

JUNE 2023

The Flame

FAIRVIEW CHURCH

FATHER'S DAY STORY

God Creating the Father

When the good Lord was creating fathers he started with a tall frame. And a female angel nearby said, "What kind of father is that? If you're going to make children so close to the ground, why have you put fathers up so high? He won't be able to shoot marbles without kneeling, tuck a child in bed without bending, or even kiss a child without a lot of stooping." And God smiled and said, "Yes, but if I make him child-size, who would children have to look up to?"

And when God made a father's hands, they were large and sinewy. And the angel shook her head sadly and said, "Do you know what you're doing? Large hands are clumsy. They can't manage diaper pins, small buttons, rubber bands on pony tails or even remove splinters caused by baseball bats." And God smiled and said, "I know, but they're large enough to hold everything a small boy empties from his pockets at the end of a day...yet small enough to cup a child's face in his hands."

And then God molded long, slim legs and broad shoulders. And the angel nearly had a heart attack. "Boy, this is the end of the week, all right," she clucked. "Do you realize you just made a father without a lap? How is he going to pull a child close to him without the kid falling between his legs?" And God smiled and said, "A mother needs a lap. A father needs strong shoulders to pull a sled, balance a boy on a bicycle, and hold a sleepy head on the way home from the circus."

God was in the middle of creating two of the largest feet anyone had every seen when the angel could contain herself no longer. "That's not fair. Do you honestly think those large boats are going to dig out of bed early in the morning when the baby cries? Or walk through a small birthday party without crushing at least three of the guests?" And God smiled and said, "They'll work. You'll see. They'll support a small child who wants to ride a horse to Banbury Cross, or scare off mice at the summer cabin, or display shoes that will be a challenge to fill."

God worked throughout the night, giving the Father few words, but a firm authoritative voice; eyes that saw everything, but remained calm and tolerant. Finally, almost as an afterthought, he added tears. Then he turned to the angel and said, "Now, are you satisfied that he can love as much as a Mother?" The angel shuteth up.

– Erma Bombeck



KATHERINE LEWIS
DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN
MINISTRIES

I have a beautiful piece of Word Art on my mantel at home. It says Grateful, Thankful, Blessed. I bought it on a family trip that we took to get away for a bit in the Fall of 2017 after my husband, Mike's heart surgery. Each of the words in this piece of art is an individual piece and I remember finding them in the store that day. We found Grateful and Blessed quickly. But we really had to hunt for the word Thankful. Somehow it had gotten separated from its other friends. We looked and looked. Eventually, there it was. My beautiful new motto, especially after that difficult season. Our family truly was, grateful, thankful and blessed.

I had not thought of that in a very long time. At least not until I got home on the evening Friday May 19. As many of you know, Nate and I were in an auto accident that afternoon. One minute we were riding down the road. The next I was trying to

figure out what had just happened. Thankfully we were ok. Just a little banged up and really sore for a few days but, in the scheme of things, very, very blessed. So when I got home and saw those words on the mantel, I thought immediately how grateful I was for all the people who stopped and took care of us and called to check in, how blessed we were because I knew it could have been so much worse, but most of all Thankful. Thankful that God had us in his care every step of the way. That we are ok and that all was well. The verse from 1 Thessalonians 5: 16-18 came to mind. It says.

Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

I let my brain wander for a few moments and realized that while things during this time could be difficult, we had so much to be thankful for. Thanks to all of you for your continued prayers for our health and healing. We love you and are so grateful to be a part of this Family that is Fairview Church.

The countdown is on and there are just a few more days until SUMMER!

All of the kids and youth here at Fairview along with a lot of the teachers and parents are excited to transition into a slightly more relaxed routine.

Here is some info about upcoming things for everyone:

For Our Kids:

Sunday School will continue each week at 9:45. We are in need of a few more teachers in our Kids Sunday school area.

Children's church will continue. We need people to volunteer to be our 2nd adult and be that second set of adult hands and eyes.

JUMP will take a vacation for summer. Please be watching for information that will be coming up about other things we will do during our summer vacation with our Kiddos.

We are beginning to talk about claiming a space for our nursery. We will need volunteers to staff that. Please let me know if that is somewhere you would like to serve.

Vacation Bible School is right around the corner! Remember we will need many hands to make that work. Our theme this year is Group's Stellar - all about Space. We are excited to bring that to life here at Fairview the week of July 9-13. You will find a registration form at the end of this newsletter.

For our Youth

Things are changing down the hall a bit in the area of the youth room. We will see a bit of a remodel due to a leak that happened during the rains in April and May. A huge thanks to Donnie Stevens and the trustees for helping us get on the way to having our room fixed. Sunday School will still meet for our youth.

We will also be having some fun mission and other times coming up for our youth aged kids. Our regular Sunday evenings will go on; just stay tuned each week and to your emails for other upcoming info.

Our Youth Mission Team will head out for Altoona, PA on Sunday June 11th and return on the 17th. We are small but Mighty. We will keep you posted on how you can pray for us and help us get ready to go.

Other times of Note:

Sunday School each week 9:45 Let me know if you need help plugging into a class. Or if you feel called to help start something new.

LADIES: Our monthly meal will be at Olive Garden again this month. We are planning to meet on Wednesday June 7th at noon and Thursday June 8th at 6. Don't forget to sign up so I can make a reservation for us!

We will host our **New to you!** Class during Sunday School on Sunday June 4th. We will meet in the Narthex to begin. This will include a facility tour and an overview of our missions and ministries here at Fairview. So if Fairview is New to you or even if you have been here forever and are looking for new ways to serve this might be a great opportunity.

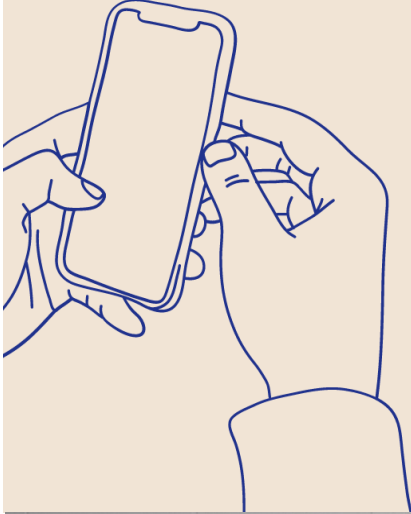
I am super excited about all that is coming our way in the future here at Fairview. I am so Grateful to be a part of the body of Christ here at Fairview Church! I thankful for each of you and the call God has placed in your lives! Blessed to serve with and beside you as we become the best version of ourselves for HIS Glory.

Love to you all!
Kate



FROM TRUSTEES

In the next several weeks our outside parking lots will receive a much-needed face lift. We will be repaving our back and lower lots as well as the road entrance from the street by the playground. Our front and side parking areas will be getting the cracks sealed, a topcoat sealing, and restriped. Most of this should happen in the next 4-6 weeks with entrance and exit areas restricted during the work. We will split the work up over three different weeks to always ensure access to the church. Areas affected and scheduling will be shared with you at closer dates. Thank You.



Stay Connected on Social Media

Please note new info:

To be added to our phone or email notification system, contact us!

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office.fairviewchurch@gmail.com (NEW)

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Dear Fairview Family,

Thank you so very much for a wonderful retirement day. The Fellowship time was incredible and the love gift was way too much. God bless you all. I'm praying for you all into the future!

In Christ,

Stan

Upcoming in July

July 2: 8:30 worship with Josh Marlowe, 11:00 traditional worship

July 4: Church office closed for Independence Day

Father's Day Blocks

The youth will be selling building blocks to be displayed in the sanctuary for Father's Da. These blocks may be purchased for \$5 each in honor or in memory of a special man in your life. Please turn into Katherine Lewis by Thursday June 8th. Extra Forms can be found in the Narhex or on the shelf outside the welcome center. All proceeds go to support youth Missions.

In Honor or Memory of (please circle appropriate choice)

Message (optional)

From:

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MISSIONS MOMENT

May's Mission experience was a bit different this time around. Thanks to everyone who helped us collect spare change to help Camp Selah be able to purchase foraging bags for each student at their summer Forest School camps. I will get the final total to you soon but I believe we even had enough to add in a few scholarships. You Guys Rock!!!!

For June we will be collecting **inexpensive shower liners** for Camp Rainbow. These do not need to be expensive since they will be used during camp and then disposed of. We need a minimum of 70 of these liners. So next time you are at Dollar General or even Walmart or Target grab an inexpensive shower liner and place it under the tree in the baskets.

As we are looking ahead, July will be a month when we will collect school supplies for back to school and in August we will collect New Stuffed animals for the Life Saving Crew to give to children in an ambulance.

Thanks again for making our Monthly Missions such a huge success.

Thank You!

Thank you Fairview family for your continued prayers, cards and kind words during Tayler's ongoing health journey and my injuries. Mike, Tayler and I are grateful for this outpouring of love and ask for continued prayers as Tayler heads to the Mayo Clinic to complete her journey.

With the greatest appreciation,

Mike, Annette and Tayler Tennant

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS

<u>Date</u>	<u>In-Person Worship</u>	<u>Online Worship* (Vimeo)</u>	<u>Offering</u>
April 30	182	122	\$5,606.00
May 7	22/84	36	\$12,969.00
May 14 Mother's Day, Graduate Sunday	134	--	\$3,533.00
May 21	99	--	\$6,620.56
May 28	89	--	\$4,861.00

*Denotes views of online worship videos for the first week available for viewing.

Vimeo views are multiplied by 1.5 to account for families watching together.

Average Weekly Giving in May 2023:
\$6,717.91

2023 Budget approved by Admin Board :
\$481,096.00

Average Weekly Giving Year to Date 2023:
\$8,692.92

2023 Weekly Contributions Needed to Meet Budget:
\$9,077.29

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

1	Linda Jarosz	9	Bobbie Nordon	25	Steven Ashworth
5	Kathy Soyars	11	Francis Berger	26	Bonny Shelton
6	Margie Booker		David Clark	27	Acie Brooks, III
	Sharon Campbell	13	Kayren Turner		Carolyn Roberts
7	Brian Salmon	16	Hallie Holt	29	Bethany Dillion
8	Jim Jennings	18	Jackson Boles		

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

1st	Vic & Lindsey Brooks	16th	Jerry & Peggy Soyars
3rd	Jamie & Michele Holt	16th	Doug & Terry Haraway
3rd	David & Heather Perryman	21st	Saunders & Wendy Brooks
15th	Marvin & Holly Fuqua	28th	Sam & Barbara Swanson

Class of 2023

Fairview Church Graduates



Ella Brooks

Tunstall High School
Honor Graduate
Plans to attend University
of South Carolina and
major in retail manage-
ment



JC Gonzalez

Tunstall High School
Early College Scholar
Governor's Seal Recipi-
ent
Graduate of Merit
Seal for Excellence in
Civics Education Recipi-
ent
College Board National
Merit Scholar Awarded as
Hispanic Recipient
Plans to attend University
of Virginia



Cole Grogan

Tunstall High School
Honor Graduate
Graduate of Merit
Member of the National
Honor Society
Plans to attend Danville
Community College to
continue the Electrical
Engineering Technology
program



Austin Scarce

Tunstall High School
Honor Graduate
Graduate of Merit
Early College Scholar
Plans to attend Liberty
University and major in
Sports Management.



Madisyn Grogan

James Madison University, College
of Health and Behavioral Studies, with a bachelor's degree in Health Sci-
ences and minor in pre-Occupational therapy.

Has been accepted to the Master of Occupational Therapy program at
Radford University Carilion and will begin the program this fall.



FROM KATHLEEN MONGE

To the people:

THANK YOU!!! There are not enough “thank yous” to express the gratitude I am feeling for your GENEROSITY! I also thank you for thinking beyond the Friends of Barnabas mission trip fees. You were aware before I was of immunization & vaccine costs.

I am blessed and honored to represent you on this mission trip in August.

Love,
Kathleen

SPRING FLING COMMUNITY FUN DAY



Fairview Church
Vacation Bible School
Stellar

July 9-13 6-8:15 each evening

For Children in preschool - rising 6th grade

Child's Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City; _____ State: _____ Zip code _____

Phone #; _____ T shirt Size: _____

Email: _____

Date of Birth _____ Age: _____ Last Grade Completed _____

Home Church: _____

Allergies/Medical Information/Other:

Emergency Contact Information:

Name: _____ Phone # _____

Name: _____ Phone # _____

Name of People who may pick this child up: _____

I understand that while participating in church affiliated events, photographs and videos may be taken of my child. By initialing and signing within the appropriate place I am agreeing or disagreeing to allow these photos and/or videos to be used for display or use in the church bulletin, newsletter website or during online or in person services. Please initial your choice below and sign.

_____ I agree to allow FUMC to use my child's photograph/video

_____ I DO NOT agree to allow FUMC to use my child's photograph/video

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

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in undeniable ways.*