

Happy New Year! Today the church calendar begins anew with Advent as we celebrate Jesus' coming in the past, present and future. 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**

Kirk Aliotti's father, John

Becky Clark

Linda Canyock

Sam Endicott & family

Infant Joseph Flint

Tim Gulliver's sister, Pam Lundeen

Tim Gulliver's friend Neil Mallam

Sally Kovacs & her husband David

Family of Joyce Nuckols

Mary Sulser

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 Anne Young to the Glory of God and in memory of Riley Young, a wonderful husband and devoted father.*

**Infant/Toddler:** Abbey Glass & Marge Wantz

**Next Week:** Angela Blue & Majken Whitaker

**Our liturgists** this Sunday will be **Hunter Glass** (9:00am) and **Nancy Gallihugh** (11:00am). Thank you both for assisting us!

**Advent Devotionals** - We're offering a devotional for individual or household use: "Advent in Plain Sight" by Jill Duffield. They are available for a suggested donation of \$10. Please put your donation in offering basket with a note "Advent devotionals."

**All Church Night Holiday Service Project:** All ages are welcome to join us in the Heritage Hall, December 1<sup>st</sup>, at 4:30pm for an All Church Night holiday service project. We'll be assembling Christmas gift bags for children who are served by Assisting Families of Inmates (AFOI). All of the materials are already provided, so simply show up prepared to help us put the packs together. Monetary donations

to defray the costs are welcomed (mark your check/envelope "Missions") Stay for dinner at 5:30pm!

**All Church Night Cookie Exchange** - Got a favorite cookie recipe? Enjoy sharing with others? Tonight we'll have a Christmas cookie exchange! Simply bring 12-24 of your favorite cookies (bought or baked) and place it on our exchange table. On the provided index cards, please write the name of your cookie and any significant dietary notes (contains nuts, gluten or dairy free, etc.) If you'd like to bring printouts to the recipe to share, that would be welcome. After dinner, you'll be welcome to take home a sampler box for everyone's delicious donations.

**The Prayer Shawl Knitting Group** will meet this coming **Wednesday, December 4 at 10:00am** in the Barlow Parlor. If you don't know how to knit, the ladies will teach you! Contact Anna Barrowclough (804-730-3143) if you have questions.

**Angel Tree:** The Mission Committee is planning to support several struggling families who have children at Cold Harbor Elementary School. If you would like to become an angel and help support this mission, please send make your check out to Fairfield and place it in the offering plate. Make sure to write "Angel Tree project" on your check and/or the offering envelope. Let's all make a difference in the struggling families' lives for Christmas!

**MCEF Collection** is today. If you would like to make a monetary donation, please write MCEF in the memo part of your check and mark it on the offering envelope as well. Thank you.

**"The Longest Night Service"** - we will gather at 7:00pm on Thursday, December 19 for "The Longest Night" service of hope and healing (formerly known as the Blue Christmas Service). The service will be one of contemplation and meditation, in the style of Taize. All are welcome to attend, with a special attention to those feeling grief or loss this particular season. You'll have an opportunity to light a candle in honor or memory of someone on your heart.

**The deadline** for bulletin items is Wednesday, 12:00pm.

**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).

### THIS WEEK'S CHURCH MEETINGS & EVENTS

<b>Dec. 1</b>	Contemporary Worship Service (Family Center)	9:00am
	Sunday School	9:45am
	Traditional Worship Service (Sanctuary)	11:00am
	New Beginnings Church Worship Service (FC)	11:00am - 12:00pm
	All Church Night (Family Center)	4:30pm
<b>Dec. 2</b>	Pickleball (Family Center)	5:30-7:30pm
	AA Group (#29)	6:00-8:00pm
	Personnel Team (#19)	7:00pm
<b>Dec. 3</b>	Pickleball (Family Center)	11:00am - 1:00pm
	Classical Conversations Dinner (FC)	4:00-8:00pm
	New Beginnings Choir Rehearsal (#14)	5:30-6:30pm
	Deacon's Meeting (#20)	7:00pm
<b>Dec. 4</b>	Prayer Shawl Ministry (Barlow Parlor)	10:00am
	Pickleball (Family Center)	5:30-7:30pm
	Fairfield Ringers (Sanctuary)	7:00-8:00pm
	Praise Band Practice (Family Center)	8:00pm
<b>Dec. 5</b>	AA Meeting (#29)	7:00am
	Pickleball (Family Center)	11:00am - 1:00pm
	Civil Air Patrol (CAP) (Family Center)	6:30-9:30pm
	Adult Choir Practice (Sanctuary)	7:00-8:00pm

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