

THE FAIRVIEW CHRISTIAN CHURCH VISITOR

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Upcoming Events

Dec. 19—Bells; Choir Practice

Dec. 20—Chapel Prayer; CWF Exec. Mtg.; CWF Christmas Tea; Faith In Him

Dec. 23—Worship; Almost Yoga

Dec. 24—*Christmas Eve Concert & Services*; Office Closed; Morning Men's Mtg.

Dec. 25—*Christmas Day*; Office Closed

Dec. 27—Chapel Prayer; Wedding

Dec. 28—FH Reserved (Taylor)

Dec. 29—FH Reserved (Brown)

Dec. 30—Worship

Dec. 31—Office Closed

Jan. 1—*New Year's Day*; Office Closed

Jan. 2—Esther Group; Bells; Choir



CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES
MONDAY, **DEC. 24TH**

7 P.M.

(PRE-SERVICE MUSIC BEGINS AT 6:30 P.M.)

&

11 P.M.

(PRE-SERVICE MUSIC BEGINS AT 10:30 P.M.)

Worship—Sunday—Dec. 23rd

Fairview's Handbell Choir will be performing at the 10 a.m. Worship Service which will also feature a Christmas Play.

So come & enjoy the many talents of our Fairview family.



Handbell Choir

Attention !!

Please Note:

There will be no Newsletter published the week of December 24th.

(See the inside of this newsletter for more details of upcoming deadlines & also when the Church Office will be closed.)



Sunday Services

8:30 a.m.
Intercessory
Prayer

9:00 a.m.
Sunday School

10:00 a.m.
Worship Service

Pastor Donna
Interim Minister



*From Our Staff to You...
Merry Christmas & Happy New Year !*

Pastor Donna

Bob D.

Kathy S.

**Sharing the Good News of God's Love through
Faith, Worship, Service and Community**



Expecting...

When you are expecting, the last few weeks there seems to be a burst of energy. That energy often somehow turns into cleaning and organizing and preparing. As we enter into the last week of Advent, I invite each of us to consider where and how we will use our energy this week.

As we grieve the loss of teachers, staff and young children in Connecticut, will our prayers be with those who will no longer be able to hold their loved ones? Will we be supportive of teachers, staff, and first responders who are making a difference each day? Will we be aware of the children and people around us and speak words of life and light to them? Will we...

The gift of Jesus came into a world that was dark with oppression, poverty, violence, fear, anger and resentment over 2000 years ago. He made a difference then and he can make a difference now if we open our hearts, hands and minds to him.

May you walk in the presence of the Christ child this week and every week.

WITH GOD'S HELP, TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE IT HAPPEN,

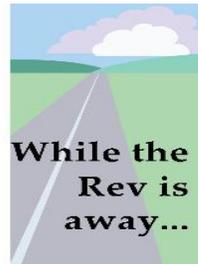
Pastor Donna

Newsletter DEADLINE

There will be NO NEWSLETTER the week of December 24th!

Due to the office being closed on Dec. 31st & Jan. 1st...the next Newsletter will be published on Thursday, January 3rd...the deadline for articles for this newsletter is 10 a.m., Wednesday, January 2nd.

Then we will resume back to our normal Newsletter schedule (newsletter published on Wednesdays, deadlines for articles Noon the Tuesday before).



Pastor Donna will be on vacation starting on December 25th & returning to the office on Thurs., January 3rd.

Dr. Mike G., of the Regional Office, will be here for Worship Service on Sun., Dec. 30th.

For Hospital Visits, while Pastor Donna is on vacation, please contact either Bob N. or Joy G. who in turn will contact the Elder of the Day for Hospital Visits.

Thursday, Dec. 20th

Calling all Ladies....

The CWF Christmas Tea will start at 2 p.m.



*The program is Christmas Stories
By Steve O.*

Christmas Tea & other goodies will be provided.

During this wonderful Christmas season, the Music Search Team has intentionally suspended our search activity.

Beginning in the new year that activity will resume. That will mean that substitute musicians will likely reappear on Sundays in January and perhaps February.



Music Update

We have been blessed by the presence of Mary D. through this season and are very grateful for all she has contributed. Watch this space for future updates.



You may want to put the following January 2013 meetings on your calendar:

—Cabinet Meeting

Sunday, January 6th—Lounge—6:30 p.m.

—Leadership Training

Saturday, January 12th—9:00 a.m. to Noon

—Executive Board Meeting

Monday, January 14th —Library—7:00 p.m.

—General Board Meeting

Monday, January 14th—Lounge—7:30 p.m.

—RPM Meeting

Thursday, January 24th

Meal—Fellowship Hall—6:30 p.m.

Need a group to volunteer for the Meal, if you

can do this please let Pastor Donna know as-soon-as possible

Meetings—various rooms—7:00 p.m.

December Contributions

Are you running behind on your pledge? Or do you plan to make charitable donations during December? Please remember that Fairview relies upon your generous contributions, especially during December.



December Contributions

For tax planning purposes, Fairview members sometimes mail or drop off contributions at the office after the last Sunday in December. It will not be possible to drop off contributions on Dec. 31st this year, as the office will be closed.

All checks received by the Dec. 30th offering or mailed with a postmark date prior to Jan. 1, 2013 will count toward your 2012 pledge and are deductible on your 2012 income tax returns.

Thank you for your gifts throughout 2012!

The Church Office



Will Be Closed

As the holiday's are approaching, we want to remind everyone of when the Church Office will be closed.

The Church Office *will be closed* on the following dates:

Monday, December 24th

Tuesday, December 25th

Monday, December 31st

Tuesday, January 1st

Dear Fairview,

Words can't express our gratitude for all of the support & assistance after our house fire.



It was a very difficult time but you all made us feel loved. God certainly blessed us by allowing all of you into our lives.

We are so grateful for everything both big and small to help us as we start over. It hasn't gone unnoticed or unappreciated.

We are forever in your debt. If we can ever return a favor please know that we will.

Sincerely & with many thanks,
—John, Melissa, Shamus & Ciara



Thank You!

Thank you
Mr. & Mrs. O
for providing the snacks
last week.

We appreciate you!

The H.O.T. Kids