



# THE FAIRVIEW CHRISTIAN CHURCH VISITOR

## Upcoming Events

**August 5**—Garden N Grow (FH)

**August 8**—Sunday School; FCC In-Person & Online Worship Service; Koffee Klatch (FH); Ethiopian Christian Fellowship in Missouri (Sanctuary)

**August 9**—Morning Men (Cornerstone); Garden N Grow (FH); Membership Dept. Mtg (FH); FCC Dept. Mtgs (various rooms)

**August 10**—Faith In Him (Music Room)

**August 12**—Garden N Grow (FL); Classic Crowd (FH)

**August 14**—Aquarium Club (FH)

**August 15**—Sunday School; FCC In-Person & Online Worship Service—Friends & Family; Koffee Klatch (FH); Ethiopian Christian Fellowship in Missouri (Sanctuary)

**August 16**—Morning Men (FH); FCC Dept. Mtgs (various rooms)

**August 17**—Faith In Him (Music Room)

**August 21**—Aquarium Swim Club (Sanctuary)

**August 22**—Sunday School; FCC In-Person & Online Worship Service; Koffee Klatch (FH); Ethiopian Christian Fellowship in Missouri (Sanctuary)

**August 23**—Morning Men (FH)



**Sunday Services**

**10:00 a.m.  
Worship Service  
In-Person &  
Online**

**Senior Minister  
Rev. Jill S.**

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Fairview Beloved,

It's been two months since we began this journey together! The more I am here, the more I am falling in love with you and the people you are. We are a good match and a good team!



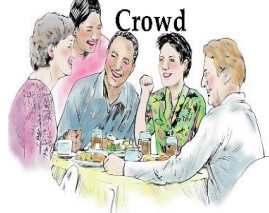
When I dropped Maddie off for camp - I was completely uncertain if this year would be a good experience for her. She had just come off of a four day softball tournament, she's also a little moody at this preteen stage, and well, she might think she is a "little too cool for school." When I picked her up from camp - she was glowing with love for what she had just experienced. I knew how she felt. Camp is one of those places that breaks through even to the "too cool for school" kind of kids! It has a way of including everyone. Being intentional about building community. But most of all, everything it does is based on God's love. They wore masks inside as a gesture of love - and still came out of camp full of blessing. They did not get to eat the normal camp food because of COVID and had to eat catering....though not happy about it, Maddie still came out of camp full of blessing. Their bunks were spaced apart, again because of COVID, and Maddie still came out of camp full of blessing.

It is amazing to me that even the "too cool for school" kids feel that much love for one another at camp. That even with all the adaptations and new ways of doing it, they still found so much love through the week. We could probably learn from that in our churches and in our lives....about how to adapt and do things we may not like....and still come out with armloads of blessing. I think that's called grace.

As our children start school this year - I pray for them. I pray for the teachers that lead them. May they be safe. May they learn from one another. And may they feel grace and receive armloads of blessing.

In Christ's Peace, Rev. Jill

**Classic  
Crowd**



**Thursday, August 12th at 11:30 a.m.**  
in the Fellowship Hall.

Food will spaghetti & meatballs with salad & dessert.

Entertainment will be  
Marlin Cooper — One Man Band Saxophone Show.

**What do you need to bring....just yourself and \$5**

Reminder this will be the only newsletter you are receiving in August.

- ♦ **September newsletter**— there will not be a weekly newsletter in September; **all September articles are due Thurs., Aug. 26th & the September newsletter (for the month) will be published on Wed., Sept. 1st**

Please email your articles to Kathy S. (office@fairviewcc.org).  
Thank you for your support.

**Newsletter  
DEADLine**

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



As this will be the only newsletter distributed in August, this might be the right opportunity to address some of the messaging taking place around COVID-19 issues and it's variants.

We have done an outstanding job at Fairview of being responsive to the variety of experiences and thoughts surrounding this pandemic. Closures happened appropriately and return to worship was done with consideration and deliberation. Most of us know that the city of Kansas City restored a mask mandate recently. No doubt the city felt that circumstances they were encountering justified that move.

We have been closely monitoring the Clay County Health Department throughout this pandemic for guidance as to our policies and procedures. In this case, Clay County has chosen, so far, not to follow along with Kansas City's mandate. An examination of the health board's website will help one understand why the board did not. Clay County is not currently experiencing the significant upticks that some other parts of the country are. Cases are clearly rising in the county, but not at an alarming rate. The zip codes that most of us attending Fairview live in have a vaccination rate in excess of 65%, some as high as 90%.

All that said, it is important for each of us to consider safety first as we attend services in our sanctuary. We are enjoying excellent attendance, we are about to restore a communion service within the sanctuary, our order of service will look like we fondly recall.

In order for us to be confident we can enjoy the momentum going forward we would ask that you consider safety as a critical part of our worship. The wearing (or not wearing) of masks in our service remains optional. If you feel much safer wearing a mask, you by all means should. If you choose not to wear a mask, for whatever reason that may be, you are welcome in our service. If you feel that, by wearing a mask, you are contributing to the safe environment for those around you, do so as well. I state with confidence that I am sure that the overwhelming majority of us in attendance on Sundays have completed our vaccinations. For those that haven't, that decision is yours and yours alone and we welcome your participation as well.

We will get through this challenge with the same kind of resolve with which we have met others. This, too, shall pass. Fairview is unique in the love and consideration we show for each other. It is what makes us a family. There are no plans to suspend Koffee Klatch at this time. Other gathering opportunities are being discussed.

I hope, whatever your circumstances are, that you will continue to spend your Sunday mornings with your family at Fairview. I and the other members of the board are certainly available to you for any questions or comments. God bless and keep each and every one of you. — Tom S., Chairman of the Board

## FRIENDS & Family

### FRIENDS & FAMILY SUNDAY "A Fairview Family Reunion" — Sunday, August 15th

Hey folks, mark your calendars. We are going to have a good, old fashioned family reunion. Your Fairview church family. And some of your personal family as well, we hope. Several departments are working together for the purpose of getting every possible member of the church in worship service together on Sunday, August 15<sup>th</sup> for "Friends & Family Sunday."

This would also be a good Sunday to invite friends to worship with you. Guests are always welcome, but might be more likely to attend if you invited them for this special Sunday.

Most importantly — be there. "There's quite enough love for all of us" at Fairview.

—Bob H.

### Koffee Klatch Volunteers Needed

There are opportunities for you to host Koffee Klatch starting August 22nd through September.



Please consider hosting if you have not already. Cookies are available for your use in the pantry.

Thank you for volunteering. —Membership



The Family of Freddie N. (mother of Clarke N.) will hold a Celebration of Life event on Saturday, August 21st, from 2—4 p.m. at the Atkins-Johnson Farm & Museum.

This will be in conjunction with a Dedication Ceremony of a park bench in her memory at the Farm.



### September Board Mtg.

Fairview's General Board meeting  
is Monday, September 13th.  
at 7 p.m. in the Conference Room/Lounge

The Executive Board will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the  
Cornerstone Room on the 13th.

Please email a report (to Kathy S.) rather than do a verbal  
one, who will then compile all of the provided reports & email  
them back out to the Board so you can review them prior to  
the meeting & bring them with you for the meeting.

To complete the above task, ***please have your reports  
emailed to Kathy S. no later than by  
Noon on Wednesday, September 8th.***

Kathy S. will email out the packets to the Board on  
Thursday, September 9th.



### Labor Day—Monday, Sept. 6th

Flag Help Needed

Weather permitting, & if you are available  
to help, we will be putting the flags up  
at 7:30 a.m. and then taking them down at 5:30 p.m.

### **SAVE THE DATE**

Pancake Breakfast &  
Virtual Auction Fundraiser

Proceeds Benefiting  
Clay County Clothes Closest

Pancake Breakfast



WHEN: Saturday, September 11th  
8 a.m. — Noon

WHERE: Gashland Evangelical Presbyterian Church  
8029 N. Oak, Kansas City, MO 64118

TICKETS: \$7 per person; Children Age 3 & under 'free'  
(See Debbie B. to purchase tickets)

*"Eat a Pancake — Clothe a KC Northland Family in Need"*  
Thank you for making a difference!



### *With Sincere Sympathy*

It is with sincere sympathy that we announce that  
Ian H., son of Stacey H., passed  
away this morning (August 4th) after battling  
COVID/pneumonia.

At this time, we have no additional information.  
Please keep Ian's family in you prayers.

In observance of Labor Day on  
Monday, September 6th  
Fairview's office will be closed.



### Opportunities to Serve

Would you like to provide service in  
2022 through the Deaconate and Elders?

If you would like to learn more about  
opportunities for 2022 or have suggestions,  
please reach out to Mike G.  
(Nominating Committee Member).

Our challenge is to share opportunities for service.  
Is it your calling?



### **Hymn Sing Returning October 10**

Mark your calendars! A Fairview favorite, the Hymn Sing is  
making a triumphant return the second Sunday of October.

Keep your eyes peeled for more information coming  
soon—in the meantime, think of some of your favorite  
hymns to stuff the ballot box!"

### SOME UPCOMING ACTIVITIES IN SEPTEMBER

♦ CMF Breakfast—Sept. 4th, Fellowship Hall,  
starting at 9 a.m.

♦ Classic Crowd—Sept. 9th, Fellowship Hall,  
starting at 11:30 a.m.; entertainment Dave Shelton,  
The Mo-Kan Reunion Band; meal BBQ, salads &  
desert

