



# THE FAIRVIEW CHRISTIAN CHURCH VISITOR

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## Upcoming Events

**Feb. 7**— Bells Practice; Christian Ed Mtg. (Conf. Room); G.S. Troop 1191 (Cornerstone); G.A.P. (FH); Choir Practice

**Feb. 8**— Chapel Prayer; Classic Crowd (FH)

**Feb. 9**—FH Reserved All Day (CMF); G.S. Troop 1024 (Cornerstone); G.S. Troop 3591 (Family Life)

**Feb. 11**— Worship Service; Koffee Klatch; Northland Disciples Youth (1st CC NKC)

**Feb. 12**—Monday Morning Men; Mats Project (Family Life); Department Mtgs. (various rooms)

**Feb. 13**—Rotary (FH); Gladstone Chamber Coffee (FH); Guild Mtg.; 4-H Group Mtg. (Family Life); Cub Scout Mtg. (FH); Faith In Him; Boy Scout Mtg. (Cornerstone)

**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



This past Sunday was Scout Sunday. We had a great representation from our Cub Scout Pack and they served us a tasty lunch after church as well!

There was a lot to be thankful for on Sunday. But the thing I keep thinking about is what I could hear all during church when we sang hymns.

Travis and I had the best seats in the house. The Cub Scouts were singing along with the hymns and from where we were sitting up front we could hear them perfectly. The boys' beautifully imperfect singing, loud and joyous, was enough to lift anyone's spirits.

I've always loved singing in church and have always felt that there's something transcendent about music, even if it's not perfect. Even if I don't know the tune and I'm learning the words as I go along, the Holy Spirit has a special relationship with music.

The boys reminded me on Sunday about how God can speak to us through music -- even when we mess up a few notes and stumble over a few words.

After all, Psalm 100 tells us to "make a joyful noise", not a perfect one:

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.  
Worship the Lord with gladness;  
come into his presence with singing.  
Know that the Lord is God.  
It is he that made us, and we are his;  
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.  
Enter his gates with thanksgiving,  
and his courts with praise.  
Give thanks to him, bless his name.  
For the Lord is good;  
his steadfast love endures forever,  
and his faithfulness to all generations.

Sing out. God loves to hear your praises, even if you think your singing isn't all that pretty.

—Pastor Kassie



## Sunday Services

8:30 a.m.  
Intercessory Prayer

9:00 a.m.  
Sunday School

10:00 a.m.  
Worship Service

Co-Pastors  
Kassie & Travis

Fairview's CMF Annual Valentine Brunch  
this **Saturday, February 10th**

The **Brunch will be** starting at 10:00 am. in the Fellowship Hall.  
Tickets are still available to purchase at the door—\$5 per person.



**CMF Annual Valentine Brunch**

Don't miss this once a year opportunity hosted by Fairview's CMF group. Bring your friend, spouse or just come join us.

**Everyone is invited!**

Any questions, please contact Tom S.

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



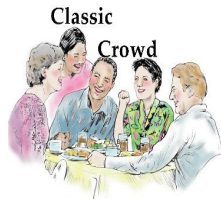
**Ash Wednesday ... AND Thursday !**



We're trying something a little new for **Ash Wednesday (Feb.14th)** 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.



February is here & Classic Crowd will be here before we know it.

**February 8th** is the date **11:30 a.m.** is the time and the Fellowship Hall is the place.

We will be having ham & beans with cornbread along with all of the wonderful potluck dishes that you bring to share.

Entertainment will be, the MoKan Reunion Band featuring fabulous 50's music !



**Fairview Hosting Gladstone Chamber**

On **February 13th**, from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m., Fairview will host the Gladstone Chamber of Commerce for one of their Chamber Coffees. This gives us a chance to share our new Connect gatherings. We'll need a little help making sure it's a great event.

Help out by providing a morning snack, setting up the snacks, or just welcoming people to the Church. We'll also have an interactive element for community Valentine's Day. Please let Pastor Travis know if you can help welcome our community to the church!

Dear Fairview,

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you for all of the prayers during my recovery. I no longer have a neck brace & doing much better.

—Dwayne H.



**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.



**Northland Disciples Youth Group**

We will be at First Christian Church from 5-7 p.m. on Sunday, February 11th; 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.*

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

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



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR KOFFEE KLATCH ON:**

**Feb. 18th;  
March 4th;  
& beyond**



February will be the first month for functional committee meetings. In the past the committee sign up system didn't work too well so this year we did an interest survey to see if people would be willing to do specific tasks.

I am asking the committee chairs to invite you to the meetings (there are 6 per year in even months) so if you get asked to come it is because something you answered on the survey falls within the task range of that committee.

Even if you are not able to attend the meeting, please give some encouragement to the committee chairs and let them know how you can help. No one likes to feel all alone in responsibility.

Here are some ideas for our least populated committee, Christian Education. . .

- Would you be willing to fix treats for vacation Bible school?
- Could you read a Bible story to preschoolers if there was a helper there to corral them for you?
- We have some great potential grandparent story tellers. And our little ones need to hear stories of Jesus.
- Would you be willing to learn the names of the children and just simply greet them each Sunday with "good morning \_\_\_\_\_"?

You never know the effect you can have. Millie Robinette used to greet me with a big smile and a "good morning, Kathy" and 60 years later I still remember it. There are many simple things you can do.

Give it some thought. Together we can work hard to have a church with meaning and spirit like we always have.

Many hands make light work! — Kathy C.

Mark Your Calendar...Mon., 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.

**Other Meeting Reminders**

**Monday, February 12th**  
**Department Meetings**

6:30 p.m.

Meetings in various rooms



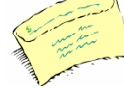
FCC Department Meetings

*Women's Guild*



**Tuesday, February 13th**  
**Guild Meeting**  
9:30 a.m.

**Offering Envelopes**



**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.

**THANK YOU FAIRVIEW!**

Our Cub Scouts were so happy to be able to sing their song and afterwards to act as hosts at the fundraiser lunch.



We want to let the church family know with your help of supporting our Pack, we made \$514.00 for our lunch.

**Thank you!**

This money will help go towards the boys' patches, medals, pins of recognition, and help fund extra activities for the Pack. So again, a very heart felt thank you to all.

—from Pack 155



**Week of Compassion gifts provide more than we can 'imagine'**

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

But we, who know the Good News of the Gospel, know that such imagining is not simply a wistful dream; 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, and that power is the power to imagine and help make a better world a reality for all God's children. The theme of this year's **Week of Compassion** Special Offering – **Feb. 18 or 25** – is "More Than We Can Imagine."

And God's power has been – and will continue to be! – at work through your gifts in more ways than you can imagine: through refugees finding safe haven, through those battered by hurricanes and fearsome fires who have been given some of the help they need to begin to put their lives back together, through development projects making clean and safe water available, and so much more. Your gifts work "around the world, around the year" to bring the love and hope of God in more ways than indeed we can imagine.