



THE FAIRVIEW CHRISTIAN CHURCH VISITOR

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Upcoming Events

Following services will be online:

- April 5—PALM SUNDAY (10 a.m.)
- April 9—MAUNDY THURSDAY (7 p.m.)
- April 12—EASTER SUNDAY (10 a.m.)
- April 19—Sunday Worship (10 a.m.)
- April 26—Sunday Worship (10 a.m.)

Due to the COVID-19 state & county directives issued for April, Fairview asks you to please comply & stay safe.

As a result, please read through this newsletter for previously scheduled April events that have either been postponed or cancelled.

Thank you for your patience & understanding as we work through the COVID-19 compliance directives.



10:00 a.m.
Online
Worship Service

Transitional Minister
Dr. Stephen

Fairview had its first remote worship service in its 65-year history last Sunday. I thank all of you who watched and gave such positive feedback. We will continue to work to improve the quality of the broadcasts as we will be having remote services until such time that it is safe for us to worship together again. — Steve



I do want to let you know that at 7:00 p.m on Thursday, April 9 we will be having an online **Maundy Thursday service** with communion. I hope that you can tune in.

—Steve

Meditation:

In these trying time I find comfort in the word of the classic hymn "Abide With Me."



Abide with me! Fast falls the eventide. The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide! When other helpers fail and comforts flee, Help of the helpless, oh, abide with me!

When the world around us is changing so fast and the news is so worrisome it is comforting to know that God is always with us. Indeed, that is the message of the Lenten season. Jesus will be with us in our darkest hours as he has already walked that path.

—Steve



Easter Lilies

Due to the uncertainty associated with COVID-19 and as the Easter Service will be online, the Easter Lilies order has been cancelled.

Loved ones who the lilies were purchased in honor of or in memory of will be recognized in next week's newsletter.

Kathy S. in the office has all of the individual Easter Lily order information. For those individuals that placed (and paid for) a lily, we need to know which one of the following options you prefer:

- You would like your money refunded —or—
- You would like your money donated as an offering to Fairview

With either option above, please call & leave a message for Kathy S. or email her to let her know which option you prefer.

If we (either Kathy S. or the Worship Chair) have not heard from you by April 30th, we will assume that you prefer your money be donated to Fairview as an offering.

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



Greetings to all the homebound, and there are lot of us these days.

We are saving money by having to stay home, but unfortunately, we would rather be doing the things that used to do, and by doing so, providing a living to those who serve.

Although we are temporarily unable to see each other's smiling faces, our facility is still incurring expenses. That is why it is important that we keep the tithes and offerings flowing.

Heeding that, I offer the following ways that you can donate to Fairview:

1. Send your checks by mail to the church address. (Don't send cash, save it for when we meet together again.)
2. Make a donation by using the form shown on our website. (Shows as one-time donation)
3. Make a donation using your text-enabled smartphone, using the instructions given last week. (Register once, donate as often as you like.)
4. Set up your giving using the ACH process for monthly givers. Authorization sheet is on our website. (Completed authorization along with voided check mailed to Stewardship Dept. at church)
5. Donate stock (Instructions on the website) You might want to wait until the market recovers somewhat on that one.

If you do not have access to the website, and would like information about any of the above, you can leave a message at the church or e-mail Dick D.

How about taking all that money we are saving on gasoline, restaurants, vacations, etc. and giving it to Fairview? I'm sure there will be a lot of needs before this is over.

May the Lord watch over us as we do our best to stay healthy. —Dick



Prayer Vigil

Good Friday, April 10th

Prayer Vigil

Due to the directivities in place for COVID-19, Fairview will not have their normally scheduled Prayer Vigil taking place in the Sanctuary.

What we ask instead, for those who would normally have signed up for a 30 minute segment to pray in our Sanctuary, for you to pray in your home.

Thank you !

General Municipal Elections Will not be April 7th

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Priscilla has decided to cancel the Spring Fling that was scheduled at Fairview on April 23.



FCC Department Meetings

Due to the 'stay at home directives' going thru April, the onsite (face-to-face) Mon., April 13th department meetings will not be taking place at Fairview.

The various department chairs & their individual team members are more than welcome to meet online (or in a conference call type atmosphere).

Then hopefully we will have our regularly scheduled department meetings at Fairview again on June 8th.

Any questions, team/department members should reach out to their chair person.



CLAY COUNTY

PUBLIC HEALTH CENTER



As of 3/23/20

Stay at Home: Tuesday, March 24 - Friday, April 24

On Sunday, March 22, Director of Public Health Gary E. Zaborac issued orders for Clay County residents to stay at home except for essential activities.

Dear Clay County community members,

The COVID-19 virus continues to spread in the Kansas City area and is a threat to the health of all of us, regardless of age or health condition. In response to this threat, Clay County Public Health Center has issued public health emergency orders for all who live and work in Clay County to “stay at home” except for essential activities.

These orders will be in place from Tuesday, March 24 through Friday, April 24, 2020.

The COVID-19 virus is spread when someone who is infected, whether they know it yet or not, coughs or sneezes and shares respiratory droplets with others that they are in close contact with. By dramatically limiting the amount of physical contact we have with others, we can reduce the number of people who become sick and need immediate medical attention. As the health care system works hard to limit the spread of COVID-19, everyday life challenges still happen. They still work to provide care for heart attacks, stroke and many other life-threatening conditions.

By practicing social distancing, you can help prevent our health care system and workers from being overwhelmed and help save lives.

What CAN I do?

- Go to the grocery store or pharmacy
- Visit a health care provider if you are sick or have an emergency medical need
- Enjoy the outdoors while practicing social distancing
- Perform your job that is essential to the health and safety of the community
- Perform your job or communicate through phone calls, video calls online or through other channels that are not in-person
- Take care of elderly relatives, young children, those with medical needs or pets

What can I NOT do?

- Dine in a restaurant or drink at a bar
- Go to a nail/hair salon, clothing store, gym, fitness studio or get a massage
- Go to a movie, concert, sporting event or worship service
- Attend a wedding or funeral
- Visit friends and family who do not live with you, especially those who are at high risk of getting seriously ill from COVID-19

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What should I ALWAYS do?

- Keep physical distance between yourself and others, about six feet
- Wash your hands often, for at least 20 seconds
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces
- Stay home and away from others when you're sick, cough or sneeze into your elbow or always cover sneezes and coughs with a tissue that is promptly thrown away
- Stay calm and follow trustworthy local officials for updates and guidance

We encourage you to use these unprecedented times to look after yourself and your community in ways you may not normally. Pay attention to your physical health and call your doctor if you don't feel well. Check on your elderly family members and neighbors. Take extra steps to care for your mental health like going on walks outdoors or arranging daily video calls with friends and family. Find creative and generous ways to support others in need who may need help financially, emotionally or in other ways. We know many of you will still have questions about how these orders apply to your own life and we will try to provide more information and answers to your questions over the next few days.

However, remember the main goal of shelter in place: to protect the people in our communities, and keep our first responders, hospitals, medical staff, and entire healthcare system from being overwhelmed. By following these orders over the next few weeks, whether as an employer, employee or just as a friend or neighbor, you will have an impact on everyone else in our community. Doing your part now will save lives later.

Thank you for playing your part to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in Clay County!

**Updating Fairview's Prayer List**

Our prayer list is an important tool in the life of our congregation, but it needs to be reviewed occasionally to be sure it is accurate & as up-to-date as possible.

Please review the front and back of the provided prayer list. Let Kathy S. in the office know of any updates or additions for the list (call and leave a message or email her).

There is no time limit for how long an individual can be on the prayer list, we just want to be sure we are meeting that individual's need. Thanks.