



Fairfield Good News

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A Tiny Portion from The Feast

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I enjoy eating — too much, I guess. I enjoy stopping by the supermarket on a Saturday afternoon, just in time for samples in white pleated cups or on a tray bristling with colored toothpicks, displayed in all their finery by an aproned hostess at the end of a grocery aisle. "They're on sale today. Wouldn't they taste good for dinner?" she suggests, hoping I'll put some in my cart. Yes, the tasty sample *does* make me hungry for a feast tonight.

Sometimes, though, I get samples from a feast that's already over. My wife comes home with leftovers from a women's club potluck lunch. "It was really good," she says. "I thought you'd like some." I do! I do! And for a moment as I snack, I can almost imagine the full meal as it must have been, dish after dish, spread out buffet-style.

Sunday morning during the Lord's Supper, as I partake of the bread and drink from the cup, I think about this as a small portion from the Feast. I savor the aftertaste of the bread on my tongue and the sweetness of the grapes on my lips, and I imagine.

I imagine partaking of the Passover feast, the Last Supper, along with the disciples. While I wasn't there to be served personally, it's like they saved some for me so I could have a taste and feel a part of the great fellowship of Jesus' Table that now circles the world.

Or are the bread and cup a foretaste of a feast to come — our fellowship at Christ's Table in heaven? The Bible speaks of drinking the cup with Jesus in the Kingdom of God; of sitting down with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; of participating in the Marriage Supper of the Lamb. The tiny portion I taste on Sunday morning whets my appetite and reminds me of my personal invitation to this Feast.

It's not much to eat, I suppose — a wafer, a fragment of bread and a sip, just a sip. But it's enough to recall who I am. To realize how privileged I am to belong to the band of Jesus' followers who are asked to eat of His body and drink of His blood. How privileged I am to know that my name appears on the guest list for the Great Feast to come.

"As often as you eat this bread and drink this cup," the Apostle tells us, "you proclaim the death of Jesus until he comes." Yes, it's a pretty tiny portion of the Feast, but it's enough for now. Quite enough.

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Events

Sunday, October 2
Communion Service
Special Collection for GSM

Monday, October 3
Consistory Meeting

Tuesday, Oct. 4—Oct. 5
Yom Kippur

Friday, October 21
Lay Recognition Dinner

Sunday, October 30
Reformation Sunday

Every Tuesday
Prayer Meeting

Every Wednesday
Bible Study



Oct. 5 Art Nelson (101)

Oct. 10 Betty Gwinn

Oct. 13 Phil Epifanio

Oct. 27 June Favatella

Oct. 30 Joyce Griffin



Oct. 7 Russ & Laura Safar

October 2



World
Communion Sunday

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.



*In light of the current inflation, we are taking a special offering which ends **Oct. 2nd** for GSM, specifically for food to feed the homeless. The collection jar is in the church narthex.*



No Jesus ... No Peace
Know Jesus ... Know Peace

Friday, October 21st
the church will be honoring
Roberta Vega
at the regional synod's 2022 Lay Recognition Dinner.

For those who signed up, the event is being held at The Imperial
(1714 Easton Ave, Somerset, NJ 08873)
beginning with a reception at 6:30 p.m. followed by dinner and program at 7:30.



Do you have a favorite hymn (or two)? Pastor Eric wants to include your favorites in our worship services. So, let Carol know your choice(s) and a list will be created of all of our "all time" favorites.

Much PRAYER is needed!

Prayer Meeting meets on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 pm in the Ivory Room to pray for our government, country, our denomination, our church and the personal needs brought before the church. We ask God to guide the direction of our country AND our denomination 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 at 7PM. If you haven't attended yet, it's never too late to start. It is also available online using Zoom. Roberta emails the zoom link before it starts and notes from the study when it's over. Many thanks to Roberta for preparing and leading the Bible study.

Thank You

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October is Pastor Appreciation Month

Take this opportunity to thank Pastor Eric for ways he has blessed you.

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In 1926, RCA General Synod voted to "designate the Sunday nearest October 31 as Reformation Day". Reformation Sunday honors Martin Luther's bold action on October 31st, 1517. Luther posted his 95 Theses to the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany. They spelled out various church practices that he saw as contradicting the Bible. He hoped to reform the Roman Catholic Church but was excommunicated.

Bible Names

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A	C	B	C	N	A	L	O	M	E	P	U	S	E
A	A	J	Y	H	T	O	M	I	T	R	M	T	S
C	L	O	B	S	O	Y	P	A	U	L	S	H	E
A	E	N	O	A	H	M	H	T	U	R	A	E	A
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M	A	R	Y	P	A	E	S	H	O	K	A	H	R
A	H	B	Y	S	D	C	A	O	Y	L	U	A	A
K	C	J	J	O	A	A	U	J	R	A	H	E	H
M	A	R	K	N	M	I	L	U	O	A	S	H	A
L	Y	T	I	L	C	N	O	M	O	L	O	S	M
A	U	M	B	E	N	A	T	O	M	A	J	A	A
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SOLOMON
MARK
ABEL
JOSHUA
NOAH
PAUL
EVE
JOHN
ABRAHAM
ESTHER
MATTHEW
RUTH
ADAM
LUKE
CAIN
TIMOTHY
SAUL
SAMPSON
MARY
CALEB

Play this puzzle online at : <https://thewordsearch.com/puzzle/2921/>

"I prayed for Faith, and thought that some day Faith would come down and strike me like lightning. But Faith did not seem to come. One day I read in the tenth chapter of Romans, 'Now Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God'. I had closed my Bible, and prayed for Faith. I now opened my Bible, and began to study, and Faith has been growing ever since." ~ Dwight L. Moody