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Upcoming Events

Nov. 16—P.E.O. Mtg. (Chapel); Bells Practice; G.A.P. (FH); Choir Practice

Nov. 17—Chapel Prayer; CWF Exec. Board Mtg. (Cornerstone Room); CWF Table Favors; Northaven Group 2 (FH); S.A.S.S. Group (Conference Room)

Nov. 18— G.S. Troop 1024 (FH)

Nov. 19— Troop 155 Thanksgiving Meal & Cross-over (FH + Sanctuary)

Nov. 20—Worship Sunday (Pledge & commitment Sunday); Koffee Klatch; G.S. Troop 31 (Cornerstone Room); All-Church Thanksgiving Meal (FH)

Nov. 21—Monday Morning Men (FH); Book Club; Gladstone Rotary Board Mtg. (Cornerstone Room); Boy Scouts (FH)

Nov. 22—Rotary (FH); Faith In Him; Cub Scouts (FH)

Nov. 23—Troop 155 Turkey Collection (Price Chopper in Gladstone)

Sunday Services

8:30 a.m.
Intercessory Prayer

9:00 a.m.
Sunday School

10:00 a.m.
Worship Service

Co-Pastors
Kassie & Travis

General Board UPDATE

Church Board Meeting Activities

In the interest of full transparency, we are beginning a new practice. As soon as practical following each church board meeting, the chairman will include a brief summary of board activities in the weekly newsletter. I hope you find this beneficial.

Here is a summary of board activity at the November 14th meeting:

- Accepted one resignation from the Diaconate effective 12/31/16.
- Approved a motion to remove the recycling bin from the parking lot. We no longer receive any proceeds from recycling, the truck that services the bin has damaged the parking lot, and there are other recycling bins available in close proximity.
- Approved 2017 housing allowances for the pastors as required by IRS regulations. This action does not affect their total compensation; it simply designates a portion of their compensation as housing allowance for income tax purposes.
- Approved amendments to the church bylaws as submitted by the Constitution and Bylaws Committee. This is the result of the constitutionally required review of the Bylaws every 5 years. Most of the amendments clarify the language or are corrections to internal inconsistencies. The primary addition to the bylaws is a defined process for the resignation, suspension, or termination of the minister.
- Sanctuary Enhance Proposals:
  - ⇒ Rejected a motion to purchase chairs and chair pews to replace pews in the sanctuary.
  - ⇒ Approved a motion to rearrange the pews to provide more space between pews without deciding on the exact configuration or cost. Worship and Property Departments are to study the options and make a proposal at the next board meeting.
  - ⇒ Approved a motion to re-carpet the sanctuary at an approximate cost of $25,595.
  - ⇒ Approved a motion to move the organ to the lower level, near the piano, at an approximate cost of $1,000.
  - ⇒ Approved a motion to move the sound/projection controls from the balcony to the back of the sanctuary at a cost of approximately $1,000.
  - ⇒ Rejected a motion to make the communion table and pulpit mobile.
  - ⇒ Approved a motion to submit the board approved sanctuary enhancement project, as detailed above, to the congregation for an up or down vote after the board approves a pew reconfiguration plan.
- Approved a motion to delay implementation of the sanctuary enhancement project (assuming congregational approval) until the Property Department develops processes to seal, repair and stabilize the exterior and interior brick walls of the sanctuary, including approximate costs. The board would then determine when to proceed with the sanctuary enhancement project and the sealing, repair and stabilizing of the exterior and interior brick walls of the sanctuary.

Stephen M., Chairman of the Church Board

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

Welcome to Fairview's newest member Carolyn A.

Carolyn joined Fairview on Sunday, November 13th.

POINSETTIA ORDERS

Now is the time to once again order Poinsettias to decorate our Sanctuary.

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 Sun., **Nov. 27th**.
Envelopes, with payment, may be left in the office or dropped in the collection plate.

Annual FCC Boy Scout Troop 155 Turkey Collection

Wed., Nov. 23rd

Troop 155 will be at **Price Chopper** in Gladstone **between 6:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** collecting turkeys & non-perishable food items.

FAIRVIEW'S ALL-CHURCH THANKSGIVING DINNER & ENTERTAINMENT

Fairview's Thanksgiving Dinner & Entertainment is this Sunday, **Nov. 20th** with dinner starting at **5:00 p.m**.

Part of the dinner (turkey, mashed potatoes & gravy, & dressing) will be catered. Fairview will also provide rolls & drinks.
Please bring a dish or two to share (salad, vegetable or dessert).
If you are unable to bring a dish this time, please come anyway as our guest.

After dinner, Rex will be playing music in the Sanctuary. Dessert will be served after the entertainment.
All our Fairview family, friends & visitors are invited! We hope you will attend.

CWF EXECUTIVE BOARD TO MEET

The CWF board will meet on Thurs., Nov. 17th at 9:30 a.m. in the Cornerstone Classroom.

After our board meeting, come help us work on table favors for the Nov. 20th Thanksgiving dinner & find out how to participate in the Church Women United prayer chain.

To my Fairview 'Family' & Friends,

Words cannot express my gratitude for all your kind words, cards & prayers at this difficult time for my family.

What a Joy it is to have a Church like this.

—Bob T.

Pizza Hut in Claycomo is the place to be for Fairview Friday Night Pizza during November.

See you starting at 6:00 p.m. 'til….

Northland Christmas Store

North Cross United Methodist Church
1321 NE Vivion Road, KCMO

Dec. 5th, 6th & 7th

FCC **shift signup** sheets will be available this Sunday, **Nov. 20th** in the Narthex (look for the designated table).

Also, you may bring unwrapped toys on Sun. Nov. 20th or 27th. We will dedicate the toys on the Nov. 27th.
Toys should be valued at $20 or more for ages infants to age 12. (13-18 year olds will receive gift cards.)

Any questions, please contact Myrna G.
Share the Christmas Spirit and get involved.

Continued Ed from Christian Ed

"The Chest of Joash", the repository for our annual giving pledges, has been a tradition at FCC since the 1980's when Rev. Loyd G. was our Senior Pastor.

The Chest of Joash's story is in II Chronicles 24. Joash found the need to rebuild the temple. The people filled the chest with their offerings over and over, so the temple could be rebuilt.
We use this scripture to remind us of our responsibility to keep God's church strong

To the members of Fairview,

Craig and I wanted to take a moment to thank you for your generous donation to the Cure Sanfilippo Foundation in honor of our son, Carson.

We feel very blessed to have such supportive family & friends - and we truly thank you for your support and willingness to spread the word about this very rare genetic disorder.

As you can imagine, this has been a difficult time for us - but we are holding out hope that a cure is within reach...for Carson and for other young children like him!

Thanks again and God bless!
Craig and Sara B.

Save the Date For Holiday Remembrance Service

There will be more information in upcoming newsletters for Sunday, ***December 4th***.

Reminder....
The Church Office will be closed on ... Thurs., Nov. 24th & Fri., Nov. 25th.

Diaconate Meeting

The Diaconate will meet in the front of the Sanctuary, this Sunday the 20th, right after Church to elect a co-chair and board representatives for next year.

We also need to discuss the procedure for suggesting deacons for emeritus status.

YMCA Early Learning Program will have their annual Holiday Program at Fairview on Thursday, Dec. 8th with the Concert starting at 7 p.m.

There about 95 children participating in the Concert. So come out for a little holiday cheer!