



THE FAIRVIEW CHRISTIAN CHURCH VISITOR

Upcoming Events

Jan. 31—Bells Practice; G.S. Troop 1191 (Cornerstone); G.A.P. (FH); Choir Practice

Feb. 1—Chapel Prayer; Fairview Connect Gathering (FH)

Feb. 2—FH Reserved (Book Sale Setup)

Feb. 3—Annual Book Sale (FH); Chapel Reserved (Carolyn A.)

Feb. 4—SCOUT SUNDAY; Worship Service; Congregational Mtg.; Koffee Klatch/Luncheon

Feb. 5—Monday Morning Men; Mats Project (Family Life); Micah Ministry; Elders Mtg. (Conf. Room/Lounge)

Feb. 6—Rotary (FH); Cub Scout Mtg. (FH); Faith In Him; Boy Scout Mtg. (Family Life)

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)

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The vote at the Congregational Meeting was to approve the board recommendation to put space between pews and allow for wheelchair spaces, while at the same time carpeting the aisles and up to and including the steps. The vote was 56 for and 7 against.

Several people have asked how much additional money it would cost to carpet the space underfoot and the altar area. I will find out the answer to that and let you know.

At this point in time the board and congregation are reluctant to commit more funds to the project, but someone may want to do some or all of it as a memorial or some other way now or in the future. It would not be too difficult to do later because this current voted item includes all the carpet that would be under the bolts.

Thank you to Maurice T., Gary L. and Stephen M. for their expertise in answering questions from the congregation and to all of you for taking the time to attend the meeting. I am excited to see how the church will spruce up! —Kathy C., Fairview Board Chair

Priscilla Used Book Sale
This Saturday, Feb. 3rd — Fellowship Hall
8:00 a.m. — 3:00 p.m.



Surprising Bits of Grace

One of the things I have enjoyed this school year is the startup of our Northland Disciples youth group. We are bringing together kids from various churches up here and having a good time. We have lessons tailored for younger kids (like those who have come with Fairview) and have started including high schoolers.

In our gatherings with those high school students, I have run into kids that I know from other areas. Some of the kids to meet with the GAP group have been coming, as well as kids that I know from camping ministries.

This last meeting, we had a couple of kids that had been at my middle school camp a couple of years ago. They were goofy kids, a lot of fun to work with at camp. However, high school busyness would tend to take them away from the youth programs at their church. They came this time, and it was one of the first church things they had done this year.

While they were there, we reminisced and laughed over camp from a couple of years ago, but we also were involved in the things that made that camp memorable. We shared in Bible study, we shared in fellowship. We got to know the new kids that had not been before and found a way to include new people in those connections we had.

This youth group is not a Sunday morning worship service. It is not one church's flagship program. But I think it showcases what all churches need to be about: a place for welcome, replaced for fellowship, a place for connection. Those kids from camp came not knowing what to expect, but they found welcome involvement.

I hope we continue to remember those values in our gatherings and our flagship programs. Obviously, Fairview Connect is aiming to show these values, but so is Classic Crowd, Monday morning groups, Koffee Klatch, and even our Sunday school and worship. And it is when we are welcoming, when we offer fellowship, when we offer a connection that people can experience grace, joy, and see God's love at work.

—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



**This Sunday, Feb. 4th
National Boy Scout Sunday
10 a.m. Worship Service**

The Cub Scouts will be in attendance & also offering a lunch after worship during Koffee Klatch.

The menu is as follows:
Baked Ham; Salad; Mashed potatoes & gravy; Southern green beans; Southern corn; Roll

\$7 per person over 7 years old

Coffee/ Tea included.

So come out & support our Cub Scouts!

Fairview's CMF are **selling tickets** for their Annual Valentine Brunch **this Sunday.**



The **Brunch will be** taking place on **Sat., Feb. 10th** starting at 10:00 am. in the Fellowship Hall. Cost is \$5.00 per person.

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.



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.

Have you misplaced a coat that you wore to church? Now is the time to reclaim it.



All coats that look like they have been permanently "forgotten" will be placed in the left most section of the Fellowship Hall coatrack.

Please look at these coats/sweatshirts and see if you recognize any. Coats left after church on Sunday, Feb 4th will be donated to Micah Ministries. Questions? See Susan A.



With Sincere Sympathy

It is with sincere sympathy that we announce that Fairview member Delores A. passed away Sunday evening, Jan. 28th.

Delores's service will be this Friday, Feb. 2nd at White Chapel. The visitation will be at 10 a.m. followed by the funeral service at 11 a.m.

Please keep Delores's family in your prayers.

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, 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 and Go from Noon—1pm. More details will be coming.



Monday, Feb. 5th Fairview will be helping to serve at Micah Ministries. We can always use more volunteers. Remember, *Many hands make light work.*

We will meet at Fairview on Monday, Feb. 5th at 4:15 p.m. Then we will leave by 4:30 p.m. to get there.



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 Connect

Our next gathering is this Thursday, **February 1st**, focusing on John 4, silencing shame and embracing grace.

We can always use help with the meal. If you would be available to help with setup, please come to the Fellowship Hall at 5 p.m.. 6pm light meal and 6:30-7:30 service.

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



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 !

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR KOFFEE KLATCH ON: Feb. 18th March 4th & beyond



Reminder... There will be no men's breakfast on Saturday, Feb. 3rd. Our next gathering will be Saturday, March 3rd. See you then!



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!

Offering Envelopes



Fairview 2018 Offering Envelopes & 2017 Giving Statements



The remaining 2018 offering envelopes & the 2017 giving statements can be found on the table outside of the Fellowship Hall & beneath the main bulletin board.

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



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 R. 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.