



Fairfield Good News

SERVING THE COMMUNITY FOR 300 YEARS

February 2020

Upcoming Events

Feb. 2
Souper Bowl of
Caring

Feb. 3
Consistory

Feb 4, 11, 18, 25
Prayer Meeting

Feb. 9
Communion
Service

Feb. 12
Bible Study

Feb. 26
Ash Wednesday

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From the desk of Pastor Scott:

February is a month where love is the prominent theme. From Valentine's Day to the Start of Lent, we focus on love in its various forms. This month I want to share a wonderful prayer from **The Valley of Vision** that helps us remember that the greatest expression of Love comes from God and calls from us our deepest love response we can offer.

LORD JESUS,

*Give me to love thee, to embrace thee,
though I once took lust and sin in my arms.*

*Thou didst love me before I loved thee,
an enemy, a sinner, a loathsome worm.*

*Thou didst own me when I disclaimed myself;
Thou dost love me as a son,
and weep over me as over Jerusalem.*

*Love brought thee from heaven to earth,
from earth to the cross,
from the cross to the grave.*

*Love caused thee to be
weary, hungry, tempted,
scorned, scourged,
buffeted, spat upon,
crucified, and pierced.*

Love led thee to bow thy head in death.

*My salvation is the point where
perfect created love
and the most perfect uncreated love
meet together;*

*for thou dost welcome me,
not like Joseph and his brothers,
loving and sorrowing, but loving and rejoicing.*

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*This love is not intermittent, cold, changeable;
it does not cease or abate for all my enmity.*

*Holiness is a spark from thy love
kindled to a flame in my heart by thy Spirit,
and so it ever turns to the place
from which it comes.*

*Let me see thy love everywhere,
not only in the cross,
but in the fellowship of believers
and in the world around me.*

*When I feel the warmth of the sun
may I praise thee who art the Sun of righteousness
with healing power.*

*When I feel the tender rain
may I think of the gospel showers
that water my soul.*

*When I walk by the river side
may I praise thee for that stream that makes
the eternal city glad, and washes white my robes
that I may have the right to the tree of life.*

*Thy infinite love is a mystery of mysteries,
and my eternal rest lies
in the eternal enjoyment of it.*

Let us love because He first loved us.



February

3 *Russ Safar*

4 *Margaret Wert*



Tuesdays

*Prayer
Meeting*



7:00—8:00

Fellowship Hall

February 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Souper Bowl Sunday Coffee Hr Worship	3 Consistory Meeting	4 Prayer Meeting	5	6	7	8
9 Coffee Hour Worship	10	11 Prayer Meeting	12 Bible Study	13	14	15
16 Coffee Hour Worship Anniversary meeting	17	18 Prayer Meeting	19	20	21	22
23 Coffee Hour Worship	24	25 Prayer Meeting	26 Ash Wednesday	27	28	29

2020 Classis Assessment

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

The assessment again 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 2 was Super Bowl Sunday

We participated in Souper Bowl of Caring on the 2nd and will again on Sunday the 9th 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 SBoFC donations will be given to GSM.

Sunday, Feb. 9

Communion Service



Do you have a date for Valentines Day?

Yes, Feb. 14th

Wednesday

Feb. 12

Bible Study



7:00 PM

Fellowship Hall

EVERYONE WELCOME

firstchoice
WOMEN'S RESOURCE CENTER

Baby Bottle
Boomerang
2020

Return by
February 16th



Sunday, Feb. 16

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. Remember, Rhea Barbotti said it takes only \$1200 to save a life!

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

MY SPONSOR
 Mpendwa (Dear) Friends Tarehe (Date) 8/1/20

Bwana yesu upewe sifa mfaadhili wangu,
 mimi na familia yangu hatujamba natumaini kuhito
 kwenu pia hamjamba - tumefungua tarehe (6/1/2020)
 Nimeingia darasa la nne. Tulishelekea vizuli kisima
 na mwakampaya kwa sasa ni masika na tumelima
 Bustani ndogo ya mboga za majani pia
 tuna fua kaka na kanga. Nina endelea na se
 vizuli na masomo yangu. Nina tumaini huko
 ni wazima. Msitafi wa zabuli nina upenda ni
 zabuli 23-1. Mungu akubali mfaadhili wangu.
 amina

Tafsiri / Translation

Praise the Lord Jesus, my sponsor. My family and I are fine. I hope you also there are fine. We open the school on 6th January 2020. I enter class 4. We celebrate well the Christmas and a new year. Now it is a spring season and we grow the small garden grass, we keeping Poultry. I am continue well with my studies. I hope that you are doing well there. I love the verse in the Book of Psalms 23:1. May God bless you, my sponsor. Amen.

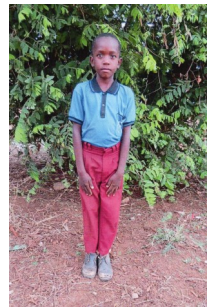
Here is the most recent letter from our Compassion Int'l child, Utukufu Heli, who lives in Tanzania.

You will notice that what Utukufu writes is on the top and is translated for us on the bottom.

Many thanks to Ruth Peters who corresponds with him on behalf of our church.

Utukufu's birthday is Feb. 14th, Valentines Day! He will be 10 yrs. old this year,

We did send him a Christmas gift (only allowed to send money, no items), and will send him a birthday present.



(not a recent photo)

Sunday, Feb. 16

There will be a meeting after worship to discuss events planned for our 300th anniversary. Especially up for discussion is the luncheon planned for March 15th or 22nd—date TBD at the meeting.

Everyone is invited to attend.

What kind of flowers do you never give on Valentines Day?

Can't flowers!



Q. Did Adam and Eve ever have a date?

A. No, they had an apple!

Q. What did the flame say to his buddies after he fell in love?

A. "I found the perfect match!"

Now that colder weather is here we think of the homeless in our area and the agencies that serve them. We will be accepting offerings of warm gently used or new: men's clothing for Good Shepherd Mission, women's and children's clothing for Eva's Village, blankets. Good Shepherd Mission could also use food items such as: coffee, sugar, oatmeal, rice, pasta and sauce, paper products such as paper plates, paper towels, toilet tissue, trash bags. If you see any of these on sale, pick them up and bring them in. Remember, warm socks are especially needed during cold weather.



There are large containers in the Fellowship Hall pantry to place these items to be delivered to the agencies. Anything you bring will help someone in need.

We also will need volunteers to deliver the items to GSM and Father English Community Ctr in Paterson (supplies Eva's Village people with clothes). Many