



Fairfield Good News

WORSHIPPING THE LORD FOR 300 YEARS!

March 2020

March Events

Monday, March 2
Consistory Meeting

Sunday, March 8
Daylight Savings
Time Begins

Monday, March 16
Eveready Meeting

Sunday, March 22
300th Anniversary
Event

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From the desk of Pastor Scott:

“Then Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan River, being urged by the Spirit out into the barren wastelands of Judea, where Satan tempted him for forty days. He ate nothing all that time, and was very hungry.” (Luke 4:1-2 TLB.)



The church, like nature, is defined by its seasons – just as there is in the natural order; fall, winter, summer and spring – so too the church follows a cycle of Christmas, Lent, Easter and Pentecost. We are now in the season of Lent.

In the early church, Lent was the season of preparation for those people who wished to join the church. During the forty days of Lent, these people prepared themselves for baptism and church membership by focusing on spiritual discipline and self-denial. When those forty days came to end on Easter, these Christians were baptized and partook of the Lord’s supper with their brothers and sisters in Christ.

Today the season of Lent begins with our remembrance of Jesus’ forty days of spiritual preparation in the Judean wilderness following his baptism by John and the start of his public ministry. Fredrick Buechner explains, “After being baptized by John in the river Jordan, Jesus went off alone into the wilderness where he spent forty days asking himself the question what it meant to be Jesus.” During Lent, Christians are supposed to ask themselves in one way or another what it means to be themselves (to be a Christian). Lent is a time set aside in the church’s life for believers to ask themselves that very question, “Who am I as a Christian? And what does that identity require of me?”

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One thing our new identity requires is repentance. Indeed the over-arching theme of the Lenten season is our need to deal seriously with the sin in our lives. One of the Reformed Church's confessions, the Heidelberg Catechism, asks these questions: **What is involved in genuine repentance?** *Two things: The dying-away of the old self and the coming-to-life of the new. What is the dying-away of the old self? It is to be genuinely sorry for sin, to hate it more and more and to run away from it. What is the coming-to-life of the new self? It is wholehearted joy in God through Christ, and a delight to do every kind of good as God wants us to.*" (HC Lord's Day 33)

The forty days of Lent are a timely reminder that both sides of repentance (the positive and the negative) need to be found in the Christian's life.

G.K. Chesterton once said, "A white post will only continue to be a white post if it is painted white every year; otherwise it will become a black post." Our Christian lives are like that post. We do not stay white. We are in constant need of God's grace. We all sin and fall down in our walk with the Lord. As forgiven sinners nonetheless, we are in need of an annual paint job. The Lenten season is a good time to offer our lives over anew to the paintbrush of God.



MARCH

- 2 Jody Boling
- 3 Jim Gwinn
- 4 Scott Nichols
- 6 Wilma Oliphant
- 14 Robert Safar
- 22 Jodie Nichols

Monday, March 2

Consistory Meeting



JUST A REMINDER. . . that the Classis assesses each church \$87/year per member to cover Classis costs. If you are able and would like to reimburse the church for your assessment fee, mark your check "Classis Assessment" and put it in the offering plate with your envelope number.

My teachers told me I'd never amount to much because I procrastinate so much.
I told them, "Just you wait!"

March 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1</p> <p>Noon Coffee Hr. 1:00 Worship Service</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Consistory Meeting</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Prayer Meeting</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> 
<p>8</p> <p>Noon Coffee Hr. 1:00 Worship Service</p> <p>Daylight Savings Time Begins</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Prayer Meeting</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Bible Study</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15</p> <p>Noon Coffee Hr. 1:00 Worship Service</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Eveready Meeting</p> 	<p>17</p> <p>Prayer Meeting</p> 	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22</p> <p>Noon Coffee Hr. 1:00 Worship Service</p> <p>Anniversary Event</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Prayer Meeting</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Bible Study</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29</p> <p>Noon Coffee Hr. 1:00 Worship Service</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Prayer Meeting</p>				



DON'T FORGET!!
Turn your clocks forward
one hour Saturday night,
March 7th. Also change
the batteries in your smoke
detectors.



“Daylight saving time: Only the government would believe that you could cut a foot off the top of a blanket, **SEW** it to the bottom, and have a longer blanket.” -- Anonymous

IMPORTANT!
The Baby Bottle Boomerang return date has passed and we are missing about 9 “baby bottles”. We need the bottles and donations no later than the first week of March.
They have to be returned to First Choice the second week of March. At that time we will know the total amount given to this “life saving” program.
Thank you to all who participated!

Monday, March 16
7:00 PM
Eveready Ladies Meeting
Fellowship Hall
All women of the church
are invited.

Every Tuesday evening from 7:00 to 8:00 we gather (in Fellowship Hall) to pray for the needs of the church, our town, our country and the world. All are encouraged to set that time aside for prayer even if you cannot make it to Fellowship Hall. Use either the prayer list June sends via email or the Sunday bulletin prayer insert.



Wednesday, March 11 and Wednesday, March 25 at 7:00 PM

Bible Study in Fellowship Hall



All are invited. We asked and Pastor Scott delivers. 😊



300 YEARS

COME CELEBRATE!



SUNDAY, MARCH 22 at 2:30 PM

Fellowship Hall

There will be special refreshments, remembrances of our history by those who have first or second hand knowledge, games and a favorite-hymn sing.

Save this date and plan to attend. This is the first of three special events Consistory is planning this year for our 300th anniversary.

*Snowdate will be March 29th.

Never criticize someone until you have walked a mile in their shoes.

That way, when you criticize them, you'll be a mile away, and you'll have their shoes.

We participated in Souper Bowl of Caring on Feb 2nd and 9th by taking special offerings to be given to the Good Shepherd Mission in Paterson. 100% of the total collected (\$209) was sent to GSM to help them feed homeless men in their care. Many thanks to everyone who participated!

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At the risk of repetition . . . during these very cold and windy days, homeless people very much need warm clothes. The one thing they ask for most often is socks. Sooo, if you have any gently used warm clothes for men or women you can't use anymore and/or if you see warm socks (or gloves) on sale, please pick them up and bring them to the church. We will see that the homeless in Paterson get them! Thanks again.

Signs in a Kitchen

What's a pencils favorite place to go on vacation?

Pencil-vania!

So this isn't Home Sweet Home ... Adjust!
Martha Stewart doesn't live here!!

Ring bell for maid service. If no answer, do it yourself!
I clean house every other day. Today is the other day.

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

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Easter will soon be upon us:

April 5th is Palm Sunday

April 9th is Maundy Thursday

April 10th is Good Friday

April 12th is Easter Sunday