



THE FAIRVIEW CHRISTIAN CHURCH VISITOR

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Upcoming Events

Dec. 01—Pack 354 Webelos (FL)

Dec. 02—Pack 354 Wolves (FL)

Dec. 04—Pack 354 Bears (Cornerstone Room); Troop 354 Lock-In (FH)

Dec. 05—Sunday School; FCC In-Person & Online Worship Service; Koffee Klatch (FH); Ethiopian Christian Fellowship in Missouri (Sanctuary)

Dec. 06—Morning Men (H); Boy Scouts (FH & FL)

Dec. 07—Faith In Him (Music Room); Pack 354 AOLs (FL)

Dec. 08—Pack 354 Webelos (FL)

Dec. 09—Classic Crowd (FH); Elders Gathering ; Pack 354 Wolves (FL)

Dec. 10—Pack 354 Holiday Party (FH & Kitchen)

Dec. 11—Aquarium Club (FH)

Dec. 12—Sunday School; FCC In-Person & Online Worship Service; Koffee Klatch (FH); Ethiopian Christian Fellowship in Missouri (Sanctuary)



Sunday
Services

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

Senior Minister
Rev. Jill Standley

Fairview Beloved,

Hope, Peace, Joy, Love - these are the four candles we light during the advent season, with the Christ candle being lit on Christmas Eve. As each candle is lit, we recognize that the light of Christ is coming into the world. We can see that those who walk in darkness will see a great light.



I've always found it interesting, the advent season. It is a season of wait and a season to recognize and savor the waiting.....because we often wait for that good thing. I wonder if advent is more....a chance for us to truly assess our lives and assess whether we are truly understanding the hope, peace, joy and love that Christ brings to our lives.

Often as people of faith and especially as people who are looking at our lives and thinking, "Man, I got a great life", we take for granted what Jesus truly has brought to us. We've heard the stories, we do this every year, we are at church every Sunday - but are we really SEEING and FEELING the hope, peace, joy and love that Jesus brings to us? Are we attributing all of that to Christ? Our great lives? Our great hopes? Because for us the light has been shining and is shining constantly in our lives.

Perhaps this advent season - we start to name Christ as the reason for our joy, hope, love WHEN we feel it and as we feel it. Maybe for us, it isn't waiting for Jesus to be born - it's more of a - This is how I KNOW Jesus was born....and take the season to recognize it in all things.

In Christ's Peace, Rev. Jill



Poinsettias

POINSETTIA ORDERS

Now is the time you can place an order for a Poinsettia.

The deadline for placing an order is December 6th.

If you would like to order a Poinsettia for a loved one, please fill out the information on the designated envelope & include payment.

A container with the designated envelopes to be used for orders can be found on the Welcome Table in the Narthex.

Cost is \$9 per order. Envelopes, with payment, may be left in the office or dropped in the collection plate.

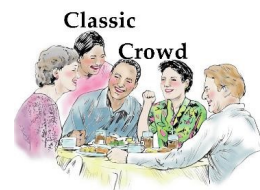
Thursday, December 9th, 11:30 a.m.; Fairview Fellowship Hall

Christmas will be here before you know it & once again we will have the **Classic Crowd** tradition of having the Antioch Middle School Choir to serenade us with Christmas Music!

They will start their concert at 12:30 p.m., after our meal.

Meal will be a holiday dinner of ham and all the "fixins" and desserts — cost \$5 per person.

Also, we are requesting everyone bring non/perishable goods donation for the food pantry.



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



We would like to say thank you from the bottom of our hearts for all of the prayers for Lindsay and our family and for all the cards and calls.

Also, we would like to say how grateful we are for Rev. Jill and the beautiful service she gave.

We love all of our Fairview Family.
Lindsay was born into this church.

—Jim, Brenda, Arya & Adam

Although Thanksgiving is over,
I want to say how thankful
I am for all the love that has
been shown to me over the past
two years.



Thank you all for your prayers for Roy and me while he was sick and for me since he passed away. The hugs were so much appreciated. — Sandra



**Free copies of Advent Devotionals
available while supplies last.**

God is coming into our midst.
How can we prepare to welcome Jesus
into our lives?

Daily, five-minute devotions beginning
the first Sunday of Advent through
Christmas morning include a scripture
verse, a reflection, and a prayer.

Supplies can be found on the small table down from the
Chapel & also on the Welcome Table in the Narthex.



Sunday, December 5th

This Sunday, Troop 354, will have some
Christmas greenery available to purchase
after Worship.

NORTHLAND CHRISTMAS STORE — 2021

**THANK YOU, THANK YOU
FAIRVIEW CHRISTIAN CHURCH**



*Make a wish
come true
this holiday
season!*

On November 28th we blessed and dedicated the monetary
donations the Congregation gave for the
Northland Christmas Store.

The total amount delivered to the Christmas Store
on November 30th was \$2,800.00. The breakdown was
\$2,050.00.00 donated by the Congregation and
\$750 donated from Fairview's Missions Department.

The above amount exceeds the amount Fairview donated
last year & is more than enough for all of the gift cards for
the children ages 15-18 years old. The remainder will be
used to purchase food and toys.

The number of Fairview volunteers that will be working this
year at the Store are 10 people who will be covering
4-hour shifts.

The store will be serving 189 families for a total of
803 people plus 210 homebound seniors.

As always FCC came through over and above.
Thank you to all those that participated and donated in this
project of love and hope.

—Myrna G., FCC Missions Department



Sundays Dec. 12th & Dec. 19th

The Regional Christmas Offering supports the work of
Regional ministries. A sample of some of the ways your
regional ministry works are as follows:

- ⇒ Connect congregations to each other
- ⇒ Foster faith development
- ⇒ Gather Disciples in camps, conferences, and assemblies
- ⇒ Nurture the development of a new generation of pastors
- ⇒ Assist churches in calling new ministers



We want to acknowledge and express our appreciation and say thank you to Boy Scout Troop 354, sponsored by our church, for collecting food which they donated to Metropolitan Lutheran Ministries.

Dave B., Gary B., Mike G. and Troop 354 Scout leaders delivered the food to MLM. The additional food donation was greatly appreciated by MLM because of the huge number of families needing assistance in the holiday season.

Again, thank you to the Scouts and everyone who made this donation possible. — Missions Department



Contributions Report

November Regular Offerings	\$ 14,234
November Above & Beyond Designated Giving	750
November Total Offerings	14,984
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YTD Regular Offerings	\$ 210,430
YTD Above & Beyond Designated Giving	25,731
YTD Total Offerings	236,161
YTD Budget	214,940

FCC DECEMBER SERVING SCHEDULE

Worship Services

The following are scheduled to be serving elders:

Table 1:	Susan A.
Table 2:	Bill R.
1 st Concerned:	Kathy H.
2 nd Concerned:	Pat D.

Worship Leader for Dec. 5th Bill R.



BIRTHDAYS

DEC: (1) Shirley J., Billie S.; (2) Marilyn F.; (3) Cheryl B.; (4) Faye E.; (5) Lillian G.; (8) Ruth F., John K.; (9) Margaret M.; (13) Janet H.; (14) JoBeth J., Eileen T.

ANNIVERSARIES

Thank you to all who have turned in information from FCC's Volunteer Sunday, your talents are appreciated as we look forward to 2022.

If you currently are serving on a team in 2021 & would like to continue on the same team for 2022 feel free to let the current chairperson know.

Current Chairs for 2021 are:

Membership, Sandy A.; Memorials, Karen S.; Missions, Melva D. L.; Property, Vaughn B.; Stewardship, Dick D.; Worship, Barbara M.; Diaconate, Chet G.; Elders, Joy G.; Trustees, Mel O.



OUR RECORD

Sunday November 28, 2021

Sun. School Attendance	16
Worship Attendance	78
Visitors	14
New Members 2021	1

December Contributions

Are you running behind on your pledge or do you plan to make charitable donations during December?

Please, remember that Fairview relies upon your generous contributions, especially during December.

If you plan to drop off contributions before the end of 2021, please call to see if someone is in the office, or simply drop it in Fairview's mailbox (which is the black box on the brick wall right outside the front office door).

All donations must be received by Thursday, Dec. 30th at 1 p.m. or mailed with a postmark date prior to Jan. 1, 2022 to count toward your 2021 pledge & be deductible on your 2021 income tax returns.



December Contributions



Recently we have had some children in church and are needing to have the nursery available when that happens. I would like to put together a list of church members who would be willing to assist in the nursery, should the need arise.

If you would be willing to provide assistance with this endeavor, please let the Church Office know. We will put together a list to reference when families wish to use the nursery.

There will be **NO NEWSLETTER** the week of: **Wed., Dec. 29th**

Last newsletter for 2021, will be Wed., Dec. 22nd.
Deadline for articles for this newsletter will be Monday, Dec. 20th.

First newsletter for 2022 will be Wed., Jan. 5th.
Deadline for articles for this newsletter will be Monday, Jan. 3rd.

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