



Fairfield Good News

KNOWING HIM AND MAKING HIM KNOWN

February 2019

February Events

Sunday, Feb. 3
Souper Bowl Sunday

Monday, Feb. 4
Consistory Meeting

Sunday, Feb. 10
Communion

Thursday, Feb. 14
Valentine's Day

Friday, Feb. 15
Deadline to register
for Open Sessions

Sunday, Feb. 17
Return Baby Bottles

Monday, Feb. 18
Open Session in
Somerset

Tuesday, Feb. 19
Open Session in
Fairfield

From the desk of Pastor Scott:

“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.” (Galatians 5:22-23)

Ah, February...the month of love. Peaking on February 14th, this month focuses the world's attention on matters of the heart. The pursuit of love is one of the great driving forces of humanity. Yet this chasing after love is often twisted or tainted by the sinful nature of our deceitful hearts. Hearts are broken, promises not kept, emotions are battered and lives left empty. Sadly love when seen through worldly eyes is a pale imitation of the Love spoken of in Scripture.

The Bible proclaims that God is Love. The initiator, the model and the goal of Love. God's love is "agape" – self-giving, sacrificial and pure. 1 Corinthians 13 is the most wonderful description of Love and who God is. Take the word Love and replace it with God in this passage and you begin to see God in a new light.



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Our passage from Galatians 5 places Love at the beginning of the Fruit of the Spirit. And so it is, but I recently read something that makes Love not only the chief fruit, but the shape of all the fruit that follows. Here is that quote. ***The fruit of the Spirit begins with love...love is the first thing, the first in that precious cluster of fruit.***

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Someone has said that all other eight can be put in terms of love. Joy is love exulting; peace is love in repose; long-suffering is love on trial; gentleness is love in society; goodness is love in action; faith is love on the battlefield; meekness is love at school; and temperance is love in training. So it is love all the way; love at the top, love at the bottom, and all the way along down this list of graces."

This certainly makes us think about the Christian character in a different way. A better way. I read somewhere that Love is best seen as a "four letter verb." That it is not merely a feeling, an emotion, but rather an action. Love works.

Let this month not be caught up so much in the world's pursuit of love, but let us celebrate God's self-giving Love in Jesus. Let us work to make our Love work in the midst of the world that needs to see what more Love can be. May the fruit of love hang low on the branches of our lives that others may taste and see that God is good and Loving.



February 3 was Super Bowl Sunday

We participated in **Souper Bowl of Caring** by taking a special offering which will be given to the **Good Shepherd Mission** in Paterson.

Souper Bowl of Caring is a nation-wide effort to fight hunger and poverty in our own communities at the time of the Super Bowl football game. 100% of our donations will be given to GSM.

The total donated was \$363. Thank you for your support.

*Remember we also collect non-perishable food items AND new or gently used men's clothing all year for Good Shepherd Mission. There is a marked receptacle in the pantry for these items. At this time of year **warm socks** would be especially appreciated.*

IF your feet are cold, you are cold!



2019 Classis Assessment

Classis charges our church an assessment per member to cover Classis expenses.

The assessment this year is \$87.00 per member. If you want to reimburse the church for your assessment charge, put a check in the offering plate with your envelope # and mark it for "Classis Assessment" in the memo section of check.

February 2019

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<p>3</p> <p>Souper Bowl of Caring</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Noon Coffee Hr. & Adult Class</p> <p>1:00 Worship</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Consistory</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>
<p>10</p> <p>Noon Valentine Cookie Coffee Hr. & Adult Class</p> <p>Communion</p> <p>1:00 Worship</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Valentine's Day</p> <p>God's Love Never Fails </p>	<p>15</p> <p>Register for Open Session</p>	<p>16</p>
<p>17</p> <p>Return Baby Bottles</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Noon Coffee Hr. & Adult Class</p> <p>1:00 Worship</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Open Session with the General Synod Pres. & V.P.</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Open Session with the General Synod Pres. & V.P.</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>
<p>24</p> <p>Noon Coffee Hr. & Adult Class</p> <p>1:00 Worship</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>		



February 2019

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Monday, February 4th

Consistory Meeting

We welcome Bret Clark back as elder and Charlie Peters as deacon and appreciate their willingness to serve.



Sunday, February 10th



*Noon = Bible Study and Valentine Coffee Hour
Decorate a cookie for a loved one
(cookies and decorations will be supplied)*

1:00 PM Communion Worship Service



Sunday, February 17th

Baby Bottle Boomerang return date—bring your “baby bottle” back to church, the monies will be deposited and a check written to First Choice Women’s Resource Center.

IF you prefer to give a check, make it payable to that organization, not the church. It will be sent with the church check.

Important: please pray for the First Choice outreach , the staff AND the unborn children they seek to rescue.

You do not need a parachute to skydive. You only need a parachute to skydive twice.

If winning isn’t everything, why do they keep score?

Do not argue with an idiot. He will drag you down to his level and beat you with experience.



The Eveready
Ladies will resume
their meetings next
month . . .
Watch for details
in the March
newsletter.

"Marriage isn't a word . . . It's a sentence."

Author Unknown

Before marriage, a man will lie awake all night
thinking about something you said; after marriage,
he'll fall asleep before you finish saying it."

Helen Rowland

Whoever perpetrated the mathematical
inaccuracy, "Two can live as cheaply as one,"
has a lot to answer for.

Caren Meyer



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There will be two Open Sessions with the RCA
General Synod President and Vice President for
members within our synod.

On Monday, February 18 and Tuesday, February 19, from 7 to 9 PM, the
Regional Synod of the Mid-Atlantics will host Open Sessions with Elder James
Nakakihara, president, and Rev. EJ de Waard, vice president, of the General
Synod.

SESSION I

Monday, February 18 7-9 PM
Middlebush Reformed Church
Memorial Room
1 S. Middlebush Road
Somerset, NJ 08873

SESSION II

Tuesday, February 19 7-9 PM
Fairfield Reformed Church
Fellowship Hall
360 Fairfield Road
Fairfield, NJ 07004

James and EJ's visits are an opportunity for them to hear where God is at
work throughout our synod, to listen to the concerns of those in our region,
and to answer any questions people may have.

If you plan to attend either session, please RSVP to Deb in the synod
office at rsmat@rca.org or 862-247-8444 by February 15th.

If you can't attend in person, join us for either session via Zoom
(live only – sessions will not be recorded)

Join Zoom Meeting <https://zoom.us/j/810094187>

OUR ANNIVERSARY IS ALMOST HERE

FAIRFIELD REFORMED CHURCH WILL BE 300 YEARS OLD IN 2020 !

Consistory is already working on ideas to celebrate this important event in the life of our church AND the life of this town. If you have an idea for ways to celebrate this milestone, please contact a consistory member.

NOAH is coming to a theater near you, BUT only for 3 days, want to go?

April 9, 11 & 13

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East Hanover, NJ

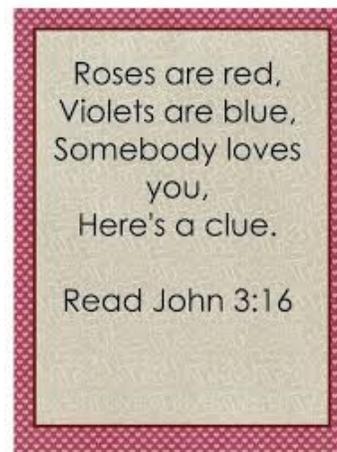
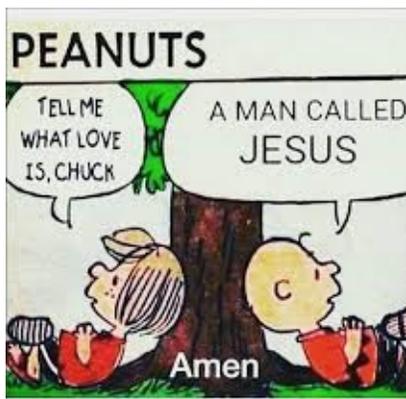
AMC Wayne 14

67 Willowbrook Blvd
Wayne, NJ 07470

AMC Clifton Commons 16

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It's not too soon to make arrangements. It is advised to buy tickets in advance due to limited seating. We could carpool from the church but need to talk about who wants to go, what day and what time. Good coffee hour discussion!



I want to die peacefully in my sleep, like my grandfather. . . not screaming and yelling like the passengers in his car.

Last night I lay in bed looking up at the stars in the sky and I thought to myself, where the heck is the ceiling?

Before you insult a man, walk a mile in his shoes. That way when you insult him, you'll be a mile away, and have his shoes.