



THE FAIRVIEW CHRISTIAN CHURCH VISITOR

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Upcoming Events

Nov. 17—P.E.O. Mtg. (FH); FCC Women's Mtg. (FL); Visitation & Service for L.H. (S); Pack 354 Webelos (FL)

Nov. 18—Pack 354 Wolves (FL); Elders Mtg. (Conf. Room)

Nov. 20—Conf. Room Res. (DB); Pack 354 Bears (Cornerstone Room); FH & Kitchen Res. (Membership)

Nov. 21—FCC Thanksgiving Meal; Sunday School; FCC In-Person & Online Worship Service; Koffee Klatch (FH); Ethiopian Christian Fellowship in Missouri (Sanctuary); FCC Thanksgiving Dinner (FH)

Nov. 22—Morning Men (H); Boy Scouts (FH & FL)

Nov. 23—Faith In Him (Music Room); 4-H Group (FH); Pack 354 AOLs (FL)

Nov. 24—Pack 354 Webelos (FL)

Nov. 25—THANKSGIVING DAY—OFFICE CLOSED

Nov. 26—OFFICE CLOSED

Nov. 27—Hanging of the Greens (S)

Fairview Beloved,

This Sunday we gather for Thanksgiving Sunday. Our last Sunday of the year in regular time, and our last Sunday before the holidays begin.



I pray as we come to worship this Sunday, we enter his courts with Thanksgiving. I pray we come with hearts full of gratitude. While we indulge in all of the wonderful flavors of a Thanksgiving feast Sunday evening - may we feel the Spirit of God gathered with us. This is a special time of year to be able to gather in our community and eat together - especially after last year! I pray we don't take it for granted and we realize how special it is when we gather together.

I want to say thank you to Sandy A. and the membership committee for all of their hard work in getting gatherings like this back up and running after the pandemic. Sandy has worked hard and I'm grateful.

I want to say thank you to our board chair, Tom S., as he oversaw his last board meeting of the last two years. He has done a fantastic job.

I want to say thank you to all of elders, committee chairs and members, and deacons who have served tirelessly for the Kingdom even through these rocky times.

I want to say thank you to those who keep the lights on and the water running and the staff paid....your generosity is doing good in the world.

I want to say thank you to all of our volunteers for Koffee Klatch - you connect us together.

I want to say thank you for every worship leader - you have brought to us messages to think about.

I want to say thank you to those who mow, pull weeds, tend to building tears and terrors - we would have nowhere to meet if it were not for you.

I want to say thank you to those who work in numerous ways around the church - the library, the rocks outside the fellowship hall, the folks who step up when stepping up needs to happen.

I want to say thank you to our staff - Bob, Rex, Douglas, Kathy.....you work to put things together sometimes at the last minute, you do it with a smile, you enjoy what you do and we can tell, you suggest, create and give. Thank you for all of your hard work!

There is much to be grateful for - but most of all, Fairview, may we all be grateful to God for a good life.

In Christ's peace, Rev. Jill

Reminder....

**The Church Office will be closed on ...
Thursday, Nov. 25th
& Friday, Nov. 26th.**



Sunday
Services

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

Senior Minister
Rev. Jill 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 the following:

- Meredith N. — youngest son of James A. N.; recently passed away from a heart attack; his service will be out of state; please keep Meredith's family in your prayers.
- Lindsay H. — member of Fairview & spouse of Adam H., passed away Nov. 12th; Lindsay's visitation and service will take place at Fairview Christian Church today, Nov. 17th; visitation will be 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. and her service will follow at 3 p.m.; please continue to keep Lindsay's family in your prayers.



**Reminder, this—
Sunday, November 21st**
The Thanksgiving Offering benefits the Colleges, Universities, Seminaries, and Divinity Houses affiliated with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

- ♦ Sat., Nov. 27th — The Worship Department is preparing the sanctuary for the Advent/Christmas season starting at 10 a.m. They WELCOME anyone who would like to take part in this fun activity!! The more the merrier!!
- ♦ Fri., Dec. 24th — Organ Concert for Christmas Eve will be at 5:30pm while the Service will start at 6pm.



Friendly Reminder



Please be sure, when appropriate, doors are locked & lights are off when you leave.

In the last few weeks when staff has come in the morning to work, some of the outside doors were left unlocked (Fellowship Hall, doors to the outside in the Education Wing & door to parking lot by office).

We know that everyone has been making an effort to help us keep the church grounds secure & safe for everyone. Let's keep up the good work. Thanks!



**Thanksgiving Dinner
Fairview's Fellowship Hall**
This Sunday, Nov. 21, 2021
Starting at 5:00 p.m.

Thank you for buying your tickets in advance. This helps us in making plans for this Thanksgiving event.

We are happy to say we have 66 people attending. We will start at 5:00 and between dinner and dessert we will have a program of music presented by Rex R. in the sanctuary.

Just a reminder, everything is provided. No food is to be brought in this year. See you Sunday evening.

—Membership

Tom H. has a new address.

If you would like this information, please contact Kathy S. in the office.



Tom's cell # remains the same.



Rev. Jill,

Thank you for your hard work in bringing the fantastic celebration of Veterans Day to Fairview CC.

Everyone thought it was the best program yet.

The Veterans were excited about the celebration and the larger than usual audience showed their appreciation too.

Thanks again, Dwaine H.

**Gladstone Mayor's Christmas Tree
Ceremony — Tues., Nov. 23rd
Starting at 6pm**

Three special Northland organizations have been picked to benefit from this year's donations:

- Feed Northland Kids
- Gladstone Neighbors Helping Neighbors
- Northland Christmas Store

Hope to see you at Linden Square on Tuesday!



NORTHLAND CHRISTMAS STORE — 2021

Dec. 6th, 7th & 8th



Yes, the Northland Christmas Store will be operating this year and it will be their 33rd year of service. Fairview Christian Church has been a part of this service since it started in 1988. This year, Due to some of the difficulties with shopping, the Store has already shopped for the toys and have them in the warehouse.

At the last Northland Christmas Store Board Meeting it was discussed and I (Myrna G.) have been asked that Fairview not collect and donate toys this year **BUT** (like last year) instead donate the money you would spend on toys for the Northland Christmas Store. Then the Christmas Store will use that donated money to purchase all the gift cards for the older youth (ages 15 years old to 18 year sold).

The amount that Fairview delivered to the Store last year was \$2,320 (\$1,570 was donated by the Congregation & \$750 from the Missions Department).

Fairview has begun their 'collection' and will continue collecting each Sunday after worship service until and including November 28th.

For those at Fairview who cannot attend church in person and wish to donate, you can send your check to Fairview but make it payable to The Northland Christmas Store. On the envelope that you mail to Fairview put Attn: Northland Christmas Store.

Santa Clause has been setup at Fairview in the Narthex with 'bags' to collect the monetary/check donations made in the name of the Northland Christmas Store. We will secure those donations at the end of each worship service.

Then on Sunday, November 28th all of the Fairview donations that have been received for the Christmas Store will be blessed, counted and delivered to the Christmas Store.

Over the years many from Fairview have volunteered their time to work the store. If you would like to volunteer again this year, please see Myrna G. as she has the signup sheets.

Just a note, in 2019 Fairview had 23 volunteers.

Volunteer slots for 2021
(& you do not have to sign up for a full hour):

Mon., Dec. 6th from 1 to 8 p.m.
Tues., Dec. 7th from 1 to 8 p.m.
Wed. Dec. 8th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

FCC NOVEMBER SERVING SCHEDULE

Worship Services

The following are scheduled to be serving elders:

Table 1:	Tom S.
Table 2:	Joy G.
1 st Concerned:	Sarah M.
2 nd Concerned:	Stephen M.

Worship Leader for Nov. 21st TBA



BIRTHDAYS

Nov: (19) Mike O., Sr.; (25) Bob H.; (26) Chris H.; (27) Ray H.; (28) Edna T., Jenna B.; (29) Jeremy J., Jason F.; (30) Katie S., Melva D. L., Rachel H.

ANNIVERSARIES



Contributions Report

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

OUR RECORD

Sunday November 14, 2021

Sun. School Attendance	28
Worship Attendance	94
Visitors	19
New Members 2021	1