

# Fairfield Good News

“KNOWING CHRIST AND MAKING HIM KNOWN”

November 2016

## November Events

Sun., Nov. 6 2:00 am  
Eastern Standard Time

Tues., Nov., 8  
Election Day

Fri., Nov. 11  
Veterans Day

Sunday, Nov. 13  
Nomination deadline

Monday, Nov. 14  
Eveready Meeting

Sunday, Nov. 20  
Pizza Luncheon

Wed., Nov. 23  
7:00 PM  
Thanksgiving Eve  
Service  
Faith Reformed  
Church, Midland Park

Nov. 24  
Thanksgiving Day

Fairfield Reformed Church  
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Fairfield, NJ 07004  
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From the desk of Pastor Scott:

“Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.”  
(1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)

The following is an excerpt from **The Real Story of the First Thanksgiving**, by Benjamin Franklin, yes, the Ben Franklin (1785) that is a great reminder of the need to count our blessings and not our sorrows this Thanksgiving Season.

*“There is a tradition that in the planting of New England, the first settlers met with many difficulties and hardships, as is generally the case when a civiliz’d people attempt to establish themselves in a wilderness country. Being so piously dispos’d, they sought relief from heaven by laying their wants and distresses before the Lord in frequent set days of fasting and prayer. Constant meditation and discourse on these subjects kept their minds gloomy and discontented, and like the children of Israel there were many dispos’d to return to the Egypt which persecution had induc’d them to abandon.*

*“At length, when it was proposed in the Assembly to proclaim another fast, a farmer of plain sense rose and remark’d that the inconveniences they suffer’d, and concerning which they had so often weary’d heaven with their complaints, were not so great as they might have expected, and were diminishing every day as the colony strengthen’d; that the earth began to reward their labour and furnish liberally for their subsistence; that their seas and rivers were full of fish, the air sweet, the climate healthy, and above all, they were in the full enjoyment of liberty, civil and religious.*

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*He therefore thought that reflecting and conversing on these subjects would be more comfortable and lead more to make them contented with their situation; and that it would be more becoming the gratitude they ow'd to the divine being, if instead of a fast they should proclaim a thanksgiving. His advice was taken, and from that day to this, ordered and religiously observed" circumstances of public felicity sufficient to furnish employment for a Thanksgiving Day, which is therefore constantly ordered and religiously observed."*

It is human nature, I suppose to bemoan those things that we lack, but, as Christians we should have a new nature, a spiritual nature, that rather than complains, ought to rejoice in all the good things that have come to us from God's gracious hands. May our first thought, each day, not just Thanksgiving Day, be to praise the One from whom all blessings flow.

This month may we resolve to think first upon our blessings and offer to Lord a continual sacrifice of praise that drives the dread from our doorsteps and welcomes the abundant supply of our God and Father, in all times and all ways.

Have a Blessed Thanksgiving!



*Birthdays  
of the  
Month  
November*

**2 – Justin Boling**

**3 – Debbie Petersen**

**21 – Jon Nichols (11 Yrs)**



*Wedding Anniversaries*

**Nov. 26 Jody & Laurie Boling**

**What are YOU  
Thankful For?**



# November 2016

Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat

		1	2	3	4 Concert of Praise	5 Concert of Praise
6 Daylight Saving Time Ends	7 Consistory	8 Election Day ***** 7-8 Prayer Meeting	9	10	11 Veterans Day	12
13 Nomination Deadline	14 7:00 Eveready Meeting	15 7-8 Prayer Meeting	16	17	18	19
20 Pizza Luncheon	21	22 7-8 Prayer Meeting	23 7:00 Thanks- giving Eve Service	24 Thanksgiving	25	26
27	28	29 7-8 Prayer Meeting	30			



## Operation Christmas Child (OCC) Update



Our shoeboxes are in the packing process.  
We will pack 10 boxes per age group:  
2-4 yrs., 5-9 yrs., 10-14 yrs.  
(5 boxes each boys and girls).

THANK YOU to everyone who collected, packed items and will deliver our 30 shoeboxes to our collection center in Parsippany the week of Nov. 14th. There they will be checked by Samaritan's Purse volunteers and then sent on their way to children all over the world.

A few weeks after they are sent, we will know to which countries they were delivered. You can see stories of children who have received shoeboxes past years by going to... <http://www.samaritanspurse.org/occ>



A boy was sitting on a park bench with one hand resting on an open Bible. He was loudly exclaiming his praise to God. "Hallelujah! Hallelujah! God is great!" he yelled without worrying whether anyone heard him or not.

Shortly after, along came a man who had recently completed some studies at a local university. Feeling himself very enlightened in the ways of truth and very eager to show this enlightenment, he asked the boy about the source of his joy.

"Hey" asked the boy in return with a bright laugh, "Don't you have any idea what God is able to do? I just read that God opened up the waves of the Red Sea and led the whole nation of Israel right through the middle."

The enlightened man laughed lightly, sat down next to the boy and began to try to open his eyes to the "realities" of the miracles of the Bible. "That can all be very easily explained. Modern scholarship has shown that the Red Sea in that area was only 10-inches deep at that time. It was no problem for the Israelites to wade across."

The boy was stumped. His eyes wandered from the man back to the Bible laying open in his lap. The man, content that he had enlightened a poor, naive young person to the finer points of scientific insight, turned to go. Scarcely had he taken two steps when the boy began to rejoice and praise louder than before. The man turned to ask the reason for this resumed jubilation.

"Wow!" exclaimed the boy happily, "God is greater than I thought! Not only did He lead the whole nation of Israel through the Red Sea, He topped it off by drowning the whole Egyptian army in 10 inches of water!"



## FOOD DRIVE

We are having a drive to collect items The Good Shepherd Mission of Paterson needs to feed and care for the homeless. Items needed:

Coffee, Sugar, Oatmeal, Rice, Pasta & Sauce,  
Trash bags, Paper products



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They also appreciate gently-used warm clothing for the men at this time of year with cold weather.



## A Concert of Praise To Our Cornerstone

A Community Choir  
and Orchestra  
2 Locations



**Friday, November 4, 2016**  
7:00 PM  
**Preakness Valley United Reformed Church**  
480 Valley Road  
Wayne, NJ 07470

**Saturday, November 5, 2016**  
7:00 PM  
**Covenant Christian Reformed Church**  
400 N. Haledon Ave.  
N. Haledon, NJ 07508

*All concerts are free.*

**Sunday, November 6**  
**2:00 AM**



**Monday, November 7**  
**Consistory Meeting**



6:30 Elders  
7:00 Deacons  
7:30 Full Consistory

**Tuesday, November 8**

**Presidential Election**

**Your opportunity to vote for the  
candidate of your choice!**

Pray today for the purposes of God to be accomplished in this election:

Pray that the U.S. will turn and seek first the Kingdom of God.

Pray that God will be honored in the midst of this election.

Pray for opportunities for Christians to share their faith and their values in the midst of this election process.

Pray that the results of the elections will please the Lord and release His blessings over this nation.

Seven Ways to Pray for America quoted from this website:

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**Friday, November 11 Veterans Day**

Thank all veterans and when you see them, our Fairfield Reformed veterans for their service:

Allen Lentz, Ken Myron, Art Nelson,  
Russ Safar, John Wert.

***Congregational Nominations for Consistory***

***Sunday, November 13 is the deadline to submit nominations for elder and deacon.***

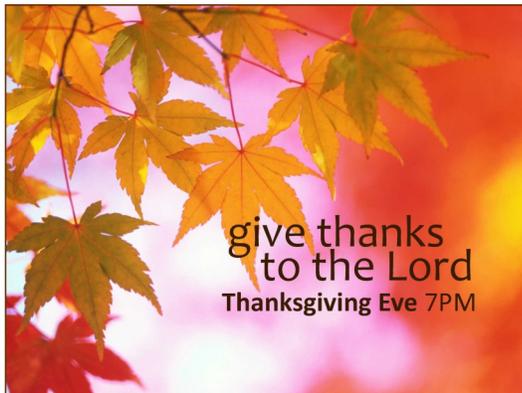
***Consistory could use two more elders and more deacons to fill out the board.***

***Please write down your nomination(s) and put in offering plate during worship.***

Sunday, November 20

Pizza Luncheon

Fellowship Time — 12:00



***Wednesday, November 23 7:00 PM***

**Thanksgiving Eve Service**

**Faith Reformed Church**

**95 Prospect Street**

**Midland Park, NJ 07432**

**201-444-1694**





# Thanksgiving Day

Fourth Thursday of November



AMERICA  
CANOE  
COLONY  
CORNUCOPIA  
ENGLAND  
FALL  
FAMILY  
FEAST  
FREEDOM

GRATITUDE  
HARVEST  
HOLIDAY  
INDIANS  
MAIZE  
MAYFLOWER  
MILES STANDISH  
NEWWORLD  
NOVEMBER

PILGRIMS  
PLYMOUTH  
PUMPKIN PIE  
PURITANS  
SQUASH  
STUFFING  
THANKSGIVING  
TURKEY  
YAMS

