

The Messenger

Fairfield Presbyterian Church

P.O. Box 1088 / 6930 Cold Harbor Road

Mechanicsville, VA 23111



Rev. Dixie W. Brachlow, Associate Pastor

Phone: (804) 730-7164

Fax: (804) 730-0151

October 2009

Web Site: www.fairfieldpcusa.org

E-Mail: office@fairfieldpcusa.org



Rainbows have been on my mind lately. Perhaps that's because the Nursery now has a wonderful painting of Noah's Ark and the dove flying back to it

(middle schoolers did this with Rachel White's direction—stop by and see it sometime!). We've held off painting in a rainbow, however, as we're thinking of a rainbow mobile, which would really be a lovely visual element for the Nursery's far corner.

Noah's Ark is also the Unit that has begun this fall's children's rotation workshops, with the Preschoolers following along the same theme, too. It's a lovely story of the way Noah trusted God and completed a difficult job. When the dove flew back with the olive branch, it was a sign of peace restored to the earth. And when Noah got off the boat with all the animals, he worshiped God. And the rainbow became a sign of God's covenant with Noah that a flood will never again destroy all living creatures.

This very story reminds me a bit of where we as a congregation are, too. Like Noah's ark, we've been floating on the waters since early summertime, with just one pastor. Now, the dove is returning with the olive branch, I think. Rev. Newton Todd, who has served our congregation well on many occasions, has begun working with pastoral care, making welcome visits to various members of our congregation.

If Newton is like the dove, then the olive branch might be the news of the Session's hiring of an Interim Pastor! On September 20, Beth Young brought us the announcement that Rev. Richard Haney will begin as our Interim Pastor in early November! (See more inside this newsletter.)

I think we will still be "on the waters" during the Interim time, but I do believe we are faring well on the voyage. I sense God is leading us in hope and with promise. And I am so grateful that the rainbow, the sign of the covenant, is already ours, too!

In faith and hope,

Coming Weeks in Worship

- Oct. 4 "A Pharisee, a Reformer & Amazing Grace" - Dr. Stephen Brachlow
- Oct. 11 "God-Directed Service - Deborah and Dorcas"
- Oct. 18 "Community-Building Service - Nehemiah"
- Oct. 25 "Obedient Service - Noah"

Inside this Issue:	Page
Birthdays & Anniversaries	3
Children's News	9
Church Calendar	11
Committee News	6-8
Member News	2
Men of the Church	7
Music News	8
Nursery Volunteers	9
Scout News	10
Session Report	4
Thank You Notes	2
Upcoming Events	5
Youth Group News	12

Member News

Our sympathy goes out to the family of **Gwendolyn Keil**, a former member of Fairfield, who died on September 5th.



We celebrate births of three new children - gifts from God! **Robby & Kim Stevens** are parents of a little daughter, **Madison Marie**, born September 15th and to **Chuck & Janet Chelette** who have a new grandson, **Dillon Thomas**, born September 13th. Janet tells us that dad Trent can't wait

to meet his new son! **Richard & Deborah Wood** became grandparents on August 24th. Their son **Patrick** and wife **Jennifer** have a son, **Caden Patrick Wood**.

CONGRATULATIONS to Kelley Cattoi for receiving the Girl Scouts highest award, The Gold Award, on August 30th. Kelley has been a Girl Scout for 12 years. Kelley earned her award for educating Girl Scouts and others about the Hanover County Pound and the services they offer for those who find stray animals, need services for their own pet and for being able to assist others in finding a pet.

Allison & Brian Letourneau's new address is:
10721 Peterfield Lane, Glen Allen, VA 23059.

Minnie Worley now resides in The Elizabeth House, 3590 Mountain Road, #220, Glen Allen, VA 23060.

Please keep the following people in your daily prayers: **Crystal Bessette's** father, **Rodney Hawley** (TN), **Rob Blue**, **Jack Briel's** brother **Larry**, **Rock Campagna**, **Hazel Christian**, **Bettie Cook-Raulf's** son **Carter**, **Ollie & Nancy Courtney**, **Hattie Davis**, **Billy Elmore's** daughter **Adriel**, **Virginia Fraysse**, **Beverly Fulwider's** mother **Doris Duncanson**, **Mildred & Nevin Funk**, **Ray Gammon**, **Alyce Haller**, **Bill & Dot Harding**, **Durward Harding**, **Stan & Virginia Hiner**, **Ida Horne**, **Christine Lowery** and her daughter **Cindy**, **Mildred Miller**, **Harry & Shirley McGhee's** daughter **Becky**, **Blanton Muire**, **Wendy Palmer's** aunt **Doris**, **Kathryn Parks**, **Denise Payne**, **Gerry Peed**, **Odell Scruggs**, **Mary Simpson's** friend, **Cherry**, **Bootsie Stevens**, **Elizabeth Wagner** and daughter **Martha**, **Ardy Winkle**, **Greg Woodfin, Sr.**, **Minnie Worley**, **Trent Chelette**, **Charles Keese** and all the men and

women who serve our nation. Also remember those who have lost jobs in the current economy.

(Please update Pastor Dixie as often as possible if you wish to keep your name or your loved one's name on this list.)

If you would like to be visited by our pastor, please call the church office to make arrangements.



*I would like to thank my church family for your kindness and prayers during my daughter's, **Adriel**, illness and process of recovering. **Adriel** returned home this past month and is making progress slowly.*

Billy Elmore

Meet our Newest Members

John and Suzanne Weeks have found their way to Mechanicsville from Montreal, Canada via New York, Connecticut and then Kentucky! They came here with a plan to make Mechanicsville a place to enjoy their retirement. And ..what makes this area even more attractive is the fact that their daughter, son-in-law and granddaughter live here! They still make regular trips back to Montreal for visits with their son's family, which includes two more grandchildren. Suzanne has been retired for several years now, but John is new to the leisure lifestyle of retirement. Golf and gardening are two of their favorite past-times. Both Suzanne and John were raised in Christian denominations other than Presbyterian. They were drawn to the Presbyterian Church because of their children's involvement in a very active youth ministry. John served as Park Presbyterian treasurer in Newark, NY for six years. They equally enjoy attending the 9 AM and 11 AM services at Fairfield. Their address is: 6370 Little Sorrel Drive, Mechanicsville, VA 23111. Their phone number is 723-2521.

Pam Gigliotti



Shirley Vaughan	October 1
Josh Nolte	October 2
Isabella Ortuno	October 2
Stuart Settle	October 2
Philip Ciejek	October 3
Mary Sulser	October 3
Madison Blue	October 4
Rick Houchins	October 4
Abbey Franklin	October 5
Lindsey Covington Irwin	October 6
Amber Joyce	October 6
Grant Sulser	October 6
Michael Gee	October 7
Hannah Reasor	October 7
Doris McCalla	October 9
Autumn Patterson	October 9
Sarah Brewster	October 10
Sean Magill	October 10
Nancy Gallihugh	October 11
Jake Eshler	October 12
Anna Tuckwiller	October 12
Elizabeth Covington	October 13
K.C. Whitaker	October 13
Rachel Gaston	October 14
Donna Campagna	October 15
Kellie Rupard-Schorr	October 15
Ezra White	October 16
Bruce Jenkins	October 17
Zoe Marker	October 17
Jeri McDuffee	October 17
Susan Ciejek	October 18
Earl Rigsby	October 19
Bob Gaston	October 20
Janet Chelette	October 21
Gene Rosen	October 21
Kristin Haines	October 25
Mark Young	October 25
Mason Settle	October 27
Mary Simpson	October 27
Libby Taylor	October 27
Grace Herring	October 29
Myra Moore	October 29
Peyton Warren	October 29



Jhimy & Elizabeth Ortuno	October 2
Murrell & Joyce Nuckols	October 3
Jon & Robin Patterson	October 7
Jeff & Angela Schwartz	October 9
Bill & Robbie Dobson	October 14
Jim & Linda Gruenhagen	October 15
Larry & Elizabeth Covington	October 22
Alan & Diane Brown	October 25
John & Liz Crowe	October 25
K.C. & Majken Whitaker	October 25
Norman & Mary Sulser	October 26
Dwight & Becky Clark	October 28

Sunday School Attendance Awards

Seven members of Fairfield earned attendance awards for 2008-2009. These awards reflect outstanding effort to obtain Christian Education and fellowship by attending Sunday School for at least 50 of the 52 weeks in the school year from September 2008 - August 2009. This year we recognize:

Beverly Burts	1 year
Billy Walls	1 year
Billy Elmore	4 years
Anne Young	6 years
Elizabeth Covington	10 years
Sam Penny	21 years
Larry Covington	22 years

Got Elders?

The Nominating Committee is currently accepting recommendations for elders to serve a three year term on the Session. Persons should be actively involved in church activities, set good examples of Christian living in all aspects of their life, and demonstrate the characteristics and skills necessary to lead our church.

Please consider those you would like to lead Fairfield over the next three years and forward that person's name to the Nominating Committee by October 18. Nomination forms are located in the narthex of the church and will be in the bulletin the last two weeks of October.

Interim Pastor

Nominating Committee

The Interim Pastor Nominating Committee is pleased to report that **Rev. Richard Haney** will be serving as Interim Minister at Fairfield. Rev. Haney comes highly recommended. He has been serving churches in the Richmond area for many years. He is currently serving as Interim Minister at Grace Covenant and was previously Interim at St. Giles. He was the Organizing Pastor at Swift Creek and also served as Associate Pastor at Third Presbyterian.

The Nominating Committee, Bill Davis, Stacie Herring, Peggie Rosen, Jack Ward, and Beth Young, worked through much of the summer to research and interview 10 candidates. We feel strongly that Rev. Haney's skills at preaching, missions, and reaching out to others will be a good fit with Fairfield's vision.

Rev. Haney's first Sunday will be November 15. We look forward to welcoming him and his wife, Pam, to our Fairfield Church family.

Beth Young

Session Report

- The Interim Pastor Search Committee Report recommended Rev. Richard Haney, and the Session approved his hiring, to begin Nov. 9.
- Adult Discipleship reported 6-week All-Church Study begins Oct. 4.
- Evangelism & Community Outreach is promoting the Linnea Good and The Prodigal Sons concerts, and the Fall Chili Cookoff Celebration.
- Membercare holds a "shepherding" luncheon Oct. 4; a Blue Christmas Service will be held Dec. 10.
- Finance Committee called in the budget requests for 2010.
- Worship Committee prepares for World Communion Sunday Oct. 1, and for changes in serving 9 a.m. communion (response to flu concerns).
- Next Session meets 7 p.m., Thursday, October 15th.

Library News



Visit our
Library

"Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord". Romans 12 v. 11

We are about to begin a churchwide Bible Study for the fall. We will be exploring what it means to live a life of service in God's kingdom.

In addition to supporting local missions our church also supports missionaries and mission projects in some far away places. New to our library this month you will find the book Our Life and Work in Ras an Nagab, Jordan by Keith, Marti, Hannah and Jeremy Francois. This book was given to us by the Francois's who, with the help of our church, are currently serving as missionaries to Jordan. In the children's corner you will find Are You My Neighbor?, Dear God, Exactly Who Is My Neighbor and Are You My Neighbor? (a VeggieTales video) about loving your neighbor.

As God's people we need not be in far away places to live a life of service. Let us not be afraid to share our faith and use our God given gifts to serve Him wherever we may be.

Elizabeth Covington



Vision Task Force Report

As you heard in the recent Minute for Mission, the Vision Task Force is looking for your input, as a vital part of Fairfield's vision planning. If you haven't already, please be sure to complete the short survey and return it to the box in the narthex by Oct. 30th. We want to hear ideas from everyone - from those new to Fairfield to those who have been here for generations.

If you prefer to be emailed a copy of the survey to complete (for typists vs. scribblers), please let Stacie know at stacie.herring@gmail.com. Thank you for your participation!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Don't Miss Linnea Good,
Christian Musician

October 2 in the Sanctuary
Featuring an appearance by The
Prodigal Sons
And Family Friendly Fellowship Dinner at
6:00 before the Concert

The Christian Music concert by singer/songwriter Linnea Good on Friday, October 2, at 7:00 PM, in our Sanctuary is going to be a wonderful and inspiring event! Many of you will remember the concert Linnea gave here a few years ago. Her spirited and spiritual Christian music appeals to young and old alike. Fairfield's own "Prodigal Sons" will open the concert for Linnea. Tickets for the concert are just \$5.00, and will be sold in the Narthex after each service on September 27. Tickets will be available at the door as well, but we would really appreciate advance sales.

And don't forget a dinner at 6:00 features a menu of hamburgers and hot dogs, along with a couple side dishes, served in the Fellowship Hall. After the concert, we will be serving dessert, and Linnea will be available to meet and talk with everyone. Linnea's CD's, music books, etc., will also be on sale following the concert.

For more information, please contact Bill Davis at 966-2895, or davis368@gmail.com.

The Prodigal Sons Are Coming!

Not to be confused with the British (except perhaps in a musical sense relating to the British Invasion of 1964) but yes indeed, the "Sons" are in fact coming back this Fall with not one, not two, but three appearances, bringing their eclectic blend of popular tunes with a little fun and humor thrown in for good measure!

You can expect to hear music made famous by a wide variety of performers, from The Brothers Four to The Beatles to The Eagles; from John Denver to James Taylor, and many more. The first appearance will be with Linnea Good on October 2, and the second will be a mini-concert at the **Fall Festival on October 24**. The third will be a big-time, full-blown, you-won't-believe-it-until-you-hear-it **Prodigal Sons Concert on November 14** in the Family Center at 7:00 PM, complete with some very special guests and musical surprises.....but we are going to keep you on the edge of your seats waiting to hear more about that!

Of course, we know that the Bible says that when the prodigal son returned there was joy and great celebrating, so the good people of Fairfield should take part in this celebration of the return of our own Prodigal Sons! And, so you won't be tempted to think "seen one Sons concert, seen 'em all", the three appearances will include different songs, many new to the Prodigal Sons repertoire! Plan to come to all three so you don't miss anything. We promise a lot of musical fun this Fall!

Fall Festival

October 24th, 5pm

It's time for our annual Fall Festival! Once again, we're planning hay rides, family fun, and our famous chili cook-off/desserts competition. (We'll also have kid-friendly foods on hand for non-chili eaters!) So get your best recipes and your tastebuds ready.

In addition, we'll have entertainment that evening from the Prodigal Sons. The six-man group from Fairfield's own music program is ready to bring us their close blending harmonies and plenty of humor.

This is always a fun event and a great place to invite friends and neighbors. So come with your chili/dessert and be ready to enjoy the fellowship together!



OUR FIRST ALL-CHURCH DINNER this fall is scheduled for **October 7th at 5:45pm in the Family Center**. We'll be having roast beef, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls and a delicious dessert. Be sure to fill out a reservation form located in the bulletins and place it in the

offering plates during the offering. Reservations are required to help reduce the cost of excess food. So please be sure to make a reservation so we'll know how many people to prepare dinner for!

Committee Reports

Adult Discipleship

Our church wide fall small group Bible study begins October 4! The name of the study is *Living a Meaningful Life (Service)*. The study will end November 13. If you haven't signed up to participate in one of the small groups, it's not too late to sign up! Listed below are the days, times, and places where each group will meet:

- ◆ Sundays, 10:00 a.m., Cornerstone Class (#17)
- ◆ Sundays, 4:30 p.m. Church Library (#17)
- ◆ Sundays, 5:45 p.m. Forum Classroom (#8)
- ◆ Sundays, 5:45 p.m. Sunday School Classroom # 22
- ◆ Tuesdays, 11:00 a.m. Church Library (#17) (PLEASE NOTE: This group will begin the study on October 13).
- ◆ Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m. Home of Danny and Cathy Guertler, 6040 Green Haven Drive
- ◆ Thursdays, 10:00 a.m. Open Door Classroom # 7 (PLEASE NOTE: This group will begin the study on Oct. 1)
- ◆ Thursdays, 7:00 p.m., Home of Jake and Sharon Eshler, 6310 Boundry Run
- ◆ Thursdays, 7:00 p.m., Home of Stephen and Dixie Brachlow, 9367 Colvincrest Drive.
- ◆ Thursdays, 7:00 p.m., Home of Ann Davis, 8116 N. Mayfield Dr.

Please call either Vicky Brady (559-5889) or Dixie Brachlow to sign up. The cost of the book is \$9.00 and scholarships are available for those who cannot afford a book.

Each Sunday during our 6-week study, our sermon topics will also be the same topics as in our small group study. The sermons will provide additional insight into these topics. Please be in prayer for our church as we begin to learn a lot more about what it means to live a meaningful life through our service to God and each other.

Attention Super Singles!

In September, we had a great time at the restaurant at the Bass Pro Shoppe! We were also glad to welcome 2 new members to our group! In October, please join us for lunch on October 11, at 12:30 p.m., at the Applebee's here in Mechanicsville. If you're a single adult—widowed, divorced, or never

married—we'd love for you to join us for a great time of food, fun, and fellowship! We hope to see you there!

Vicky Brady

The Thursday Bible Study begins October 1st (10:00 - 11:15 a.m.) in the Open Door Classroom. We'll be studying the texts for the sermon series on *Living a Meaningful Life* for the first six weeks. This group will prepare for the upcoming Sunday's sermons, and will provide helpful dialogue with the pastor, too. Please join us, as we welcome all.

Member Assimilation

Many thanks to all who helped make the picnic on September 13 a success. The men of the church supplied the chicken and helped, along with the Member Assimilation Committee, set up the tables and clean up. Fairfield's great cooks supplied the other dishes and the fellowship. The children sang the blessing. Rick Houchins set the mood with his tunes. But most of all, thanks to God for the beautiful weather and setting. All in all, it was a wonderful event.

On Friday, October 2, Fairfield will be able to enjoy the music of Linnea Good. The concert will be at 7:00, but at 6:00 you will be able to enjoy hamburgers and hotdogs with all the fixings in the Fellowship Hall and on the patio. Billy Putze and Bill Dobson have offered to man the grills, and Dwight Clark and his crew will provide the rest. There is no per person charge for this meal, but you will have the opportunity to make a donation to pay for the food. It will be important to get an accurate number of people who plan to attend the meal so that we make sure to have enough food. A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex so you can let us know if you plan to attend. After the concert dessert will be served in the Fellowship Hall so that you have the chance to meet with Linnea Good. Hope to see many of you there.

On Wednesday, October 7, we will resume the Wednesday Night All Church Dinners. The menu and sign up forms are in the bulletin. This year you will need to sign up for the meals each month. All Church dinners will also be served on November 4 and December 2.

Beth Young

Member Care

Member Care would like to invite their committee, Shepherds and Circle members to a soup & salad luncheon on **October 4th at 12:00 noon**. We will be hearing about How to Increase Your Comfort Zone When Visiting Shut-ins. As our congregation ages, we all need to hear about this. Please Contact Sandra Brewster @ 746-5164 (wcbtwo@msn.com or Cathy Guertler @ 559-7171 (Guertlers@comcast.net)

Here are this month's featured Shepherd Groups. Please continue to pray for those in your group and reach out if you hear they are on the prayer list. We are still looking for a few more Shepherds. Please contact either Sandra Brewster or Cathy Guertler if you would be willing to serve as a Shepherd or if you need a new list of your group. Thank you very much.

Shepherd- Gene & Peggie Rosen

Bill & Robbie Dobson
Doris McCalla
Rebecca Mumpower
David & Mary Love Shumaker
Drew Walls
Brian Wash

Shepherd-Jeff & Angela Schwartz

Stan & Laura Edwards
Charles & Evelyn Moore
Larry Rigsby

Shepherd-Stuart & Becky Settle

Anna Barrowclough
Megan Williams
Bryant & Julie Lowery
Jim & Jeri McDuffee
Chuck & Ginny Patterson

Shepherd-Mary Simpson

Jeff & Angela Blue
Ann Davis
Debby Lynn
Sam & Bonnie Penny
Courtney Smith
Anna Tuckwiller

Missions

Richmond Friends of the Homeless

Our next time to serve is **Friday, October 9th**. This month we will need volunteers to meet at the church at 11am and travel downtown together to provide this wonderful service. Please sign up to serve or contribute food in the Narthex. Please take this opportunity to serve with us!

MCEF NEWS

Mechanicsville Churches Emergency Functions

www.mcefva.org

Many, many THANKS to VBS for the great contribution of food -- your decision to choose MCEF for your community outreach this summer was greatly appreciated by the Food Pantry.

The following statistics were recently published in a newsletter that we received: *"The higher cost of food is especially troubling for low income families who are already living on the bare minimum; food inflation is higher than it has been in 17 years; families living at the poverty line spend more than one-third of their income on food."* We have no way to verify these statements but **what we do know** is that right here in Mechanicsville there are many people who are sharing what they have to stock a Food Pantry for our friends and neighbors right here at home. Thank you for your outreach in sharing what you have either with food or with a monetary donation. It helps a lot and is greatly appreciated. Our Fairfield family is awesome! Next month I will share some information from the MCEF annual meeting.

The next day for collecting food and personal care items for the pantry will be **Sunday, October 4.**

With grateful hearts,
Nancy and Ivy Gallihugh

Men of the Church

On September 11, 10 Fairfield men gathered again, at the Cold Harbor Restaurant, for a wonderful breakfast and cheerful conversation. On this "National Day of Service" we prayed for those that have committed their lives to helping people and we also continue to discuss new ideas on how we as men of Fairfield Presbyterian Church can service the church and community.

In our next meeting, we will make plans for the November traditional Thanksgiving breakfast and the Thanksgiving baskets for families in need. All men are welcome and encouraged to attend this meeting. Everyone's input is valuable and needed.

We will continue to meet at the Cold Harbor Restaurant on the 2nd Friday of each month. Our next meeting is October 9th from 6–8 am. Please call Bill Dobson to reserve a spot at the breakfast table. We look forward to seeing you.

Service in Christ,
Bill Dobson & Billy Putze

Music News

Are you thinking about Christmas yet? Probably not, but the Adult Choir is getting ready to learn music for the upcoming Advent season and **December 20 Christmas program**. I would like to invite you to join us in singing during this special time even if you are unable to sing at the 11am service right now. The Choir practices at 8:00pm on Wednesday nights in the sanctuary. If I know you are coming, I will plan on practicing the Christmas music at the beginning of the practice so you can "scoot out" when we rehearse the other music. If this is something that interests you (and I hope it does!), please let me know by either calling me (my number is 779-2934) , sending me an e-mail message (cunderdown@hanover.k12.va.us) or telling me when you see me. We would love to have you join us!!!



Youth Choir practices have begun! The Youth Choir meets on Sunday afternoons from 5:00-5:30pm in the Union Class. Anyone in grades 6-12 is invited to join the Choir. You are welcome to bring friends!! We will be singing at the 11am worship service on October 18. We will not practice on October 11, but we will practice the other Sundays in October. Please come and join us!

Celeste

A Prayer for Vision

In a shaken world we seek stability; in a noisy world we need inner peace; in a fearful world we want courage; and in a world of rising and falling empires we crave a vision of this eternal Kingdom whose sun never sets. O God, re-center our lives around faith instead of fear. Amen.

Sunday School

God's Treehouse Adventures (GTA), our workshop rotation Sunday School, began September 13. The first unit is **Noah's Ark**, concluding on Compass Sunday, October 11. That day, all children will gather to sing, to bring their MCEF collection, and to reflect on the Biblical theme in their life. **Into the Bible: The Ten Commandments** Unit will be Oct. 18 - Nov. 15.

K-5 Noah's Ark Workshop leaders are Pam Gigliotti, Ginny Patterson, Chuck and Janet Chelette, and Stuart Settle; Unit leader is Dixie Brachlow. **K-5 Guides** are Becky Settle, Melanie Magill, Lyndell Grafton, Katrina Gauntt, Chuck Patterson & Diane Brown.

Preschool Workshop leaders are George Herring, Bettina Tanner & Amber Joyce, Troy Horn, Mitzi Marker & Alison Dunn, Melanie Rubeck. **Preschool Unit leader** is Donna Horn, and **Guide** is Robin Patterson.

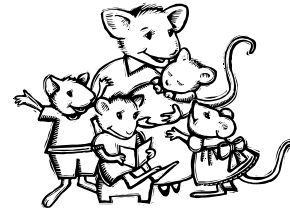
Sunday School for Middle and High School youth is "Belong," a year-long curriculum developed by one of our members, Kellie Rupard-Schorr. Along with the materials are games and DVD segments relating to the biblical stories which explore the theme of how we "belong" to God, to our families, to ourselves, our schools, our community, and the world. (Thank you, Kellie!) The evening Youth Group activities are designed to build upon the Sunday morning studies, in hopes that Fairfield will be attending to needs for youth to have a well-founded faith and fun and fellowship.

Preschool Sunday School

- Oct 4 Noah's Ark (Science)
Troy Horn/Donna Horn
- Oct 11 Compass Sunday (Reflection/MCEF)
Donna Horn/Melaine Rubeck
- Oct. 18 The Ten Commandments (Food/Cooking)
Mitzi Marker/Alison Dunn
- Oct. 25 The Ten Commandments (Arts/Crafts)
Bettina Tanner/Tracey Sulser
(Robin Patterson – Guide)

Children's News

Vacation Bible School Camp E.D.G.E 2009



Nursery Attendants

The summer has come to a close and Fall is upon us. As we reflect on all of the fun we had this past summer, I wanted to take just a moment to thank everyone who helped with Vacation Bible School. I was ever so thankful for those who faithfully volunteer each year. I was also excited to see all of the new faces we had helping out this past summer! Each and every one of you has touched a child's life in a way that you may never know. Just know that you have made a difference!

Robin Patterson
Courtney Fisher
Amanda Clennan
Meg Clennan
Gina Sykes
Nancy Hart
Melanie Magill
Julie Gee
Mitzi Marker
Alison Dunn
Majken Whitaker
Robin Wilson
Mary Sulser
Norm Sulser
Mary Simpson
Crystal Bessette
Katy Underdown
Chris Palicia
Becky Settle
Debbie Shaw
Chuck Patterson
Ginny Patterson
Ashley Young
Sarah Dobson
Beverly Ward
Dorothy Bowen
Robbie Dobson
Donna Horn
Marsha Young
Dwight Clark

9:00am Infant/Toddler Nursery Schedule

Oct. 4 Cathy Wenninger & Linda Daugherty
Oct. 11 Nancy Gallihugh & Janet Chelette
Oct. 18 Julie Lowery & Ivy Williamson
Oct. 25 Bill Dobson & Mitzi Marker

9:00am Preschool

Oct. 4 Kevin Beasley & Melanie Magill
Oct. 11 Amy Atkinson & Sarah Dobson
Oct. 18 Bob Gaston & Ashley Young
Oct. 25 Cathy Wenninger & Linda Daugherty

9:00 Kid's Worship

Oct. 4 Mary Sulser & Shannon Beasley
Oct. 11 Jenny Lake & Julie Gee
Oct. 18 Angela Schwartz & David Schwartz
Oct. 25 Laura Gauntt & Keith Franklin

10:00am Sunday School

Oct. 4 Beverly Ward & Debby Lynn
Oct. 11 Peggie Rosen & Barbara Wash
Oct. 18 Gene Rosen & Kelley Cattoi
Oct. 25 Beverly Ward & Nancy Walls

11:00am Infant/Preschool Schedule

Oct. 4 Susan Ciejek & Elizabeth Covington
Oct. 11 Michelle Gardiner & Anne Young
Oct. 18 Cindy Cattoi & Ivy Williamson
Oct. 25 Cindy Holloman & Mike Reasor

11:00am Kid's Worship

Oct. 4 Donna Hohman & Katrina Gauntt
Oct. 11 Pam Gigliotti
Oct. 18 Dawn Williamson
Oct. 25 Erin Reasor

Thanks again for helping!

Debbie Palicia

Upward Basketball and Cheerleading 2010

Registration for Upward Basketball and Cheerleading takes place September 21st - October 11th. Children ages Kindergarten to 8th grade are welcome to sign-up. The season starts the first week in January and ends mid-March. Mandatory evaluations will occur October 24th, 9am-4pm, October 26th, 6pm-9pm, OR October 31st, 9am-4pm (each child must attend one session) at Cool Spring Baptist Recreation Center. Cost is \$85 and includes a uniform.

Please sign-up online at www.UpwardHanover.org or by submitting a written form (see the narthex table). Please see Danny Guertler (559-7171) or Sharon Gaston (559-8146) if you have any questions.



Scouting News

Just a brief update on what's happening with our Cubs and Boy Scouts this month. One of the first events for October will be the District Cub-O-Ree. It will be held at Fairfield. This is a fun Cub Scouting event which brings families together with camping and fun outdoor events. The District is so appreciative of having such a wonderful place to have this and have been so complimentary of Fairfield's cooperation and support! The Cub-O-Ree will be held on the grounds Saturday, Oct. 10. Many boys from our Troop will be actively involved in support roles of this event. Later in the month (Oct. 24th) our Boy Scout Troop will be participating in a church sponsored work day on the grounds as part of their service commitment. Other scouters and scouts from the Battlefield District will be joining us to show their appreciation as well for use of our facilities.

On Oct. 31, the Scouting for Food begins this year with empty bags taken out to the community by our Cub Scouts and other Units in the Council. This program is one of the most important acts of community service the Scouts undertake all year. Last year in combined efforts with other Packs,

Troops and Crews, over 300,000 pounds of non-perishable food was donated to the Central Virginia Food Bank. This is one-fifth of what's typically donated to the food bank annually. Collection this year will be on

Nov. 7. The Webelos from the Pack will be assisting our Boy Scout Troop with the pickup, sorting and turn in of food collected!

Also, it's not too late for new boys who may be interested to sign up. Cub Scouts meet on Monday nights at 7:00. We are proud of our Pack in their recruiting efforts last month at several schools in our area! For more information contact Eric Taylor, Cubmaster 938-7880. Our Boy Scouts meet most Thursday nights here at Fairfield also at 7:00. They have many outdoor and educational activities including an upcoming weekend at Camp Albright, camping and learning new scout skills. Please feel free to contact Robin Wilson 781-0226, Mark Lloyd, Scoutmaster 314-0978 if interested in joining.

Thanks so much again, for your support of this worthwhile youth program.

Donna Horn,
Chartered Institutional Rep.

This Just In.....

NEW!

Worship at Camp
Hanover

This Fall Camp Hanover is offering monthly worship services at camp. You are invited at 5pm on the **4th Sunday of each month**, September – November. Each service will be followed by a simple meal, and each person who is able is encouraged to bring \$1-5 to help pay for the meal. Different camp staff and volunteers will lead worship. Each service will be crafted in this outdoor environment. Let the sights, sounds, smells, and textures of creation enrich your worship experience as we come together into God's presence and listen for God's Word to us through scripture and song. Bring your small group, your family, your Sunday School class, or just yourself. Join us Sunday evening on **Sept 27th, Oct 25th, and Nov 22nd**. **Contact Camp Hanover, 779-2811, for more information.**

Pastor Appreciation Month

October is Pastor Appreciation Month. Please don't forget to let our Associate Pastor, Dixie, know how much you appreciate her! She has worked tirelessly trying to hold things together in the absence of a senior pastor, often neglecting her own personal needs to give us comfort and direction. A few words of appreciation go a long way!

Quotes on Gossip

- Gossip is a quick fix for the gossipier only.
- "If you can't say something good about someone, come over here and sit next to me." Oscar Wilde
- Silence is golden
- "Oh, what a tangled web we weave, when first we practice to deceive!" Sir Walter Scott
- Gossip doesn't have to be false to be evil.
- Often, I hear what you are not saying.
- "The tongue of man is a twisty thing." Homer
- As a person grows wiser, they talk less and say more.
- Sometimes we proclaim the good news best with our mouths closed.



Fairfield Presbyterian Church
P.O. Box 1088
Mechanicsville, VA 23111

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

**Non-Profit Organization
U.S. Postage Paid
Permit # 41
Mechanicsville, VA**