



THE FAIRVIEW CHRISTIAN CHURCH VISITOR

Upcoming Events

March 6—Ash Wednesday:

Ash Wednesday Service (Chapel); G.S. Troop 1191 (Cornerstone); G.A.P. (FH); Choir

March 7—Faith Connect Gathering (FH)

March 8—FH reserved (Aquarium Swap Mtg. Setup)

March 9—Aquarium Club Swap Mtg. (FH); Chapel reserved (C.A.)

March 10—*Daylight Saving Time Begins*; Worship; Koffee Klatch; Build Day (FH); Northland Disciples Youth (FH)

March 11—Monday Morning Men (FH); Mats Project (Family Life); Exec. Board Mtg. (Cornerstone); General Board Mtg. (Conf. Room/Lounge)

March 12—Rotary (FH); Guild Group; 4-H Club (Family Life); Cub Scouts (FH); Faith In Him; Boy Scouts (Cornerstone)

March 13—Boy Scout Committee Mtg. (Family Life); G.A.P. (FH); Choir Practice

March 14—Classic Crowd; Literacy Night (FH)

March 16—Chapel Res. (C.A.)

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Wednesday, March 6th

Fairview Christian Church—Chapel

For those still interested in getting ashes, we will have a simple Ashes and Communion 'Come & Go' from Noon—1pm.

Giving Up or Taking On

In a lot of ways, right now feels like it is New Year's Eve. I mean, we still have all the snow and the cold... But it feels that way for church, too. There is a sense of anticipation and an opportunity for something new.



On Wednesday (and Thursday) we are starting the season of Lent. The 40 days before Easter, a preparation and awareness of sorts. And as we start this season, the question becomes what do we give up?

As always, some will give up chocolate, coffee etc. as a spiritual challenge of sorts. If I can be devoted in something like this maybe I can be devoted in something else. For some, those could be vices that we abstain from, extra sweets, bad reactions. And that is one way to observe Lent.

Others will take on something. They will take on a time for prayer, time for devotion, something that they don't do all of the time. We have a Lenten devotional available here at the church and you could even get it digitally, "Leaning IN, Letting GO", by Nicole Massie Martin. This is sort of a counterpoint to the giving up of something, a chance to take on and create new habits.

But even in the giving up or taking on of anything, we have an opportunity to see something new happen. It is never the giving up or taking on that is the main goal, but it leads to something else. By taking on an extra attitude of prayer, do we see where God is calling us? By giving up our gut reactions and defenses, do we find God's intentions for us?

We have opportunities to welcome in community, to invite... Yes! Invite! friends and neighbors. We have an opportunity to see a new expression of church, one that is not simply done with niceties on Sunday mornings but through justice and mercy every day. We have an opportunity to invite others to be a part of that as well.

I don't know about you, but I'm beginning to forget what my front yard looks like. Or what it's like to not have little icicles on everything around me. But I know that the season is getting ready to change. The same could be said of how we do church. Something is changing within us, how are we helping to show God's grace and mercy in this season? —Pastor Travis

Thursday, March 7th—6 pm to 7:30 p.m.

Ash Thursday Discussion & Dinner



Ash...Thursday? Yep, it's back! We'll have pancakes & gather together to start the Lenten Season. We'll focus on Spiritual Practices of Contemplative Prayer, Lectio Divina, & learn from each other what prayer practices helps us.

Please bring a side or dessert to share. Invite friends & neighbors!



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



With Sincere Sympathy

It is with sincere sympathy that we announce the following passing's, please keep their families in your prayers:

- Carol C., sister of Rod J., passed way Feb. 28th; Carol's services have taken place
- Trevor T., son of Bob & Luellyn T., passed away March 1st, both his visitation & memorial service will be today (Wed., March 6th) at the Hixon-Klein Funeral Home in Smithville (104 Mill St.); visitation will start at 5:30 p.m. followed by the memorial service at 7pm.



BUILD DAY
Sunday, March 10th from
1—5 p.m.
Fairview's Fellowship Hall

Once again, we will be making bookshelves to be given out on Literacy Night.

If you are available to help us build bookshelves, please let Pastor Travis know.

All skill levels welcomed.



LITERACY NIGHT
Thursday, March 14th 5:30 p.m. — 7 p.m.
Fairview Christian Church—Fellowship Hall

Once again, Fairview will be helping to distribute bookshelves.

If you would like more information, or volunteer to help, please let Pastor Travis know.

On Snake **Saturday, March 16th**
 the Rotary Club of Gladstone
 will host it's annual pancake breakfast.

Pancake Breakfast



It's all you can eat pancakes & sausage and biscuits and gravy.

Proceeds go to scholarships for Northland students.

Saturday, March 16th from 7 to 11 AM
 Gashland Presbyterian Church (8029 N. Oak, KCMO 64118).
Tickets: \$8 each, Two for \$15 (Kids 3 & under eat free)

Please see one of the Rotarians in our congregation (Rod J., Gary L., Pastor Travis) for tickets and more information.



Monday — March 11th
 Exec. Board Meeting
 Cornerstone Room—6:30 p.m.
 General Board Mtg
 Conference Room—7:00 p.m.

Reminder...

Daylight Saving Time Begins
Sunday, March 10th



Northland Disciples
Youth Group—March 10th

On the second Sunday's of the month, the Northland Disciples Youth Group meet at Fairview Christian Church in the Fellowship Hall.

Group will meet from 5-7pm. This is for grades 2-8 and a meal is provided. If you would like to help, please get with Pastors Kassie & Travis.

Koffee Klatch — Help Needed

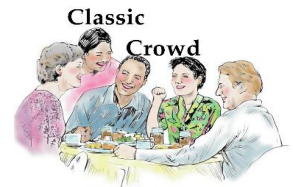
Please take a few minutes and check our sign-up sheet located in the Fellowship Hall and volunteer to host a Koffee Klatch in the coming weeks.



A host is needed for March 24th and March 31st with April being completely free for volunteers.

If you have any questions please contact Sandy A.

Classic Crowd
Thursday, March 14th
11:30 a.m.
FCC Fellowship Hall



Our meal will be fried chicken plus your great side dishes.

Our entertainment will be the music of Colt & Rachel.


Friday Fellowship

FCC's March Friday Pizza Fellowship
 Will be at the Pizza Shoppe in Liberty.
 Join us for some great fellowship with others from Fairview. 6 p.m. — ?

See you Friday!



Office Vacation Help Needed

Kathy will be taking some vacation days in March.

Office coverage will be needed from 9 a.m. to Noon on the following days:

Monday, March 18th; **Tuesday, March 19th**;
Wednesday, March 20th; **Thursday, March 21st**
& **Friday, March 22nd**

So if you can volunteer to work any of those dates (to cover the phones & get the mail), please let Kathy S. know by Monday, March 11th.

EASTER LILY ORDERS

Soon it will be time to order Easter Lilies to decorate our Sanctuary.

Starting Sunday, March 24th & then again for Sunday March 31st, if you would like to order an Easter Lily for a loved one,

please fill out one of the order envelopes (& include payment).



Easter Lilies

Cost will be \$10 per order; the deadline to place your order is Monday, April 1st. Envelopes, with payment, may be dropped in the collection plate or left in the office.



Fairview has 2019 Lent Devotional's available, 'Leaning IN, Letting GO' by Nicole Massie Martin.

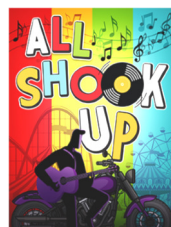
"Are you feeling stuck in your relationship with God and others? Clear the obstacles and learn how to lean into God's unfailing love."

Copies are free & can be found on the small table down from the Chapel or on the Welcome table in the Narthex.

There WILL NOT be a newsletter published the week of March 18th.

Following are deadlines for upcoming March newsletters:

- For the March 13th newsletter, please have your articles to Kathy S. no later than 10am March 12th
- For the March 27th newsletter, please have your articles to Kathy S. no later than 10am March 26th



Fairview Christian Church
Classic Crowd 1-Day Trip
Friday, June 28, 2019

Arrow Rock Lyceum Theatre
'All Shook Up'

Cost \$80 per person.

Payment due at time of reservations.

Cost includes: transportation, lunch, theatre ticket & gratuity.

Deadline for reservations is Monday, May 20th.

(Bob Noble will be at the March 14th Classic Crowd Luncheon taking reservations.)

Agenda for June 28th:

- 9 a.m. — Leave Fairview's Parking Lot
- 11 a.m. — Arrive at Arrow Rock
- 11:30 a.m. — Lunch at J Houston Tavern—menu choices:
 - ◆ Fried Chicken or Beef Brisket
 - ◆ Soup or Salad
 - ◆ Desserts — Pineapple Upside-down Cake, Chocolate Turtle Drizzle Sunday or Bread Pudding
- 2:30 p.m. — All Shook Up Performance
- 4 p.m. — Depart for Fairview
- 6 p.m. — Arrive at Fairview

Any questions, or to make a reservation, contact Bob N.

SPECIAL CONVERSATION

7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

On Wed., March 13th Merriam Christian Church (9401 Johnson Dr, Merriam, KS) & the Dialogue Institute are presenting a special conversation on Lent, Ramadan, and Passover.

Led by Rev. Mark Willis, Dr. Eyyup Essen of the Dialogue Institute & Sheila Sonnenschein who sits on the national advisory board of the Sisterhood of Salaam Shalom.

All are welcome to attend, light refreshments will be served.



Due to recent bad weather, the team putting together the

Welcome the Stranger event have rescheduled the event to be Sunday **April 28** from 2-5 pm, still at Community Christian Church.

This gathering is to boost awareness of the refugee & immigration crisis at home & abroad. There will be food available for purchase from individuals that participated in the New Roots for Refugees program. Please bring cash if you would like to purchase food tickets (\$5 or \$10 per person).

Questions, or if you are interested in car pooling, please contact Pastor Travis.