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Upcoming Events

Nov. 13—Bells Practice; Boy Scouts Committee Mtg. (FL); G.A.P. (FH); Choir Practice

Nov. 14—Classic Crowd (FH); Parents as Teachers (FH); Boy Scouts (FL)

Nov. 15— Parents as Teachers (FH)

Nov. 16—Chapel Res. (C.A.)

Nov. 17—Service Sunday; Worship; Koffee Klatch; G.S. Troop 1024 (Cornerstone); Faith Community Church (FH)

Nov. 18—Monday Morning Men (FH); Mats (FL); Book Club (Cornerstone); Clay Co. Clothes Closet (FL); Rotary Board Mtg. (Cornerstone)

Nov. 19—Rotary (FH); Cub Scouts (FH); Faith In Him

Nov. 20—P.E.O. Mtg. (Chapel); Bells Practice; G.A.P. (FH); Choir Practice

Nov. 21—CWF Exec. Board Mtg. (Cornerstone); CWF General Board Mtg. (FH); Northaven Grp. 2 (Chapel); Boy Scouts (FL); Fairview Connect Gathering (FH)

Nov. 23—Chapel Res. (C.A.); FH Res. (Membership)

Sunday Services

8:30 a.m.
Intercessory Prayer

9:00 a.m.
Sunday School

10:00 a.m.
Worship Service

Pastor Travis

Transition As Movement

Last night, we had what is my last Board meeting where there was discussion about the interim transition process. I'll let our Board share the details of that, but I want to speak on the feelings I heard in the meeting last night. Many people were approaching this process with a sense of trepidation... "Can we find another minister?" "Does this mean we're in big trouble?" And I think that we've got to approach the interim transition as an opportunity instead of an obstacle.

When I got my car inspected last month, the State of Missouri got a little bit of money from me and the car shop got even more. It was a bit painful, I didn't have my car for a day, but the rack and pinion system got replaced. After the mechanic fixed it, the car runs smoother than I've remembered in a long time. He said, "We get a lot of Explorers in here, but this is the best kept one I've ever seen come in!"

Sure, thanks for saying that as you took $700 in repairs out of my pocket... but I had to keep in mind what he was saying. The car runs well, it doesn't have any major issues, and it can last for a longer time. I can feel comfort in driving Lucy around because the car is safe and mechanically sound. Now... the paint job has a few nicks, and the radio has a weird quirk... but the car is good. And it will continue to be good with some effort to keep it up.

An interim minister could be like a state inspection for churches. There's gonna be some things we'll work on, maybe some processes we'll replace. Maybe we come into the shop because we've got an issue or two, but when we address the issue we see a smoother running church than we've seen in years. And guess what folks... this is a good church!

You've addressed some major issues before. Before we came, you paid off building debt. You've invested in the sanctuary, the parking lot, property infrastructure. And look where you are! You're in the middle of a fast growing neighborhood, new people moving in every day. And that means that you're well prepared for the future, able to keep going for quite some time....

But... you've got to address the primary issues. You've got to be in prayer, got to practice grace, and you've got to trust in God. Do you believe in a God who specializes in transformations? Do you believe in a God who offers second chances? Do you believe that God is bigger than anything we can imagine? Then show it! Don't believe that we're down and out, know that we've got some great futures ahead of us all. And start down the slow process of an interim, working on the main issues, and becoming a church ready for the next generation of faith! — Pastor Travis

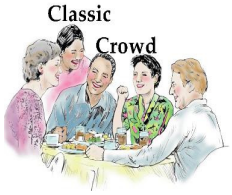
SERVICE SUNDAY—FAIRVIEW'S ANNUAL VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP

This Sunday, **Nov. 17th** will be our annual volunteer sign-up in the Fellowship Hall.

Volunteering to serve on any of our departments/committees is a great way to get involved in the things going on at Fairview.

So look for the sign-up sheets in the Fellowship Hall following worship this Sunday.

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



CLASSIC CROWD
Thursday, Nov. 14th
11:30 a.m.
FCC Fellowship Hall

Time again for the annual Thanksgiving celebration at Classic Crowd! The menu will be the famous Thanksgiving feast of turkey, mashed potatoes w/gravy, dressing and YOU!

For the November Classic Crowd ...there will be a $3 fee at the door.

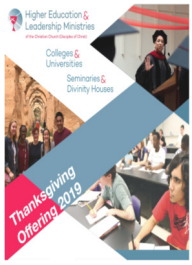
Bring your favorite side dish or dessert to share.

Our entertainment will be Bill Nicks who will bring to life Octave Chanute (a key man in 1869).

Don't miss this event.
We'll be looking for YOU!

Sunday, November 17th

The **Thanksgiving Offering** benefits the Colleges, Universities, Seminaries, and Divinity Houses affiliated with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).



These learning communities are an extension of the church, challenging students to understand and respond to God's call to serve

Annual FCC Boy Scout Troop 155 Turkey Collection

Wednesday, Nov. 27th
Troop 155 will be at
Price Chopper in Gladstone
between 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
collecting turkeys & non-perishable food items.

Fairview's November Pizza Fridays

Pizza Shoppe
9329 N. Oak Trfwy.

6 pm. to ?

Friday Fellowship

Northland Christmas Store
North Cross United Methodist Church

We are looking for **Fairview CC volunteers** to signup to work a shift at the store.

FCC **shift signup** sheets will be available on Sunday's, **Nov. 17th & Nov. 24th** in the Narthex (look for the designated table).

Christmas Store is 'open' on December 9th, 10th & 11th.

You may **bring unwrapped toys** from **now thru Sunday, Dec. 1st**.
We will dedicate the toys on Dec. 1st.

Mitten Tree

The Mitten Tree benefiting the Clay County Clothes Closet will be up outside the Fellowship Hall for the next few weeks, until December 9th.

This is a good opportunity to donate hats, mittens, and winter scarves or mufflers for kids in need in Clay County.

Thanks in advance for your generous help in making this project a success.

Priscilla CWF

Can You Help?

Parents As Teachers
at Fairview on Nov 14 & 15th

We're excited to welcome
Parents As Teachers for a group night event on
Nov 14 and then a second
opportunity on the morning of Nov 15.

We'd love a couple of people who could come and welcome families and help with hospitality.
Please contact Pastor Travis if you are interested.

Last Opportunity In 2019

Koffee Klatch volunteers are needed for Nov. 24th, Dec. 8th, and Dec. 29th.

Please check your calendars and see if you can host. Sign-up sheet is in the Fellowship Hall.

The roster and callers' lists for Classic Crowd are being updated for the new year.

It's a good time for some of you to admit you are over 50 years old and join this group for lunch, polite conversation, and great entertainment. Second Thursday of each month except January.

Tell or call Bob H. if you would like to be a part of this classic bunch.

POINSETTIA ORDERS

The time is coming to once again to order Poinsettias to decorate our Sanctuary.

Starting Sunday, Nov. 24th, if you would like to order a Poinsettia for a loved one, please fill out the information on the designated envelope & include payment that will be in that Sunday's Visitor.

Cost is $10 per order & the **deadline to place your order is Sunday, Dec. 8th.**
Envelopes, with payment, may be left in the office or dropped in the collection plate.

Reminder....

The Church Office will be closed on ...

Thursday, Nov. 28th & Friday, Nov. 29th.

Fairview's Annual Thanksgiving Dinner Sunday, Nov. 24th, 2019

Mark your calendar.
Our annual Thanksgiving feast is approaching on November 24th at 5:00 p.m.
Turkey, dressing, potatoes, gravy, rolls and a mixed vegetable dish (broccoli, cauliflower, carrots etc.) will be catered. Bring your favorite side dish and/or dessert to share.

We are suggesting a donation price this year to cover the cost of the meal. Each year the expenses increase. The Sutton fund covers some of the up-front cost of the dinner but after reimbursing that fund we find ourselves short each year. So we are suggesting $7.00 for adults and $5.00 for children.

We are fortunate to have our own Rex R. providing the entertainment between dinner and dessert.....so bring a side dish and your appetite and join Fairview on November 24th at 5:00 p.m.

Membership

Saturday, December 14th
6 p.m. — 9 p.m.
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
(6751 NE 70th St., KCMO; near 435 & Shoal Creek Pkwy)

The worship of Jesus Christ brings all Christians together!

"We Celebrate Christ" is a community gathering celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ through music & nativity displays from cultures around the world & across time.
For 2019 the host church is Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Opportunities to participate vary.
Contact Kathy S. in the office if you would like more information.