

THE FAIRVIEW CHRISTIAN CHURCH VISITOR

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Upcoming Events

Dec. 11—Compassionate Ministry Team Mtg. (Library); Bells, Choir

Dec. 12—Chapel Prayer; Classic Crowd (FH); Prayer Shawl (Panera's); Priscilla's Holiday Outing

Dec. 13—G.S. Troop 1024 (FH)

Dec. 14—All-Church Breakfast (FH); G.S. Troop 3591 (Lounge); Choir Practice; Challenge Class Holiday Party (FH)

Dec. 15—Worship-Cantata; Almost Yoga; Holiday Remembrance Reception (Lounge); G.S. Troop 31 (FH); Holiday Remembrance Service (Chapel)

Dec. 16—Monday Morning Men's; Book Club; Boy Scouts (FH)

Dec. 17—Rotary; Faith In Him; Cub Scouts Holiday Party (FH)

Dec. 18—Northaven Group 2 (FH); Bells; Choir



I am always surprised at how God **GOES** and gets us to **GO!**
A couple of years ago, I met a man named Raymond H. He asked if he could do an internship with me at First Christian in Independence as he trained to be an intentional interim. Seemed like a great idea to me and we had a meaningful, productive and fun time as we served together.

Little did I know then, that in order to accept the call to be the Intentional Interim Regional Minister for all the Christian churches in the Kansas City Region, it would require me to leave Fairview before your installed pastor was selected and could come. I have been praying about how this could work best and I know some of you have too.

I am grateful and excited to tell you that on Sunday, the Board voted to unanimously call Raymond H. to be your Bridge Intentional Interim Pastor. This has greatly relieved and encouraged my heart and I hope it does yours as well. I believe that he and the church will discover that God has put you all together for some very specific purposes. Raymond will help all of you to continue to keep the spiritual fires burning and the ministry flowing. You will help him, as you have me, by your willingness, enthusiasm and most importantly, your desire to connect with God.

Raymond begins ministry with you on January 2. He and I will share in leading worship on January 5, which will be my last Sunday with you. I hope you will plan to be there to worship, celebrate our time together and officially welcome Raymond and his spouse, Angela.

The Regional Board has called me to begin as the Intentional Interim Regional Minister January 15, so I will have a few days before starting regional work. I am grateful that I will still be connected to you, and the other 93 Kansas City area churches, as we minister together through regional opportunities.

God is clearly **GOING** before us and showing the way. Where are you and I going? How are we telling Jesus' stories in word and deed each day?

See you Sunday for the Cantata!

Seeking to be a welcoming church where people grow closer to God with you,

Pastor Donna 😊



Sunday Services

8:30 a.m.
Intercessory Prayer

9:00 a.m.
Sunday School

10:00 a.m.
Worship Service

Pastor Donna
Interim Minister

Thursday, Dec. 12th

11:30 a.m. — FCC Fellowship Hall

Meal: Ham + pot luck

Program: A choir group from Antioch Middle School



ALL-CHURCH
BREAKFAST

Saturday — **December 14th** at 8 a.m.,
join Fairview CMF for an All-Church Breakfast.

Come one, come all & bring your friends & neighbors for some great food & wonderful fellowship.

Come early & stay late. See you Dec. 14th.

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



PRISCILLA HOLIDAY GATHERING
We will be having a holiday get-together on Thurs., Dec. 12th at 7 p.m. at Eileen A's home in Liberty.

Refreshments will be provided but you are asked to bring a White Elephant gift & your monetary donation for the Antioch Middle School Christmas project.

If directions are needed contact Sandy A.

Dear Fairview Friends,

During a very difficult 18 months, we were carried by Fairview.



You're Invited!

All the cards, notes, visits, prayers & communion brought to us meant so much to us & helped make this journey easier.

Now that we are emerging from our medical issues, we would like to *thank the Fairview family for all the support we received by hosting Koffee Klatch this Sunday, December 15th, Cantata Sunday.*

Please join us for some of the cookies our family enjoys for special occasions.

Our heartfelt thanks to all of you.

Love—George & Joyce T.



Thank you to everyone who helped with the Thanksgiving Dinner.

A special thanks to Rex for providing this year's entertainment. We had a great time!

Lynn C., Membership Dept.

Thank you from Boy Scout Troop (155) to all the Fairview members who bought a Turkey for the homeless at Hy-Vee just before Thanksgiving.

With the generosity of those shopping at Hy-Vee, the significant participation of the members of Fairview and the boys of Troop 155 & we had a great collective effort.

—On Behalf of Troop 155—thanks—
Mike M.



Christmas Cantata

Christmas Cantata will be performed at worship on **Sunday, December 15th**.

Please come and join us in praise. The cantata is titled "The Winter Rose" by Joseph M. Martin with narration by Pamela Martin.

Holiday Remembrance Service

You are invited to participate in Fairview's Holiday Remembrance Service, Sunday, **December 15th**.



3:00 p.m. Reception in the Lounge

4:00 p.m. Service of Remembrance in the Chapel



Saturday, December 14
10:00 a.m. — Sanctuary

Please note....**time** !!!!

We are meeting in Fairview's Fellowship Hall, Dec. 14th, at **6:30 p.m.** (*not* 5:30 p.m.)



Challenge Class Christmas Party



2013 Christmas Offering for Regional Ministries December 15 and 22 www.chapleministry.org

What Gifts Shall We Bring?

We read in Matthew the story of the Wise Men who came seeking the newborn king. Scholars believe they came from ancient Persia (modern day Iran), a long arduous journey.

Even when their journey ended, it was not easy to find "the one who has been born king". When they found him in Bethlehem they bowed down & presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense & myrrh.

What can we give? The shepherds gift was in praising God. Your gift to the Christmas offering supports the many ways Disciples across your region discovers & share their gifts of ministry.

The Christmas Offering will be received on Dec. 15th & Dec. 22nd.



Advent Is a Go!

Make this Advent a time of spiritual growth for you and those you love!

Sunday, December 22

9 a.m. Sunday School for Kids and Adults
10 a.m. Worship – Go and Taste that God is Good!

Bible time snacks will be shared as a part of our cookies and punch time following the service

**Tuesday, December 24 – Christmas Eve
 Go and See that God is Good!**

7 p.m. Concert of Christmas Music

7:30 p.m. Candlelight Communion Service
 Silent Nativity by Youth and Children

Cookies and punch celebration follows the service.

**NewsLetter
 DEADLINE**

There will be **NO NEWSLETTER** the week of:
 Wed., Dec. 25th nor Wed., Jan. 1st.

The last newsletter for 2013, will be Wed., Dec. 18th.

Deadline for articles for this newsletter will be Mon., Dec. 16th.

The first newsletter for 2014 will be Wed., Jan. 8th.

Deadline for articles for this newsletter will be Mon., Jan. 6th.

Fairview Holiday Office Hours

Office will be open from 9 a.m.—Noon on the following dates:

Tues., Dec. 24th; Fri., Dec. 27th;
 Mon., Dec. 30th and
 Tues. Dec. 31st

Office will be closed on:

Wed., Dec. 25th; Thurs., Dec. 26th & Wed., Jan. 1st



Kathy is looking for 1 more volunteer for office coverage from 9 a.m. to Noon on one the of the following dates:

Tues., Dec. 24th; or Fri., Dec. 27th;
 or
 Mon., Dec. 30th; or Tues., Dec. 31st



So if you can volunteer, please let Kathy know...452-2829.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Meadowbrook Tutors Needed – ASAP

Adults are needed to help with weekly tutoring at Meadowbrook Elementary School. Tutoring will start

on Jan. 16, 2014 and continue to May 8, 2014. The day will be Thursdays (not Wed.) from 4:10 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

You usually have the same student throughout the school year & have a chance to really get to know him or her. Specific materials & directions are provided for study each week. What you provide is adult human contact, attention & care.

An on-line background check is required & fingerprinting.

This is needed to protect all the children.

Talk to Dave B. or Pastor Donna. Dave is happy to help you sign up. We have 5 definite signed up & would like to recruit 5 more.



Make a wish come true this holiday season!

Thank you Fairview Christian Church

In Oct. we delivered a check in the amount of \$1,000 which was our paper recycling money & also included an amount from our Fairview Missions Dept.

The toys were picked up after Fairview's dedication & the toy count was 167 & they were great toys, above & beyond!

Besides the money & toys, we signed up to fill 31 volunteer slots to work that week at the Northland Christmas Store.

Once again Fairview came through with love & generosity for the Northland Christmas Store.

Many thanks from Fairview Missions Dept.

Come to Pizza Shoppe (just north of 152 on East side of Oak St) for Friday Pizza Fellowship in December 6:00 on 'til whenever. Everyone welcome!



A black orthopedic insert for a shoe...

Suzie A. lost one back on Sunday, Dec. 1st. This is an expensive, custom-made item.

Reach out to Suzie or call the office if you think you may have seen this item. Thanks!

