



# THE FAIRVIEW CHRISTIAN CHURCH VISITOR

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## Upcoming Events

**Jan. 8**—Esther Group; Bells; Choir

**Jan. 9**—Chapel Prayer; Classic Crowd (FH); Prayer Shawl Ministry (Panera's)

**Jan. 10**—G. S. Troop 1024 (FH)

**Jan. 12**—Worship; Diaconate Mtg. (Chapel); Almost Yoga (Chapel)

**Jan. 13**—Monday Morning Men's (FH); Exec. Board Mtg. (Library); General Board Mtg. (Lounge); Boy Scouts (FH)

**Jan. 14**—Rotary (FH); Guild; Lounge reserved (Pat D.); Search Team Mtg. (Cornerstone Room); Faith In Him; G.S. Troop 966 (Downstairs); Cubs (FH)

**Jan. 15**—Compassionate Ministry Team; Bells; Choir

**Jan. 16**—Chapel Prayer; Lounge reserved (Pat D.); Northaven Group 2 (FH)

**Jan. 18**—G.S. Troop 3591 (FH)



One of my favorite letters from Paul is to the Philippians. He starts it by saying:

"I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ." Philippians 1: 3-6

On August 1, 2012, none of us had a clue just how much ministry, life, joy and sorrow we would walk through together. It has been my honor to see you grow spiritually, to hear your stories, to worship with you, to seek God's voice with you and to have some good laughs along the way.

I do thank God for my time with you. It has blessed me to be your interim pastor. Although I will no longer be available to serve you as your pastor, I will continue to pray for you and will look forward in anticipation to hear about the new ministries you will create with Raymond and your installed pastor when he or she comes. God has already used you to reach people in this community and my belief is that adventure has just begun in a new way!

Keep your hearts open. Keep your eyes open. Keep your prayers flowing to God who has called all of us to a mission greater than ourselves.

I will be praying for you. Give Raymond and eventually your new installed pastor the support, encouragement, humor, honor, appreciation and enthusiasm you have so freely shared with me and you will thrive together in ministry. Until your new pastor comes, Raymond will walk with you through the sacred times of life. Give him that opportunity and open your hearts and hands wide.

The greatest honor you can give to our Lord, to me, and to our time together is to be an even greater blessing after I am gone than you have been while I have been here with you. Be the amazing servant leaders God has created you to be. God, the world, and I, am counting on you to do so!

Be a Blessing!  
Pastor Donna 😊



## Sunday Services

**8:30 a.m.**  
Intercessory Prayer

**9:00 a.m.**  
Sunday School

**10:00 a.m.**  
Worship Service

**Rev. Raymond**  
Interim Minister

## FAIRVIEW'S CLASSIC CROWD

Thursday, January 9th—Fellowship Hall  
11:30 a.m.

Meal—Potato Creation + pot luck

Program—Gary Lint—Presentation on  
K. C. Honor Flight



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



# Welcome

to Fairview's newly installed Intentional Interim Senior Minister Rev. Raymond!

Rev. Raymond is an ordained minister in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Rev. Raymond was ordained in 2012 after graduating from Saint Paul School of Theology.

After completing seminary, Rev. Raymond completed Intentional Interim Ministry training and received his certification from the Alliance of Intentional Interim Ministry and from the Center for Congregational Health. He also has over twenty-five years of experience in both the Human Resources and Information Technology fields before retiring to attend seminary.

Rev. Raymond has served as an Intern Minister at Raymore Christian Church, also as an Intern Minister focused on Intentional Interim Ministry at First Christian Church in Independence, Mo. and as the Intentional Interim Minister for First Christian Church of Kearney, Mo.

Rev. Hankins was involved in Lay Leadership for over 30 years in various Disciples congregations before ordained ministry.

He has held the moderator position of every department, committee and Board imaginable in a Disciples' congregation during this long service.

Currently, he serves as the Moderator of the Personnel Ministry of the Greater Kansas City Disciples Region and is a member of the Regional Executive Board.

Raymond lives with his wife Angela in Independence, Mo. Angela is currently employed as a Legal Administrative Specialist for Husch-Blackwell law firm on the Plaza. Raymond and Angela have two grown children, David and Jennifer. They are also the proud grandparents of four boys and one great-grandson. In their spare time, Raymond enjoys photography and working on computers (he has three or four at any given time). Angela enjoys reading and cooking which keeps Raymond fat and happy all the time.



## Meetings in January: Monday — January 13th

Executive Board Meeting  
Library—6:30 p.m.

General Board Meeting  
Lounge—7:00 p.m.

## Monday — January 20th

RPM Meeting  
Meal—Fellowship Hall—6:00 p.m.  
Stewardship Dept. will be providing the meal.

Meetings—various rooms—6:30—7:30 p.m.

Cabinet Meeting  
Lounge—7:30 p.m.

### Fairview Sound & Projection:

Thank you to Susan A., Sandy B., Jean L., Sarah M. and Tom P.

for the time and talents you have shared in providing sound and projection during 2013.

Thank you for your willingness to serve, to care and to share.

All members of the congregation are invited to join Fairview's Sound & Projection team.

You may contact the church office if you would like additional information.

Terry and Sherry T.



**Thank You!**



**BOOK FAIR**

**Mark you calendar for Priscilla's one-day used book sale.....**

**Saturday, Feb. 1st starting at 8:00 a.m.**

**Sale will be in Fairview's Fellowship Hall. More details to come.**

### For the month of January

Come to Godfather's Pizza (on Antioch Road)

6:00 until whenever!

Everyone welcome!





**Cub Scout Pack 155  
Sunday, January 19th  
Chili Lunch**

**Starting 11:00 a.m.**  
(following Worship Service in the Fellowship Hall)

**Cost =** freewill donation; (look for the donation basket)

So come out & support our scouts!



Thank you so much for the wonderful send off.

Even those of you who could not make it because of the snow, your prayers and love were felt. Music and the spirit in worship was wonderful!

The cake made by Jackie was and is incredibly yummy and beautiful. The flowers and the vase are gorgeous and are brightening up our home. The luncheon, prepared by loving hands, gave us all time to be together.

Your hugs, cards and words of support were such blessings. And yes, I love my Mary Poppins' umbrella with all the signatures (if you were not there Sunday, Tom Salisbury has the umbrella for you to sign at church for the next couple of weeks or so)! I loved it so much, a friend and I watched Mary Poppins Sunday night since I hadn't seen it since I was a child. Her umbrella is just like mine! I will cherish it and all of you.

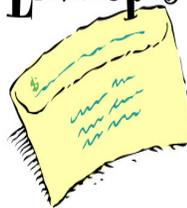
Abundant Blessings and Thanks to Each of You!  
Donna R-H

Fairview 2014 Offering Envelopes are now available.

They are on the card table outside of the Fellowship Hall & beneath the Missions bulletin board.

If you do not see your name, let the office or Chris H. know.

**Offering Envelopes**



We are still in need of volunteers to help with the sign in front of Fairview in 2014.

Needed

If you are available to help, please either contact Tom P. or let the office know — it would be greatly appreciated.

**Reminder...please help our new Intentional Interim minister, Rev. Raymond learn names by wearing your name tag at Worship Service.**



If you need a name tag, forms will be available on the table in the Narthex, the Church office, or you can print one out from Fairview's website (at the bottom of the Contact Us Page).

The completed form can be put in the offering plate or turned into the office. If you have not had a name tag before, Membership pays for the initial name tag. If you need a replacement, just attach a check or cash for your type of order.

If you have questions, contact Lynn C. or Kathy S. in the Church office (452-2829).

We would like to thank each of you who contributed to the Mitten Tree during the month of December.

Mittens, gloves, hats & scarves will be delivered to the Clay County Clothes Closet where they will be put to good use.

Thank you so much for our generosity,

Priscilla CWF



**Diaconate Meeting**

This Sunday, January 12th there will be a meeting for the Diaconate in the Chapel following Worship Service.

So Deacons, grab a doughnut & come to the Chapel.

Thanks!