



# THE FAIRVIEW CHRISTIAN CHURCH VISITOR

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## Upcoming Events

### March 5—Ash Wednesday;

Esther Group; Imposition of Ashes; Bells; Choir

**March 6**—Chapel Prayer; FCC Meadowbrook Tutors; Art League

**March 7**—Northland Church United Women (Park Hill CC); G.S. Troop 1024 (FH)

**March 9**—*Daylight Saving Time Begins*; Worship; Almost Yoga

**March 10**—Monday Morning Men; Exec. Board Mtg. (Library); General Board Mtg. (Lounge); Boy Scouts (FH)

**March 11**—Rotary; Guild Group; Search Team; Faith In Him; G.S. Troop 966 (Downstairs); Lenten Series (Chapel); Cub Scouts (FH)

**March 12**—Bells; Choir

**March 13**—Chapel Prayer; Classic Crowd (FH); Prayer Shawl (Panera's); FCC Meadowbrook Tutors



ASH WEDNESDAY

### Today — March 5th is Ash Wednesday

Imposition of Ashes will be in the Chapel between 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Or 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

### Raymond's Reflections



One of the most difficult decisions I have to make as a minister (in tandem with the Board Chair) is whether or not to close the church services due to weather.

This last Saturday evening, Tom S. and I struggled as to what to do.

On the one hand, the weather was not really all that bad. It was bad, but not catastrophic. Also, if we did decide to have church, then the Property Department (Vaughn, Mel, Dave and Tom) would have to start clearing the parking lot at 6:00 am. With temperatures at or below zero, none of us relished that thought. Also, there was the safety factor of people coming into a parking lot and entrances that were going to remain slick.

On the flip side of this argument was - first, we all miss having church because it is a community event and all of us rely on our faith community. Second, when you close a church, the result is a loss in church income. People intend well, it just seems to get missed. This loss of income impacts the mission of the church, so we never want to see that go down.

I'd like to hear your take on weather situations and how/when church should close.

Different churches have different criteria, so it would be interesting to hear your opinion on it. No matter what this congregation decides, we are still a church - a faith community which worships together, fellowships and cares for each other. None of that will change. It's just when do we meet and when is it best to stay home?

Yours in Christ, Rev. Raymond

Scripture for the Week: Ephesians 4:1-6

### Monday — March 10th

Executive Board Meeting — Library—6:30 p.m.

General Board Meeting — Lounge—7:00 p.m.



8:30 a.m.  
Intercessory Prayer

9:00 a.m.  
Sunday School

10:00 a.m.  
Worship Service

Rev. Raymond  
Interim Minister

### Lenten Series

"The Last Week of Jesus"

Tuesdays from 6:30 p.m. — 7:30 p.m. in the Chapel on:

March 11th, 18th & 25th; April 1st & 8th

Feel free to attend any or all dates.

Series is based on each day (i.e. March 11th represents Monday of the 'Last Week of Jesus', the 18th represents Tuesday, etc...).



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



**COME SAMPLE THE CHAIR !**

Organized through the Memorials Committee, funds are being gathered to purchase new folding chairs for our Fellowship Hall! The cost is \$28.00, per chair.

For a tax-deductible contribution, please complete the request sheet on the Welcome Table in the Narthex or in the church office.

Make checks payable to Fairview Christian Church, with "chairs" on the memo line, please.

For the next couple of weeks, during Koffee Klatch a Memorials Committee member will be available to accept completed forms and answer any questions. So come sample the chair!

THANKS!  
The Memorials Committee  
Karen S.–Chair, Janet T. and Mikel B.



Northland Church  
Women United  
Forum

**Friday, March 7th**  
**Northland Church Women United**

**Park Hill Christian Church**  
**6601 NW 72nd St.**  
**KCMO 64151**

**9:30 a.m. Registration; 10:00 a.m. Program**  
**“Streams in the Desert”**

**Everyone Welcome!**

**March 30, 2014**  
**5th Sunday Dinner**  
**immediately following**  
**Sunday worship in the**  
**Fellowship Hall.**



**We will be serving chicken patties**  
**on a bun, chips, BBQ beans, a veggie tray,**  
**beverages and dessert.**

**Price for adults is \$5.00 each OR \$3.00 if you**  
**bring two food items for our food boxes.**

**Fairview’s Annual Easter**  
**Egg Hunt**

**Saturday—April 19th**  
**at 10 a.m.**

***Need to receive candy***  
***donations no later than***  
***Sunday, March 30th.***

You may leave your candy donation in the church office.

Also we’ll need some volunteers to help with the event on **April 19th. If you can volunteer to help ‘hide’ eggs & can be there by 8:45 a.m.,** please contact Tom P.



**EASTER LILY ORDERS**

It is time once again to order Easter Lilies to decorate our Sanctuary.

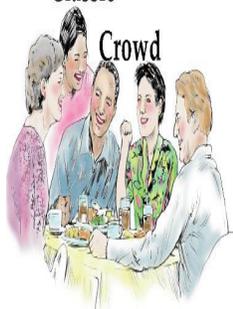
If you would like to order an Easter Lily for a loved one, please fill out the information on the envelope provided in the bulletin (& include payment).

**Easter Lilies**

Cost is \$10 per order;  
the **deadline to place** your order is **Sun., March 23rd.**

Envelopes, with payment, may be dropped in the collection plate or left in the office.

Classic  
Crowd



**Classic Crowd**  
**Thursday, March 13**  
**11:30 a.m.**

**Meal....**  
**Chili + pot luck**  
**Program...**  
**Musical program presented**  
**by Chuck & Vicki**

**Just a reminder...Sun., March 9th**  
**Daylight Saving Time Begins!**



*Diaconate Manuals*

**DIACONATE—2014 Manuals**

*If you have not picked up your copy of the book yet, they are available outside of the Fellowship Hall on the card table below the Missions bulletin board.*



Please mark your calendar for  
**Sunday, March 16th**  
FCC Fellowship Hall.

The children & grandchildren of  
Ernie & Bonnie T.  
invite you to the celebration of their  
Sixtieth Wedding Anniversary  
from two to four o'clock in the afternoon.

Your presence will be so appreciated  
that gifts are not necessary.

### Missions education update

March's emphasis is on  
Heifer International.  
We will have a display in the  
Narthex during the month of  
March as well as a speaker  
during the Sunday school time **March 30**.  
Teachers – you get a day off.  
Please encourage your classes to come hear the  
speaker.



April we will focus on Micah Ministry and MLM, 2  
organizations with which we are active.  
**April 15** is our Mission Trip open to the entire church  
family. We will leave the church shortly after 9:30  
AM, tour the Independence Blvd Christian church,  
have lunch as a group in North Kansas City,  
then tour MLM after lunch returning to the church  
around 2:00. This should be a fun and enjoyable  
outing during a time of better weather and we can  
learn about these 2 local organizations we support.

**May** we turn our attention to children's books.  
Merlita P's sister in the Philippines has a dream of  
constructing a children's library for a mountain vil-  
lage near her home.  
You can see pictures of the children and teachers  
that will be in receipt of the books on our Missions  
bulletin board outside fellowship hall.  
We are looking for books for pre K through age 16.  
Please bring them **Sunday May 11** (Mother's Day)  
for a special dedication similar to what we do with  
the Christmas toys.  
Missions department has voted to pay for shipping.



### This week, we conclude a two part series on how our church is governed.

The goal of this article is to keep  
our "corporate knowledge" up so every member  
understands how the church operates. We hope  
this article will help each of you as we look forward into  
our future.

As is typical of Disciples of Christ congregations, we  
believe that our Constitution and Bylaws are consistent  
with Biblical principles.

Given the broad nature of the Constitution, the bylaws  
then provide most of the details and rules for:

- Membership on the General Board, term limits,  
quorums and minimum votes for passage.
- Qualifications, duties and election rules of Officers  
and other Congregation Leaders.
- Duties of the Ordained Minister(s), and rules for  
selecting/terminating them.
- Establishes that administration of the total program  
of the Congregation, including all employees, is the  
responsibility of the Senior Minister, in cooperation with  
other members of the staff and the General Board  
(certain elements of the program may be delegated to  
the Departments and Committees.)
- Lists the standing Departments and Committees  
and defines how chairmen and members are selected.
- Defines the duties of the Departments and Com-  
mittees.

*Copies of the Constitution and Bylaws are available in the  
office.*



**Congratulations** to Fairview's own Shelby.

Shelby will be recognized this Saturday, March 8th  
at Pleasant Valley Baptist Church at 11 a.m. for  
completing all of the necessary requirements to  
receive the Girl Scouts of America Gold Award.