



THE FAIRVIEW CHRISTIAN CHURCH VISITOR

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Upcoming Events

April 18—P.E.O. Mtg. (Chapel); Bells Practice; G.S. Troop 1191 (Cornerstone); G.A.P. (FH); Choir Practice

April 19—Chapel Prayer; Northaven Grp. 2 (Chapel); Fairview Connect Gathering (FH)

April 21— Chapel Reserved (Carolyn A.)

April 22—Worship; Koffee Klatch; FH Reserved (Eileen B.); Northland Disciples Youth (Park Hill CC)

April 23—Monday Morning Men (FH); Mats Project (Family Life); Priscilla Group (Conf. Room/Lounge)

April 24—Rotary (FH); NW District MAFCE Mtg. (FH & Kitchen); Cub Scouts (FH); Faith In Him; Boy Scouts (Family Life)

April 25—Bells Practice; G.A.P. (FH); Choir Practice

April 26—Chapel Prayer; Northland Clergy mtg. (Conf. Room); CWF Spring Fling (FH & Kitchen); S.A.S.S. Group (Conf. Room)

April 28—Chapel Reserved (Carolyn A.)



Sunday Services

8:30 a.m.
Intercessory Prayer

9:00 a.m.
Sunday School

10:00 a.m.
Worship Service

Co-Pastors
Kassie & Travis



My Final Bethany Fellows

This last week I was in Nashville for my final Bethany Fellows retreat. It was a meaningful time but there was a lot to reflect on. For 4 years, I have had a direct and important support system and the ways it has been there for me has forever changed my ministry.

My first retreat was the last one before they started offering an ecumenical group. To give Kassie and I separate groups, I decided I would go to ecumenical group. When we arrived at our first ecumenical group, we were all new. This was not something that had been done before and we all had learning to do.

One thing about a new group within an existing structure is they want to try and act out the habits and traditions of the old group. We tried to sing a song that said "everybody's home" but it was a group that was in the wilderness. We couldn't welcome everyone "back" if we had never been together in the first place. We could do what we had always done because this specific group of people didn't have a history to draw on.

But after 4 years of the Bethany Ecumenical Fellows, we learned some things we do that are unique to us. We learned our new dynamics, our opportunities, and what skills we had. We learned that we needed to be clearer about our perceptions and experiences because we didn't have a common Disciples background. A Presbyterian and a Methodist will have unique experiences to bring in, and it's something we're all richer for having experienced.

As we enjoyed our day of fun on Thursday, my friend Arthur asked us a pointed question: "What are the signs of new life you have seen in the last 30 days in your congregation?"

I shared this in my sermon the last week, and trust me, I have MANY things that excite me about the new life in our church. But I caution us to not try and form that new life in the exact mold of the existing life. Like our Bethany Ecumenical Fellows, can we let our new life form and become richer for their unique perspective and gifts?

Remember, I asked you to write down and keep with you the signs of new life you have seen recently. And only replace it when you find another sign of new life. That may take you half a day to find or another month, but the intent is to keep new life at the forefront of our minds. The intent is to be actively looking and recognize where we see God at work.

Do you see new life forming in our congregation? Do you see it in our community? Do you see new life forming in your personal relationships? I've seen it in all of these settings, and if Bethany Ecumenical Fellows has taught me anything, it is to let that new life form with excitement and hope for all that it can be. It is to encourage that new life in the unique and meaningful ways that God has created it.

—Pastor Travis

Wally's Memorial Food Box Challenge

For the month of April the challenge item is canned tuna.



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



Ladies Spring Fling Tickets

The annual Spring Fling will be on Thursday, April 26th, in the Fellowship Hall.

6:00 pm – Punch Bowl & Social
6:30 pm – Dinner

Entertainment by The Morton Sisters

If you have never attended, please consider giving it a try. All Ladies, whether you are a member, guest or visitor, are welcome. Hosted by Priscilla CWF.

Tickets are \$15.00 and will be sold in Fellowship Hall during Koffee Klatch this Sun., April 22nd. Stop by our table for more information and to purchase your tickets.

You may contact Lynn C. if you have any questions or need to make other arrangements to purchase your ticket.



FAIRVIEW CONNECT

COMMUNITY | INTERACTIVE | WORSHIP

This Thursday, April 19th

Though You Doubt... Connect Worship reflecting on John 20.

Doubting Thomas is a familiar story but it reflects on our desires to see before we believe.

Light meal at 6 PM and worship from 6:30 to 7:30.

Interactive prayer stations, discussion-based Bible study, and great music.

Please share and hope to see you soon!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR KOFFEE KLATCH ON:

April 29th;
the month of May
& additional future dates



If you can help, please put your name on the signup sheet in the Fellowship Hall on the date you would like to help.



I would like to see EVERYONE talking about this.

Think about it in terms of what you would like the church to be like in 100 years, or 5 years or 10 years from now.

What is your view of the future of Fairview, but also the future of the word of God? Do you think more people will believe in 10 years? Will the life of Jesus Christ be a thing of the past or endure for the future? How can we help?

Thinking about a hundred year lease does give one pause. Although I won't be around then, what do I want the world to be like? The discussion with the cell tower representative continues. I have shared with him some of the concerns I have heard from you so far. If we do allow a cell tower to be built, it would have to be something pleasing to the eye, safe guarded from vandalism and tall enough that the radio waves, although not strong and focused like microwave oven waves will be high in the air well overhead.

Many of you have expressed an opinion that the tower should look like a bell tower with the equipment hidden inside. Some of you have concerns about heavy equipment rumbling through the parking lot. We can ask for many things including new asphalt for the parking lot when they are through working. One person felt that maybe we should develop the land some other way. What would that look like or cost?

Talk about this in your small groups, in Koffee Klatch, in the parking lot and anywhere you meet. Give me your ideas and thoughts both pro and con.

Let your board member who represents you know what you think too. I hope to have a proposal ready for the May 14th meeting of the board. The more ideas circulate, the better the final product. Discussion as long as it is respectful is a good thing. I don't have all the answers myself.

Let's all work together on this and do so with prayer that God will guide us to the best decision. —Kathy C., Chair

5th Monday in April

Fairview going to Micah Ministry on Monday, April 30th.



If you wanted to volunteer to go to Micah Ministry but have not been able to go on the first Monday of the month—here is your chance.

We will meet up at Fairview at about 4:15 p.m. & then leave around 4:30 to get there. *Many hands make light work.* Questions, contact Kathy C.



**Northland Disciples
Youth Group**

We will be at Park Hill Christian Church from 5-7 p.m. on Sunday, April 22nd; a meal is provided.

If you're interested in car pooling or need a ride, we'll meet at Fairview at 4:30. Please spread the word!



Tall Oaks Community News

The volunteer day at Tall Oaks will be Sat., April 21. 9am - 1pm. We will provide lunch.

Please let us know if you will be coming.

FCC's Friday Pizza Fellowship in April ...



Friday pizza will continue at Godfather's on Antioch Road, from 6:00 on. Join us!

Friday Fellowship

**Antioch Middle School
Color Fun Run
Saturday, May 5th**



One mile Fun-Run! Be prepared to be sprayed with color along your journey. Check-in begins at 8 a.m.; Race begins at 9 a.m.

Entry \$15 per runner. Admission includes: registration, t-shirt & color packets for the Finish Line. Registration due by 4/25 to ensure a shirt. Register on-line at goo.gl/Byb52t

A portion of the proceeds will go to Team Little Owl for Pediatric Brain Cancer Research.



Join us Monday mornings at 9:30 to prepare plarn and crochet mats for the homeless.

The completed mats are taken by the volunteer nurses & doctors from Micah ministry who go out to the homeless camps to treat patients. They are giving them to people who actually live outdoors.

We would invite all who would like to help to come on Mondays. You do not have to crochet. We can always use people to straighten bags, cut loops and make plarn balls and we have fun fellowship while we work.

Bring a friend! Thank you, Missions Dept.



**DISTRICT FRIENDS & ALUM
IT'S THE LAST DANCE
IN THE
FIELDHOUSE**

This year the traditional Tea Dance is a Sock Hop celebration for all.

WHEN: Sunday, April 22nd; 2:00-4:00 p.m.

WHERE: North Kansas City High School
620 E. 23rd St., NKC, MO 64116

For more information contact Kim G. at 816-321-4667 or kim.giddings@nkcschools.org

Refreshments will be served.

Late last week, I (Kathy S.) received a call at the office from Sondra with the Maple Woods Pre-School YMCA program.



Sondra called to let Fairview know that as of June 1st the Maple Woods Pre-School YMCA will be closing. The facility will still be used by the Head Start program but all of the YMCA pre-school kids & other YMCA activities will be going to other facilities.

With the above said, they will not be having their annual concert in December.

On behalf of the 'Y' & the kids, Sondra wanted to thank the ministers & Fairview for their support over the years.

Thank You!

Kathy S. is taking some vacation days in May.

Kathy needs office coverage from 9 a.m. to Noon on Monday, May 14th.



*Office Vacation
Help
Needed*

So if you can volunteer to work on that day (to cover the phones & get the mail), please let Kathy know by Tues., May 1st.