

<p><b>ANNIVERSARIES</b></p> <p><b>JUNE</b> Michael (Littlestown Beginners Group) - 17 yrs. Dallas (Chambersburg Big Book) - 6 yrs. Marion (Chambersburg Group) - 6 yrs.</p> <p><b>FAIRFIELD GROUP</b></p> <p><b>JUNE</b> Ross 37 years, Kathy 29 years, Irish John 29 years, <b>JULY</b> Rick 29 years, John 17 years <b>AUGUST</b> Sara 35 years, John 32 years <b>SEPTEMBER</b> Dough 30 years, Chris 26 years <b>OCTOBER</b> Darcey 25 years, Stephany 4 years, <b>NOVEMBER</b> Laurie 32 years, Carol 28 years</p>
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<p><b>ANNOUNCEMENTS</b></p> <p><b>DISTRICT 35 is holding a workshop; <i>Our primary purpose:</i></b> Doors open at 8am, Program starts at: 8:30 until 12:30. New Guilford Bretheren in Christ Church, 1575 Mont Alto Rd. Chambersburg, PA 17202</p> <p><b>CHAMBERSBURG BIG BOOK MEETING</b> - moved to 145 King street, King street Community center.</p> <p><b>New Oxford</b> starting a new meeting Called": Early in Service" on the 2 nd Thursday in June at 3:30 pm Same location as Wed. 7:15 pm.</p> <p><b>CHAMBERSBURG GROUP</b> is adding a new Meeting on July 4 th:Every Saturday - Woman's Meeting:" Working on the Solution".</p> <p><b>E-mail changes to:</b> info@d35pa-aa.org include Name of GSR, Name of Group, Address and times. Changes or Cancellations.</p> <p><b>E-mail Group History stories and Meeting room pictures to:</b> amarionadistrict@gmail.com</p> <p><b>Next District Meeting:</b> Monday June 20. 2016</p>
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<p><b>THE 12 CONCEPTS</b></p> <p><b><i>The Twelve Concepts for World Service were written by A.A.'s co-founder Bill W., and were adopted by the General Service Conference of Alcoholics Anonymous in 1962.</i></b></p> <p><b>CONCEPT VI</b> On behalf of A.A. as a whole our General Service Conference has the principal responsibility for the maintenance of our world services, and it traditionally has the final decision respecting large matters of general policy and finance. But the conference also recognizes that the chief initiative and the active responsibility in most of these matters should be exercised primarily by the Trustee members of the Conference when they act among themselves as the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous.</p>
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<p><b>Statement Of Purpose</b></p> <p>District 35 Newsletter "The Communicator" is published to foster unity and facilitate communication among AA members and groups. The Communicator aims to be instrumental in carrying the AA message. This quarterly newsletter seeks to publish groups histories, anniversaries and functions with the purpose of bringing us all together. In the future we will include personal stories of experience, strength and hope. Material will be reviewed by a committee member of The Communicator. Nothing published by The Communicator should be thought of as a statement of District 35 or AA policy.</p> <p><b>RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT</b> When anyone anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of A.A. to always be there. And for that I am responsible.</p>
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## GROUP HISTORY

### FAIRFIELD GROUP

Jill F. and Chuck C. started the Fairfield Group in 1981. Meetings were held on Friday nights at St. John Lutheran Church, located at 13 E. Main St. in Fairfield.

The meeting folded in 1988. At the time, Friday night meeting choices also included Gettysburg and Biglerville. There was not enough sober population to support all three meetings, scheduled on the same night.

In 1991, Lynn C., Charlie R. and Father Dan restarted the Fairfield meeting. Located again at St. John's, it became an 8:00 pm, closed "Step Meeting" and met Wednesday nights. At this writing (2016) the meeting is still going strong, with attendance numbers often at 40 or more. There are currently 18 Home Group members. In 2004, while St. John's was undergoing renovations, the Fairfield Group temporarily moved to the Fairfield Mennonite Church. The Group was settled in at the new location and decided to stay there. In September 2011, the Group moved back to St. John's Lutheran Church for more climate control!

This meeting is noted for its attraction of long time sobriety. Many meetings in this area revert to the first step when there is a newcomer in the room. Our Group conscience decided that this meeting would stay on course, continuing the step discussions in order, where one left off. This meeting offers a continuance, with no big surprises. In 2005, it was decided by Group conscience to offer one Tradition Meeting a month (the Tradition number correlating to the same month number). The closed Tradition Meeting is advertised as the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month. As the Home Group population increased, it was decided by Group conscience to celebrate all the "anniversaries of the month" together at one meeting. These anniversaries are recognized on the last Wednesday of the month, in an open meeting. Our Group provides cake, chips (tokens) and cards for those celebrating anniversaries. If there are no celebrations, the Group continues with the next step discussion.

While first at St. John's there was a Saturday, 10 :00 am meeting added in September of 1992. This meeting aimed to provide baby-sitting facilities. In January of 1995, this meeting was discontinued, due to lack of consistent support.

Another new meeting at St. John's was a Saturday 9:00 pm meeting which started in May of 1994. This was in response to the closing of the Saturday night meeting in Gettysburg. Support dwindled down and this meeting folded in May of 1998.

We tried a new Saturday Night Meeting (closed with a Big Book topic) at the Mennonite Church. This was started in February of 2010 but had to close after a few months. Again because of lack of consistent support.

Remembering what it was like, we have a Greeter at the door to help welcome our newcomers and visitors!

Please join us at 8:00 on Wednesday nights. We are located at St. John's Lutheran Church. The address is: 13 E. Main St. Fairfield PA 17320. We enter through the parking lot door behind the church. We are looking forward to sharing our meeting and coffee with you.

