



# Fairfield Good News

WORSHIPPING THE LORD FOR OVER 300 YEARS!

October 2021

## This Month

### Every Sunday

Coffee Hour—noon  
Worship—1:00 PM

### Sunday, Oct. 3

World Wide  
Communion Sunday

### Monday, Oct. 4

Consistory

### Oct 13—19 General Synod meets in AZ

### Every Tuesday

Prayer Meeting  
7:00 PM

### Every Wednesday

Bible Study  
7:00 PM

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## Common Participants at the Table

by Dr. Ralph F. Wilson

What does it mean when we eat the bread and drink the cup at the Lord's Supper? How should we think about it when we partake? The Apostle Paul wrote:

"Is not the cup of thanksgiving for which we give thanks a *participation* in the blood of Christ? And is not the bread that we break a *participation* in the body of Christ? Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf. Consider the people of Israel: Do not those who eat the sacrifices *participate* in the altar?" (1 Corinthians 10:16-18, NIV)

One word stands out because it is repeated again and again — the Greek word *koinonia*, "participation" (NIV) also translated as "communion" (KJV) or "sharing" (NRSV). It means sharing something in common with others, common participation in something with other people.

- ◆ We participate with all the others who partake of the one loaf, the one Bread who unites us all — Catholics and Protestants, Orthodox and Pentecostal. We are one at the Lord's Table.
- ◆ We participate in the body and blood of Jesus, sacrificed for our sins. When we partake we confirm again their saving power on our behalf.
- ◆ We participate, in a sense, in the altar of sacrifice. The Jewish priests sacrificed upon an altar in the temple. But the "altar" upon which the Lamb of God was slain is the cross. By eating the elements of the Lord's supper we participate, in a sense, in the cross itself. We affirm that we are crucified with Christ.

The Lord's Supper is a remembrance. It is also a participation with Christ himself and with all others who follow him.

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World Communion Sunday, is a celebration of the unity of the worldwide church through Christ.

Christians in congregations around the world participate in the Lord's Supper.



*This year  
World  
Communion  
Sunday is  
Oct. 3*

*Monday, Oct. 4th Consistory Meeting Via Zoom*



**October**

- 10 Betty Gwinn
- 13 Phil Epifanio
- 27 June Favatella
- 30 Joyce Griffin



HAPPY BIRTHDAY to  
ARTHUR ALEXANDER NELSON  
who

CELEBRATES HIS  
100TH BIRTHDAY  
on TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5



100 YEARS

1 CENTURY	10 DECADES	1200 MONTHS
5,217 WEEKS	36,525 DAYS	876,000 HOURS
52,596,000 MINUTES	3,155,760,000 SECONDS	

*Happiness is when what you think,  
what you say and what you do  
are in harmony.* Mahatma Gandhi

Does this compare with our Christian walk ?



- Oct. 7 Russ & Laura Safar
- Oct. 10 Scott & Jodie Nichols

General Synod is meeting on October 13—19 in Tucson, AZ where the delegates will discuss/make decisions for the RCA denomination that will affect our church and the whole denomination going forward. This will include considering the recommendations in the report of the [Vision 2020 Team](#). Pray for God's will to be done!!



### Operation Christmas Child

We are participating in OCC this year by donating to Samaritan's Purse for "The Greatest Journey" program. The program is a discipleship experience offered by local churches to many of the children who receive shoebox gifts. The 12-lesson course introduces boys and girls to salvation through faith in Jesus and encourages them to grow as faithful followers. The program also connects children to local churches who can, through discipling relationships, teach and nurture children in faith.

Each course costs \$6/child which includes discipleship materials, a graduation certificate and a New Testament Bible in that child's language!

A special collection jar is available in the church narthex on Sundays to help with the cost of these classes. The collection will run through Sunday, October 24.

### *Reformation Sunday*

*Oct. 31st*

Fairfield Church and First Reformed Church are again combining services on Reformation Sunday. This year we will worship at First Reformed, 60 Chapel Hill Rd., Lincoln Park, NJ at 10:00 AM.

There will be no worship service at Fairfield that week.



Much PRAYER is needed!

**Prayer Meeting** meets on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 pm in the Ivory Room to pray for our country, our denomination, our church and the personal needs brought before the church. We ask God to guide the direction our country AND our denomination take and believe prayer is needed for both. Using the prayer sheet in Sunday's bulletin, you can set aside time to pray on Tuesday evenings at home if not able to go to the church.

**Bible Study** meets in person in the Ivory Room on Wednesday evenings.

It is also available online using Zoom. The study started with the book of *Genesis* and continued with *Exodus*. If you haven't attended yet, it's never too late to start. Roberts emails the zoom link it starts and notes from the study when it's over. Many thanks to Roberta for preparing and leading the Bible study.

Remember this Bible word search from 2016? There are 16 Bible book names in this puzzle. See samples, **luke** and **esther**. How many others can you find?

I once made a remark about the hidden books of the Bible. It was a lulu, **kept** people looking so hard for facts...and for others it was a revelation. Some were in a jam, especially since the names of the books were not capitalized. The truth finally struck home to numbers of readers. To others it was a real job. We want it to be a most fascinating few moments for you. **Yes, there** will be some really easy ones to spot. Others will require judges to help them. I will quickly admit, it usually takes a minister to find one of them, and there will be loud lamentations when it is found. A little lady says she brews a cup of tea so she can concentrate better. See how well you can compete. Relax now for there really are sixteen names of books of the Bible in this paragraph. If I chose another sentence or two, maybe you could post them at the water cooler.

Older people shouldn't eat health foods.  
They need all the preservatives they can get.

Robert Orben

Q. You know why you never see  
elephants hiding up in trees?

A. Because they're really good at it.

A recent study has found that women who carry a little  
extra weight live longer than the men who mention it.

6:30 is the best time on a clock,  
hands down.