



THE FAIRVIEW CHRISTIAN CHURCH VISITOR

Upcoming Events

Feb. 14—Valentines Day & Ash Wednesday — Ash Wed. Communion & Ashes

(Chapel); Bells Practice; Boy Scout Committee Mtg. (Family Life); Cubs Committee Mtg. (Cornerstone); G.A.P. (FH); Choir Practice

Feb. 15—Chapel Prayer; Northaven Group 2 (Chapel); Fairview Connect Gathering & Ashes (FH)

Feb. 17—Chapel Reserved (Carolyn A.)

Feb. 18—Worship; Koffee Klatch

Feb. 19—Monday Morning Men (FH); Mats Project (Family Life); Book Club (Cornerstone); Rotary Board Meeting (Cornerstone); Church Growth Mtg. (Conference Room)

Feb. 20—Rotary (FH); Cubs (FH); Faith In Him; Boy Scouts (Family Life)

Feb. 21—P.E.O. Mtg. (Chapel); Bells; G.S. Troop 1191 (Cornerstone); G.A.P. (FH); Choir Practice

Feb. 22—Chapel Prayer; S.A.S.S. Group (Conf. Room)

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Ash Wednesday ... AND Thursday !

We're trying something a little new for **Ash Wednesday (today)** this year.



We'd like to celebrate it with the **Fairview Connect** group as well and will move our full service to Thursday night (**Feb. 15th**), light meal at 6 and service at 6:30.

For those still interested in ashes **ON Ash Wednesday**, or not able to get out during the evening, we'll offer a simple **Ashes and Communion 'Come & Go' from Noon—1pm.**

It's Time For Lent!

OK, so, you're probably not jumping over the moon about Lent coming up. In fact, you may still be confused about what Lent is for. You may be a veteran at Lenten practices, and if so you know you still have room to grow.



The season of Lent gives us all a chance to 1) reflect, 2) repent and 3) experience grace.

1) Reflect: take this time to learn, to study the Bible, to explore what God's purpose maybe for you. There are many ways to do this, the simplest of which is to use a guided devotional. This year, our worship department has provided *Following The Way* from Chalice Press for our congregation to use. (Side note, this was written by the Bethany fellows group and features Pastor Travis next Tuesday). It starts on Ash Wednesday and goes through Easter. It is available online through e-books or in physical copies at the church.

2) Repent: we don't do this one very well... There are some church traditions that offer confession and repentance every week. We kind of let it be implied but there is much we can learn from a practice of repentance. It isn't intended to beat ourselves up, nitpicking every flaw we possibly have. Instead, find one thing you could change, one possibility you can take. For example, what if every time you worried about the future of the church you sought out something positive going on? What if whenever you felt hopeless, you found a scripture talking of hope? This simple practice helps to transform bad habits and replaces them with action based hope.

3) Experience Grace: when you reflect and repent, they can often feel like tough processes. Christ calls us to repentance so that we can experience grace. In spite of our flaws, in spite of the times we fall short, Christ gives forgiveness no matter what. I don't know about you, but there have been times in my life that is an overwhelming thought. If God can forgive even me, imagine what else God can do. Imagine who else needs to be assured of grace today. What can you do to help spread that Grace?

When Kassie and I arrived at Fairview, we insisted you think of us as resource pastors. We want to help you find something beneficial empowering for you. Are you looking for just the right devotional?

Are you looking for suggestions on a spiritual practice? We would love to help you with that.

Contact us anytime and see how we can be a resource.

Looking forward to our Ash THURSDAY gathering to begin the season of repentance, reflection, and experiencing grace. — Pastor Travis



Sunday Services

8:30 a.m.
Intercessory Prayer

9:00 a.m.
Sunday School

10:00 a.m.
Worship Service

Co-Pastors
Kassie & Travis

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



With Sincere Sympathy

It is with sincere sympathy that we announce that Tricia C., daughter of Cuppy H., unexpectedly passed away on Feb. 12th.

As of the printing of this newsletter, we have no other details but will share them with you as soon as we have more information.

Please keep Tricia's family in your prayers.



Mark Your Calendar
Monday, Feb. 19th
6 p.m.— Conference Room
First meeting of 2018 for
Church Growth.

Chair person, Joyce T.,
invites you to attend as they start to meet to
brainstorm on ideas.

Priscilla CWF wishes to
thank you for your support for
our recent Book Sale.

We raised \$560.50.
We appreciate all those that
donated books, worked during the sale, and of
course everyone who purchased books.



**Week of Compassion gifts provide
more than we can 'imagine'
Sun., Feb. 18th & Sun, Feb. 25th**

John Lennon's now iconic song asks us to "Imagine" – but his call is tinged with sadness & even hopelessness for our truly being able to realize a more just, a more abundant, a more peaceful world for each & every person.

But we know what the Apostle Paul knew when he wrote those closing lines to the Ephesian church, where he praised God as the one Who, indeed, "by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than we can ask or imagine" (Ephesians 3:20-21).

For Paul is right: God's power is at work within us & that is the power to imagine & help make a better world a reality for all God's children. And God's power has been– and will continue to be! – at work through your gifts in more ways than you can imagine. Your gifts work "around the world, around the year" to bring the love & hope of God in more ways than indeed we can imagine.



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR
KOFFEE KLATCH ON:**

This Sunday, Feb. 18th;
March 11th;
& beyond

Adult Classes Reminder!

The adult classes for the study
Following Jesus – The First Year
have begun in the Chapel.



Please be in the Chapel by 9:00.
There will be 5 minutes for the classes to take care of
attendance reporting and any other business. John will
begin class promptly at 9:05 and end at 9:45.



FOOD PANTRY

Fairview's Food Pantry

For the month of February
the highlighted item is
canned chicken.

We are also in need of the
following items:

Cans of—vegetables, fruit, tuna, pasta sauce;
Peanut butter (not in glass jars); 1 pound boxes
of pasta; Mac & Cheese



Fairview has 2018 Lent Devotional's available,
'Following the Way a Fellowship of Prayer'
by The Ecumenical & Disciple Bethany Fellows.

These copies are free & can be found on the small
table down from the Chapel or on the Welcome table
in the Narthex.

**Reminder from Kathy S.
in the office.**

In the next few weeks I will
be switching over to my new
email address.

**CONTACT
information**



Going forward, for emails meant for me please email
office@fairviewcc.org



**Fairview 2018
Offering Envelopes
& 2017
Giving Statements**



The remaining 2018 offering envelopes & the 2017 giving statements can be found in the office.

If you do not find what you are looking for, please let the office know.



Northland Disciples Youth Group

We will be at Park Hill Christian Church from 5-7 p.m. on Sunday, February 25th; 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!

Reminder, the Northland Disciples Youth Group now meet the second and fourth Sundays.



Friday Fellowship

Fairview's February Pizza Fridays will be at Pizza Shoppe in Liberty (8584 N. Church Rd.)

6:00 p.m. to ? Come join the fun!

I'd thank you all for the cards, prayers and visits!

Just thought I'd let you know that I have been released to go back to work soon!

—Stacey F.



Reminder...
Fairview's Cub Scouts
Blue & Gold Banquet
Saturday, February 24th

EASTER LILY ORDERS

Soon it will be time to order Easter Lilies to decorate our Sanctuary.



Watch upcoming newsletter for more details.

Deadline to place your order will be Sunday, March 11th.

Easter Lilies

Envelopes to place your order will be made available starting on Sunday, February 25th.



Save the Date...

Membership will be hosting an all church luncheon on Sunday, March 4th, after the Worship Service.

Details will be announced in future newsletters.

Gladstone Home Show

Gladstone Community Center
(6901 N. Holmes)

Free to the public.

Friday, Feb. 23rd 5-9 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 24th 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.



Pancake Breakfast



On Snake Saturday, March 10th the Rotary Club of Gladstone will host it's annual pancake breakfast.

It's all you can eat pancakes and sausage and biscuits and gravy. Proceeds go to scholarships for Northland students.

On Sat., March 10th it will be from 7 to 11 AM at Gashland Presbyterian Church (8029 N. Oak, KCMO 64118).

Tickets \$5 per person in advance; \$6 at the door.

Please see one of the Rotarians in our congregation (Tom C., Don G., Gary L., Pastor Travis) for tickets and more information.