



Fairfield Good News

KNOWING HIM AND MAKING HIM KNOWN

October 2019

Upcoming Events

Sunday, Oct. 6

World Wide Communion

Monday, Oct. 7

Consistory Meeting

Monday, Oct. 14

Eveready Meeting

Friday, Oct. 18

Chili Dinner

Sunday, Oct. 27

Reformation Sunday

Every Tuesday

Prayer Meeting

From the desk of Pastor Scott:

Let me share with you a parable I came across a number of years ago. Its truth still resonates today.



It was time for Pilgrim to begin his journey into life. He was so excited. He was ready to see the world and to experience the wonders all around him. So one day Pilgrim came to the Keeper of the Sacks to receive from him a large sack to carry with him on his journey through life. The keeper of the sacks smiled and sent Pilgrim sack in hand out into this brave new world. Now as Pilgrim traveled he met many different people and had many different experiences. Some good and some bad. Now with each bad experience, Pilgrim would pick up a pebble to remind him of the wrong he had suffered, the grief he had seen, the worry he had to bear, or the sin he had committed and he would place it in the sack. It didn't seem like much at first, and each evening Pilgrim would sit down by the side of the road, build his campfire and open the sack. Then he would pick out the stones and remember what had happened. Each pebble a memory of the pain. The journey was a long one and as one would expect the sack grew heavier and heavier. And Pilgrim spent more and more time counting the pebbles and remembering the evil done to him. Finally one day Pilgrim could go on no more. The sack was too heavy. The burden too great. So he sat down by the side of the road and commenced counting the stones. Each day as he sat by the side of the road, Pilgrim watched as others walked by on their journeys carrying their sacks. Some of them were weighed down under the weight of the loads they carried. And they moved slowly and painfully past. For some the burden was too great and they sat down weary a few yards away from Pilgrim unable to continue. But as Pilgrim watched day after day, he noticed that some people walked by with hardly a halt in their step. It appeared to him

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that they carried nothing at all in their sacks! They seemed to move so freely as if they had not a care in the world. Now this puzzled Pilgrim greatly, but he never asked the walkers who passed by why it was they carried no burden upon their backs. Then one day a man came up to Pilgrim as he sat and counted his pebbles. "Friend," he asked Pilgrim, "Why do you sit by the side of the side of the road counting stones?" Pilgrim explained that each of the stones represented some evil that had befallen him and that now the weight was such he was unable to travel any further. The man smiled at Pilgrim and said, "Friend, would you know the secret of those who walk with no stones in their sacks?" "Yes," replied Pilgrim. "Then turn around and let me use this nail to punch a hole in your bag." Pilgrim recoiled in horror. "What! Punch a hole in my sack? Why how would I ever carry any of my pebbles they would fall out!." "Indeed," said the man smiling. "NO!" cried Pilgrim. And he turned back to his sack and his stones. "Leave me alone!" Sadly the man walked away. Today Pilgrim still sits by the side of the road. His sack still too heavy to bear. And even as he sits remembering each pebble from the past, he reaches around and picks up stones nearby and adds them to his ever-expanding pile. Occasionally the stranger returns nail in hand and offers to free Pilgrim from his burden, but Pilgrim will not allow him to punch a hole in his sack. So his journey has come to an end.

Friends, Jesus has offered to free us from all our burdens. Let him empty your sack of sorrows. Then rise up and follow him...



Oct. 7 Russ & Laura Safar

Oct. 10 Scott & Jodie Nichols



October

- 5 Art Nelson (98 yrs.)
- 10 Betty Gwinn
- 13 Phil Epifanio
- 27 June Favatella
- 30 Joyce Griffin



Sunday, Oct. 6th


World Wide Communion Service

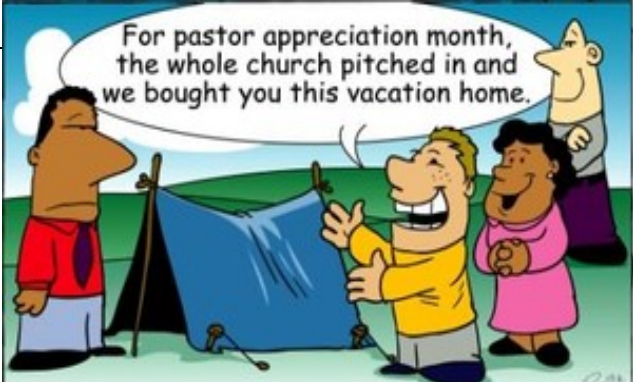


and a
Special Coffee Hour

to wish Margaret well as she moves to NY on her next life journey with God and our prayers.

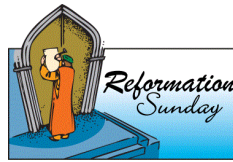
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Prayer Meeting 7:00 PM	2	3	4	5
6 World Wide Communion Noon Special Coffee Hr. 1:00 Worship	7	8 Prayer Meeting 7:00 PM 	9	10	11	12
13 Noon Coffee Hr. 1:00 Worship	14 Eveready Meeting	15 Prayer Meeting 7:00 PM 	16	17	18 Chili Baked Potato Dinner	19
20 Noon Coffee Hr. 1:00 Worship	21	22 Prayer Meeting 7:00 PM 	23	24	25	26
27 Reformation Sunday Noon Coffee Hr. 1:00 Worship	28	29 Prayer Meeting 7:00 PM 				





World Communion Sunday, held annually on the first Sunday of October, is a celebration of the unity of the worldwide church through Christ. Christians in congregations around the world participate in the Lord's Supper.



In 1517 Martin Luther posted his *95 Theses* to the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany. They spelled out various church practices that he saw as contradicting the Bible. He hoped to reform the Roman Catholic Church but was excommunicated.



**Monday, October 7 (6:30 Elders meeting, Deacons meet
Consistory Meeting 7:00 Full Consistory meets)**



**Monday, October 14th
Eveready Ladies Meeting**

(to prepare for the Chili Dinner)



**Friday, October 18
Chili / Baked Potato Dinner**

**6:30 PM
Salad and Dessert Included
Donation: \$16.00
See any Eveready Circle lady
for tickets**

Bring a Friend!



October, 2019

GSM's front porch was partially destroyed by firemen to get to an electrical short causing smoke and fire.

In the church narthex for the next couple weeks you'll see our 'special offering jar' to help Good Shepherd Mission pay their costly insurance deductible to restore a "workable" front porch.