



The Messenger

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Dear Friends,

As the summer ends and the Fall begins, here is an update on Fairfield's journey through its current interim phase and on to finding new pastoral leadership. Nancy Clark and I started our interim assignment in mid-October of last year. In February of 2026, the Session appointed a Mission Study Team and they quickly got to work.

The Mission Study Team included Hunter Glass (chair) and elder Beth Young plus Pam Roberts, Chuck Chelette, Janna Daugherty, Angela Blue and Stuart Settle. Their assignment was to help Fairfield do a self-assessment of who we are, where we have been and what/whom we serve in Hanover County. The heart of their work including devising an all-church questionnaire and an area demographics study. They concluded: we are a warm and welcoming congregation deeply committed to biblical teaching and discipleship through Sunday School classes and other education ministries. Fairfield's members care generously for its fellow members and also reach out to the community. Our excellent facilities are shared with a number of outside groups including Classical Conversations and the New Beginnings Church.

Their final report numbered 21 pages and was unanimously approved by Session. The pastors promptly sent the approved MS report on to the Presbytery of the James. The presbytery's Committee on Ministry will review the report at its September meeting and after approving it will also give us permission to elect a Pastor Nominating Committee. When these approvals are in place, the Session will share the entire report with the Fairfield congregation.

The end of summer brings our summer preaching series on the Holy Spirit to a close. Your pastors will begin a new sermon series on the Book of Psalms beginning Labor Day weekend. The psalms were the hymnbook of the early church. The psalms are written in poetry and also serve us as prayers and spiritual songs. They help us to approach God with the full range of our emotions: praise, thanksgiving, lament, hope, disappointment and trust.

May the Lord bless you and keep you,

Richard



Member News

Jeff & Angela Blue no longer have a land line. You can reach Jeff on his cell phone: 804-683-0689 and Angela's cell phone number is : 804-357-3111. Please make these changes in your directory.

With sympathy, we let you know that **Janice Bailey** passed away on August 25. The family will receive friends from 4-7pm on Thursday, September 3 at Monaghan Funeral Home, 7300 Creighton Parkway where a funeral service will be held at 1:00pm on Friday, September 4.



Vicky Beamer, Becky & Dwight Clark, Glenn Clark's brother, **Jesse, Jim France's** parents, **Kaylyn McGee, Donna Richbourg, Cory Walter,** 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, John Crowe, 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, and 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.)



Dear Fairfield Friends, Just wanted to reach out and thank you for the cards and visits since April. I broke my shoulder and have been in recovery since then. In my years of playing football for Lee Davis, I never broke

anything so this has been a different experience. I should be dismissed for VC Rehab this week and then start rehab to learn to walk again.

Thank you for your support!
Cordially, John Crowe

Dear Fairfield Family,
I cannot thank you enough for the numerous cards, phone calls, emails, texts, visits, and meals you provided over the past 8 months. I'd also like to thank the members of the Prayer Shawl group for beautiful Prayer Shawl. And, I'm thankful for the team responsible for recording the services so that we can watch them on Live streaming/YouTube when we're not able to attend services in person. But, most of all, thank you for your prayers. It has been a long 8 months of dealing with chronic pain and not being able to get answers or find remedies that work. While I have experienced significant improvement in the past couple of months, I'm not 100% yet. With that in mind, I ask that you keep praying! Thanks, again, for your love and support as I was going through a difficult time.

In Christ, Vicky Beamer

Dear Friends,
Thank you so much for the ongoing prayers, the many cards, and other thoughtful acts of kindness following my recent surgery. It was really helpful to me to be reminded that you were praying for me when I was not healing as fast as I had hoped and feeling tired and discouraged. Prayers make a difference.

I am definitely on the mind and glad to be back worshiping with you. As I continue to prepare for my sermon on "goodness", which we rescheduled when I was out, I find myself thinking often of the many places I see goodness in action at Fairfield. Thanks for your care.

In Christ's Love, Nancy

Faith and works are like the light and heat of a candle; they cannot be separated.

—Joseph Beaumont



Laura Arnette	September 3
Jane Jones	September 3
Joan Ross	September 3
Elaine Endicott	September 6
Karen Hastings	September 6
Courtney Kulkarni	September 6
Gerry Miller	September 7
Logan Denton	September 8
Tom Lake	September 9
Wyatt Schneck	September 10
Tanner Franklin	September 11
Alissa Helfrich	September 11
Chris Palicia	September 12
Emily Helfrich	September 14
McKenzie Marker Crutchfield	September 14
Madison Stevens	September 15
Kylee Smith	September 17
Julie Sutton	September 17
Scott Stevens	September 18
Debbie Atkins	September 20
Kelly Daugherty	September 20
Elijah Horn	September 20
Robert Lee	September 20
Bettina Tanner	September 20
Beth Cole	September 21
Henry Atkinson	September 22
Sandra Brewster	September 23
Matt Joyce	September 23
Sally Kovacs	September 23
Mary Beth Adams	September 24
Marie Maida	September 24
Aaron Marker	September 24
Angela Blue	September 28
Heather Lowery	September 28



John & Suzanne Weeks	September 2
Jeff & Angela Blue	September 3
Pat & Linda Daugherty	September 4
Justin & Katelyn Weis	September 7
Charles & Bonnie Warren	September 9
Bennie & Joan Tomlinson	September 10
Merrill & Karen Hastings	September 12
Keith & Dana Franklin	September 19
Cameron & Erica Hutchison	September 19
Edward & Maurine Wolfgang	September 20
Ben & Brianna Hohman	September 21
Doug & Vicky Beamer	September 24
Jake & Ashley Foster	September 24
Billy & Sue Putze	September 26

Prayer of Remembrance for Patriots Day

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, our shelter through every storm, and our eternal home: We come before You remembering the lives lost on September 11, 2001. Though many years have passed, the sorrow of that day still lingers in the hearts of families, friends and a grieving nation.

Lord, comfort those who continue to carry loss. Grant peace to the brokenhearted, strength to the weary and light to those walking through seasons of grief. Let Your presence bring hope where memories still ache.

Teach us to care for one another with compassion and courage. Help us to be a people who offer kindness to the hurting, encouragement to the discouraged and justice to those who suffer. Stir our hearts to live with mercy, humility and love for our neighbors.

Forgive us when our words are greater than our actions. May we strive each day to reflect the values of faith, unity and grace that honor You and strengthen our communities.

Thank You, Lord, for Your constant care and unfailing mercy. Even in tragedy, You remain our refuge and our hope.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Special Dates for September

- Labor Day, September 7, 2026
- Patriot Day, September 11, 2026
- National Grandparents Day, September 13, 2026
- Hispanic Heritage Month, September 15-October 15, 2026
- First Day of Autumn, September 22, 2026



★ Preschool through 6th Grade

We're excited to welcome children Preschool through 6th Grade to Kids Worship during the 9am service and Sunday School during the 10:00 hour this year! Each week, kids will discover God's love through engaging Bible stories, interactive lessons, crafts, games, and hands-on activities. Using fun, age-appropriate resources from Trueway Kids, we'll help children grow in their faith, build friendships, and learn how to apply God's truth in their everyday lives. Meets in rooms 21 and 27.

Leaders: Angela Blue, Donna Hohman

★ 7th through 12th Grade

Students at this stage of life are beginning to move beyond simply accepting what they have been taught and are starting to ask deeper questions about faith, identity, purpose, and truth. This year, through the Trueway curriculum, we will focus on the OT and NT for the first half of the school year. Then, how we can apply the scriptures and themes into everyday lives, talking about harder questions like "Why does God allow suffering in the world," and "Where is God." Meets in room 23

Leaders: Grayson Palmore, Jeff Blue, Mike Watson

ADULT Classes

★ **The Rock Class** - Discussion format, multi-generational class for everyone. We begin this year with "Fascinating Stories of Forgotten

Lives" before moving into an in-depth study on the book of Revelation! Class meets in Room 31 and is led by Richard Dunn and Amy Atkinson.

★ **The Cornerstone Class** - Discussion format class that enjoys rich book discussions chosen by the class. This year, they will continue their exploration of the parables through "Jesus Through Middle Eastern Eyes" by Kenneth E. Bailey. Class meets in room 29 and is led by Sharon Tuckwiler.

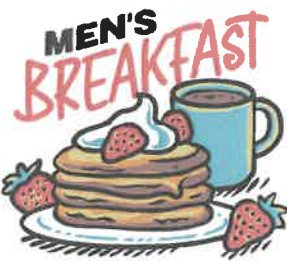
★ **The Union Class** - Lecture format class using the Standard Lesson Commentary, begins a new panoramic series, as we hike from Genesis to Revelation with a viewpoint on "We have a story to tell." Then, from Joshua to Philippians, we will walk through God's promises and direction, led by the least expected individuals and powered by God to bring His Kingdom to earth. Class meets in room 14 and is led by Anne Young and Judie Thompson.

★ **The Open Door Class** - Discussion format class with varying topics from Biblical stories to current events. This year we begin by continuing "Faces of our Faith," a study of lesser known stories in scripture that have shaped our faith. Each session, we study artwork and reflect on the artist's interpretations of these stories of faith. Class meets in room 20 and is led by Fred McCall, JR Marker, Tracy Young, and Martha Houchins.

September Sermon Series

"The book of Psalms has been central to God's people for millennia, across all walks of life and cultural contexts. In reading it, we discover that we are never alone in our joys, sorrows, anger, doubts, praise, or thanksgiving. In it we learn about prayer and poetry, honesty and community, justice and enemies, life and death, nations and creation." W. David O. Taylor

Sept. 6	1 Samuel 16:1-13	Mike
Sept. 13	Psalms 1	Richard
Sept. 20	Psalms 8	Richard
Sept. 27	Psalms 121	Nancy



Men of the Church! Are you ready to begin another year? We will meet the second Tuesday of each month (beginning **September 8, 7:00am at Cracker Barrel Restaurant** on Bell Creek

Road. We'll start off with a good breakfast and a lively discussion. All men are invited to join us. We welcome new blood to the group.



The Fellowship Circle will begin again on the second Tuesday of each month beginning at 10:00am in Room #10 (choir room) for September and then we'll go back to meeting in the

Open Door Classroom (#20). Our first meeting will be on September 8th.

Beverly Burts



The Joyful Readers Circle will start back up on **Tuesday, September 8 at 7:00pm in the Heritage Hall**. They will be discussing the book "The

Calamity Club" by Kathryn Stockett. Our discussion leader & devotional leader will be Robbie Dobson. Becky Settle and Donna Horn will bring refreshments. All women are invited to join us!



If you have a college student/students in your family for the 2026-2027 academic year, please help us keep in touch with them by sending the requested information below to the church office (secretary@fairfieldpcusa.org).

- Student's name & complete address
- Name of college/educational facility
- Email address
- Phone/cell phone
- Freshman/sophomore/junior/senior/etc.

This information is also helpful to the Joyful Readers Circle when they send out care packages to our college students!

Thanks!



Middle and High School Youth Group is back in action SOON! We are still in the process of finalizing calendar details but feel great about how things are

lining up. Youth group families will receive communication when that time comes. Please let pastor Mike know if you're not on the list and would like to be, or if you know someone who would like to be on our list.



You look at skeins of yarn and envision a pattern in those colors. It could be a lap robe, a prayer shawl or baby blanket. It may be strikingly bold or a gentle pastel. It can be crocheted or knitted. Praying about who will receive it, you begin the project.

This is what the Prayer Shawl Ministry does. You can be a part of this Ministry even if you don't know how to knit or crochet...we will be happy to help you learn. Come join us!

The next meeting of the Prayer Shawl Ministry is Wednesday, September 2 at 10:00am in the Barlow Parlor.

Anna Barrowclough



The choir will begin meeting again on Thursday, **September 10** beginning at **6:00pm-7:00pm** (note new time!) in the sanctuary. The Fairfield Ringers will begin on **Wednesday, September 9** from 7:00-

8:00pm. Both choirs are always looking for people to join our choirs. See Celeste Underdown to get more information.

"Chair"ishing Our Memories

Thank you to all of you who have taken the time and energy to decorate one of the children's chairs from the Harvie Road church. Response has been amazing and we can't wait to see the masterpieces. Please plan to return your chairs to the children's library, Room 18, by Labor Day, September 6. Also, please leave a note on the chair so we can give credit to the artist.

You will be able to get a preview of the chairs at each service during the month of September. There will be a Silent Auction on Sunday, October 4, after the combined service. Come enjoy the fellowship, appreciate the creativity of our artists, and bid to own your very own piece of Fairfield history. All proceeds and donations will be used to fund the Memorial Garden and bring it close to a reality.

So you have questions about the Memorial Garden and Columbarium? This may help answer some of them.

1. Why do we need a Memorial Garden and Columbarium? *Over the years there has been interest expressed in having a place on church grounds to honor and remember fellow Fairfield members; past and present. This garden will also provide a peaceful place for all to sit, meditate, and pray in a serene and beautiful setting.*

2. What happens if the church closes or moves? *The Columbariums containing the niches can be moved to the church's new location. In the case of the church being dissolved, it would be the responsibility of the Presbytery of the James (POJ) to continue maintenance of the garden.*

3. Can I pay in installments? *Yes, we will be glad to work with you with a signed commitment to purchase a niche for \$5,000 (2 people's ashes) or a plaque for \$450.*

4. What happens to the money collected if the

garden doesn't get built? *All monies will be returned to the purchasers and donors.*

5. Shouldn't we be putting our money toward something that looks to the future rather than the past? *The future is built on our past. This garden will memorialize those members who came before us and whose faith did so much to make Fairfield possible today. It will also provide peace of mind to current members and families to know that they will continue to be a meaningful part of this church that meant so much to them in life.*

6. I plan to be buried somewhere else. Why do I need this place? *Even if you have plans to be buried elsewhere, your family and friends may want to purchase a plaque to honor you. This would also be a great way for a Sunday School Class or other group to memorialize someone who was an important part of their faith journey.*

The Committee welcomes your expressed interest and any other questions you may have.

The Memorial Garden and Columbarium Committee:

Larry Hansbrough
Donna Hohman
Billy Putze
Marge Wantz
Beth Young



Combined Worship Service

October 4, 10:30am in
the Sanctuary for World
Communion Sunday

Please join us!



Sept. 6	Nikki Glass & McKenna Blue
Sept. 13	Barbara VanSteenburgh & Anne Young
Sept. 20	Nikki Glass & Zachary Letourneau
Sept. 27	Angela Schwartz & Marge Wantz

Library News

"Each of you should use whatever gifts you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in it's various forms." (1st Peter 4:10)

In this article, let us take time to reflect on the importance of using our individual gifts and God given talents to serve others and to be good stewards of God's grace in our lives.

In our library we have two books that were written and compiled by two of our long time faithful members. Look for *Fluttering Wings - Poems, Stories and Art* by Larry W. Rigsby. This book was recently acquired for our library from Larry. We also have *Poems* by Janice Baily. We are so blessed that they wanted to share their journey of faith through their love of writing and art with us.

May we always strive to use our God given talents and spiritual gifts to show and share our faith with others.



Flower Ministry Sign-Ups for 9am and 11am Worship



We continue to be blessed with a wonderful flower ministry that enhances our worship services, and livens the homes of those who receive them after worship. Please consider signing up on the flower calendar by the Barlow Parlor and at Welcome Center bulletin board. There's a \$75 suggested donation for these flowers, and they're available to be taken with you following the 11am worship service every Sunday.

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

The monthly meeting of MCEF was held August 10, 2026 after a summer of virtual meetings. As you can imagine, numbers are up at the One Stop Shop. Clients who haven't visited the pantry in many months are back. In July OSS helped 367 adults and 169 children with food and clothing. 17 new clients were registered.

In Mechanicsville we currently have 70 riders and 24 volunteer drivers in the Senior Rides program. Lori Kaeberle is the new Operations Manager, relieving Aimee West who is in Hospice Care. Pray about becoming a volunteer driver. See the MCEF website for more information.

Current needs for the One Stop Shop are queen and king size sheet sets and any canned or boxed item: vegetables, fruit, meat and soap. As of September 1, fall and winter clothes will be welcomed. No more summer clothes please. It has been determined that the styrofoam egg cartons are the best for reusing. So, please recycle your cardboard cartons going forward.

Reminder: Donation days are the 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month from 2:00 - 3:30.

Thank you for all you do to support MCEF in our community.

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RALLY DAY!

All ages are welcome to join us as we kick off the new church school year, meet teachers, learn about small groups, and more!

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH
10:00AM IN HERITAGE HALL

Church Picnic

**COOKOUT FOOD PROVIDED
BRING SIDE DISHES TO SHARE!**

**FAIRFIELD PRESBYTERIAN
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH
4:30-6:30PM**



Fairfield Small Groups!

Sign up for one of our small groups! These are great opportunities to get to know people and deepen our faith together. Groups will start in mid-September and run 4-6 weeks. Signups will be available in-person outside worship services or via this link:
<https://forms.gle/VrAgTY9VHeMEFPk97>

Walking with Jesus

Book: "Songs of Jesus" by Timothy Keller

Time: Sunday afternoons 4:30-5:30pm

Location: Various walking paths
TBA

Leader: Celeste Underdown

Theology on Tap

"Open and Unafraid: The Psalms as a Guide to Life" by W. David O. Taylor

Book: Time: Wednesday afternoons 5:30-7:30pm

Location: Anna's Italian Restaurant (back room)

Leaders: John Daugherty and Richard Dunn

Soup Group

Book: "Open and Unafraid: The Psalms as a Guide to Life" by W. David O. Taylor

Time: Thursday evenings 6:30-8:00pm

Location: 8468 Brittewood Circle, Mechanicsville, VA 23116

Leaders: Tracy and Beth Young

Sunlit Psalms

Book: "Open and Unafraid: The Psalms as a Guide to Life" by W. David O. Taylor

Thursday mornings 10:30am-noon

Location: Fairfield Presbyterian Church

Leaders: Martha Houchins and Sally Kovacs

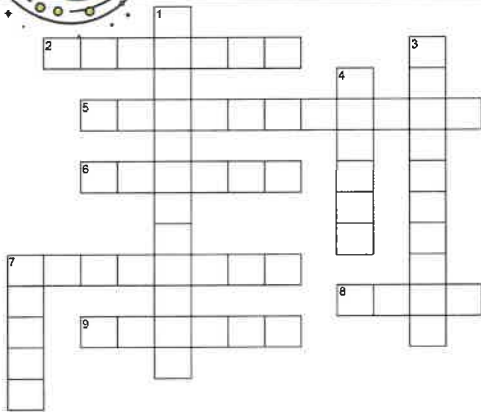
Under-Aged Thinking

Puzzle!



BEATITUDES

Fill in the blanks below to complete the crossword. Answers are based on Matthew 5:1-13, NIV.



ACROSS

2. _____ and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven.
5. Blessed are the _____, for they will see God.
6. Blessed are those who _____ and thirst after righteousness.
7. Blessed are the _____, for they will receive mercy.
8. Blessed are the _____, for they will inherit the earth.
9. Blessed are those who hunger and _____, for they will be filled.

DOWN

1. Blessed are the _____, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
3. Blessed are those who are _____ for righteousness' sake.
4. Great is your _____ in heaven.
7. Blessed are those who _____, for they will be comforted.

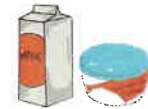
Answer key: 2 Across: Rejoice, 5 Across: pure in heart, 6 Across: hunger
7 Across: merciful, 8 Across: meek, 9 Across: thirst, 1 Down: poor in spirit
3 Down: persecuted, 4 Down: reward, 7 Down: mourn



A sweet reminder that God is always growing something new, no matter the season. As summer winds down and a new school year begins, remember He is at work in your life, helping you grow in faith, kindness and courage. With His help, you can grow in wisdom, build friendships and shine His love wherever you go.

What you need:

- 2 cups milk
- 1 (4-serving) box chocolate instant pudding mix
- 1 (8 oz.) tub whipped topping, thawed
- 1 (16 oz.) package Oreo cookies, crushed
- 8 (9 oz.) clear plastic cups
- Gummy worms or frogs (optional)



What you do:

1. In a large bowl, whisk together milk and pudding mix for 2 minutes. Let stand for 5 minutes until thickened.
2. Gently fold in the whipped topping.
3. Add a layer of crushed cookies to the bottom of each cup.
4. Spoon pudding mixture on top, filling the cups about $\frac{3}{4}$ full.
5. Sprinkle more crushed cookies on top to look like "dirt."
6. Add gummy worms or frogs for fun.
7. Chill until ready to serve, or enjoy right away.

See, I am doing a new thing!
Now it springs up; do you not
perceive it? — Isaiah 43:19 (NIV)

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CAMPAIGN DATES: SEPT. 1ST – OCT. 20TH

Our community is facing more requests for financial assistance than ever before.

We're asking churches/organizations, small groups, businesses, and individuals
to go above and beyond

their regular contributions to help meet this critical need.



WHO CAN JOIN?

Churches/Organizations, Small Groups (Women's & Men's Groups, Sunday School Classes, Bible Studies, etc.), Businesses, and Individuals



PRAY. PLAN. GIVE.

Each day during this campaign, for 50 days, we ask that you pray for those in need, and consider a goal – a whole church/organization goal, a small group goal, or an individual goal.



LET'S CELEBRATE!

Any multiples of 50 will be celebrated!
\$50, \$500, \$5,000
– or anything inbetween!

OUR GOAL
\$25,000



NEED A VISUAL REMINDER?

If you would like us to provide a visual thermometer for your larger group goal, we would be happy to bring one to you!

Donations for this 50 for 50 campaign may be made on our website (4mcef.com), dropped off at the One Stop Shop (7235 Stonewall Parkway), or mailed to MCEF, P.O. Box 604, Mechanicsville, VA 23111.

Three Easy Ways to Give!



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4mcef.com



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Bible Quiz

After his resurrection, Jesus asked one of his disciples the same question three times: "Do you love me?" The disciple felt hurt, wondering why Jesus kept asking. Who was this disciple?



A. James
B. John
C. Philip
D. (Simon) Peter

Answer: D (John 21:17)

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