

THE FAIRVIEW CHRISTIAN CHURCH VISITOR

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Upcoming Events

March 24—Search Team Mtg. (Conf. Room)

March 25—Boy Scouts (FL)

March 28—Palm Sunday, In-Person & Online Worship Service

March 30—Faith In Him (Music Room)

March 31—Search Team Mtg. (Conf. Room)

April 1—Maundy Thursday Service (Sanctuary)

April 2—Good Friday, Office Closed; Prayer Vigil

April 4—Easter, Sunrise Gathering (East Parking Lot); In-Person & Online Worship Service; Ethiopian Worship Service (Sanctuary)



Sunday
Services

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

Transitional Minister
Dr. Stephen R.



I know that some of you have already gotten (or may soon be receiving) your third stimulus check. During the pandemic I have heard church members tell me that they didn't need the checks and were not sure what to do with them.

If this is your situation I would call to your attention to several non-budgeted needs that Fairview is currently facing:

- 1) Several years ago, Fairview was the recipient of the generous gift of a new parking lot. To keep our new lot in tip top shape it needs periodic sealing. The time to do that is now.
- 2) Our current commercial refrigerator has quit working. This is an older unit and rather than continuing to spend money on repairs the Property Committee feels it would be better stewardship to purchase a new unit.
- 3) We have made significant upgrades in our Audio Visual/IT systems. There are several more items that we are looking at acquiring.

If you are interested in any "above and beyond" giving please keep these three worthy causes in mind. —Steve

To follow up on Pastor Steve's comments in last week's newsletter, a little more detail about the relationship with the Ethiopian church.

Some number of weeks ago, a longtime friend and associate of Steve's reached out to him relative to an opportunity for a church planting, which is what he is currently involved with. He indicated he knew of an Ethiopian worship group in the Johnson County, Kansas area that was interested in starting a church in the Northland. This was right on the heels of Steve's narrative to the board about how Fairview might frame our mission going forward. That led to a conversation with me, which led to a visit by representatives of the group for a tour of our building.

Not surprisingly, the group was quite impressed with every aspect of our church building. The group indicated they would like to move forward. That led to a return to the church on a different evening to further discuss their interest with the Executive Committee, Worship, Property, and the Trustees. The group expressed its strong desire to utilize our church, discussion took place and questions were asked and answered by both parties.

The Ethiopians described their denomination as very much like Pentecostal and their goal, like ours, was to spread the message of God's love for all of us. It was made very clear to them that Fairview and our programming would always take priority. They indicated a wish to hold their services on Sunday afternoons starting around 3pm. We indicated there might be 4 to 5 Sunday afternoons in the course of the year where we would need to use the sanctuary for our purposes. They expressed no concern.

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



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After more discussion about just about every detail and aspect of usage, they adjourned, and the gathered group discussed all the implications of their

usage of our church for a service taking place in their native tongue. A vote was taken, and the gathered group voted to support a recommendation for their usage to the General Board. That took place at the March board meeting and was presented as a recommendation from the Executive Committee. After some discussion, a vote was taken and was unanimously approved.

This is a significant first step in reimagining how Fairview can partner with other denominations in getting our very important message communicated to the community at large. This is something that you can feel good about.

Your church is stepping out of our box to try to get out the Good News. We will be in close contact with the Ethiopian group to assist them in proper usage of our facility and to make them feel welcome. I can't overstate how appreciative they are. Their first worship service in the sanctuary will take place on Easter Sunday. For the last couple of Sundays, they have been coming in with a smaller group for Bible study. This has been a lengthy message, but I felt it necessary to let you all know the due diligence that was undertaken before we entered into this relationship. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, I welcome them.

Tom S., Chairman of the Board

Good Friday, April 2nd

Due to Covid, the Pray Vigil will be different this year.

The Worship Department encourages each of you to find a quiet place in your home to spend time on Good Friday in prayer, remembering Easter, the sadness of Jesus' death, the joy of his resurrection and also praying for those in need of prayer.



Our Daily Bread.

Large Print Our Daily Breads Available

The booklets that are now available are for April, May and June. You can find the new booklets in the Narthex area or on the small table down by the Chapel.

Free copies while they last.



With Sincere Sympathy

It is with sincere sympathy that we announce that Steve B., co-leader of G.A.P. and spouse of Sherri B., passed away on Wednesday, March 10th. A family graveside service has taken place with a memorial service being finalized for mid-May.

Please keep Steve's family in your prayers.

Offering Envelopes



There are 18 pre-assigned 2021 offering envelopes still available for pickup.

This Sunday the pre-assigned boxes will be in the Narthex area. Also, please feel free to call Kathy S. in the office if you would like to come by to the office to pick yours up.

If you do not find a box with your name on it, and want a box, please reach out to either Chris H. or Kathy S.

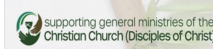
The Easter Offering supports several of the general ministries of the Christian Church.

Your gift supports college students in leadership development programs, global mission partners, health and social service ministries, the formation of new congregations, support for pastors and chaplains, and so much more.

March 28 and April 4, 2021

Easter Offering

a special day offering of Disciples Mission Fund



Fairview, if you would like to make an Easter Offering, When you give your offering please mark it as '2021 Easter Offering'.



Easter Breakfast Canceled

Unfortunately, our annual Easter Breakfast will be canceled again this year due to COVID concerns.

Membership is hoping that at some point in the future as things improve we will be able to gather together for a meal in 2021.