

**FEBRUARY 2019**

# SCOTCH CHURCH



## PARSON -TO- PERSON

*"And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love." (1 Corinthians 13:13)*

Love's not the easiest subject in the world on which to get a handle. I mean, is there any single topic in this world about which we have spoken, or written or sung, more than love? And is there any subject more difficult to articulate?

We talk about love in such funny ways. We talk of "falling in it" as if it were a hole. We use the same word when talking about a favorite dessert that we use about a cherished individual. "I love my husband. I love pecan pie. I love my minivan. I love God." How do we take hold of this word?

I love the story about a woman who was an associate pastor of a large Presbyterian church in southern California. This woman loved to go to Nordstrom's during the Christmas season, mostly just to enjoy the ambiance and the live Christmas music on all five floors.

On one of her visits, she was on the top floor of the store looking at some of the finest dresses in the world, when the elevator doors opened and out stepped a disheveled looking woman. Her clothes were dirty and torn, her hair was matted, her stockings were rolled down to her ankles. She just stood there holding a very full and very dirty gym bag in her hand and it was obvious that she probably wasn't going to buy anything—all the dresses were all in the multi thousand-dollar category.

The minister half-expected a security guard to come and show the woman out. But instead of a security guard, a stately saleswoman came over to the woman with the gym bag and asked, "May I help you, madam?"

The woman said, "Yeah! I wanna buy a dress!"

"Any particular kind of dress?" the saleswoman asked in a very kind and dignified manner.

"A party dress!" the woman answered.

"Well you've come to the right place," said the saleswoman. "Follow me."

The saleswoman then spent more than fifteen minutes matching the dresses with the woman's skin color and eye color, trying to help her find just the right match. After selecting three dresses, the saleswoman said, "Shall we go and try them on?" They headed into the dressing room. The minister hurried into the adjoining dressing room and put her ear up to the wall. She had to hear what would happen next.

The woman with the gym bag tried on the dresses with the saleswoman's help. But then, after about ten minutes, the woman said very abruptly, "I've changed my mind. I'm not going to buy a dress today!" The minister in the adjoining cubicle held her breath and heard the saleswoman say, "That's all right." And then, in a gentle voice she said, "But here's my card. Should you come back to Nordstrom's, I do hope that you'll ask for me. I would consider it a privilege to wait on you again."

That saleswoman knew that love is something you do.

Wouldn't it be wonderful to be known by that kind of love? In the end, it's the one thing that will make us recognizable to the world as those who've put on Christ and who are wearing his name and walking in his way.

Peace,  
*Pastor Rich*



## February CELEBRATIONS

We celebrate your special day !



### HAPPY FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY

to...

7... Travis McKnight  
8... Janice McKnight  
12... Addison McKnight  
12... Bryce Easterwood  
14... Melissa Quintavalle  
22... Leslie Hargrave  
22... Michael Fisher



Email or phone your dates to me to be added to the calendar so that we can recognize your family's special days.

~ Mindy Fisher  
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## Life of the Church

**Feb 10** The rescheduled January Session Meeting will follow worship

**Feb 17** Annual Meeting of the Scotch Church, pending approval of the date by Session

**Feb 26** March Newsletter info due to Mindy.

**Mar 10** Daylight Savings—  
2 AM - Clocks spring ahead this Sunday

**March 6** Ash Wednesday

**March 10** First Sunday in Lent

**April 14** Palm Sunday

**April 18** Maundy Thursday

**April 19** Good Friday

**April 21** Easter Sunday

## Call for congregational meeting on Sunday, February 17, 2019

Upon approval of the date of February 17, 2019 by the Session of the Scotch Church....."The Annual Meeting of the Scotch Presbyterian Church is called for Sunday, February 17, 2019 to hear the annual committee and financial reports for 2018; to present the 2019 Budget; and for the congregation to approve the financial package for our Pastor for the upcoming year."

Session will meet next on February 10, 2019 (a delay after two cancelled meetings previously scheduled for January 20th and 27th.)

Dear Scotch Presbyterian family,

Thank  
you

You have my deepest thanks for the cards, notes and messages you sent following my father's death. With his passing coming so close on the heels of my mother's death back in September, we have been hit hard by loss. Your continued love and support have been vital in lifting our spirits during these difficult days. I am encouraged by the confidence we have in the grace of God, the love of Jesus Christ, and the empowerment of the Holy Spirit. May God continue to richly bless each and every one of you.

In Christ,  
Pastor Rich & Carolyn

THANK YOU NOTE FROM Craig, Mallory, Corbin and Charlotte Fisher for the generous support, financially and prayerfully, given to them by the Scotch Church

Thank You ALL!!

We are overwhelmed with relief from your donations. It has been a struggle on so many levels trying to care for Corbin. We have been making it work though thanks to your generosity and prayers. We have witnessed miracles this year and are so blessed to have Corbin home so soon after his transplant. We are busy with appointments, teaching

him how to eat again, and getting ready to start school. He's gaining strength and is now able to walk up and down stairs! We are so proud of him and he has given us an example of true strength and courage.

Thank you again for your love and support.

Jone  
Craig, Mallory, Corbin  
& Charlotte Fisher

## HOSPITALITY LIST FOR 2019

Every month a different committee takes responsibility for providing the refreshments for our coffee hours. It involves preparing, serving and cleaning up afterwards and is always appreciated as it gives us a chance to visit and catch up with members of our congregation.

- January - Property**
- February - Presbyterian Women**
- March - Finance**
- April - Mission**
- May - Chipman Crew**
- June - Christian Ed and Discipleship**



***(No coffee hour during months of July and August)***

- September - Christian Ed and Discipleship**
- October - Mission**
- November - Worship**
- December - Evangelism**

**~ Provided by Melanie Morgan**

## SERMON SERIES

*Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." (Matthew 14:28)*

Peter may have been the first one out of the boat, but Jesus' invitation to walk on water is for us as well. That's where we will meet Jesus: out where the sea is high and the footing impossible. As a follower of Jesus, we want to go where he calls us. But walk on water? What does that mean? (I realize this is not such a big deal now, with the lakes frozen over). :<)

When we step out of the boat, we are never quite the same. Encounters with Jesus have that effect. It is time to face our fears and step over the gunwales. The Master of the sea is waiting for us.

Come, join us for worship as Pastor Rich continues this sermon series:

- February 3 – The Tragedy of the Unopened Gift
- February 10 – Finding our Calling and Getting our Feet Wet
- February 17 – Facing our Challenges, Conquering our Fears
- February 24 – Good News for Cave Dwellers

~ Contributed by Pastor Rich

# February 2019

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3 4th Sunday after Epiphany Holy Communion	4 Adult Study at 7 pm—Grace in a Tree Stump: The Man Who Refused Grace	5	6	7 Happy Birth- day Travis McKnight	8 Happy Birth- day Janice McKnight	9
10 5th Sunday after Epiphany SESSION MEETING	11 Adult Study at 7 pm—Grace in a Tree Stump: One More Grand Chance	12 Happy Birthday Addison McKnight; Bryce Easterwood	13	14 Happy Birthday Melissa Quintavalle	15	16
17 6th Sunday after Epiphany ANNUAL MEETING & LUNCHEON	18 Adult Study at 7 pm—Grace in a Tree Stump: Giving Grace a Name	19	20	21	22 Happy Birthday Leslie Hargrave; Mi- chael Fisher	23
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