



Fairfield Good News

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February 2024

From the desk of Pastor Eric:

Love is in the air during the month of February. Or at least its sentiments are in the stores.

Valentines Day reminds us to show love to your special someone. However, the Apostle Paul encourages us to broaden our understanding of love, while at the same time expanding the intended targets of our love. He says, "Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. (Colossians 3:12-14) We are not simply to give gifts to selected individuals, but we are to be ambassadors of love to the world, with expressions of kindness and grace to all we meet.

Faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

Sunday, February 4

Communion Service




Keep in mind... BIBLE STUDY

continues discussions on
"A Shepherd Looks at Psalm 23"
during coffee hour in Fellowship
Hall on Sundays

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February 3
Russ Safar

February 5
Consistory Meeting



Super Bowl Sunday is February 11th.
On that day we will receive a special **Souper Bowl of Caring** offering to be given to the **Good Shepherd Mission**.
It will be collected in the narthex after worship.
Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Ash Wednesday, Feb. 14
6:30 PM Dinner (by the Deacons)
7:30 PM Worship Service




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There will be a sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall starting on Feb. 4th for those who plan on attending. Some of the food will be catered so please sign up so we have a count of how many people to plan for. Thank you.

**PRAYER MEETING**

In-person Prayer Meeting continues meeting in Ivory Room at 7 PM Tuesday evenings. IF you cannot make it to the church on Tuesday evening, you are encouraged to pray at home using the Sunday Prayer Request bulletin insert.

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IMPORTANT: the prayer list needs to be updated. IF you have a request on the prayer request bulletin insert, PLEASE contact John or Joyce or Carol to make sure updates are made to the list.

Prayer Does Change Things



We are participating in *Baby Bottle Boomerang* with First Choice Women's Resource Ctr. again this year.

Plastic baby bottles were available at church on January 21st to take home and fill with your change. PLEASE return your bottle to the church no later than **Sunday, Feb. 25th**. Please pray for the First Choice outreach , the staff , their clients AND the unborn children they seek to rescue.

You can click [here](#) to see their website showing the wonderful work they do in all five locations!

ALLIANCE DEFENDING FREEDOM
CHURCH ALLIANCE

The U.S. Supreme Court granted review in an ADF case challenging the FDA's removal of key safeguards for chemical abortion drugs.

By removing those safeguards, the FDA expressly authorized unmanaged, unsupervised mail-order abortions—with no doctor involvement required. The agency stitched together a national abortion-by-mail scheme aimed at flooding all 50 states with chemical abortion drugs—undermining the practical effect of the Supreme Court's subsequent ruling in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* that overturned *Roe v. Wade*.

ADF attorneys will argue the case at the Supreme Court sometime in the spring of 2024.

The Church & Ministry Alliance is developing resources to help you understand and share with others about the widespread misinformation surrounding the safety of chemical abortion drugs.

With this critical case for the safety of women and girls reaching our nation's highest court, please pray for The Supreme Court justices as they consider the arguments in the case. Click [here](#) for Alliance Defending Freedom

Cru ... Chris & Carolyn West ...

Their planned fall trip northeast was postponed because Chris contracted mono.

Then his father was diagnosed with pneumonia and congestive heart failure. Chris & Carolyn made the road trip to NJ. His dad is now bed-ridden & will continue to be. He was transferred to rehab, is now home with brother, Peter, to help care for him along with daily elder-care aid worker and Hospice Care Team several times/week.

Carolyn is working with her team writing/editing stories of faith-filled women who started ministries around the world. It will be titled, "The Pioneer Women of Cru."

Chris/Carolyn ask for prayer:

1. "That God would surround Dad with His presence, peace, comfort and mercy. He is bedridden and struggles with significant back pain. Pray for relief. Most of all pray that God would grant new life and salvation to Dad."
2. That "The Pioneer Women of Cru" team would be able to track down the stories of those ladies who were "firsts," that the Lord would continue paving the way for publication and that the stories would compel readers to trust Jesus boldly
3. To continue moving in the lives of the students and volunteers who are taking steps of faith to lead campus ministries across the country.

The 2024 Classis Assessment per church member is approximately \$102.00. If you would like to cover the church's cost of your membership, please make your check payable to the church, mark it "Classis Assessment" and put in offering plate. Thank you.

"Love thy neighbor—and if he happens to be tall, debonair, and devastating, it will be that much easier." *Mae West*

"I married for love. But the obvious side benefit of having someone around to find your glasses cannot be ignored." *Cameron Esposito*

"All you need is love. But a little chocolate now and then doesn't hurt." *Charles M. Schulz*

Name: _____

ON THE ROAD TO EASTER WORD SEARCH



Ash	Holy Week	Palm Branch
Wednesday	Holy Thursday	Forty Days
Sacrifice	Good Friday	Jesus
Almsgiving	Holy Saturday	Passover
Prayer	Easter	Foot Washing
Fasting	Palm Sunday	Resurrection
Lent	Purple	Love



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"It's really wonderful to enter the new year with Jesus Christ... all through the year to be going along with Christ and have Christ going along with you. No matter what the problems, many of them uncertain, many mysteries out there in the future, but Christ is with you. Whether we know the future or not, we know the one who holds the future." Billy Graham

Consistory wishes you and yours a blessed year in 2024!