



Upcoming Events

Sept 4—Family Reunion (FH, T Family)
Sept 5—Sunday School; In-Person & Online Worship Service; Koffee Klatch (FH); Ethiopian Christian Fellowship in Missouri (Sanctuary)
Sept 6—**Labor Day, Office Closed**; Morning Men (FH)
Sept 7—FCC Search Team (FH); Faith In Him (Music Room)
Sept 8—FCC Ladies (FH)
Sept 9—Classic Crowd (FH); Boy Scouts (FH)
Sept 11—Aquarium Club (FH)
Sept 12—Sunday School; In-Person & Online Worship Service—Friends & Family; Koffee Klatch (FH); Ethiopian Christian Fellowship in Missouri (Sanctuary)
Sept 13—Morning Men (FH); Exec Board Mtg. (Cornerstone), General Board Mtg. (Conf Room/Lounge)
Sept 14—Faith In Him (Music Room)
Sept 15—P.E.O. Mtg. (FH)
Sept 19 & 28—Sunday School; In-Person & Online Worship Service; Koffee Klatch (FH); Ethiopian Christian Fellowship in Missouri (Sanctuary)
Sept. 20 & 27—Morning Men (FH)



Sunday Services

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

**Senior Minister
Rev. Jill S.**

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Fairview Beloved,

September 9, 2001 I was ordained into the ministry. I will be celebrating 20 years of that crazy journey this year!



- 20 years of being allowed into the intimate lives of people who have trusted me to be their pastor.
- 20 years of watching children grow from baby dedications to baptisms.
- 20 years of standing with my congregants while saying goodbye to beloved friends and family.
- 20 years of presiding over marriage ceremonies and watching these couples build a life together of love.
- 20 years of preaching the stories of God and watching Scripture come to life every single week.
- 20 years of board meetings, elders meetings, vision meetings - discussions on church growth, discussions on worship styles, discussions on what God is doing with us and how and when.
- 20 years of hearing stories of faithful Christian people who serve God in so many ways and with so many talents and gifts.
- 20 years of middle of the night phone calls or mid afternoon emergency room visits.
- 20 years of birthday parties, anniversaries...
- 20 years of seeing God work up close and personal in the lives of so many believers and non believers.
- 20 years of seeing God's love work miracles and God's grace transform.

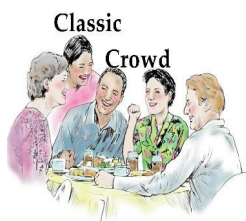
It has been a blessing. A privilege. An honor. It has been humbling and many times brought me to my knees in prayers for help and prayers of gratitude.

I wouldn't change the past 20 years - even the heart breaks allowed me to learn and taught me something new either about others, about God, or about myself. Even times when I had to endure pain in front of my churches, I wouldn't change. Not the conflicts, not the moments of doubt, not even the moment when I lost my voice on a Sunday morning. Every moment has educated my life, enhanced my faith and brought me closer to being the person and the pastor God wants me to be.

My biggest gift of gratitude today is that I get to be with you when I celebrate - this congregation whom I love and this church that I know lovingly serves God beside me. These relationships we are forming and seeing how God is so at work amongst you, has reinvigorated my own faith and also has encouraged me to do this thing called ministry another 20 years! Thank you, Fairview!

May our lives be ever full in the good and in the bad of the joy and grace of God!

In Christ's Peace, Rev. Jill



Classic
Crowd

Thursday, September 9th at 11:30 a.m. — in the Fellowship Hall.

Meal will consist of BBQ, salads & dessert.

Entertainment will be

Dave Shelton, The Mo-Kan Reunion Band

What do you need to bring....just yourself and \$5

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



September Board Mtg.

Fairview's General Board meeting
is Monday, September 13th.
at 7 p.m. in the Conference Room/Lounge

The Executive Board will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the
Cornerstone Room on the 13th.

Please email a report (to Kathy S.) rather than do a verbal
one, who will then compile all of the provided reports &
email them back out to the Board so you can review them
prior to the meeting & bring them with you for the meeting.

To complete the above task, ***please have your reports
emailed to Kathy S. no later than by
Noon on Wednesday, September 8th.***

Kathy S. will email out the packets to the Board on
Thursday, September 9th.



In observance of Labor Day on
Monday, September 6th
Fairview's office will be closed.



Hymn Sing Returning October 10

Mark your calendars! A Fairview favorite, the Hymn
Sing is making a triumphant return the second Sunday
of October.

Keep your eyes peeled for more information coming
soon—in the meantime, think of some of your favorite
hymns to stuff the ballot box!



Labor Day—Monday, Sept. 6th Flag Help Needed

Weather permitting, & if you are available
to help, we will be putting the flags up
at 7:30 a.m. and then taking them down at 5:30 p.m.



We would like to thank our "Fairview Family" for the
cards, prayers and kind words upon the passing of
Shauna's brother Steve.

Steve and Shauna R.

Thank you Fairview Friends for helping Mom and Dad
out with meals and extra love and attention after Mom
fell in June.

We so appreciate all the church family did to make things
easier for them. Many of you know that they have moved
within Gladstone. It's fun that some of their
Fairview friends are now neighbors!
They would love it if you dropped in to say hello.
Thank you again.

Linda, David, and Judy (the Howe kids)

As of the printing of this newsletter, I'm not in the office yet
but I am working from home. I hope to be back in the office
later this month.

I wanted to thank Fairview for all of the cards & prayers as I
recover from my knee replacement surgery. I'm told I'm
doing good with my rehab.

I also want to take this opportunity to thank the following for
helping me out in the office: Jean L., Carolyn K., Lynn C, &
Sandy A.. You ladies have helped me out tremendously.

One last thank you to Sarah M. who has helped with the
printing of last Sunday's bulletin & the ones to come in early
September & with the printing of the September
newsletter.

Again, thanks to all !! Kathy S., FCC Admin

- There will not be a CMF Breakfast
on Sat., Sept. 4th. Stay tuned for
upcoming details.
- Elders will not be meeting in Sep-
tember. Their next meeting will
be Thursday, Oct. 7th at 7 p.m. in
the Conference Room.





LADIES!!!! ALL OF YOU!

I have spent a good deal of time drinking coffee with the Monday morning men. I've made an appearance at the Thursday morning men who get together for breakfast.

Now I need to spend time with you! Ladies, you are all invited to the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday mornings to have coffee, maybe some snacks, at 9AM on September 8th!

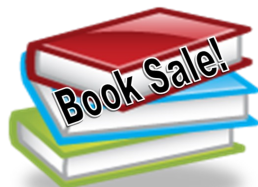
We are just going to gather and chat for a bit....see if we want to do a weekly thing, or if we have ideas for how we can bond together as women and support each other.

All ladies are invited! - Rev. Jill

BOOK SALE RETURNS

Priscilla CWF will hold their annual book sale on Saturday, October 23rd.

As always your donation of books is appreciated.



We **will** accept inspirational, fiction reading material and non-fiction biographies. Just no cookbooks, craft books or reference books. We are asking this year to only bring fiction reading material.

You may bring your donations to the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, October 17th and place them to the left of the stage behind the partition. You may also, bring them Friday, October 22nd during the day while we are setting up.

Masks and social distancing will be encouraged.

SAVE THE DATE

Pancake Breakfast &
Virtual Auction Fundraiser

Proceeds Benefiting
Clay County Clothes Closet

Pancake Breakfast



WHEN: Saturday, September 11th
8 a.m. — Noon

WHERE: Gashland Evangelical Presbyterian Church
8029 N. Oak, Kansas City, MO 64118

TICKETS: \$7 per person; Children Age 3 & under 'free'
(See Debbie B. to purchase tickets)

"Eat a Pancake — Clothe a KC Northland Family in Need"

Thank you for making a difference!



A Word About Fairview's Next Sermon Series

Rev. Jill will be preaching through what is known as the Narrative Lectionary.

The Narrative Lectionary is an alternative lectionary that focuses more on the story of God through Scripture. The intention is to simply touch on a fluid understanding of God's story with humanity. So instead of skipping around from scripture to scripture it has some cohesion.

For example - from now until December, the narrative lectionary takes us from Genesis through the birth of Jesus by way of Exodus, I Samuel, I Kings, and various excerpts from the Prophets. Hopefully it will give us a little insight and preparation as we move towards the Advent season!

Here are September's readings for Sundays in case you want to do a little of your own studying to prepare!

12th - Genesis 1:1-2a

19th - Genesis 21:1-3, 22:1-14

26th - Genesis 27:1-4, 15-23; 28:10-17

Sunday, November 14th,
we will be honoring our
veterans. We would like to

invite ALL of our veterans to wear something that represents your time in the service. Whether it's a hat (YES, we will allow them in worship for that week!) or a t shirt or a uniform. We want to recognize you and also allow you to identify other veterans that perhaps you have something more in common than you thought!

