



THE FAIRVIEW CHRISTIAN CHURCH VISITOR

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Upcoming Events

- May 1**—Bells Practice; G.S. Troop 1191 (Cornerstone); G.A.P. (FH); Choir Practice
- May 2**—Clay Co. Clothes Closet Luncheon (FH); Cubs God & Me (Family Life); L.P. Visitation (Sanctuary); Fairview Connect Gathering (FH)
- May 3**—L.P. Memorial Service (Sanctuary)
- May 4**—Chapel Res. (C.A.)
- May 5**—Intercessory Prayer (Chapel); Worship; Koffee Klatch; Boy Scouts (Family Life); Northland Disciples Youth (FH)
- May 6**—Monday Morning Men (FH); Mats Project (Family Life); Micah Ministry; Elders (Conf. Room)
- May 7**—Rotary (FH); Faith In Him
- May 8**—Bells Practice; Boy Scout Committee Mtg. (Family Life); G.A.P. (FH); Choir Practice
- May 9**—Classic Crowd (FH); Cubs God & Me (Family Life)
- May 11**—Chapel Res. (C.A.); Aquarium Club Mtg. (FH)
- May 12**—Mother's Day; Intercessory Prayer (Chapel); Worship; Koffee Klatch



With Sincere Sympathy

It is with sincere sympathy that we announce that Loy P. passed away April 28th.

Loy's visitation and memorial service will take place at Fairview Christian Church. The visitation is Thur., May 2nd 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. & his memorial service is Fri., May 3rd starting at 11 a.m. Loy's family request that you wear purple to his funeral, please keep his family in your prayers.

Welcome The Stranger.. Become The Friend

This last Sunday, our youth group went to Community Christian Church to participate in their Welcome The Stranger event. It was a joint event between them and St Andrew CC for our regional church to see what is happening with refugees and migrants from their perspectives.



We got to hear from different presenters and representatives of organizations about their work around the metro and around the world. One station helped us see what it took for someone to become a citizen. Not only do they have to wait and try to get their applications through, they also have to answer questions about how our government works. Our kids had a hard time answering these kinds of questions, but the presenter helped them process this: "It's tough to go to a new place and understand how things work there. That's why we help each other out when we can!"

We tried a simulation on refugee resettlement from Syria, choosing a backpack to pack our few items in and following the path towards successful resettlement. We helped the kids understand that refugees don't leave their homes because they just want to but to stay safe in times of war. Most of the families leaving are middle class back home, but lose homes and possessions when they are forced to leave. Some decisions can be helped, and some are just a matter of luck. Depending on the color of backpack we chose, we made it to the end or got stuck in the different issues refugees face, like safe travel, quotas, or just running out of money for the full journey.

We also got to try food from a new restaurant owned by a refugee family. They appreciate the ability to share the food, sure, but it's also a job that lets them be self-sustaining. We finished the afternoon watching a film called Strangers in Town that told the story of Garden City, KS and the changes they've seen in the last 40 years. A meat packing plant has attracted many migrant families and created a place where people get to share in many cultures.

You can watch the film yourself at strangersintownthefilm.com/

What I really appreciated about the event is that it wasn't meant to be a pity party. It was intended to show what is happening. These are folks affected by war, instability, and global forces and have many reasons to feel hurt and scared. But these groups were there to speak to the positive steps they were taking in the tough times. We got to support refugees who made clothing and bags and candles. We got to see how they got together for soccer and fun around the metro. We got to see them for the creative, passionate, children of God they are.

I left that event most thankful that we got to introduce our kids to this kind of environment. They were able to connect to the people we talked about, see their stories, connect with kids they knew. And they were able to see the Church care about each other. They were able to see the Church working together to make a difference. And every time they see the Church doing something meaningful for the people around them, they are inspired to keep doing the same for generations to come. — 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



Men's May Breakfast Cancelled

Due to circumstances beyond our control, we must **cancel** the May CMF breakfast scheduled for this **Saturday, May 4.**

Stay tuned to this newsletter for information relative to a June breakfast. Again, this Saturday's men's breakfast is **cancelled**. Questions of any kind, contact Tom S.

On a semi-related subject, the following CMF members devoted a good deal of time and energy to assist the CWF ladies and guests as they celebrated their annual Spring Fling event this past Thursday evening.

It is something we greatly anticipate and do with great love for CWF.

Thanks goes out to Dave B., Randy C., Dick D., Chet G., Tom H., Bob H., Stephen M., Larry M., and Craig W. Can't wait for next year.'



NORTHLAND DISCIPLES YOUTH GROUP

Meeting will be taking place at Fairview this Sunday, **May 5th from 5—7 pm** in the Fellowship Hall.

This is for grades 2-8 and a meal is provided. If you would like to help, please get with Pastors Kassie & Travis.

The weather at the beginning of this year was not good to us. Looking at the financial information, we see that our offerings took a "hit" also.



Stewardship

I want to ask everyone to check your pledges to see if you have forgotten to keep those up during the time we missed having Church.

Thank you from the bottom of Stewardship's heart.
—Sandra Y., Chair



Monday, May 6th Fairview will be helping to serve at Micah Ministries.

We can always use more volunteers.

We will meet at Fairview on Monday, Feb. 4th at 4:15 p.m. & leave around 4:30 to get there.



**Fairview Connect
Thursday, May 2nd
Starting at 6 pm**

**Dinner & Discussion
Fellowship Hall**

Our meal will be Sloppy Joes. We'll be discussing the Easter stories, the differences between the 4 Gospel accounts and how they can apply to our lives today.

Come, enjoy some fellowship & opportunities to grow in community. If you would like to help with food, let us know. Invite your friends & neighbors!

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED FRIENDSHIP DAY & HONORED WOMAN EVENT



Friday, May 3rd
Barry Christian Church

9:30 a.m. Registration; 10:00 a.m. Program

Theme for the program is "Agree to Differ".

In addition to the program, women from various churches will be honored. Fairview's Honored Woman is Janet T.

Lunch to follow (you need to register for lunch if you want to eat). For lunch reservation call Doris M. ASAP. Cost is \$7 per person.

You do not need to register for lunch if you just want to attend the Honored Woman event.



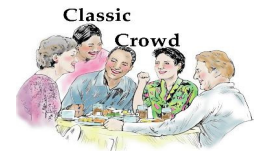
As of May 2nd, Evon C's address will change. She also will be looking to 'catch a ride' to worship on Sunday's.

Recently, Mary Ann L's address has changed too.

If you would like Evon's and/or Mary Ann's new address, please contact the office.

**Classic Crowd
Thursday, May 9th
11:30 a.m.**

Fairview—Fellowship Hall



We will be having your great potluck dishes to share.

Our entertainment will be Steve K., clarinetist & pianist.



**Guild Outing
Tuesday, May 14th**

10 a.m.
Short business meeting at Fairview, then carpool to lunch.

Lunch at Summit Grill
501 NE 70th St., Gladstone, MO 64118
Everyone is responsible for their own for lunch.
Questions, contact Janet T.



Ramadan Fast Breaking

Fairview will join with the Dialogue Institute of KC for a Ramadan Fast Breaking on May 23rd. This is an opportunity to welcome neighbors, learn about what the holiday means for them, and continue a relationship with those around us. Please RSVP with Pastor Travis or through the Church Office.

Ramadan features fasting during the sun-up hours of the day, so the program will start around 7:45 pm and the meal around 8:30 pm. We know that not everyone will be able to do a late night gathering, but we're excited to welcome anyone who can.

Food is provided through the Dialogue Institute, but let Pastor Travis know if you'd like to help with room setup.

Monday — May 13th

Exec. Board Meeting
Cornerstone Room
6:30 p.m.



General Board Mtg—Conference Room—7:00 p.m.



**SUPPLIES FOR FCC
FOOD BOXES**

*(Located on the metal shelving
in the Fellowship Hall)*

FOOD PANTRY If you would like to make a donation towards Fairview's Food Boxes, the following items are what is needed when we deliver boxes to MLM:

- Canned Fruit or Vegetables;**
- Canned Tuna; Mac & Cheese;**
- Large cans of Chicken (12.5 oz per can);**
- Jars of Peanut Butter (please no glass jars);**
- Pasta; Canned Pasta Sauce (please no glass jars)**

Another way you can help is if you have some spare change, you can just drop it in the red donation box that is attached to the shelving that the items are stored in the Fellowship Hall.

Thanks for your support!



Friday Fellowship

Fairview's May Pizza Fridays

Mod Pizza (Antioch Crossing 5315 NE Antioch Rd.)

6 pm. to ?



FREE BRUSH DROP-OFF EVENT

May 3rd — May 5th
8 a.m. — 5 p.m.

Gladstone Public Works Facility
(4000 NE 76th St.; north of Happy Rock)

Gladstone residents, with proof of residency, can dispose of brush & yard waste for free.

Cannot accept processed wood, trash or hazardous waste at this event.

**30th Annual
Scholarship Breakfast**

In Memory of Dean G.

May 4th & 5th — 7 a.m. to Noon
\$5 per person at the door



Gladstone's Elks Lodge
7010 N. Cherry (across from Oakhill Day School).



Classic Crowd—Branson Show Extravaganza
October 15—17
3 days; 2 nights

Watch upcoming newsletters for more details.