

THE CALL

Fairmont Presbyterian Church

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Faith is not an emotion. Faith is not an idea. Faith is a particular sort of perception that allows one to see beyond the impermanent circumstances and situations of our lives to perceive what is real, true, and of God. Faith permits us to perceive the always emerging quality of God's future poking its way into this creation. That perception, seeing what God is creating and transforming, gives rise to the courage of hope founded not on idle dreams, but on the actual patterns of God's activities we see around us.

I am so thankful that Fairmont has responded to this second year of shutdowns, pandemic, anxiety, and isolation in faith. You have seen beyond zoom screens and YouTube to see the real ways we have reached out to each other in love. You have seen beyond hybrid worship with some worshippers in the sanctuary and some at home to the hidden reality of a broader evangelism and embrace sharing far beyond anything we had imagined before. You see it in our adult education classes that are no longer constrained by time and distance, helping people grow in faith, knowledge, and maturity. You can see it in our programs for youth and children which have simultaneously grown more hi tech and high-touch helping each precious young person grow in Christ. And you have been faithful in making all this possible, sharing your resources, your prayers, your labor, and your financial support, to not merely sustain but grow Fairmont's ministry and missional outreach in this time of need. While many congregations have floundered during this time of unprecedented grief and anxiety, we have been and are growing all thanks to you. While many congregations are now anxiously focused on survival, we are focused on becoming more faithful. All of it is made possible by you.

All our growth, all our missions, and all our ministries depend entirely on your faith-inspired giving. Your tithes and offerings are transformed every week into worship, teaching, loving care, and help for families in need in our community. We have been called and sent to share the liberating and transforming Gospel of Jesus Christ in our age and in our time. We serve, proclaim, and minister together in this material world requiring material resources. So, we share some of our resources to fulfill Christ's ministry today. The world will not teach you this habit of sharing. It requires faith. And faith is a gift of the Spirit.

In the next weeks, you will receive a pledge card for your support of Fairmont's ministries in the year ahead. Please pray for wisdom on how you should respond. Look with eyes of faith to what God has done and is doing and in faith in and through you and through our community. Examine how you are called to participate in God's future emerging around us and how God is nudging you to participate. Please mail in your pledge in the addressed, stamped envelope, so we can include your pledge in our prayers of gratitude on Stewardship Sunday, November 21.

May the small candle of faith that you kindle shine light into a thousand dark places so that this season of anxiety and grief may be lit bright by hope.

-Brian

WORSHIP

In-person Casual Service 8:30am

Traditional Service 10:30am

**All worship offerings will be live-streamed
online beginning at 10:15am.**

Visit www.fairmontchurch.org/worship-videos for
links to all past and upcoming live streams.

Join us on Sunday November 7 for our annual
recognition of All Saints when we remember all the
members of Fairmont who have entered into the
Church Triumphant over the past year.

November 7th: All Saints' Day/Communion
Lesson: Daniel 3:14, 15-26
Sermon: Through the Fire

November 14th: 25th Sunday after Pentecost
Lesson: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-18
Sermon: The Son of Man Comes

November 21st: Christ the King
Lesson: Daniel 12:1-4
Sermon: The End and the Beginning

November 28th: 1st Sunday of Advent
Lesson: Luke 21:25-36
Sermon: Drawing Near

ONLINE MINISTRIES

Connections: Wednesdays, 7:00pm
Zoom Meeting Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84170790852>
Zoom Meeting ID: 841 7079 0852

Bible Study: Thursdays, 7:30pm
Zoom Meeting Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86422990477>
Zoom Meeting ID: 864 2299 0477

Theology on Tap: 1st & 3rd Fridays, 5:00pm
Zoom Meeting Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89247878247>
Zoom Meeting ID: 892 4787 8247

CONNECTIONS

The Bits the Bible Left Out

This fall, on Wednesday nights at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom, we will be looking at how the Bible was put together and especially at what did not make it in. We will consider the process of creating both the Old and New Testament Canons and those collections of literature that were either not included or ignored.

November 3: The Gospel Tradition(s)
November 10: The Christian Apocalyptic Tradition
November 17: The Apostolic Fathers
November 24: NO CLASS—Happy Thanksgiving

FAIRMONT CHILDREN

Trunk or Treat

Thank you to all who participated in Trunk or Treat! We are so blessed with great volunteers. Alongside cars with candy, Fairmont provided hot apple cider and light snacks. We had a great turnout of church families!

Children's Sabbath

Fairmont had an excellent Children's Sabbath this past month! Several families participated and nearly every part of our worship service was led by the kids. Not only did our wonderful young speakers provide leadership, but we were also blessed with 2 beautiful music offerings by children! Kids, thank you for all of your hard work! I'm so grateful to work with and teach you!

Virtual Children's Sunday School

Please join Ms. Lorelei for Virtual Children's Sunday School on Sundays at 12:00! Children will learn about the Word of God through watching fun videos, listening to Bible stories, and participating in open conversations!
Sundays, 12:00pm
Meeting Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85369030516>
Meeting ID: 853 6903 0516

As Coronavirus statistics become more concerning, Fairmont has decided to **pause our in-person Sunday School** meetings. We will resume in-person Sunday School as soon as it is safe to do so. Stay safe and be well.

NEW! - Zoom Time with Miss Lorelei Kids... I MISS YOU!

Families now have the opportunity to schedule one-on-one Zoom time slots with me! My goal for these chats is to inspire deeper connections between myself and the children, therefore encouraging a safe, supportive, and comfortable environment for them at church. Check Kidz Korner for days and times each week!

FAIRMONT YOUTH MINISTRY

(Grades 6th -12th)
Sundays, 12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Fairmont Youth Ministry will meet on Sundays in-person from 12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. (**unless otherwise noted in bold print**). There will be bible study, games, activities, and lunch!

PLEASE NOTE that I have made some simple changes of location (*while the weather permits*) for the sake of COVID-19 safety for our youth. While the weather is still beautiful, Youth Group will be meeting in a variety of COVID-safe places:

- Church Courtyard Outdoors for lunch
- Church Outdoor Green Space for games and programming
- Fellowship Hall with 8 open windows and cross fans (when weather is bad)
- Youth Room with 4 open windows, two open doors, and cross fans (when weather is bad)

All youth and adults will be wearing masks. All adult staff and volunteers are fully vaccinated.
All gatherings are subject to change depending upon COVID-19.

NOVEMBER YOUTH SCHEDULE

- November 7** Prayer: Lunch and Bible Study
- November 14** Prayer: Lunch and Faith Through Art
- November 21** Prayer: Lunch and Mission & Service
- November 28** **THANKSGIVING: NO YOUTH**

Pastor Kelley can be reached by email at kshin@fairmontchurch.org or by text or phone at (937) 751-0752.

MUSIC NOTES

As we begin the month of November, it is good to remember the many blessings God bestows on us through the gift of music. Giving your time and talents to participate in Praise Band, Chancel Choir, or Bell Choir is a form of stewardship and a way of thanking and praising God. Perhaps you cannot commit to a weekly rehearsal at this time, but can participate in special events, or agree to join a group for a month, or provide an instrumental solo for one Sunday. There are many opportunities for participation!

November 14 - The Bell Choir returns, leading the music for the 10:30 service. Flutist Nicole Dault will join the Bells. The Chancel Choir will be off on this Sunday.

December 12 - The Praise Band and the Chancel Choir join forces to celebrate the coming of the Christ Child.

December 19 - The Bell Choir returns to the 10:30 service. We need one additional player for this service.

The Chancel Choir is preparing music for the December 12 music celebration. Beginning at 7:15 p.m. on Thursday evenings, the first hour of rehearsal is dedicated to rehearsing the Christmas music. We invite singers from the congregation to join us at that time. If you have ever considered joining the choir, this is the perfect time to begin. Contact me at vram-ga@fairmontchurch.org or simply show up!



STEWARDSHIP SEASON 2021

Stewardship Season is upon us! Wow! Where did the summer go – it went by so quickly! Leaves are turning brilliant colors of yellow, red, and orange; and are falling off trees. It's a beautiful time of year.

Our Faith has truly taken flight during the last 12 to 19 months. Our worship services and programs are reaching more individuals than prior to the pandemic. A significant number of individuals regularly participate in online worship. Online programs that were developed during the last year continue and safe, social distanced, indoor and outdoor in-person programs are picking back up as we look for different ways to offer educational programs to adults, children and youth.

In May 2021, we opened our church building for in-person worship! It was truly wonderful seeing many of our faith family in person again! It had been TOO long! Brian and Kelley commented that it was SO wonderful to see real faces in the pews instead of photos of church members!

Our music ministry continues to enhance our overall worship experience. Throughout the summer individual choir members and musicians performed the anthem and it was wonderful listening to their beautiful music. In September we were blessed with the Chancel Choir singing live in the Sanctuary once again!

On a sad note, Jerry Mann submitted his resignation as the leader of the Casual Worship Service to take a new position in California. We have been blessed with Jerry's faithful leadership of the Casual Worship Service for over 12 years! But when a door closes a window opens to a new beginning. After a prayerful search for a new Casual Worship leader, we were presented with Coleman Clark. His musical and vocal talents are delightful, and we overwhelmingly accepted him! Coleman's desire is to get to know everyone so don't be surprised when he approaches and wants to talk with you.

The 2021 Fairmont Stewardship season will look more 'normal' and nothing like last year. In mid-October the Session approved our operating budget, and beginning on Sunday, October 31 and on two following Sundays, Stewardship Messages will be delivered by members as a part of both the Casual and Traditional Worship Services. We ask that you prayerfully consider your pledge for 2022 and either mail it to the church office or bring it to in person worship on Consecration Sunday, which is November 21.

We are Blessed and Thankful to be associated with an amazingly wonderful church that offers many opportunities to participate in educational and faith study programs for youth, children, and adults and contributes to mission needs in our community. Your support is necessary in order to continue the faithful work of Fairmont.

Blessings,

Your Stewardship Team

FREE MONEY

Free Money: Taxpayers over 70 1/2 years of age with an IRA or a 401K/403B accounts may transfer withdrawals (up to \$100,000 per year) directly to Fairmont Presbyterian Church or other "qualified charitable organizations" and not pay tax on the distribution. Retirement savings accounts of various sorts require individuals over 72 to annually make required minimum distributions or face significant tax penalties. Those distributions are then added to your taxable income, often boosting your tax bracket. But, if you direct those distributions in whole or in part to Fairmont or other charities, those funds do not count as taxable income. This transfer method can save you significant tax dollars. As always, consult with qualified advisors to help with tax planning, but using qualified charitable distributions may be a tax efficient way for you to support Fairmont!

MISSION BEYOND THE CONGREGATION



Feeding Our Community—2021

There is still a great need to feed families, children and youth in our community. We are still seeking donations of nonperishable food or personal items to South Dayton Food Pantry/FISH.

Southeast Food Pantry/FISH is a multi-denominational volunteer food pantry based out of the Southminster Presbyterian Church. They are one of the member food pantries working with the Dayton FoodBank to provide emergency food assistance to those in need. In 2021 they are on pace to serve over 12,000 meals!

Volunteer opportunities—They are in need of 2-4 callers and 2-4 deliverers to fill time slots per month. Callers set up deliverers with clients on Monday or Wednesday mornings. Deliverers coordinate the delivery of food that afternoon. 1-2 hour commitment each time. More information is available at <https://www.sminster.com/fish-southeast-food-pantry/> or contact Kevin Dickson at mision@sminster.com.

Food Donations—They are in need of nonperishable food and personal care items. Fairmonters have been generously donating these items for some time and they are delivered to the food pantry weekly or monthly. Some examples of items needed are as follows:

Food—canned goods, Mac and cheese and pasta.
Personal care items—bath soap, detergent, tooth paste, tooth brushes.

Please deposit your donated food or personal care items in one of two barrels, located outside the elevator and in the cloakroom outside the church office. Please be sure that “use by” or “sell by” dates have not expired or the items will not be usable.



The 2021 Art, Antique and Craft Show is ON!

We need your help to make the *2021 Art, Antique and Craft Show* a success. The show is scheduled for Saturday, November 13, 9:00-3:00 and you can help us raise money for the Hunger Missions in our area. Here are some ways you can help!

Volunteer your time:



- Help move sale items from the basement to the Choir Room on **Monday, November 8**. We will start around 9 A.M. and work until the job is finished. **Please contact Carolyn Wimer at (937) 705-6451 to volunteer for this task.** The more help we get, the less time it will take!
- Volunteers are needed the **day of the Show, Saturday, November 13**, starting at 9am. **Please contact Kathy Akers (937) 298-5598 or Carol Lamberger (937) 298-8567 to sign up.** It is a fun and fulfilling day!

Giving Opportunities:



- **Bake Sale:** We need your holiday treats! Please plan to bring in your bake sale donations on Friday, November 12. We also need semi-sweet chocolate chips for dipping the buckeyes and peppermint patties (please leave them in the kitchen fridge). **Call Kelly Coan with questions (937) 470-3427.**

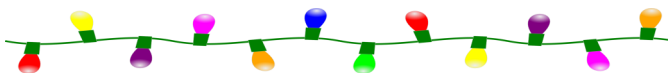
Raffle Items:

Donate gift cards for our raffle (examples- oil changes, restaurants, hair salons) or create a themed gift basket (example: Movie Night basket including your favorite movies, popcorn and snacks). **Call Mel Hohler if can help with a donation (937) 293-0118.**



Auction Items needed:

Please consider donating a higher valued item for the live Auction with Charley Schuerholtz. **Contact Kerri Miles at (937)829-0276 if you have an idea or questions.** Be creative -they can be services that you can provide or something that you can teach for example.



November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
	10:00am: Dayton P.E.O. (012)	11:00am: Fit 4 You (fh) 12:00pm: AA (012) 12:00pm: OA (rc) 7:00pm: Team Meetings	7:00pm: Connections (online) 7:30pm: AA (012)	6:00pm-7:00pm: Bell Choir (cr) 7:15pm-8:45pm: Choir (cr) 7:00pm: NA (012) 7:30pm: Bible Study	11:00am: Fit 4 You (fh) 12:00pm: OA (rc) 5:00pm: Theology on Tap (online)	5 11:00am: Fit 4 You (fh) 12:00pm: OA (rc) 5:00pm: Theology on Tap (online)	6 9:00am-3:00pm Art, Antique and Craft Show
All Saints' Day/ Communion 8:30am: Casual Service (fh) 10:30am: Traditional Service (sanctuary) 12:00pm: Youth Ministry Daylight saving time ends	7:00pm: Circle 1	11:00am: Fit 4 You (fh) 12:00pm: AA (012) 12:00pm: OA (rc) 7:00pm: Trustees, B&G, Finance	11:30am: Veterans Day Program @ David's Cemetery 7:00pm: Connections (online) 7:30pm: AA (012)	6:00pm-7:00pm: Bell Choir (cr) 7:15pm-8:45pm: Choir (cr) 7:00pm: NA (012) 7:00pm: Bible Study (online)	11:00am: Fit 4 You (fh) 12:00pm: OA (rc) 5:00pm: Theology on Tap (online)	13 9:00am-3:00pm Art, Antique and Craft Show	
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Christ the King 8:30am: Casual Service (fh) 9:30am: Acoustic Grace 10:30am: Traditional Service (sanctuary) 12:00pm: Youth Ministry	22 11:00am: Fit 4 You (fh) 12:00pm: AA (012) 12:00pm: OA (rc) 7:00pm: Deacons (online) 7:00pm: Musica (cr)	23 11:00am: Fit 4 You (fh) 12:00pm: AA (012) 12:00pm: OA (rc) 7:00pm: Deacons (online) 7:00pm: Musica (cr)	24 5:00pm: Circle 6 (offsite) No Connections 7:30pm: AA (012)	25 Thanksgiving Day (Office Closed)	26 Thanksgiving Friday (Office Closed)	27 10:30am Earl "Bucky" Walters Memorial Service (sanctuary) Reception to follow in Fellowship Hall	
1st Sunday of Advent 8:30am: Casual Service (fh) 10:30am: Traditional Service (sanctuary)	29 11:00am: Fit 4 You (fh) 12:00pm: AA (012) 12:00pm: OA (rc) 7:00pm: Musica (cr)	30 11:00am: Fit 4 You (fh) 12:00pm: AA (012) 12:00pm: OA (rc) 7:00pm: Musica (cr)					

WOMEN OF FAIRMONT

Cookie Walk

The annual Women of Fairmont Cookie Walk is fast approaching on December 12th, following the single service. Be sure to save the date! Everyone is invited to bake and donate cookies and candy for the Cookie Walk. For cookie and candy donations, watch for the sign-up sheet, which will be posted in the Fellowship Hall, or you may sign up on the Fellowship Pad. You may also email your intent to donate cookies or candy to Cindy Cavey. The email address is ccavey@roadrunner.com, or you may text her at 937-245-1787. Cookies and candies can be delivered to the Fellowship Hall on Friday, December 10 between 9:00 am and 3:00 pm or Saturday, December 11 between 9:00 and 11:00 am. Then join us on December 12th to purchase cookies for the benefit of the Women of Fairmont mission projects. We look forward to seeing you at this festive and fun Christmas gathering!



THANK OFFERING

Presbyterian Thank Offering Sunday

Through the Thank Offering, we can help fund programs that provide education, safe housing, food, clean water and health care. Please consider bringing or mailing a check to the church office made out to Fairmont Presbyterian Church with Thank Offering written on the memo line. Thank you!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

On November 7th at 2:00am, Daylight savings time ends. Remember to set your clocks to "Fall Back" an hour!

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Fairmont Veterans Day Program

To recognize Fairmont Veterans, we will honor everyone on Wednesday, **November 10 from 12:00 to about 1:30 pm** at David's Cemetery. Spouses, Veteran friends, and interested church members are welcome to attend. A box lunch will be provided by David's Cemetery (4600 Mad River Road) in their Gathering Room located in the Community Mausoleum. Follow the signs once you enter the cemetery. Eric Watne will briefly talk about the service-related monoliths in Old Glory Plaza and offer van tours to anyone so interested after lunch. Our program will be storytelling of unusual service-related experiences, humor, or just sharing of individual history. Each Veteran is urged...but not required...to think of something to share for a few minutes. Reservations **ARE** required. Please notify Jennifer Mason in the church office, by phone or email, no later than **Monday, November 8** so we can order the lunches. We will follow the same COVID protocols that are currently in place at Fairmont Church.

Fairmont Men's Group

Our Men's Group will all attend the Veterans Day program on Wednesday, November 10th from 12:00 to about 1:30 pm, at David's Cemetery. We will not meet separately in November. To alleviate any confusion, the Veterans Day Program is separate from our Men's Group and is open to all Military Veterans - men and women, spouses and friends. Looking ahead to December, our Men's Group will meet on **Wednesday, December 15th at 11:30 am at the MCL cafeteria**. Let's have a good turnout to wind up the year.

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The Church Offices will be closed on November 25 and 26 for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

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Organist: Judy Bede
Praise & Worship Leader: Coleman Clark

Preschool Director: Amber Reshad
Preschool Teacher: Taryn Boyer
Preschool Aide: Danielle Kern
Administrative Assistant: Jennifer Mason
Bookkeeper: Martha Keil
Custodian: Louis Weyrauch

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NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Stewart Schramm	11/01	Jennifer Fiden	11/12
Janine Borneman	11/03	Loveday Harper Adam	11/13
Ann Diller	11/03	Nicole Hohler	11/15
Mike Cavey	11/05	Jim Grillot	11/19
Betty Lou Ludwig	11/05	Rebecca Lamb	11/19
Sarah Hamilton	11/08	Henry Bergstresser	11/20
Eric Sitar	11/08	Ryan Grieco	11/20
Joe Hood	11/10	Eric Diller	11/21
Debra Wright	11/10	Ginny Glass	11/23
Alexandra Barnett	11/11	David Hammond	11/28
Brian Diller	11/12	Strater Poindexter	11/28



DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT CALL

The deadline for the next Call is Friday, November 19, 2021.

Please submit articles to: jmason@fairmontchurch.org.