



# The Messenger

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## June 2026



Dear Friends at Fairfield,

Recently, I was sitting on my back porch enjoying the spring air, our yard and flower gardens. It is beautiful, at least in my eyes. The first year we moved here we were very impressed by what greeted us in the way of landscaping when we arrived. There was a small pond with a little creek, some nice large rhododendrons and azaleas, and many small plants. The yard had recently been a bit neglected and was not in its best condition; but, the potential was very evident. Our life was hectic and with the timing of our move, we were not able to do much that first year. Still, we enjoyed what was and thinking about what might be.

Since then we have tended and added and built upon what was already established. Glenn and I have little training on how to landscape a yard; but, years of love and care have made an impact. It is amazing what some sunshine, water, weeding and tender care can do for a garden.

Over the years, the potential for wonder provided by those early plantings, combined with a few additions each year, and lots of effort on an ongoing basis, have emerged as a splendor of color and life reminding me of the wonder of God the creator. As a result of years of planting and nurture begun even before we lived here; the trees, plants, and paths beckon to me to come out from the window or from the porch to walk the paths, to just look at the new growth, or maybe to do a little work.

I was reminded recently of the need for years of nurture and care when we had the joy of witnessing a baptism. The parents made vows to nurture and

teach this child the faith. It was a special moment when this beautiful child of God was taken into the arms of the pastor, and baptized in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Then this little one was paraded around the room as we remembered the covenant we make to also nurture this child in the faith. It is such an important commitment we make to share the love of Christ in our words and deeds as we grow together.

The following week, four youth were confirmed into the membership of the church professing their faith in Jesus Christ. All of these youth have been in this congregation for several years, if not a lifetime, experiencing that care and nurture in all the places they participate in the life of the church. That same day, we recognized our graduates. The wonder and joy as the body of Christ celebrated all of these young people filled the room. Radiant smiles abounded. It was a beautiful to witness.

During that same service, we paused and recognized volunteers who have dedicated themselves to nurturing, equipping, chaperoning outings, playing with little ones, and other acts of tending and caring for the members of our congregation. What a difference each person makes. Like sun and rain and planting and weeding make the garden grow and become beautiful; so it is with the church. Teaching, nurturing, loving, and tending to the needs of one another help people grow in faith, hope, and love and brings great beauty to the body of Christ.

Whether you teach a class, send a meal, or stop to talk to someone in the hall, it matters. Thank you for the good things you do and the lives you touch.

In Christ's Love,

# Member News

## Directory Updates

Steve & Debby Starzer have moved to the following address: 10116 Hollythorne Lane, Mechanicsville, VA 23116. Their cell phone numbers remain the same.

Janice Baily has moved to Chestnut Grove. The address is 9010 Woodman Road, Room 214, Richmond, VA 23228.



Janice Baily, Vicky Beamer, Becky Clark, Dwight Clark, Lorraine Creech, John Crowe, Elaine Endicott, Kathy Jennel, Merrilyn Jones, Kaylyn McGee, Barbara Wash, Ed Wolfgang, Rebekah Wenninger and all those who serve as missionaries abroad and those who serve our nation.



On May 10 Brooks Alexander Weis received the Sacrament of Baptism. His parents are Justin and Katelyn Weis.



On May 17, we received four confirmands into membership. They are: Landon Cole, Zack Letourneau, Tess

Wenninger, and Evan Whitaker. Please help us welcome them into our church family.



With sympathy, we remember two church members who passed away recently. Linda Canyock, a member since 1992 passed away on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Her

graveside service was on March 15. We remember as well Virginia Phipps, who passed away on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. She was a member since 2012. Her service will be held on May 30, 10am at the Masonic Home chapel. Please keep the families of these two ladies in your prayers.

Please remember our homebound members who are unable to get to church: Margaret Barlow, Reggie Crump, Dot Gammon, Ruth Harpster, Merrilyn Jones, Eva Ladd, Laverne Longest, Nancy Norment, 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 June 2026

- Flag Day, June 14
- Juneteenth, June 19
- Father's Day, June 21
- First Day of Summer, June 21



There will be a congregational meeting on June 21, immediately following the 9am service in the Family Center. Please plan to attend.



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
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	June 10
Austin Weis	June 10
Beth Young	June 10
Edward Wolfgang	June 11
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
Bremner Lancaster	June 22

Melanie Magill	June 23
Megan McWilliams	June 23
Sarah Dobson-Heretick	June 24
Cory Walter	June 24
Taylor Hale	June 25
Susan Lorch	June 25
Connor Sulser	June 26
Martha Houchins	June 27
Jim Gruenhagen	June 28
Patty Gulliver	June 28
Bill Walter	June 28
Jake Lafferty	June 29
Beth Weber	June 30



Tom & Jenny Lake	June 1
Marci & Frank Uvanni	June 2
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
David & Vivian Jones	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
Bill & Lee Lythgoe	June 21
Rick & Sarah Dobson-Heretick	June 22
Steve & Debby Starzer	June 22
Chuck & Ginny Patterson	June 23
Stuart & Becky Settle	June 26
Beth & Tyler Cole	June 26
Stuart & Becky Settle	June 26
Tim & Patty Gulliver	June 28
Danny & Karen Couch	June 30



Congratulations to our high school graduates this year. They are:

**Abbey Glass**  
**Zoe Marker**  
**Kendall Underdown**  
**Keelyn Underdown**

We also congratulate our college graduates:

**Taylor Hale:** Taylor graduated from James Madison University with a Bachelor of Science in Psychology & a minor in Criminal Justice. Taylor will be starting Graduate School in the fall at VCU for social work.

**Heather Lowery:** graduated from Roanoke College earning her Bachelor's of Arts in Theater.



Knitting or crocheting can be an enjoyable, creative and relaxing activity. It is even more so while in the company of friends. **The Prayer Shawl**

**Ministry** meets the first Wednesday of each month. We enjoy fellowship while working on projects (sometimes personal and others for the ministry.) If you don't know how to knit or crochet and want to learn, we will be happy to help you learn and everyone is welcome! Come and join us.

**The next meeting of the Prayer Shawl Ministry is Wednesday, June 3 at 10:00am in the Barlow Parlor.**

Anna Barrowclough



The **Fellowship Circle** will meet on **June 9**, 10:00am in the Open Door classroom. The group will finish up for the year and start back in the fall. Come

and join us!

June 2026	
Preaching Schedule for Fairfield	
Holy Spirit Series (June)	
Jun. 7- Richard	Topic: Holy Spirit & Prayer Romans 8:26-30
Jun. 14 - Nancy	Topic: Holy Spirit Youth Mission Trip Commissioning
Jun 21 - Mike	Topic: Holy Spirit Youth Mission Trip Report
Jun 28 - Richard	Topic: Holy Spirit

## Missions Report

### Fairfield Missionary Efforts are On the Move

The Mission Committee is pleased to announce that the Spring Mission Drive was a grand success! Joining together, the congregation raised \$18,950 to support the spread of the Gospel in our local, national and international communities by providing much needed funds to help those near to us and around the world share the Good News of Jesus Christ through their words and deeds. Your contributions will be used to give hope, joy and vital supplies to those in despair. By funding missionary efforts in places near to us and far away, you have joined a movement ordained by Jesus to tell others the truth and the eternal power of the Good News that He brought to the world. Joy abounds.



**Youth Group Raleigh Mission Trip 2026** - From June 15-19th, the youth group of Fairfield Presbyterian Church will be following Christ's lead, serving with Raleigh Youth

Mission in Raleigh, NC. They will be staying at First Presbyterian Church in Raleigh, which will serve as a home base. Each day will be spent out in the city at a variety of different service location, requiring a range of different tasks and activities. They'll spend the evenings in prayer, worship, and reflection after doing Christ's work and developing relationships with people, often in different worlds from their own. It will be a fun, educational, and spirit-filled journey! Thank you for keeping us in your prayers! Thanks to the generosity of this church, this trip will be accomplished at a minimal cost to youth and their families.

We ask for your prayers for the following people going on the mission trip: Mike Watson, Mitzi Marker, Jessica Ingerman, Beth Cole, Adler Frye, Charlie Robertson, Erik Whitaker, Jack Letourneau, Landon Cole, Tess Wenninger, Evan Whitaker, Zachary Letourneau, McKenna Blue, Topher Carson, Kylee Smith and Zoe Marker.



News from the OSS (One Stop Shop) and MCEF (Mechanicsville Churches Emergency Functions) [4mcef.com](http://4mcef.com)

The monthly meeting at MCEF was held May 11, 2026. In April the OSS helped 299 adults and 120 children with food and/or clothing. 4 new clients were registered.

Senior Rides gave 141 one-way rides in April. Please keep Aimee West, operations manager for Senior Rides in your prayers. She is at home under Hospice care.

REMIND<sup>ER</sup>: Donation days are the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month from 2<sup>3</sup>:30. Spring and

summer clothes are being accepted. Food items needed are: canned pasta, boxed pasta, jelly/jam.

Nancy Gallihugh



## NURSERY SCHEDULE

### 9:00am Nursery

- June 7** Nikki Glass & McKenna Blue
- June 14** Barbara vanSteenburgh & Zachary Letourneau
- June 21** Angela Schwartz & Majken Whitaker
- June 28** Abbey Glass & Marge Wantz



## 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!

## *Confirmation Sunday - May 17*

Thanks to everyone who made this day a success!



## *Van Accessible Parking Spaces*

We would like to remind people that **we have special handicap spaces for our members & friends who use wheel chairs.** Please do not park in these spaces. There are more handicap spaces further down past the van-accessible ones. Fairfield has at least four families who need the van-accessible spaces regularly. If you are not in a wheel chair or 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!



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>31</b></p> <p>9:00am –9:45am Contemporary Worship Service (Pavilion)</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>1</b></p> <p>8:00am –4:00pm Classical Conversations Practicum (HH &amp; classrooms)</p> <p>5:30pm –7:30pm Pickleball (FC)</p> <p>6:00pm –8:00pm AA Group (#29)</p> <p>7:00pm MST Meeting #20</p> <p>7:00pm Personnel Meeting (#26)</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>11:00am –1:00pm Pickleball (FC)</p> <p>5:30pm NBC Choir Practice (#14)</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>10:00am Prayer Shawl Ministry (Barlow Parlor)</p> <p>5:30pm –7:30pm Pickleball (FC)</p> <p>8:00pm Praise Band Practice (FC)</p>	<p><b>4</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>5</b></p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>Communion Set-Up (Small Kitchen)</p>
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# Under-Aged Thinking

## Puzzle!

### A Father's Love

Directions: Match the biblical children to their father, using the clues by the father's name. Then write the corresponding letter on the lines to complete the Bible verse below.

Shem, Ham & Japheth = M	John the Baptist = N
Solomon = O	Jacob & Esau = A
Jonathan = I	Cain, Abel & Seth = O
Jesus = C	Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar,
Rachel & Leah = S	Zebulun, Joseph, Benjamin, Dan, Gad,
Isaac & Ishmael = P	Naphtali, Asher & Dinah = S

- God: "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased." \_\_\_\_\_
- Adam: God gave him another son because the older killed the younger. \_\_\_\_\_
- Noah: His sons were blessed and told to multiply and replenish the earth. \_\_\_\_\_
- Abraham: God promised he would be a father of many nations. The Jews and Arabs descend from these two sons. \_\_\_\_\_
- Isaac: His older son sold his birthright, and his younger son tricked Isaac and received the blessings for the firstborn. \_\_\_\_\_
- Laban: He had two daughters; the older was tender-eyed and the younger was very beautiful. Both married Jacob. \_\_\_\_\_
- Jacob: Two wives and two handmaids gave him 12 sons and a daughter. \_\_\_\_\_
- Saul: His son was David's best friend. \_\_\_\_\_
- David: He had many children, but one was known for his wisdom, for having many wives and for building God's temple. \_\_\_\_\_
- Zechariah: His son, a cousin of Jesus, was born to be a messenger of repentance. \_\_\_\_\_

As a father has \_\_\_\_\_  
on his children, so the LORD has  
\_\_\_\_\_ on those who  
fear him. *Psalm 103:13, NIV*



Answer: compassion

## WORDS THAT HONOR DAD!

Create this artwork to show your love and appreciation for your dad or another special man this Father's Day.



### What you need:


- A white painting canvas, foam-core board or poster board
- Letter stickers or letter stamps

### What you do:

1. Using the letters, spell out words that describe your dad's character (loving, honest, godly, etc.) and/or his roles (protector, provider, mentor, etc.).
2. Arrange the words in a crossword-style design, placing them both horizontally and vertically.
3. Once you're happy with the layout, stick the words onto the canvas or board.
4. Decorate the canvas as you like, then present it as a meaningful reminder of your love and appreciation for who he is.

**Bible Quiz**

King David wanted to build a glorious temple for worshipping God and for housing the ark of the covenant. God, however, did not permit him to build it. Instead, God chose Solomon, David's son, to head up the building program. Why wasn't David allowed the honor of building the temple?



- A. David was getting too old to supervise such an undertaking.
- B. David had been a warrior and had shed blood.
- C. David had stopped taking God seriously.
- D. David's attention was required elsewhere.

Answer: B (1 Chronicles 28:3)

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