

THE FAIRVIEW CHRISTIAN CHURCH VISITOR

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Upcoming Events

July 29—Garden N Grow (FH)

August 1—Sunday School; FCC In-Person & Online Worship Service; Koffee Klatch (FH); Ethiopian Christian Fellowship in Missouri (Sanctuary)

August 2—Monday Morning Men (Cornerstone); Garden N Grow (FH); Elders (Conf. Room)

August 3—*NO Clay Co. Elections*; Priscilla Group (FH); Faith In Him (Music Room)

August 5—Garden N Grow (FH)

August 8—Sunday School; FCC In-Person & Online Worship Service; Koffee Klatch (FH); Ethiopian Christian Fellowship in Missouri (Sanctuary)

August 9—Morning Men (Cornerstone); Garden N Grow (FH); Membership Dept. Mtg (FH); FCC Dept. Mtgs (various rooms)

August 10—Faith In Him (Music Room)

August 12—Garden N Grow (FL); Classic Crowd (FH)



Sunday
Services

10:00 a.m.
Worship Service
In-Person & Online

Senior Minister
Rev. Jill S.

Fairview Beloved,

One of the hottest places on earth is the Lut desert in Iran. In 2005, NASA recorded 159.3 degrees Fahrenheit - the hottest surface temperature found anywhere in the world. In the Lut desert resides the Ruppell fox (sometimes referred to as the sand fox). This fox has a low metabolism which helps at reserving water in the system. Amongst other adaptations. They have smaller bodies so it's not as much energy to move. All of it making them adaptable to extreme heat.



In the animal world, the only way of surviving is to adapt. It is necessary to eat and to thrive. Not just in extreme heat, but in scarce food sources or seasons where predators are especially active.

I'd like to think humans are the same way. I'd like to think that when things are tough or when it is necessary that we can adapt to our environment and change for the sake of thriving in life. It's one of the many gifts God has given us - to be resilient, to change and to adapt. We did not become a strong species without this ability.

God is always asking us to adapt and to change. Sometimes we reluctantly do it and then look back later and see why. Sometimes we ask why first and then we reluctantly do it. And sometimes we refuse to do it and miss out on the opportunity to grow and become better humans.

Spirituality isn't something that grows without learning to adapt and change. Spirituality doesn't thrive if we refuse to ask the deep questions of faith and to be open to growing from asking those questions. We become closer and more connected to God when we ask questions and when we adapt. It's like it just opens a whole new world for us to explore and the more we explore, the more we learn about this amazing God who somehow designed this fox to survive the extreme heat.

As we move into our homes this Summer because the 100 degree weather is scorching us - may we take that time to ask ourselves some of the deep questions of faith - what is my purpose in the here and now? How can I move into a closer relationship with God? Is it possible for me to love God more and if I can, how? We could watch tv or read a book or take the time in our air-conditioned homes to perhaps move into another level of faith. I wonder what God is asking me to do?

In Christ's Peace, Rev. Jill



The following information is in regards to deadlines to have your articles to me (Kathy S.) for specific newsletters:

- ♦ August newsletter — there will not be a weekly newsletter in August; all August articles are due Thurs., July 29th & the August newsletter (for the month) will be published on Wed., Aug. 4th
- ♦ September newsletter — there will not be a weekly newsletter in September; all September articles are due Thurs., Aug. 26th & the September newsletter (for the month) will be published on Wed., Sept. 1st

Please make note of the above deadlines, a lot of thought was put into the dates & will coordinate with the volunteer that will be helping Kathy S. to be sure the August & September paper versions of the newsletters are mailed in a timely manner. Thank you for your support, Kathy S.

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



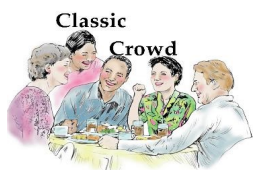
With Sincere Sympathy

It is with sincere sympathy that we announce that Steve W. brother of Shauna W-R. and brother-in-law of Steve R., unexpectedly passed away last weekend following a recent car accident.

We have no additional information at this time. Please keep Steve W's family in your prayers.

**Thursday
August 12th
11:30 a.m.**

in the Fellowship Hall.



Food will spaghetti & meatballs with salad & dessert.

Entertainment will be Marlin Cooper — One Man Band Saxophone Show.

What do you need to bring....just yourself and \$5.

Koffee Klatch Volunteers Needed



There are opportunities for you to host Koffee Klatch starting August 15th through September.

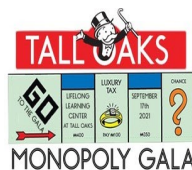
Please consider hosting if you have not already. Cookies are available for your use in the pantry.

Thank you for volunteering.

Membership

Tall Oaks Gala

Friday, September 17, 2021
Silent auction 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Dinner & Live Auction - 6:30 p.m.



We look forward to everyone joining us IN PERSON at the 2021 Tall Oaks Gala on Friday, September 17, 2021, at the Life Long Learning Center at Tall Oaks.

We need Auction Donations!
Please contact Ann Morton at amorton324@gmail.com or 913-515-3828. Ann will make arrangements to pick up your donation! We need all donations by September 1st.

FRIENDS & Family

FRIENDS & FAMILY SUNDAY "A Fairview Family Reunion" — Sunday, August 15th

Hey folks, mark your calendars. We are going to have a good, old fashioned family reunion. Your Fairview church family. And some of your personal family as well, we hope. Several departments are working together for the purpose of getting every possible member of the church in worship service together on Sunday, August 15th for "Friends & Family Sunday."

It will be a very special day. It is hoped that many will bring some of their own family members, like your 'kids' who maybe grew up in the church, grandchildren, the "greats" or other "kin." They can renew old friendships.

And to former members of the church — you are encouraged to attend. You still have friends at Fairview. Even if you are attending a different church, Fairview folks would enjoy seeing you again. Yeah, some will say "we miss you," give you big hugs, but no one will ask you to sign a pledge card—guaranteed.

Members who have not been to church recently, this would be a good chance to get back in the habit as you can quietly come in with the crowd and not be as noticed as if you just "showed up."

This would also be a good Sunday to invite friends to worship with you. Guests are always welcome, but might be more likely to attend if you invited them for this special Sunday.

Things that can be helpful. Pick up someone in the church who cannot drive themselves. Call the church office if you would like to have a ride. Let folks know who are not on the church mailing list. Lean on your kids a little bit that you would like to sit with your family in church once again. Make a real effort to bring a friend. Help with Koffee Klatch.

Most importantly — be there. "There's quite enough love for all of us" at Fairview. —Bob H.

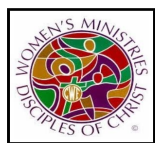


Friday Fellowship

Fairview's Pizza Fridays in July

Liberty Pizza Shoppe (8584 N. Church Rd.)
6:00 p.m. to ?

Come join the fun!



GKC Disciple Women's Ministry
Fall Retreat
September 10, 11, and 12, 2021

Tall Oaks Camp and
Conference Center

"Faith that Overflows",
Keynote Speaker, Kirby Gould

"Spiritual Pauses" by Teresa Spear

Early Bird Registration must be postmarked
by Monday, August 9, 2021

Final Registrations must be postmarked by
Monday, August 23, 2021

Register by mailing your payment to
GKC Regional Office 9401 Johnson Dr. Shawnee,
KS 66203.

NO refunds will be processed after
Friday, August 27, 2021

The Family of Freddie N.
(mother of Clarke N.) will hold a
Celebration of Life event on
Saturday, August 21st
from 2—4 p.m. at the
Atkins-Johnson Farm & Museum.



This will be in conjunction with a Dedication
Ceremony of a park bench in her memory
at the Farm.

Pancake Breakfast



SAVE THE DATE

Pancake Breakfast &
Virtual Auction Fundraiser

Proceeds Benefiting
Clay County Clothes Closet

WHEN: Saturday, September 11th
8 a.m. — Noon

WHERE: Gashland Evangelical Presbyterian Church
8029 N. Oak, Kansas City, MO 64118

TICKETS: \$7 per person; Children Age 3 & under 'free'
(See Debbie B. to purchase tickets)

"Eat a Pancake — Clothe a KC Northland Family in Need"

Thank you for making a difference!

FCC AUGUST SERVING SCHEDULE

Worship Services

The following are scheduled to be serving elders:

Table 1:	Cheryl B.
Table 2:	Kathy H.
1 st Concerned:	Sandy A.
2 nd Concerned:	Tom S.

Worship Leader for Aug. 1 Bob B.



BIRTHDAYS

JULY: (28) Vaughn B., Carol H.; (30) Marva B.;
AUG: (1) Mel O., Pat D.; (9) Craig W., Marie C.; (10) Gus O.,
Guy O.; (11) Barbara M., Shirley D.

ANNIVERSARIES

AUG: (3) Chris & Rebecca B.; (4) Bill & Rebekah R.; (5)
Jason & Julie F.; (6) Jim & Janet H.; (10) Janet & Maurice T.



Contributions Report

Monthly and year-to-date
offerings will be reported at
the end of each month.

OUR RECORD

Sunday July 25, 2021

Sun. School Attendance	28
Worship Attendance	79
Visitors	15
New Members 2021	0