



Fairfield Good News

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December 2022

Rejoice in the Lord! Advent –

the arrival of a notable person, thing or event. We celebrate the miraculous and grace-filled arrival of Jesus the Messiah. Immanuel, which means God with us. May this season of light bring you joy. Make Christ the center of your Christmas plans. Let us praise God for his goodness to us. He sent his son to be our Savior.

In this season, time seems to move rapidly. For many of us our calendars are already full. There will be times of excitement, laughter, fellowship with family and friends, but there also will be times of sorrow, loneliness and painful memories. We will miss those loved ones that are no longer with us, especially those who we lost during this past year.

However, Jesus came that we might have life and have it more abundantly. Moments of happiness are a choice, and it is a choice that Jesus encourages us to embrace.

Advent – the coming of Jesus, God's son, who came down from heaven to give life to the world. He came that we might have joy, and that our joy would be complete.

Blessings to all, Pastor Farrar.

Poinsettias This shrub, native to Mexico, is at the heart of a legend about a poor girl who wanted to bring Baby Jesus a gift one Christmas Eve. As she walked to church, she gathered a bouquet of weeds — which Jesus miraculously transformed into lovely red flowers. Thus the poinsettia (named for Joel Poinsett, the U.S. ambassador to Mexico who first brought the plant to America) is known in Mexico as la flor de la Nochebuena (flower of the Holy Night). The poinsettia is also an ideal Christmas symbol because its leaves turn red when deprived of sunlight and its flowers (the red inner buds) bloom in December.

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December

- 6 Eula Ferrar
- 19 Jeremy Boling
- 22 Sarah Petersen Basile

January 2

Emily Petersen Perrine

Consistory Meetings

Mondays, December 5
and January 9

Wednesday Night Bible Study

December 14 and December 28
January 4

7 PM Fellowship Hall and on



ADVENT

Sunday, November 27 was the First Sunday of Advent: HOPE

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit"

(Romans 15:13).

Sunday, December 4 is the Second Sunday of Advent: PEACE

"For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace"

(Isaiah 9:6).

Sunday, December 11 is the Third Sunday of Advent: JOY

"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you" (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18).

Sunday, December 18 is the Fourth Sunday of Advent: LOVE

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life" (John 3:16).

Saturday, December 24 - Christmas Eve Service - time TBD

Eric Farrar will bring the message at FRC.

Sunday, December 25 = Christmas Day = No service

"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it" (John 1:5).

Operation Christmas Child by Samaritan's Purse . . .

This year we will be supporting "The Greatest Journey" which is the 12 lesson Bible course the recipients of OCC shoeboxes are taught. At the end of the lessons they receive a certificate and a New Testament Bible. There are envelopes in the church narthex for your donation with a place to put your church offering envelope number. This collection ends on Dec. 11th at which time we will make our total donation on the Samaritan's Purse website.



Thanks to all who participate in this outreach.

In Honduras, a girl named Asley accepted Christ through The Greatest Journey classes and then shared her discipleship booklet with her family. Her mom was saved, and now a church has been planted in their village. Through this program children are becoming young evangelists in their families and communities. Your \$6 gift enables a child to participate in The Greatest Journey by providing discipleship materials, teacher training, and a copy of God's Word, which He says "shall not return to Me void" (Isaiah 55:11).

Fairfield Reformed Church Family Christmas Luncheon

(AKA FRCFCL)

December 11 12:30 lunch 1:30 worship service

Lunch from Panera Bread, make sure you sign up in Fellowship Hall for which type of sandwich you want no later than Dec. 4th.

Happy birthday, Jesus!

Each Christmas, a family celebrated by holding a birthday party for Jesus. To remind themselves of Jesus' presence, they placed a chair of honor for him at their dinner table. The highlight of the party was singing "Happy Birthday" to Jesus and then blowing out the candles on a special cake. One Christmas, a visitor asked the family's 5-year-old daughter, "Did you get everything you wanted for Christmas?" The girl paused and then answered, "No! It's not my birthday!"

Bible Quiz

According to Scripture, what does the name Jesus mean?

- A. "God is with us."
- B. "Anointed One of God"
- C. "[The Lord] will save his people from their sins."
- D. "Son of the Most High God"

"I have a better Caretaker than you and all the angels. He it is who lies in a manger, but at the same time sits at the right hand of God, the almighty Father. Therefore be at rest."

—Martin Luther

Missions Update: Sept/Oct—we sent a total of \$900 to Good Shepherd Mission (\$600 budgeted amount + \$183.10 jar collection rounded up to \$200 = \$800 church check + \$100 member’s personal check) for food to feed the homeless they support.

In Nov. we donated 3 frozen turkeys to GSM for Thanksgiving. Unfortunately, Pastor Eric dropped a 21 lb. turkey on his foot when he delivered them to GSM. But, Good News! His foot was not broken, just very sore.

Saturday, December 24 time TBD

Christmas Eve

Candlelight Service

Pastor Eric will lead us in worship



Hope Reformed members have been invited to join us.

You are to
give him the name
JESUS because
he **WILL SAVE**
HIS PEOPLE
from their sins.
MATTHEW 1:21, NIV

Christmas Poinsettias



Poinsettia Sign-Up

Purchase a poinsettia in memory or honor of a family member, loved one or anyone you wish. These flowers will decorate our church during the Christmas season.

We will be taking orders for the poinsettias through Sunday, Dec. 18th. Each one will cost \$8.

If you would like to place an order, fill out the order form below or the bulletin insert and give it to one of the deacons or put it in offering plate.

Your Name _____

Number of Poinsettia(s) _____

In Memory/Honor of: _____
(circle one)



**KEEP
CHRIST IN
CHRISTMAS**