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THE FAIRVIEW CHRISTIAN CHURCH VISITOR

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Upcoming Events

Nov. 18—Compassionate Ministry (Cornerstone Room); Bells; G.A.P. (FH); Choir

Nov. 19—Chapel Prayer; CWF Exec. Board Mtg. (Cornerstone Room); Northland Disciples Mtg.; CWF Thanksgiving Favors (FH); Northaven Group 2 Mtg. & Program (FH); S.A.S.S. (Conf. Room)

Nov. 20—G.S. Troop 1024 (FH)

Nov. 21—FH Reserved (Membership); Grief Seminar (Conf. Room/Lounge)

Nov. 22—COMMITMENT SUNDAY; Worship; Koffee Klatch; All-Church Thanksgiving Dinner & Entertainment (FH)

Nov. 23—Monday Morning Men (FH); Bible Study Book Club (Cornerstone Rm.); Priscilla Group (Conf. Room/Lounge); Boy Scouts (FH)

Nov. 24—Rotary (FH); Faith In Him; Cub Scouts (FH)

Nov. 26—Thanksgiving Day

Sunday Services

8:30 a.m.
Intercessory Prayer

9:00 a.m.
Sunday School

10:00 a.m.
Worship Service

Co-Pastors
Kassie & Travis

As we continue to hear new details emerging from Paris, Beirut, Iraq, Kenya, Syria and many places around the world, we have few options left but prayer. As Christians, we offer hospitality to those who are hurting, those suffering loss, and those struck by fear as they try to move forward.

We share the Pastoral Prayer from this last Sunday. It was written by Laurie Ann Kraus, Coordinator, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and can be found at: http://pres-outlook.org/2015/11/a-prayer-for-paris-beirut-and-baghdad/

A prayer for Paris, Beirut, and Baghdad

God of mercy, whose presence sustains us in every circumstance, in the midst of unfolding violence and the aftermath of terror and loss, we seek the grounding power of your love and compassion.

In these days of fearful danger and division, we need to believe somehow that your kingdom of peace in which all nations and tribes and languages dwell together in peace is still a possibility.

Give us hope and courage that we may not yield our humanity to fear, even in these endless days of dwelling in the valley of the shadow of death.

We pray for neighbors in Paris, in Beirut, in Baghdad, who, in the midst of the grace of ordinary life–while at work, or at play, have been violently assaulted, their lives cut off without mercy.

We are hostages of fear, caught in an escalating cycle of violence whose end can not be seen.

We open our hearts in anger, sorrow and hope: that those who have been spared as well as those whose lives are changed forever may find solace, sustenance, and strength in the days of recovery and reflection that come. We give thanks for strangers who comfort the wounded and who welcome stranded strangers, for first responders who run toward the sound of gunfire and into the smoke and fire of bombing sites.

Once again, Holy One, we cry, how long, O Lord? We seek forgiveness for the ways in which we have tolerated enmity and endured cultures of violence with weary resignation. We grieve the continued erosion of the fabric of our common life, the reality of fear that warps the common good. We pray in grief, remembering the lives that have been lost and maimed, in body or spirit.

We ask for sustaining courage for those who are suffering; wisdom and diligence among global and national agencies and individuals assessing threat and directing relief efforts; and for our anger and sorrow to unite in service to the establishment of a reign of peace, where the lion and the lamb may dwell together, and terror will not hold sway over our common life.

In these days of shock and sorrow, open our eyes, our hearts, and our hands to the movements of your Spirit, who flows in us like the river whose streams makes glad the city of God, and the hearts of all who dwell in it, and in You.

In the name of Christ, our healer and our Light, we pray, Amen.

Commitment Sunday—November 22nd

Remember to bring your completed pledge cards.

During the Offertory period, the congregation will come forward & place their pledge cards in the Chest of Joash.
Please come & experience the joy as we continue this old tradition at Fairview!

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

FCC Bible Study Book Club

Fairview's Bible Study Book Club's next meeting is Mon., Nov. 23rd at 6 p.m. in the Cornerstone Room.

For November we are discussing the books of Ruth & the Samuels.

For more info, please check out our website (fairviewcc.org) and the blogs at http://www.fairviewcc.org/fairviews-blog

For those without on-line access there is a guide sheet on the small table just down the ramp from the Chapel.

POINSETTIA ORDERS

Cost is $10 per order & the deadline to place your order is Nov. 23rd.

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

Poinsettias

FCC CWF

CWF EXECUTIVE BOARD TO MEET

The CWF board will meet on Thurs., Nov. 19th at 9:30 a.m. in the Cornerstone Classroom.

After a short business meeting we will be working on a small favor to share at the Thanksgiving dinner, Nov. 22nd. All CWF members are invited to attend the board meeting and then help with our project.

Our service project for this month continues to be underwear for Clay County Clothes Closet. If you have not contributed yet, this would be a good opportunity.

Fairview's November Pizza Fellowship will be at Pizza Hut in Claycomo
6:00 p.m. to ? Come join the fun!

Friday Fellowship

Annual FCC Boy Scout Troop 155 Turkey Collection —**Wed., Nov. 25th**
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.

Northland Christmas Store
Dec. 7th, 8th & 9th

The Northland Christmas Store — Make a wish come true this holiday season!

Fairview has been a supporter of the Northland Christmas Store since it started 27 years ago.

Each year, Fairview helps by collecting toys and sharing our mission dollars. We invite you to be a part of love in action.

You may bring unwrapped toys on Sun., Nov. 22nd or 29th. *We will dedicate the toys on Nov. 29th.*

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.

Thanksgiving Dinner

FAIRVIEW'S ALL-CHURCH THANKSGIVING DINNER & ENTERTAINMENT

Is this Sunday, **Nov. 22nd** 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.

The Sutton Memorial Fund is being used to fund the catered portion of the dinner. Donations received during this year's dinner will replenish the Memorial Fund for next year's use.

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.

Undies Sunday

Fairview's CWF's 'Undies Sunday' continues for the month of November to benefit the Clay County Clothes Closet.

Look outside the Fellowship Hall for a sign & the collection site.

Girls sizes 4-6; Teens sizes 5-12 (low-rise or bikini style);
Women's size 7; Boys briefs sizes 4-5 thru 18-20;
Boys white t-shirts 6-8, 10-12, 14-16

INSIGHTS INTO GRIEF SEMINAR

This seminar is open to any desiring to gain insight into the perplexing problems of grief.

The content will cover emotions, mental, physical, spiritual & social challenges. Different types of grief explained along with a special emphasis on Holiday Grief. No cost to participants.

Seminar will be Saturday, Nov. 21st from 10 a.m. to Noon at Fairview Christian Church in the Conference Room/Lounge. The seminar will be led by Rev. Dr. Clarence T.

Mission opportunity!

November has 5 Mondays this year. We are taking a crew to Micah ministry an extra Mon. on Nov. 30th.

If first Mondays don't work for you and you always thought you would like to go try it come join us! We will meet at the church at 4:15 and leave promptly at 4:30.

Northaven Group 2 invites you to their program Nov. 19th which starts at Fairview at 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Cpl. Gary B. of the Clay County Sheriff's Department is the guest speaker. His presentation is on, 'Indicators of Drug Activity."

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD:

Fairview's CWF is collecting filled/unwrapped shoe boxes. These boxes are due back to Fairview Sunday, **Nov. 22nd.**

To participate, please get one of the boxes in the Fellowship Hall which contain pamphlets. Or if you have a standard size shoe box, feel free to get one of the extra pamphlets on the counter by the boxes in the Fellowship Hall.

If possible, please include a donation of $7 with each shoe box; this will help to cover shipping & other project costs. Questions, please contact Pat J.

Reminder....The Church Office will be closed on ... Thurs., Nov. 26th & Fri., Nov. 27th.

2015 Fairview's Thanksgiving Offering Sunday, Nov. 22nd

Your gift to the Thanksgiving Offering helps underwrite the education of students attending our undergraduate institutions & our seminaries or divinity houses.

Priscilla CWF Group Meeting Monday, Nov. 23rd 7:00 p.m.; Conference Room

The Priscilla Group is a service group. All Ladies welcome!

November service projection — 'undies'. Please see the designated area outside of the Fellowship Hall by the Missions bulletin board—details of needed 'undies' listed at the "Undies Sundays" display/collection area.

Remember to bring a gift for your prayer partner.

The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Greater Kansas City
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You are invited to share in a warm welcome to Rev. Bill Rose-Heim, our new Greater Kansas City Regional Minister and President.

If you would like to share a personal welcome via email with Rev. Rose-Heim, his email address is billrh@kcdisciples.org

Please join the Greater KC region in a Celebration of Ministry for Rev. Donna Rose-Heim, our former GKC Interim Regional Minister and President. It will take place this Thurs., Nov. 19th from 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM in the Overland Park Christian Church Fireside Room (7600 W. 75th Street, Overland Park, KS 66204).

This past Saturday the FCC JYF met up at Fairview to pack family food boxes.

Thank you to Fairview's youth, church members & some of the scouts that helped to fill & decorate 3 family food boxes (each box is for a family of 4) and 12 smaller family food boxes (each box for a family of 2).

We delivered the boxes & got a tour of the food pantry. In addition, Pastor Travis took us for ice cream afterwards.

A good day for all !