



# The Messenger

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## A Confirmation Lesson from Frog and Toad

Our daughter's voracious reading interest has led her to a few children's classics. The other day, we read Frog and Toad's story about the garden. In the story, Frog gifts Toad some seeds so that he can plant some flowers. It becomes immediately apparent Toad has never grown plants before, since after placing them in the ground, he begins to shout: "Now seeds, start growing!" He repeats this several times before Frog finally shows up to say: "you are shouting too much!" He goes on to give some sage advice: "Leave them alone for a few days. Let the sun shine on them, let the rain fall on them."

As someone without much talent for gardening...I feel I can relate to Toad quite a bit. I never know if what I'm doing to the plants is what they need, and often times it turns out not to be the case. But if this story is any indication, patience and trust seem to be the key!

Toad starts to learn his lesson, a little, by deciding to read to his plants one day, perhaps to pass the time while the rain and sun do their thing. The next day he decides to sing to them, the next day he reads them poetry, and then he plays music for them. Still a bit agitated the seeds are not growing, Toad eventually falls asleep beside the garden. Frog wakes him up the next day, excitedly, as sprouts had finally decided to emerge.

This month, we will have the joy of celebrating Confirmation Sunday, welcoming 4 of

our young members as they make their profession of faith. It's a joyous day, and one I take particular joy in as I have been walking alongside them. Yet, others have been walking alongside them too, including their confirmands, co-teachers, other pastors, parents, grandparents, and you! They have been growing in their faith, in this church, and the sprouts are continuing to blossom.

Perhaps at times we feel the need to shout at one another to see growth occur. We easily get impatient when someone doesn't turn out the way we hope they will. We expect immediate results that fit our timetable. Yet, this is not how growth occurs. It requires nourishment, patience, and maybe the occasional music and poetry.

That's what I'm learning at least - to ease up on the demands for immediate success, the timetables that I think I can predict...and instead, just simply be in relationship, share stories and experiences, share music and poetry, enjoy the journey that God has placed each of us in here at this church together.

In Christ,



Toad put his head

very close to the ground and shouted,

"NOW SEEDS, START GROWING!"

## Member News



**Janice Baily, Vicky Beamer, Kathy Boyle's father, Bill, Beverly Burts' daughter, Kathy, Linda Canyock, Becky Clark, Dwight Clark, John Crowe, Elaine Endicott,**

**Merrilyn Jones, Kaylyn McGee, Donna Richbourg's daughter, Paige, Cory Walter, Barbara Wash, Ed Wolfgang, Rebekah Wenninger** 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: **Janice Baily, Margaret Barlow, John Crowe, Reggie Crump, Dot Gammon, Ruth Harpster, Merrilyn Jones, Eva Ladd, Laverne Longest, Nancy Norment, Virginia Phipps, Helen Rigsby, Larry Rigsby, Betty Wade, Jack Ward, Don Wells, Sherri Woodburn.**

*(Please update Pastor Richard, Pastor Nancy 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.)*

### Special Dates for May 2026

- National Day of Prayer, May 7, 2026
- Mother's Day, May 10, 2026
- Ascension of the Lord, May 14, 2026
- Armed Forces Day, May 16, 2026
- Victoria Day [Canada], May 18, 2026
- Day of Pentecost, May 24, 2026
- Memorial Day, May 25, 2026
- Trinity Sunday, May 31, 2026



*I am full of gratitude for this church... for your prayers, your gift cards, meals, and other kindness offered to me and my family during my time getting back surgery and the recovery afterwards. You all were such a gift to us - thank you. Many of you have noticed I'm finally free of the neck brace and continue to recover a little more each day.*

Thanks be to God!  
Pastor Mike

*A heartfelt thank-you to everyone who helped make our Easter Egg Hunt such a joyful and successful event. We are so grateful to all who volunteered their time, donated candy or supplies, helped with set-up and cleanup, or supported the event financially. Because of your generosity and servant hearts, so many children and families were able to enjoy the fun, welcoming day filled with smiles and memories. Every contribution, whether big or small, played an important role, and it truly showed. Thank you for serving our members and community and helping make this event so special!*

Angela Blue



Meredith Atkinson	May 4
Erik Whitaker	May 4
Cameron Hutchison	May 5
Rebecca Harvey	May 6
Shirley McGhee	May 6
Sean Wodwaski	May 7
Janna Daugherty	May 8

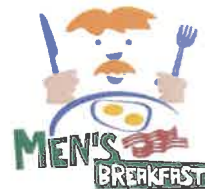
Carl Fulwider	May 8
Bonnie Warren	May 8
J. R. Marker	May 9
Caroline Carneal	May 10
Arnold Neuharth	May 10
Zachary Hale	May 18
Jacob Lafferty	May 18
Elizabeth Moorhouse	May 19
Keith Curran	May 20
Jolie Daugherty	May 21
Jack Letourneau	May 21
Munira Dunn	May 24
Carolyn Ingram	May 24
Ellis Williamson	May 24
Emma Wills	May 24
Linwood Ingram	May 28
Kimberly Stevens	May 28
Deborah Newcomb	May 30
Brandon Sulser	May 30
Tim Gulliver	May 31
Caroline Hastings	May 31
Brett Underdown	May 31



**MORE BABIES!!!** The Prayer Shawl Ministry joyfully delivered two more baby blankets in April. What a happy occasion! Even so, we continue knitting and crocheting prayer shawls and lap robes as well. We meet the first Wednesday of every month if you would like to join us for fellowship.

**The next meeting of the Prayer Shawl Ministry is Wednesday, May 6 at 10:00am in the Barlow Parlor.**

Anna Barrowclough



**Men of the Church** - join us on **Tuesday, May 12** 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 time for planning. We encourage any and all men of the church to join us. Bring a friend! Call or email Billy Putze (804-510-8719) or [billyputze@comcast.net](mailto:billyputze@comcast.net) with any questions about the men of the church activities. See you on the 12<sup>th</sup>!



Anna & Kevin Barrowclough	May 1
Jerry & Melissa Hughes	May 1
John & Arlene Butchyk	May 2
Sharon & George Tuckwiller	May 6
Norman & Barbara Wash	May 9
Patrick & Sheri Wodwaski	May 9
Roger & Crystal Bessette	May 20
Wyatt & Morgan Wills	May 20
Eric & Kelly Spott	May 24
Stephen & Amy Atkinson	May 30



**The Fellowship Circle** will meet again on Tuesday, **May 12**, 10:00am in the Open Door classroom. All women are invited to join us for this daytime Bible study.



**The Joyful Readers** will have their end of year salad supper on **Tuesday, May 12** in the Heritage Hall. This is our annual Salad Supper and review of books for next year. Please bring your suggestions!



## SUNDAY, MAY 3

4:30-5:30:

- PREK-5TH GRADE: JOY CHOIR & CRAFTS
- ADULT PROGRAM: WOMEN'S GROUP
- ADULT PROGRAM: DR. RICHARD HANEY

5:30-6:30:

- VARIETY SHOW DINNER (FAMILY CENTER)

## Fairfield Variety Show!

Fairfield Youth are hosting a Variety Show Mission Fundraiser Dinner AND Bake Sale at 5:30-6:30pm, May 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Family Center.

Do you have a talent or skit to share? All ages are welcome to participate.



Have a baked good you'd like to donate to our sale? Let Pastor Mike know!



## Fairfield Youth Variety Show & Bake Sale Fundraiser

Fairfield Youth are hosting a Variety Show Dinner AND Bake Sale Sunday at 5:30-6:30pm, May 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Family Center, after ALL Church night events. This will be a fundraiser for our upcoming mission trip to Raleigh, NC. Do you have a talent or skit to share? All ages are welcome to participate. Have a baked good you'd like to donate to our sale? Let Pastor Mike know if you'd like to contribute!

### “What Is God Doing in the World?”

From 4:30-5:30pm Rev. Dr. Richard Haney will speak on “What Is God Doing in the World?” God is alive and active in the world. God works through missionaries, Bible translators, local churches and even dreams and visions. Hear reports from the field from Asia, Africa and the Americas! Hear stories of Jesus' Kingdom entering new regions with joy of the Gospel.

## Confirmation Sunday: Combined Worship Service

Sunday, May 17th, 10:30am  
in the Family Center



*Come celebrate with our confirmands and our Christian Education leaders. A lunch will immediately follow the worship service led by the Mission Study Team*

## Mission Study Lunch May 17

Immediately after our combined service on May 17th (around 11:30am), we will have a luncheon conversation led by the Mission Study Team. There is no need to RSVP. Come be part of listening for how the Holy Spirit is moving among us!

### 11:00am Sound System and Streaming Upgrades

Thanks to a generous donation and the work of our church leadership, we have signed a contract to upgrade the sound system in the sanctuary to increase audibility and clarity. Further, we will be using a new livestreaming system that will automatically stream the services when they begin, reducing the need for on-site volunteers for that purpose. We're excited to see how this comes together!



Our next Women's Study will be held on ALL Church Night, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 4:30pm.

Come for the study and then stay for dinner and the variety show!

## Clothes Swap



**Our Community Clothes Swap** took place on April 25 and wow... what an incredible turnout. This community truly showed up. From overflowing donations to the many hands that helped behind the scenes—sharing posts, setting up, sorting, and cleaning up—it was all noticed and deeply appreciated. A special thank-you to our church and community volunteers who generously gave their time and energy to make this event run smoothly. We truly could not have done this without you.

Because of your generosity, we're able to donate a large amount to Hanover Engagement, helping extend the impact of this event far beyond swap day and continue supporting families in our community.

This swapping community shows up every time, and we are so grateful to be part of something so thoughtful and generous.

Angela Blue



Our youth have been hard at work preparing for our June mission trip to Raleigh, NC with Raleigh Youth Mission. We'll be spending that week traveling to several different urban mission sites, returning each day to spend time in prayer and reflection. We are hopeful to share our experience upon returning! May 3<sup>rd</sup> will be our big fundraiser for this trip and we'd love your support! Anyone can write a gift to "Youth missions" to support us.

## Mission Study Team Church-Wide Survey

The Mission Study Team (MST)—Janna Daugherty, Stuart Settle, Hunter Glass, Pam Roberts, Beth Young, Chuck Chelette, and Angela Blue—invites everyone to participate in a brief church-wide survey. You can participate by scanning the QR code or [clicking HERE](#) (paper copies are also available in the Narthex).

A Mission Study is a process that helps a church clarify God's call and evaluate how faithfully the congregation is living into that call. The feedback gathered will directly shape the church's vision, priorities, and the communities it is called to serve in the months and years ahead. This work is also required by the presbytery as part of preparing to call a new pastor.

The survey is **completely anonymous**, and **each response is important**—this is your opportunity to share your voice and help guide the future direction of our church.



## Testing in Family Center

During the month of May, our local high school students will be using our Family Center for their IB exams. They will be testing in the daytime. Please avoid this area if at all possible. Silence is needed to give the students the best way to concentrate. Pickleball will continue. Please check the calendar for the adjusted times in May.

**May 2026**  
**Preaching Schedule for Fairfield**  
 Holy Spirit Series (May & June)

May 3 - Nancy	Topic: Holy Spirit John 14, 16?	Communion
May 10-Richard	Topic: Holy Spirit Romans 8:14-17	(Mother's Day) Baptism
May 17 - Mike	Topic Holy Spirit? Mark 1:4-12	One Service/ Confirmation
May 24-Richard	Topic: Holy Spirit? Acts 2:1-21	Pentecost
May 31-Nancy	Topic: Holy Spirit	



**NURSERY SCHEDULE**

**9:00am Nursery**

- May 3** Nikki Glass & McKenna Blue
- May 10** Allison Letourneau & Anne Young
- May 17** Angela Schwartz & Barbara vanSteenburgh
- May 24** Marge Wantz & McKenna Blue
- May 31** Majken Whitaker & Abbey Glass



**M** News from the OSS (One Stop Shop) and  
**C** MCEF (Mechanicsville Churches Emergency Functions) 4mcef.com  
**E**  
**F**

The monthly meeting at MCEF was held April 13, 2026. The OSS continues to see an increase each time the doors are open. 163 families were helped in March.

Sr. Rides is currently advertising for drivers in Mechanicsville. If this is of interest to you or you would like more information, please call (804) 357-9360. This ministry gave 154 one-way rides in March.

The 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of MCEF celebratory luncheon was held on April 18<sup>th</sup>. It was such a great celebration of the volunteer spirit in this community. Hanover County Board of Supervisors representative, Sean Davis, presented MCEF with a proclamation of thanks for 50 years of help and service in our community.

**Donation items:** canned fruit, canned meats, toothpaste and deodorant.

**THANK YOU, FAIRFIELD FOR ALL YOU DO TO SUPPORT MCEF IN OUR COMMUNITY**



**LINE DANCING**

**Calling All Line Dancers!**

If you would be interested in lessons starting June 30<sup>th</sup> in the Family Center on five Tuesdays from 6:30-7:30pm, please sign up! We need to have at least 15 people. Betty Weeks will be teaching again and depending on the size of the class the fee will range from \$5 to \$7 each week.

To sign up email Marge Wantz at [mnwantz@gmail.com](mailto:mnwantz@gmail.com) and leave your name and contact information.

Hope to hear from you soon!



We remember, O Lord, the men and women who have made the supreme sacrifice for our country. Help us never to breathe the air of freedom, claim the right to justice or enjoy the privilege of worship

without deep gratitude for those who gave “the last full measure of devotion” for our sake.

May they now know the peace of eternity and the joy of your presence. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Flowers for Worship and Care

*“The beauty of God’s creation fills my heart with gratitude. When I put together the flowers he created to make something pleasing it’s my way of worshiping him. His bounty, his love for us that would gift such splendor to us brings pure joy. It touches my heart to the core. I think our flowers at worship are just that, a praise, a thanksgiving, a brilliant and sometimes colorful worship. A way of showing our appreciation.” - Terri Joyce*

We are transitioning as a church, in a season of waiting to hear where God wants us to be. We have also transitioned our florals since the beginning of the year. King William Florist has been providing our weekly arrangement. We are eager for the floral calendar to fill out. If you want to offer the flowers for worship on any given Sunday simply fill in the calendar. There is one on the wall right outside the restrooms by the kitchen and we will soon set one up by the Family Center as well. Simply fill in any blank spots. The arrangement can be made to your request i.e. colors specific flowers. Reach out to Donna (in the office) or Terri Joyce with any questions. After the 11:00 service concludes, you may take your arrangement home, to someone who would appreciate them, or let them know you will leave them and we will bring them to someone, or donate to At Home Hospice. Suggested donation for flowers is \$75.

Terri Joyce



Do you have a student that has graduated from college this year? How about a high school senior that is graduating at the end of the month? Fairfield wants to know!

Please email Donna in the office at [secretary@fairfieldpcusa.org](mailto:secretary@fairfieldpcusa.org) and let her know about your graduate. We will be celebrating them in June. Thank you!



According to John’s Gospel, Jesus said to those who knew him best, “No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends. ... You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit” (John 15:15–16, ESV).

The depth of Christ’s friendship is seen in his willingness to give his life for his friends — and for us as well. “Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you” (John 15:13–14, ESV).

By obeying our Lord and showing love to others, we demonstrate our friendship with Christ. Friendship with Christ and with one another is, according to the Christian layman and president Woodrow Wilson, “the only cement that will hold the world together.”

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>26</b></p> <p>9:00am –9:45am Contemporary Worship Service (Family Center)</p> <p>9:45am –10:45am Confirmation Class (#19)</p> <p>9:45am –10:45am Sunday School</p> <p>11:00am NBC Worship (FC)</p> <p>11:00am –1:00pm New Beginnings Church Worship (Family Center)</p> <p>11:00am –12:00pm Traditional Worship (sanctuary)</p> <p>4:30pm –5:30pm Women's Group (#26)</p> <p>4:30pm Youth Group Service Project</p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p>8:00am –4:00pm Classical Conversations - Challenge Class</p> <p>5:30pm –7:30pm Pickleball (FC)</p> <p>6:00pm –8:00pm AA Group (#29)</p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p>11:00am –1:00pm Pickleball (FC)</p> <p>5:30pm NBC Choir Practice (#14)</p>	<p><b>29</b></p> <p>5:30pm –7:30pm Pickleball (FC)</p> <p>7:00pm –8:00pm Fairfield Ringers (sanctuary)</p> <p>8:00pm Praise Band Practice (FC)</p>	<p><b>30</b></p> <p>11:00am –1:00pm Pickleball (FC)</p> <p>1:00pm –3:00pm Mahjong Get-Together (FC)</p> <p>6:30pm –9:30pm C.A.P. (Family Center, 29, 31)</p> <p>7:00pm –8:00pm Adult Choir Practice (sanctuary)</p>	<p><b>1</b></p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>Communion Set-Up (Small Kitchen)</p>
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<p><b>10</b></p> <p>No Youth Group (Mother's Day)</p> <p>9:00am –9:45am Contemporary Worship Service (Family Center)</p> <p>9:45am –10:45am Confirmation Class (#19)</p> <p>9:45am –10:45am Sunday School</p> <p>11:00am –1:00pm New Beginnings Church Worship (Family Center)</p> <p>11:00am –12:00pm Traditional Worship (sanctuary)</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>12:00pm –4:00pm Mechanicsville H.S. IB Exams (Family Center)</p> <p>5:30pm –7:30pm Pickleball (FC)</p> <p>6:00pm –8:00pm AA Group (#29)</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>7:00am –8:00am Men's Breakfast (Cracker Barrel)</p> <p>8:00am –4:00pm Mechanicsville H.S. IB Exams (Family Center)</p> <p>10:00am –11:00am Fellowship Circle (#20)</p> <p>5:30pm NBC Choir Practice (#14)</p> <p>7:00pm Joyful Readers Circle (HH)</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p>8:00am –4:00pm Mechanicsville H.S. IB Exams (Family Center)</p> <p>5:30pm –7:30pm Pickleball (FC)</p> <p>7:00pm –8:00pm Fairfield Ringers (sanctuary)</p> <p>8:00pm Praise Band Practice (FC)</p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p>8:00am –4:00pm Mechanicsville H.S. IB Exams (Family Center)</p> <p>6:30pm –9:30pm C.A.P. (Family Center, 29, 31)</p> <p>7:00pm –8:00pm Adult Choir Practice (sanctuary)</p>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p>8:00am –12:00pm Mechanicsville H.S. IB Exams (Family Center)</p>	<p><b>16</b></p>
<p><b>17</b></p> <p>All Church Field Day</p> <p><b>CONFIRMATION SUNDAY</b></p> <p>10:30am –11:30am Combined Worship Service (Family Center)</p> <p>11:00am –1:00pm New Beginnings Church Worship (Sanctuary)</p> <p>3:00pm –5:00pm DAR Youth Leadership Awards (FC)</p> <p>4:30pm –5:30pm Women's Group (#26)</p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p>5:30pm –7:30pm Pickleball (FC)</p> <p>6:00pm –8:00pm AA Group (#29)</p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p>12:00pm –4:00pm Mechanicsville H.S. IB Exams (Family Center)</p> <p>5:30pm NBC Choir Practice (#14)</p> <p>7:00pm Session Meeting (#20)</p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p><i>Newsletter Deadline</i></p> <p>8:00am –12:00pm Mechanicsville H.S. IB Exams (Family Center)</p> <p>5:30pm –7:30pm Pickleball (FC)</p> <p>7:00pm –8:00pm Fairfield Ringers (sanctuary)</p> <p>8:00pm Praise Band Practice (FC)</p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p>11:00am –1:00pm Pickleball (FC)</p> <p>1:00pm –3:00pm Mahjong Get-Together (FC)</p> <p>6:30pm –9:30pm C.A.P. (Family Center, 29, 31)</p> <p>7:00pm –8:00pm Adult Choir Practice (sanctuary)</p>	<p><b>22</b></p>	<p><b>23</b></p>
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# Under-aged Thinking

## GROWING IN GOD'S word



Try this craft as a reminder that we need to continue to grow in God's Word.

**What you need:**

- Small terra cotta pot and plate
- Acrylic paints (various colors)
- Paper plate
- Potting soil (enough to fill the pot)
- Small inside plant or packet of seeds
- Newspaper or paper
- Paintbrush
- Cup of water
- Permanent black marker




**What you do:**

1. Spread some newspaper out on a table for your working area.
2. Squeeze the paint colors that you wish to use onto your paper plate.
3. Paint designs on the pot and plate.
4. When the pot is dry, take the black marker and on the top part of the pot write: Growing in God's Word.
5. Pour a small amount of potting soil into the bottom of the pot. With adults help, place your plant into the pot and surround your plant with the rest of the soil. If planting seeds, follow the packet instructions.
6. Water your plant so the soil is moist. Check your plant everyday and keep the soil moist.
7. Enjoy watching your plant grow, and remember that you too, need care as you grow in God's Word.

2 Peter 3:18 NIV  
But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen.

# Puzzle!




In spring and summer, we remember mothers and fathers with special days. Find the parents of these Biblical children. Check the verse given for help.

Joash (2 Kings 11:2)	A _____
Obed (Matthew 1:5)	B _____
Joseph (Genesis 35: 22-24)	_____ C _____
John the disciple (Matthew 4:21)	_____ D _____
John the Baptist (Luke 1:13)	_____ E _____
Lo-Ruhamah (Hosea 1:6)	G _____
Jezreel (Hosea 1:4)	H _____
Esau (Genesis 25:28)	I _____
David (1 Samuel 16:19)	J _____
Jacob (Genesis 25:28)	_____ K _____
Samuel (1 Samuel 1:19-20)	_____ L _____
Gershom (Exodus 2:21-22)	M _____
Samuel (1 Samuel 1:19-20)	_____ N _____
Jesse (Matthew 1:5)	O _____
Gershom (Exodus 2:21-22)	_____ P _____
Joseph (Genesis 35: 22-24)	R _____
Isaac (Genesis 21:3)	S _____
John the Baptist (Luke 1:13)	_____ T _____
Jonathan (1 Samuel 14:1)	_____ U _____
Solomon (1 Kings 2:1)	_____ V _____
Jesus (Matthew 1:18)	_____ Y _____
James (Matthew 4:21)	Z _____

Answers: Ahaziah, Boaz, Jacob, Zebedee, Zechariah, Gomer, Hosea, Isaac, Jesse, Rebekah, Ekanah, Moses, Hannah, Obed, Zipporah, Rachel, Zebedee, Zechariah, Sarah, Saul, David, Mary, Zebedee

**Bible Quiz**



Although the apostle Paul is credited with writing the letter to the Romans, he dictated the message while another believer served as the scribe. Near the end of the letter, that writer briefly identifies himself. Who was it?

A. Tertius  
 B. Timothy  
 C. Lucius  
 D. Aquila

Answer: A (Romans 16:22)

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