for someone for whom you feel it would be helpful.

The next meeting of the Prayer Shawl Ministry is Wednesday, August 7 at 10:00am in the Barlow Parlor.

Anna Barrowclough

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 8th. Kids Worship will still take place during the 9:00am worship service.
- The Adult Rock Bible Study** class will officially start back on September 8th 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.

8/4 Psalm 100
 8/11 Psalm 121
 8/18 Psalm 122
 8/25 Psalm 137

Regular Sunday School Schedules will resume on September 15 after Rally Day.



NURSERY SCHEDULE

- Aug. 4 Angela Schwartz & McKenna Blue
- Aug. 11 Marge Wantz & Abbey Glass
- Aug. 18 Angela Blue & Barbara vanSteenburgh
- Aug. 25 Nikki Glass & Anne Young

Worship Series: Sermon on the Mount

As summer winds down and many of us return to school schedules and church year programming, we will spend some time on Sunday mornings in the Gospel of Matthew, seeking wisdom, encouragement, and challenge from Jesus' Sermon on the Mount.

Aug. 4: Matthew 5:13-16, *Salt and Light*
 Preacher: Steve Starzer

Aug. 11: Matthew 5:38-48, *Eye for an Eye*
 Preacher: Mike Watson

Aug. 18: Matthew 6:1-18, *Practicing Righteousness*
 Preacher: Mike Watson

Aug. 25: Matthew 6:19-34, *Treasures in Heaven*
 Preacher: Andrea Skeens, Director of Spiritual Care at Covenant Woods

Sept. 1: Matthew 7: 1-12, *Judgment and Grace*
 Preacher: Keith Curran

Sept. 8: Matthew 7:24-29, *Wise and Foolish Builders*
 Preacher: Steve Starzer

Committee News

Adult Discipleship

Are you looking for an opportunity to meet with your fellow Christians to further your understanding of God and how he's working in our lives? The Adult Discipleship Committee has been busy planning events for this fall. Mark your calendars to save these dates.

**Sunday September 8 - Rally Day
10:00 - 10:45 in the Heritage Hall**

Join us in a fun filled and informative kick-off to the Sunday School season. You will have a chance to learn about what the various classes are studying.

**The weeks of Sept. 22 - Oct. 27
Small Groups**

We are looking for people to host a small group in their home and/or organize a small group around an activity such as walking, flower arranging, craft, simple soup dinners or other interests.

A lesson will be provided to promote your discussions. Please contact Mike Watson, Stuart Settle, or Beth Young if you would be willing to host a group or if you have other ideas or activities.



Deacons

The deacons did not meet in July.

Medical Equipment

We have equipment available to borrow for you and your family members. Just contact Angela Schwartz angelaschwartz66@gmail.com or Donna Carson in the office. We ask that you put your name/phone number/item borrowed on a sign-out sheet located on the storage shelf in the room please.

There are currently many wheel chairs available. Many do not have leg rests, but there are seven in total. There is also a knee scooter, several walkers and canes, and a bath bench. In addition, there are also many disposable products for use.



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

This year's 9/11 Concert will be held on Wednesday, September 11 at Walnut Grove Baptist Church at 7:00 p.m. The American Legion will open the concert with a presentation of the military branch flags. Hanover High and Oak Knoll Middle School string orchestra will perform. Admission will be \$5 plus 2 cans of items of non-perishable food. Mark your calendar and plan to attend.

MCEF began in November 1976 and will be celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2026. Watch for celebration details. If you have pictures, early memorabilia or want to help plan this event, please contact Mary Britton (office@4MCEF.com)

The One Stop Shop has been busy. Client sign-ins remains steady at 150+/- each month. This number represents 450 +/- persons in household. Please consider the following items for donation to the pantry: canned pasta, canned meat, rice and pasta salads, boxed pasta, hearty soups.

If you would like to become a volunteer for MCEF please see the updated volunteer application on the MCEF website. Download, fill out and submit to MCEF by mail or in person.



The Red Cross will host a community blood drive here at church on **Tuesday, August 20** from 1:00-6:00pm in the Heritage Hall.

To sign up please call 1-800-RED CROSS or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: Fairfield to schedule an appointment.

Be part of something big! Make an appointment!



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A promotional graphic for "Rally Day" with a light blue background. At the top, there are colorful balloons (red, yellow, green) and streamers. Below the balloons is a scattering of colorful confetti and small white stars. The text "RALLY DAY!" is written in large, bold, black letters. Below this, smaller text describes the event: "...for all-ages Christian Education at Fairfield Presbyterian Church for the 2024-2025 school year. Learn about classes, meet teachers, enjoy food, fun, and fellowship!". At the bottom, the date and time "Sunday, Sept. 8th at 10am" are displayed in a large, bold, black font.

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Sunday, Sept. 8th at 10am



2024 Middle School Youth Conference Recap by Keith Curran

Three Fairfield youth and two chaperones enjoyed a jam-packed 4 days of fun, worship, energizers, meals, sports and fellowship at Massanetta Springs Conference Center near Harrisonburg, VA in June. Evan Whitaker, Jackson Vignola, and Tess Wenninger were joined by chaperones and drivers Deb and Keith Curran. With just a two-hour drive to the camp that included a Mickey D's lunch, we arrived and checked into Richardson Hall. Everyone was given a small group assignment, and the energetic opening worship got the whole crowd singing and swaying.



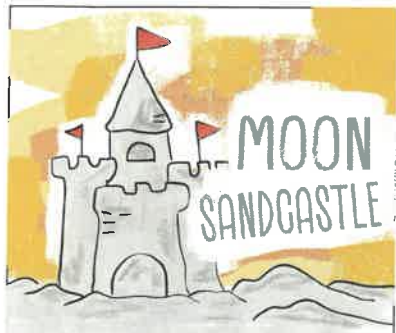
Worship, small groups and workshops made up much of the mornings and evenings, all led by trained and enthusiastic high schoolers. A keynote speaker shared each day an age-appropriate message based on Philippians 4: Keep calm and rejoice! Skits and singing highlighted the theme; all presented by the young leaders. Small groups connected kids from many states and friends were quickly made.

Thursday had three highlights: a giant slip-n-slide, a fun 'everyone dance' party and a moving candlelight vigil above the lake under the stars. The closing worship featured a sign-language presentation of the Lord's Prayer and lots of 'goodbyes'. One of the boys said following the vigil, "You know some were homesick, but I'm going to be a camp-sick when we leave!" The drive home included naps and a Chick-Fil-A lunch. Maybe next year a side trip to Luray Caverns or other landmark can be added to add to the adventure.

It is hoped that Fairfield will send even more middle schoolers next year to this amazing spirit-building conference.



Under-aged Thinking



You don't have to visit the beach to make a sandcastle. Make fluffy "moon sand" to build fun structures.

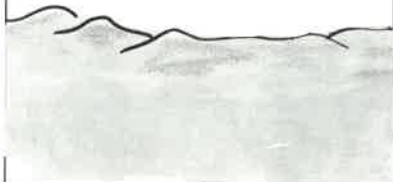
What you need:

- Large bowl
- Wooden spoon
- 8 cups flour
- 1 cup baby oil



What you do:

1. Measure flour into the large bowl. Add baby oil.
2. Mix thoroughly until all the oil is combined and the texture is consistent. If needed, use your hands to knead the mixture.
3. The sand is ready when it sticks together to form a ball when pressed in your hands.
4. Use sand toys and molds to create a sandcastle. Store sand in an airtight container for up to two weeks.



Puzzle!

Match each word in Column 1 to its synonym in Column 2. Then use the words from Column 2 to complete the boxes below.

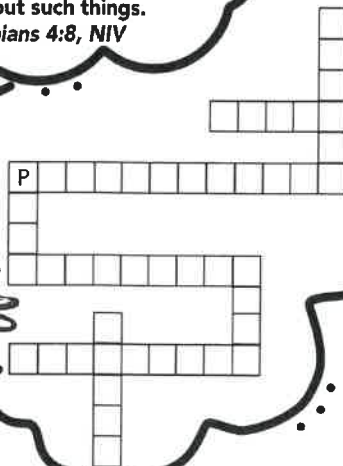
COLUMN 1

- correct
- commendable
- extremely good
- having high moral principles
- deserving respect
- pleasant
- real
- wholesome

COLUMN 2

- excellent
- lovely
- noble
- admirable
- pure
- praiseworthy
- true
- right

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable — if anything is excellent or praiseworthy — think about such things.
Philippians 4:8, NIV




Match Answers: correct - right, commendable - praiseworthy, extremely good - excellent, having high moral principles - noble, deserving respect - admirable, pleasant - lovely, real - true, wholesome - pure; Horizontal Answers (top to bottom): noble, praiseworthy, excellent, admirable, pure, right, true, lovely; Vertical Answers (left to right): pure, right, lovely

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>28</p> <p>9:00am –9:45am Contemporary Worship Service (Family Center)</p> <p>9:45am –10:45am Sunday School</p> <p>11:00am New Beginnings Church Worship (Family Center)</p> <p>11:00am –12:00pm Traditional Worship (sanctuary)</p>	<p>29</p> <p>5:30pm –7:30pm Pickleball (FC)</p> <p>6:00pm –8:00pm AA Group (#29)</p>	<p>30</p> <p>9:00am –3:00pm Classical Conversations (#20)</p> <p>10:00am –12:00pm Pickleball (FC)</p> <p>11:00am –4:00pm New Beginnings Choir Rehearsal (#14)</p> <p>6:30pm –7:30pm Line Dancing (Family Center)</p>	<p>31</p> <p>5:30pm –7:30pm Pickleball (FC)</p> <p>8:00pm Praise Band Practice (FC)</p>	<p>1</p> <p>7:00am –8:00am AA Meeting (#29)</p> <p>10:00am –12:00pm Pickleball (FC)</p> <p>2:00pm Memorial Service & Reception for Jack Mitchell (Sanct & HH)</p> <p>6:30pm –9:30pm C.A.P. (Family Center)</p> <p>6:30pm –8:30pm Classical Conversations Tutor Meeting #20</p>	<p>2</p> <p>6:00pm –7:00pm Memorial Service & Reception for Cindy Cattoi</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Communion Set-Up (Small Kitchen)</p> <p>9:00am –10:00am New Beginnings Prayer Service (FC)</p> <p>10:30am CAP First Aid Class (Family Center)</p> <p>11:00am –4:00pm Brian Clark's Birthday Party (Heritage Hall)</p>
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Bible Quiz

What kind of birds does God use to supply Elijah with food at the Kerith Ravine?

A. quails
 B. ravens
 C. eagles
 D. doves



Answer: B (See 1 Kings 17:2-6)

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