



The Messenger

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One of the perks of serving Fairfield and making trips to Hanover from Chesterfield is the opportunity to stop by the Polegreen Market. I discovered the Market during my first tenure at Fairfield in 2010-2011. It seems to be even larger and busier 15 years later. On some days, before driving home, I'll call my wife and ask her for an order. So far this season, I have bought corn, strawberries, squash, peaches, tomatoes and zucchini—and last week I found butter beans. We had succotash on Father's Day—a family favorite!

Hanover tomatoes are not available yet but soon they will be ripe and ready. Hurray! My own tomato plants have flowers and little green tomatoes but they have a long way to go. My small summer vegetable garden includes tomatoes, peppers plus herbs in containers near the back door. We don't use many herbs but the basil looks great as does the rosemary, sage, thyme and parsley. The cilantro, however, never does well for me.

If I had more time and more acreage, I might try to grow fruit trees and blueberries. Both my dad and his dad ate cold cereal every morning with fresh fruit and milk. Mostly blueberries for my dad since he could find them frozen all year. My grandfather insisted on fresh fruit—he grew his own strawberries and we hiked into the woods for blackberries and went to the market for peaches.

Beginning in July, your pastors will preach a summer series on ***"The Fruit of the Spirit"*** described in Galatians 5:22. Whereas, we visit the market for various fruits, the biblical text mentions ***"fruit"*** singular but then itemizes nine different aspects or characteristics of a fruitful Christian life. One commentator wrote, "The nine graces are not, so to say, different jewels; rather, they are different facets of the same jewel which cohere and show

their luster simultaneously—when the Spirit is truly at work in the believer's life."

Paul contrasted the fruit of the Spirit with the "works of the flesh." In his letter to the Galatians, Paul cites a list of vices and then contrasts them with a list of virtues that the Spirit produces in the disciple's life. In an alternate translation, it reads, "The harvest of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, fidelity, gentleness and self-control." These fruitful aspects of a Spirit-controlled life exhibit Christian character. The fruit is intended for every believer whereas the gifts are distributed throughout the Body and complement each other. No one has all the gifts but we aspire to reflect all the fruit!

Our sermon series begins on July 5 and runs nine weeks through August 30. We offer it as a part two "complement" to the preaching series in May and June on the Holy Spirit's ministry among us. The Spirit is our Helper, the Giver of Gifts, the power behind mission, our Guide and Interpreter plus the producer of fruit in our maturing lives.

I forgot to mention that I do grow one fruit in my backyard—rhubarb. This is the first year it has amounted to anything. The last two years it withered away only to come back this spring. It is almost big enough to harvest. Now, if only there were some fresh strawberries to be had...

Blessings in Summer,

Richard

Member News



It is with sympathy that we tell you of the death of Orlando "Buck" Smith. He passed away on June 20 at Sunnyside Community. Buck was a member here since 1957 before transferring to Windy Cove Presbyterian Church in Millboro, Virginia. The service was held on June 28. Please keep his three sons, Kevin, Mark and Matthew and their families in your prayers.



Janice Bailly, Vicky Beamer, Becky Clark, Dwight Clark, Brenda Blue's mother, Lorraine Creech, **John Crowe, Jim France's** father, Jim, Sr., Kathy Jennel, **Kaylyn McGee, Donna Richbourg's** daughter Pettus, **Cory Walter, Richard Walden's** wife, Nancy, **Barbara Wash, Ed Wolfgang, Rebekah Wenninger** and all those who serve as missionaries abroad plus those who serve our nation.

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, Elizabeth Moorhouse, 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

- July 4, Independence Day



Marcia Cramer	July 1
Tanner Lightsey	July 1
John Longest	July 1
Justin Weis	July 1
Chuck Chelette	July 2
Rebecca Mumpower	July 2
Mac Spencer	July 3
Dave Compton	July 4
Debbie Palicia	July 4
Sharon Tuckwiller	July 4
Sarah Wash	July 4
Brantley Clark	July 5
Rae Hayden	July 5
Jerry Williamson	July 5
Crystal Bessette	July 6
Linda Gruenhagen	July 6
McKenna Blue	July 7
Arlene Butchyk	July 7
Pam Haney	July 7
Jackson Wash	July 7
Ryan Lafferty	July 8
John Kosek	July 10
Bill Lythgoe	July 11
Debbie Lynn	July 14
Ben Hohman	July 17
Elliana Wills	July 17
Melody Watson	July 18
Jenny Young	July 18
Judie Thompson	July 19
Susan Patterson	July 21
Jack Ward	July 23
Gloria Dunham	July 25
Madeline Dunn	July 25
Graham Magill	July 25
Willye Fishburne	July 26
Craig Baughan	July 27

Nancy Walls	July 27
Robin Wilson	July 27
Merrill Hastings	July 28
Lillian Boyle	July 29
Rachel Underdown	July 29
Sheree Duggan	July 30
Mary Gayton	July 30
Victoria Ornelas	July 30
David Schwartz	July 30
Gerry Nuckols	July 31



Brett & Katy Underdown	July 2
Herb & Sue Coulter	July 3
Brian & Allison Letourneau	July 5
Gene & Peggie Rosen	July 9
Miheer & Courtney Kulkarni	July 11
Troy & Ana Horn	July 12
Mike & Erin Reasor	July 12
Jack & Lori Briel	July 13
Allen & Kathy Boyle	July 19
Mark & Lindsey Irwin	July 25
Bryant & Julie Lowery	July 25
J. R. & Mitzi Marker	July 28
Rick & Darlene Shegogue	July 29



Are you looking for a spiritual practice? Knitting or crocheting could fill that void. The calming repetitive action of creating a pattern while making a lap robe or shawl can put you at ease. Choosing a color and making something to cheer or comfort an unknown someone can be soothing.

If you don't know how to knit or crochet, the Prayer Shawl ministry will be happy to teach you. We met the first Wednesday of the month.

The next meeting of the Prayer Shawl Ministry is Wednesday, July 1 at 10:00am in the Barlow Parlor.

Anna Barrowclough

July 2026
Preaching Schedule for Fairfield
"Fruit of the Spirit"
From Galatians 5:22-23

Jul. 5- Mike "LOVE"
Jul. 12 - Richard "JOY"
Jul. 19- Nancy "PEACE"
Jul. 26- Richard "PATIENCE"

Missions Study Team

The Mission Study Team is hard at work reviewing the survey responses - thank you to everyone who shared their thoughts. We hope to submit the completed Mission Study to Session by the end of the summer for review and approval before it is forwarded to the Presbytery's Committee on Ministry. After approval, the congregation will elect a Pastor Nominating Committee to begin the process of seeking our next minister. We appreciate your continued prayers and support as we move forward together.



NURSERY SCHEDULE

9:00am Nursery

July 5 Angela Schwartz & Abbey Glass
July 12 McKenna Blue & Anne Young
July 19 Zachary Letourneau & Barbara VanSteenburg
July 26 Marge Wantz & Barbara VanSteenburgh

They Walked Everywhere

When a teenager earned his driving permit, he approached his father, a minister, to discuss using the car. His dad replied, "I'll make you a deal. Raise your grades, spend some time in your Bible and get your hair cut. Then we'll talk."

A month later, the young man came back. "Son, I'm proud of you," his father said. "Your grades are up, and you've been faithful in your Bible study. But you didn't get your hair cut."

The teenager paused. "Well, Dad, I've been thinking. Samson had long hair. Moses had long hair. Noah had long hair. Even Jesus had long hair."

His father nodded. "That's true. And they walked everywhere they went."



Be a Part of the Miracle

Miracles are rare but wonderful experiences that warm our hearts and connect us with others during unusual events. On **Saturday, August 1**, we'll have an opportunity to spend a part of that morning working with lots of friends to package **14,256 shelf-stable meals** to be sent to areas of the world where healthy food is scarce and the need is great.

This event will be held in the **Fairfield Family Center, beginning at 10:00am**. Bring your children and other friends and family members to help pack meals and make a dent in the hunger crisis that many face each day.

Everything needed to pack the meals will be provided. Bring friends and family, adding your hands to this project to prepare **thousands of meals** in one morning! Sign-up sheets will be available.

If you would like to donate funds for this project, write **Rise Against Hunger** on the memo line of your check. Join us on **Saturday, August 1, at 10:00am**, and be a part of **The Miracle!**

Rise Against Hunger - Meal Packaging Event

Miracles are rare but wonderful experiences that warm our hearts and connect us with others during special events. On **Saturday, August 1**, we'll have an opportunity to be part of a miracle, working alongside New Beginnings Church, to package **14,256 shelf-stable meals** to be sent to areas of the world where healthy food is scarce and the need is great. This event will be held in the **Fairfield**. Register online here:

<https://act.riseagainsthunger.org/event/e814886>, via the QR code, or by paper via the bulletin inserts.

If you can donate funds for this project, write **Rise Against Hunger** on the memo line of your check or online payment. Join us on **Saturday, August 1, at 10:00am**, and be a part of **The Miracle!**





Youth Mission Trip to Raleigh. Thanks for all the support!



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 9:00am -9:45am Contemporary Worship Service (Family Center) 9:45am -10:45am Sunday School 11:00am -1:00pm New Beginnings Church Worship (Family Center) 11:00am -12:00pm Traditional Worship (sanctuary)	29 5:30pm -7:30pm Pickleball (FC) 6:00pm -8:00pm AA Group (#29) 7:00pm MST Meeting #20	30 5:30pm NBC Choir Practice (#14) 6:30pm -7:30pm Line Dancing (Family Center)	1 10:00am Prayer Shawl Ministry (Barlow Parlor) 5:30pm -7:30pm Pickleball (FC) 8:00pm Praise Band Practice (FC)	2 6:30pm -9:30pm C.A.P. (Family Center, 29, 31)	3 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	4 Communion Set-Up (Small Kitchen)
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Under-Aged Thinking

Puzzle!

One of a Kind

The scrambled words and phrases below are all drawn from Scripture. Unscramble each one to reveal the correct biblical term or phrase. After solving them, transfer the circled letters in order to the lines at the bottom of the page to uncover the final message.

- 1) eiVn _ _ _ _ _
- 2) ilLy fo teh claVly _ _ _ _ _
- 3) abLm fo dGo _ _ _ _ _
- 4) estMar _ _ _ _ _
- 5) eJuss _ _ _ _ _
- 6) okRc _ _ _ _ _
- 7) rdBea fo eiLf _ _ _ _ _
- 8) higLt fo hte dorWl _ _ _ _ _
- 9) voaSir _ _ _ _ _
- 10) doLr _ _ _ _ _
- 11) ishCrt _ _ _ _ _
- 12) ehSprhed _ _ _ _ _
- 13) hTe doWr _ _ _ _ _
- 14) rncPie fo ccPac _ _ _ _ _



What do all these words have in common?

Answers: Vine; Lily of the Valley; Lamb of God; Master; Jesus; Rock; Bread of Life; Light of the World; Savior; Lord; Christ; Shepherd; The Word; Prince of Peace; Names of God's Son

COOKIE SMILE POPS



Transform slice-and-bake cookies into cheerful lollipop treats and share a few edible smiles.

What you need:

- 1 roll refrigerated sugar cookie dough
- Knife
- Baking sheet
- Wooden craft sticks
- Frosting
- Sprinkles
- Clear treat bags
- Ribbon



What you do:

1. Freeze the cookie dough for 15 to 20 minutes to firm it up, then slice into 1/4-inch rounds.
2. Place cookies on a baking sheet about 2 inches apart.
3. Bake at 350 degrees for 5 minutes.
4. Remove from the oven and gently press a wooden stick halfway into the bottom of each cookie.
5. Return to the oven and bake 3 to 5 more minutes, until lightly golden.
6. Let cookies cool completely.
7. Decorate with frosting to create smiling faces and add sprinkles.
8. Slip each cookie pop into a treat bag and tie with ribbon.



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Bible Quiz

About 450 years before Jesus, Nehemiah heard that Jerusalem still lay in ruins after the Babylonian invasion. The news broke his heart. After days of prayer and mourning, he stepped forward to lead the effort to rebuild the city wall. Despite opposition, the people pressed on.



A well-known verse describes their progress: "So we built the wall. And all the wall was joined together to half its height, for the people had a mind to _____."

A. be protected

B. work

C. serve

D. live

Answer: B (Nehemiah 4:6, ESV)

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