



# Fairfield Good News

WORSHIPPING THE LORD FOR OVER 300 YEARS!

March 2023

*While Pastor Eric is up in the air (literally) on his return from CA, let's hear from a couple of our sponsored missionaries/agencies:*

1. Utukufu in Tanzania. We sponsor this 12 yr old boy thru Compassion Int'l. Utukufu's birthday is Feb. 14th and the church is sending a \$30 birthday gift. In his latest letter, he says, "...the weather here is winter...doing well with my studies at school...wish you a merry Christmas and Happy New Year...we celebrated at the center and had various sports like acrobats, drama, singing choir, showing different talents and playing football...thank you for your letter...I don't have a garden...I like science and English subject...God bless you." I'm assuming the mention of a garden is in reference to something Ruth talked about in her letters to Utukufu on behalf of the church. Thank You, Ruth, for faithfully writing to this boy.
2. Chris and Carolyn West of Cru will be in the Dominican Republic on March 11 to 18. He'll be leading a team of 16 students and adults with a partner ministry called *Filter of Hope*. The Baltimore Winter Conference was Dec. 28—Jan 1 for 3+ days of inspiring teaching, electric worship, fellowship, adventure and bonding. About 400 students attended. There "must have been 250 students sitting on the floor, clogging the aisles, standing against the walls and in the entryway" at Chris' seminar, "Conversations that Matter" given twice. The seminar is based on building trust as modeled by Jesus in Luke 2:46-47. Carolyn continues to have a mentoring ministry with 10 or so young adults in her Bible Study at their FL church. She provides coaching for students leading a Cru group at SUNY Albany who "really" want help after that campus recently lost their 2 remaining Cru staff.

Check the last page of this newsletter to find out how our newest sponsored mission agency, ADF, may have direct importance to one of our oldest, First Choice.

## Prayer Meeting

Tuesdays 7 PM

## Bible Study

Wednesday, March 8 7 PM

Wednesday, March 22 7 PM

Reminder: If you need a receipt for your record of 2022 contributions/donations to the church, see Roberta with your name and envelope number and she will be happy to give it to you on Sunday or mail you the receipt.

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Monday, March 6

Consistory Meeting



- 2 Jody Boling
- 3 Jim Gwinn
- 6 Wilma Oliphant

Daylight Savings Time Begins March 12



*Also, change the batteries in your smoke detectors.*



Thank you for participating in Souper Bowl of Caring on Super Bowl Sunday. Souper Bowl of Caring is a nation-wide effort to fight hunger and poverty in our own communities at the time of the Super Bowl football game.

Our special offering total this year was \$437 and was given to



**You Say**

'I'm too tired'

'I can't manage'

**God Says**

I will give you rest  
( Matthew 11:28-30 )

I will supply all your needs  
( Philippians 4:19 )

**SPRING WORD SCRAMBLE**

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## Ireland's Church Planter--St. Patrick

St. Patrick was born in Britain around 400 A.D. to wealthy parents who were Christians. A group of Irish raiders attacked his father's estate and kidnapped Patrick when he was 16. They took him to Ireland. Patrick spent six years as a slave, working as a shepherd, isolated from other people. During this time he turned to religion for solace and became a devout Christian.

After six years he heard a voice telling him it was time to escape, so he traveled south for 200 miles until he reached the Irish coast where he boarded a ship to Britain. He studied to help combat paganism, was ordained a priest and traveled back to Ireland to teach Christianity to the Irish. He died on March 17, 460 A.D.

In order to make the people understand the doctrine of the Trinity, St. Patrick drew an analogy by picking a shamrock and showing that its three leaves were on only one stem.

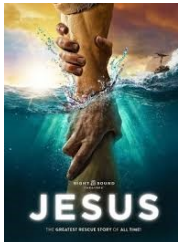
We celebrate St. Patrick's Day on Friday, March 17th.

*Sunday, March 19...showing the "Jesus" movie*

*On a trip to Sight & Sound theater last year, Joyce purchased a DVD of the Sight & Sound production, "Jesus". She gave the DVD to the church for us to watch together. Soooo, after worship on March 19th, we plan to gather in the Ivory room (with snacks) to watch the movie.*

*(The movie is appr. 2 hrs. long.)*

*Everyone is welcome!!*



"From the bustling streets of Jerusalem to the raging Sea of Galilee, join Peter, Nicodemus, Mary Magdalene and a multitude of others as they journey alongside the most famous person ever to walk the earth. Witness the most miraculous events in history as JESUS sets sail with fishermen, challenges the Pharisees, befriends the outcasts and heals the hurting. The lives he touches will never be the same. Filmed in front of a live audience, Sight & Sound's spectacular original production has been experienced by over one million people live on stage."

Click [here](#) to watch a movie trailer.

The flowers of late winter and early spring occupy places in our hearts well out of proportion to their size. Gertrude S Wister

It is spring again. The earth is like a child that knows poems by heart. Rainer Maria Rilke

Spring shows what God can do with a drab and dirty world. Virgil A. Kraft

*March 20*

*First Day of Spring*



*A kind word  
is like a  
spring day!*

First Choice Women's Resource Centers ... First Choice has five centers that work with women considering abortion. Our giving "opens the door to life-saving conversations through free pregnancy tests, life-affirming ultrasound scans and compassionate care-all driven by a deep desire to share Jesus Christ and His transforming message of hope and salvation." Their prayer requests are: clients who are facing unplanned pregnancies to choose life; their online advertising to reach the women who need them, more schools to host their Real Talk sexual risk avoidance program and open staff positions to be filled with those God has called."

In 2022 our giving helped accomplish: 2,334 clients received life-giving services at the 5 centers; 25% more women were served than in 2021; **over 800** babies were saved !!!

*Check out their newsletter on the Missions Bulletin board in Fellowship Hall to read about specific life altering cases.*

Alliance Defending Freedom (ADF) ... In their 2022 year-end letter Kristen Waggoner, CEO, Pres. and General Counsel at ADF listed different cases they are working on now that have to do with censorship and our first amendment freedoms, i.e., ordained minister Dr. Fox fired from fire dept. chaplaincy job for something he said on his own personal blog on his own time. Read about it...

Or, Lorie Smith, web designer who wants to design websites celebrating God's design for marriage. State law threatens to punish her if she doesn't celebrate other views of marriage. She has been deluged with hate mail and death threats. Read about it...

NOW, look at the fight in our country to undo pro-life laws. When Roe was overturned, ADF was contacted by two dozen states to help defend their pro-life laws. In addition to what the ACLU and the current administration has done, the senator from MA has said that *pro-life pregnancy resource centers* need to be shut down all around the country. *Think First Choice* !...

That ADF letter is posted on the Missions Bulletin board, I've only mentioned a couple issues they are working on now, read about the others.

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