



# Fairfield Good News

KNOWING HIM AND MAKING HIM KNOWN

March 2019

## March Events

Wed., March 6  
Lent / Ash  
Wednesday  
Dinner & Worship

Sunday, March 10  
Daylight Savings  
Time Begins

Monday, March 11  
Consistory

Sunday, March 17  
St Patrick's Day

Monday, March 18  
Eveready Ladies  
Meeting

Wed., March 20  
1st Day Spring

From the desk of Pastor Scott:

I would hazard a guess that most of you have never heard of Homer and Langley Collyer. Let me tell you their story. Homer and Langley were the sons of a respected New York doctor at the turn of 20th century. Both men had earned college degrees and Homer had become a lawyer. When their father died, the boys inherited the family home and a sizable estate. Both men - confirmed bachelors - were now financially secure.

That is when their lifestyle took a turn for the bizarre. Rather than using their wealth to enjoy life, they retreated from it. They boarded up the windows of house and padlocked the doors. They had all the utilities shut off. Moreover, no one was ever seen coming and going from the house. Although their family had been quite prominent in society circles, by the time World War II had ended people had forgotten all about the crazy Collyer boys.

That was until March 21, 1947; when police received an anonymous tip that a man had died in the old Collyer house. Unable to force their way in the front door, the police had to climb through a second story window. Inside they found Homer Collyer dead in bed clutching the Feb. 22, 1920 issue of the Jewish Morning Journal. This was very strange since Homer had been totally blind for many years. Yet this macabre scene was set against an even more bizarre backdrop.

For it seemed that the brothers had been collectors of sorts. They collected everything - especially junk. Their house was crammed full of broken machinery, auto parts, boxes, appliances, folding chairs, musical instruments, rags, assorted odds and ends, and bundles of old newspapers. An enormous mountain of trash blocked the front door so the police were forced to use the second story window for weeks while the debris was cleared away.



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Nearly three weeks later, as workers were still hauling away heaps of garbage, someone made a grisly discovery. Langley's body was discovered buried under a pile of rubbish some six feet away from where his brother had died. Apparently Langley was crushed to death in a crude booby trap he had built to protect his precious collection. The garbage eventually removed from the Collyer house totaled more than 140 tons. No one ever learned why the brothers were stockpiling their pitiful treasure....

Therein lies the spiritual lesson for us. All of us throughout our days accumulate trash in our lives. For some it may be a petty sin they cannot release; or a grudge we continue to nurse; a touch of foolish pride that clouds their vision or an unforgiving spirit hardens their heart. These things get in the way - like roadblocks on the road to heaven. Others have collected over the years, fads, feelings and philosophies that scratch their itchy ears - they have allowed everything that comes down the pike a place in their spiritual storage places. Some have stuffed their ears with so many worthless things that they are unable to hear the new and have no place for a fresh experience of God. Still others have allowed the world to gain a foothold in their lives and find that it has tried to take over. The pursuit of money, power or prestige has swallowed up large portions of their hearts. Moreover, as the years go by these ideas, attitudes and patterns begin to encrust our hearts, becoming entrenched so deeply that we would rather be crushed under their weight than let God change us. We become spiritual Langley Collyers suffocated by spiritual trash.

Let each of us examine ourselves to see what things clutter a fresh awareness of God. What in our lives keeps us from letting God work in and through us? The Lenten season is a good time for a little "spiritual spring-cleaning." A time to let Jesus come in and take out the trash from our hearts, our minds and our souls.



- 2 Jody Boling
- 3 Jim Gwinn
- 4 Pastor Scott
- 6 Wilma Oliphant
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*March 6, Ash Wednesday*

*6:00 PM Pot Providence Dinner*

*7:00 PM Worship Service*



# March 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<p>3</p> <p>Noon Coffee Hr. &amp; Adult Class 1:00 Worship</p>	4	5	<p>6</p>  <p>Ash Wednesday</p>	7	8	9
<p>10</p> <p><b>Daylight Savings Time</b></p> <p>Noon Coffee Hr. &amp; Adult Class 1:00 Worship</p>	<p>11</p> <p><b>Consistory Meeting</b></p> 	<p>12</p> <p><b>Prayer Meeting</b></p> 	13	14	15	16
<p>17</p> <p><b>St. Patricks Day</b></p> <p>Noon Coffee Hr. &amp; Adult Class 1:00 Worship</p>	<p>18</p> <p><b>Eveready Meeting</b></p> 	<p>19</p> <p><b>Prayer Meeting</b></p> 	<p>20</p> <p><b>First Day of Spring</b></p> 	21	22	23
<p>24</p> <p>Noon Coffee Hr. &amp; Adult Class 1:00 Worship</p>	25	<p>26</p> <p><b>Prayer Meeting</b></p> 	27	28	29	30
<p>31</p> <p>Noon Coffee Hr. &amp; Adult Class 1:00 Worship</p>						



The idea of daylight saving was first conceived by Benjamin Franklin during his sojourn as an American delegate in Paris in 1784.

The idea was first advocated seriously by London builder William Willett in the pamphlet, "Waste of Daylight" (1907), that proposed advancing clocks 20 minutes on each of four Sundays in April, and retarding them by the same amount on four Sundays in September.

*Aren't we glad we don't have to do that?!*

*Monday, March 11*



*Consistory Meeting*

*6:00 Elders Meeting*

*6:00 Deacons Meeting*

*7:00 Full Consistory Meeting*

**Tuesday Evenings 7:00 to 8:00**

**Prayer Meeting in the Ivory Room**

All are invited to attend to pray for the needs of our church and concerns brought to it.

"Prayer doesn't change things - God changes things in answer to prayer." ~

John Calvin

***Just a reminder:***

If you want to reimburse the church for the Classis assessment charge for your church membership (\$87), put a check in the offering plate with your envelope # and write "Classis Assessment" in the memo section of the check.



Name:

## ON THE ROAD TO EASTER WORD SEARCH

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Ash Wednesday

Holy Thursday

Forty Days

Sacrifice

Good Friday

Jesus

Almsgiving

Holy Saturday

Passover

Prayer

Easter

Foot Washing

Fasting

Palm Sunday

Resurrection

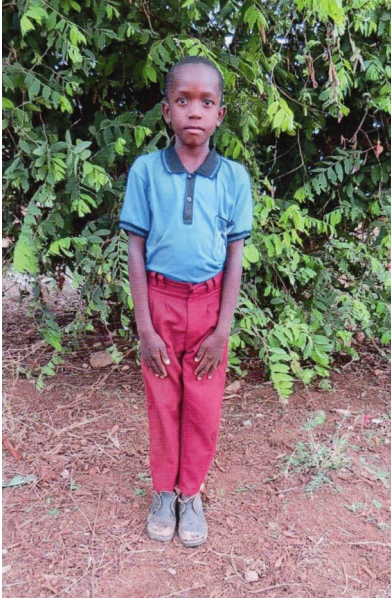
Lent

Purple

Holy Week

Palm Branch





This is Utukufu Yohana Heli. Our church sponsors Utukufu through Compassion International. He was born on Feb. 14, 2010 which means he is now 9 yrs. old! How time flies!! Utukufu was 4 yrs. old when FRC became his sponsor.

Below is the translation side of a recent letter we received from Utukufu, . He writes and draws pictures to send to us regularly and Compassion personnel translate. The Missions Committee is asking for someone to correspond with Utukufu on a regular basis on behalf of our church, perhaps every other month? You could also send pictures. He lives in Tanzania—do they have snow there? Perhaps he's never seen things like that.

It means so much to these children to receive not only support BUT a letter from his/her sponsor.

Questions? See Carol

Tafiri / Translation

Dear Friends

1. In my project I am learning spiritual, physical and social studies
2. About my emotions, I have learned about good and bad emotions
3. About taking care of my body, I have learned to wash my hands with soap
4. About being polite and kind, I have learned to help others kindly
5. About jobs people have, I have learned farming and animal keeping
6. Praise the Lord Jesus. Utukufu and his family are doing fine. He says he is proceeding well at school and they have just finished the end of term exams, they are waiting for the results. He asks how are you doing? He says they are praying for you and loves you so much. Be blessed.

### *March 20 First Day of Spring*



*If we had not winter, the spring would not be so pleasant; if we did not sometimes taste of adversity, prosperity would not be so welcome.” - Anne Bradstreet*

*A kind word is like a spring day.*

*The first day of spring is one thing, and the first spring day is another. The difference between them is sometimes as great as a month.” - Henry Van Dyke*