

God told Moses to raise a bronze serpent on a pole so people who were sick could look at it and be healed (Numbers 21:4-9). Likewise, we look to Christ, raised up on a cross, and our souls are healed. 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](mailto:office@fairfieldpcusa.org) or visit our website: [www.fairfieldpcusa.org](http://www.fairfieldpcusa.org)

### **PRAYER CONCERNS**

Linda Canyock

Landon Cole

Family of Charles & Betty Ransone

Donna Richbourg's daughter, Pettus

Pam Wells

Bonnie Wright

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 Marge Wantz to the Glory of God and in loving memory of her parents, Eleanor & Bill Nelden.*

**Infant/Toddler:** Barbara vanSteenburgh & McKenna Blue

**Next Week:** McKenna Blue & Nikki Glass

**Our liturgists** this Sunday will be **Richard Dunn** (9:00am) and **Marge Wantz** (11:00am). Thank you both for assisting us!

**Regular Sunday School schedules** resume today. For more information on our classes, check out the September newsletter.

**The Rock Class** will begin the year with a five week schedule reviewing some key passages and stories in the Old and New Testaments which highlight God's plan to know us and for us to know Him.

**The deadline** for the October newsletter is **September 20<sup>th</sup>**. Please have all articles turned in by that date. Thank you!

**Fairfield 2024 Small Groups:** Looking for an opportunity to connect more deeply with members of the Fairfield community? For 6 weeks, starting the week of September 22<sup>nd</sup>, we will have 5 different small group opportunities available for you to join. Some are activity-driven, others are more conversation-driven. We have something for everyone, at different days and times to accommodate busy schedules. In signing up for a group, do not feel the need to commit to all 6 weeks - come as much as you are able! However, we do encourage you to sign up for the groups you intend to take part in, so you can be included in communications from that particular group. Sign up in-person in the narthex of each worship space, or by this link: <https://forms.gle/GujNzLSx6d1RoXaN9>

**Invitation to Celebrate Mechanicsville Presbyterian Church** - we are excited to pass along an invitation to celebrate 75 years of Mechanicsville Presbyterian Church on October 13 at 4:00pm (7339 Atlee Rd., Mechanicsville, VA 23111). For more information about the event and to RSVP, please visit the event website: <https://celebratingmpc.rsvpify.com>

**Our next sermon series**, “Do Not Fear” starts next Sunday. It is said the phrase “do not fear,” occurs about 365 times in Scripture, enough to say it once every day of the year. In the midst of terrifying world events and a tumultuous season of our nation, we might need to hear these words, from God to us, more than ever. Over 6 weeks, we will explore together how we can name our fears and move through it together, one step at a time. We are safe in God’s hands.

- 9/22: Tune in to God’s Presence (part 1)  
1 Kings 19: 1-10, Mike preaching
- 9/29: Tune in to God’s Presence (part 2)  
Luke 1: 26-38, Steve preaching
- 10/6: Trust God’s Promises  
Isaiah 43: 1b-4a, Steve preaching
- 10/13: Take One Step at a Time  
Matthew 14: 22-29, Mike preaching
- 10/20: Persevere (part 1)  
Exodus 1: 15-22, Steve preaching
- 10/27: Persevere (part 2)  
Hebrews 11: 1-3; 12-13  
Steve preaching

## THIS WEEK'S CHURCH MEETINGS & EVENTS

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|-----------------|---|------------------|
| <b>Sept. 15</b> | Contemporary Worship Service (Family Center)          | 9:00am           |
|                 | Sunday School   | 9:45am           |
|                 | Traditional Worship Service (Sanctuary)               | 11:00am          |
|                 | New Beginnings Church Worship Service (Family Center) | 11:00am          |
| <b>Sept. 16</b> | Pickleball (Family Center)                            | 5:30-7:30pm      |
|                 | AA Group (#29)  | 6:00-8:00pm      |
| <b>Sept. 17</b> | Pickleball (Family Center)                            | 11:00am - 1:00pm |
|                 | New Beginnings Choir Rehearsal (#14)                  | 4:30pm           |
|                 | Special Olympics (FC)                                 | 6:00pm           |
|                 | Session Meeting (#20)                                 | 7:00pm           |
| <b>Sept. 18</b> | Pickleball (Family Center)                            | 5:30-7:30pm      |
|                 | Fairfield Ringers Practice (sanctuary)                | 7:00pm           |
|                 | Praise Band Practice (Family Center)                  | 8:00pm           |
| <b>Sept. 19</b> | AA Meeting (#29)                                      | 7:00-8:00am      |
|                 | Pickleball (Family Center)                            | 11:00am - 1:00pm |
|                 | Civil Air Patrol (Family Center)                      | 6:30-9:30pm      |
|                 | Adult Choir Practice (Sanctuary)                      | 7:00pm           |
| <b>Sept. 20</b> | Wedding Rehearsal (Sanctuary)                         | 4:00pm           |
| <b>Sept. 21</b> | New Beginnings Church wedding (sanctuary & HH)        | 3:00pm           |

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](http://www.fairfieldpcusa.org).

### Coming soon....

- Session Meeting, Sept. 17
- All Church Night, Oct. 6
- Fairfield Clothes Swap, Oct. 12
- MCEF Collections for Thanksgiving Bags
- Fall-0-Ween, Oct. 27