

THE CALL

Fairmont Presbyterian Church

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THOUGHTS FROM BRIAN

Poetry contains a higher density of information than prose because it speaks simultaneously to the heart and the mind. We always know more than we can tell, and poetry is the subtle art that through allusion, image, metaphor, and meter conveys far more than our flat and tired indicative. When the words fail, we do not need more explanation. We do not need argument. We do not need description. We need poetry to give voice to the spirit.

The Book of Psalms is the supreme book of poetry in the Old Testament (*sorry Job*). Its sweeping verse lifts the whole range of human emotion and experience from the deepest despair to shame and wrath through hope that reaches beyond itself to exultation. Facing the deepest moments of despair and hope, Jesus himself turns to those words he would have recited since childhood like Psalm 22. The Psalms collectively provide Israel's vocabulary of lament, celebration, and thanksgiving. And they can do the same for us.

Sometimes it is hard to know how to pray. No one ever said prayer needed to be original. When in doubt, pray the Psalms. If it was good enough for Jesus, it is certainly good enough for us. Beyond our prayers, we rarely preach on the psalms now. They are a bit too ephemeral, lacking all narrative except those we bring to them. Instead, each is like a window into human experience in and through God. Throughout October, we will be preaching on the Psalms. This is rather unfamiliar territory for the preachers as well as the congregation. In other words, the Psalms may be the perfect texts for our shared moment with its ambiguity and uncertainty.

With what words do we worship God in a strange and unfamiliar place amid the anxieties of the nations? The Psalms provide an answer if we care to listen.

WORDS FROM KELLEY

I celebrate these cooler early autumn days and the invitation they bring to spend more time outside in nature walking, hiking, or just sitting on the back deck. As the number of COVID-19 cases continue to rise so our anxiety continues to rise. Stepping outside into the company of trees, and sky, and autumn breezes is one way to keep our anxiety at bay.

I invite you, church family, to join me this year in *quarterly hikes* as we celebrate each season of the year. These hikes will be for families, beginner hikers, and those who want to hike at a faster pace, too. The **first mile** of each hike will be at a slower pace for families with children and for beginner hikers. Those who wish to hike a more vigorous hike can join us for the first mile and then continue on with me for two more miles at a faster pace.

I will be leading our first Fairmont Hike on Saturday, October 16th (rain date will be October 23rd) at Bill Yeck Park at the Smith House Entrance. We will meet at **10:45 a.m.** for an 11:00 a.m. start time. Bill Yeck Park has nice picnic areas for families who want to have a picnic lunch following the hike.

The address is:

Bill Yeck Park
Smith House Entrance
2230 E. Centerville Station Road
Centerville, Ohio 45459

I look forward to hiking with you and soaking up the beauty of God's creation!

Pastor Kelley

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.

**October 3rd: World Communion Sunday
Communion**

Lesson: Psalm 31

Sermon: Under Wing

October 10th: 20th Sunday after Pentecost

Lesson: Psalm 90

Sermon: Dwelling Place

October 17th: Children's Sabbath

Lesson: Psalm 104

Sermon: In Praise of Leviathan

October 24th: 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Lesson: Psalm 139

Sermon: Inescapable

October 31st: Reformation Sunday/Single Service

Lesson: Psalm 46

Sermon: A Might

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

Sunday October 31 is Reformation Heritage Sunday!

Join us for a single service on Sunday October 31 as we celebrate our heritage in the Scottish Reformation. The Presbyterian Church is the American offspring of the Church of Scotland. Come and join us as we share with our trans-Atlantic cousins in our shared liturgy, music, and prayers. Gentlemen, this is a perfect opportunity to wear your kilts! And ladies, as always, earasais are most welcome.

PRESBYTERIANISM AND MODERN CHALLENGES FILM DISCUSSION

The Christian Formation Team will be presenting quarterly online (Zoom) film presentations and discussion focused on a variety of themes around *Presbyterianism and Modern Challenges*.

Our next Zoom film presentation and discussion will be on Friday, October 15, 2021 at 8:00 p.m. This time slot allows parents to get their children to bed and participate in adult conversations!

Mark your calendars for our October Film Presentation and Discussion:

DATE: Friday, October 15th

TIME: 8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

FILM: "Pink Capes and Zip-up Boots: Language, Identity, and the Power of Words by Isaac Archuleta"

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.

October 6	The Bits the OT Left Out: The Pseudepigrapha Part Two
October 13	The Canonical Gospels
October 20	The Canonical Epistles
October 27	After the Gospels: The Apostolic Fathers

FAIRMONT CHILDREN

Trunk or Treat - Volunteers Needed!

Get your costumes ready! Trunk-or-Treat will be held in the church parking lot Saturday, October 30th from 4 to 5pm, weather permitting! This event is open to our church congregation and preschool only. To reduce crowding, we will not be publicizing the event to the community. Safety is very important to us! We will be outdoors, practicing social distancing, wearing masks, and implementing various other safety measures to minimize risk.

Volunteers are needed to hand out treats from their cars! If you feel safe doing so, please reach out to Loralei Harding.

Children's Sunday School

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.

We will, however, begin virtual Sunday School October 3rd.

Meeting Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85369030516>

Meeting ID: 853 6903 0516

Children's Programming

Hello, families! We have several fun events this month! I'm so excited to see you! All upcoming events will be outdoors with various safety measures implemented. Your health is our first priority! If your family feels safer staying home, please reach out and talk to Miss Loralei. It's important to Fairmont that no one feels left out due to feeling unsafe in public.

October 3rd, we invite you to bring your pets to church for a Blessing of the Animals at 2:00pm. I can't wait to see all of the furry, feathery, and scaly friends!

October 17th, we will celebrate Children's Sabbath and children as they help lead worship at the 10:30 a.m. service. This year's Children's Sabbath will look a little different than in past years. More information will come soon!

October 30th, adults and children will come together for Trunk-or-Treat at 4:00pm in their best costumes as candy and allergy-friendly treats are handed out by members of our congregation.

Fairmont understands that many families are approaching social situations with caution, but we hope our implemented safety measures make you feel safe.

FAIRMONT YOUTH MINISTRY

(Grades 6th -12th)

Sundays, 4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Fairmont Youth Ministry will meet on Sundays in-person from 4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. (**unless otherwise noted in bold print**). There will be bible study, games, activities, and dinner!

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 dinner

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.

OCTOBER YOUTH SCHEDULE

October 3: All Church "Blessings of the Animals" at 2:00 p.m.

October 10: Cross: Bible Study and Dinner

October 17: Cross: Faith Through Art and Dinner

October 24: Cross: Mission & Service and Dinner

October 31: Youth Cookout & All Saints/
Halloween Party

We will take this one week at a time and do what is best for the safety of our youth and staff. Pastor Kelley can be reached by email at kshin@fairmontchurch.org or by text or phone at (937) 751-0752.

Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday	
World Communion Sunday/ Communion	3	7:00pm WOF Coord. Team	4	11:00am: Fit 4 You (fh) 12:00pm: AA (012) 12:00pm: OA (rc) 7:00pm: Team Meetings 7:00pm: Musica (cr)	5	7:00pm: Connections 7:30pm: AA (012)	
8:30am: Casual Service (fh) 10:30am: Traditional Service (sanctuary) 2:00pm: Blessing of the Animals							
20th Sunday after Pentecost	10	7:00pm: Circle 1	11	11:00am: Fit 4 You (fh) 12:00pm: AA (012) 12:00pm: OA (rc) 7:00pm: Trustees, B&G, Finance 7:00pm: Musica (cr)	12	5:00pm: Circle 6 (off) 7:00pm: Connections 7:30pm: AA (012)	
8:30am: Casual Service (fh) 10:30am: Traditional Service (sanctuary)							
Children's Sabbath	17		18	11:00am: Fit 4 You (fh) 12:00pm: AA (012) 12:00pm: OA (rc) 7:00pm: Session 7:00pm: Musica (cr)	19	7:00pm: Connections 7:30pm: AA (012)	
8:30am: Casual Service (fh) 9:30am: Acoustic Grace 10:30am: Traditional Service (sanctuary)							
22nd Sunday after Pentecost	24	8:00pm: Circle 8	25	11:00am: Fit 4 You (fh) 12:00pm: AA (012) 12:00pm: OA (rc) 7:00pm: Deacons (online) 7:00pm: Musica (cr)	26	7:00pm: Connections 7:30pm: AA (012)	
8:30am: Casual Service 10:30am: Traditional	31						
Reformation Sunday Single Service 10:30am (sanctuary)							

Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
				11:00am: Fit 4 You (fh) 12:00pm: OA (rc) 5:00pm: Theology on Tap (online)	1		2
s (online)	6	6:00pm-7:00pm: Bell Choir (cr) 7:15pm-8:45pm: Choir (cr) 7:00pm: NA (012) 7:00pm: Bible Study (online)	7	11:00am: Fit 4 You (fh) 12:00pm: OA (rc)	8		9
site)	13	6:00pm-7:00pm: Bell Choir (cr) 7:15pm-8:45pm: Choir (cr) 7:00pm: NA (012) 7:30pm: Bible Study (online)	14	11:00am: Fit 4 You (fh) 12:00pm: OA (rc) 5:00pm: Theology on Tap (online) 8:00 pm: Presbyterianism and Modern Challenges Film (online)	15	9:00am-4:00pm: Rug Hooking (fh) 11:00am: Fairmont Hike (offsite)	16
s (online)	20	11:30am: Fairmont Men's Group (offsite) 6:00pm-7:00pm: Bell Choir (cr) 7:15pm-8:45pm: Choir (cr) 7:00pm: NA (012) 7:30pm: Bible Study (online)	21	11:00am: Fit 4 You (fh) 12:00pm: OA (rc)	22		23
s (online)	27	1:00pm: Rug Hooking Group (fh) 6:00pm-7:00pm: Bell Choir (cr) 7:15pm-8:45pm: Choir (cr) 7:00pm: NA (012) 7:30pm: Bible Study (online)	28		29	4:00pm: Trunk or Treat	30

MUSIC NOTES

Coming Soon to Worship at Fairmont

As the music programs at Fairmont Church resume, we look forward to the gifts offered in worship by our amazing musicians!

October 3 – cellist Matthew Shin joins Megan Rehberg and Judy Bede as we celebrate World Communion Sunday.

October 10 – Hammered dulcimer artist, Matthew Dickerson joins us in worship at the 10:30 service.

November 14 – The Bell Choir returns, leading the music for the 10:30 service. Flutist Nicole Dault will join the Bells. The 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.

On Thursday, October 21 at 7:15, the Chancel Choir will begin preparing music for the December 12 music celebration. The first hour of rehearsal will be dedicated to 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. Please contact me at vramga@fairmontchurch.org or simply show up!

New singers are welcome in Chancel Choir at any time. The Bell Choir is currently full, but we would love to add some substitute players to our roster.

An invitation from Coleman Clark

The Praise Band is trying new combinations of instrumentalists and soloists. Anyone who wants to come worship with us is welcome!

MISSION BEYOND THE CONGREGATION

Helping Hands, Helping Heart:



5th Sunday Offering, October 31—South Dayton Food Pantry/FISH

SPECIAL FOOD PANTRY DRIVE SUNDAY

On Reformation Sunday, October 31st, we invite you to bring to a special food pantry donation to either the 8:30 a.m. or 10:30 a.m. worship services.

Baskets for the canned food, non-perishable food, or personal care items will be at each door of the Fellowship Hall and Sanctuary.

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.

This 5th Sunday project will be highlighted on October 31 when information will be given from the lectern about this program.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

October 3, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.

Let's celebrate the *St. Francis of Assisi Feast Day* with an outdoor "**Blessing of the Animals**" on the Fairmont lawn and Preschool playground on Sunday, October 3, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. There will be a short time of prayers and scripture readings and then Pastor Brian and Pastor Kelley will share a blessing to each of your pets. All animals are welcome! Please wear masks!

*Please make sure your pet is **socialized and on leash** (as appropriate). Water and treats for the animals, as well as poop bags, will be available for your furry, feathered, and scaly friends. Please make sure all humans wear masks too.*

FAIRMONT FAMILY HIKEs



Pastor Kelley will be leading **quarterly hikes** for our Fairmont church family! Come enjoy the beauty of outdoors, get some exercise, and be with church friends. All ages welcome! The first mile of each hike will be **family-friendly** for children and beginner hikers. Then all who want a more vigorous (moderate) hike may continue with another mile or two of hiking at a faster pace.

For our October Hike at Bill Yeck Park, please arrive by 10:45 a.m. so that we will begin our hike by 11:00 a.m. Bill Yeck has newly renovated trails and there are picnic areas if families want to pack a lunch for a picnic following the 1-mile beginner hike.

October Hike

DATE: Saturday, October 16th (rain date Oct. 23rd)

TIME: 11:00 a.m.

PLACE: Bill Yeck Park (Smith House Entrance)
2230 E. Centerville Station Road
Centerville, OH 45459
<https://www.cwpd.org/parks/bill-yeck/>

Mark your calendar for upcoming hiking dates:

October 2021: October 16th

January 2022: January 8th

April 2022: April 9th

July 2022: July 16th

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fairmont Men's Group

Our Men's Group Luncheon will meet on Thursday, October 21st, 2021 at 11:30am at MCL Cafeteria.

Fourth Friday Pizza Gathering takes a break

Fairmont Fourth Friday Pizza Gathering will not be meeting in October, November, or December due to COVID numbers (October), Thanksgiving (November) and Christmas (December). We will meet again in the new year on January 28, 2022, hopefully in-person. Watch for an email from Pastor Kelley with reminders for upcoming meetings.

Fairmont Veterans Day Program

An event including lunch to honor our Veterans is being planned for Wednesday, November 10, 2021 at David's Cemetery. The event will take place in the Gathering room in the Community Mausoleum from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. Box lunches will be provided by the cemetery. The event will include a short talk by Eric Watne as well as a Veterans oriented presentation. Eric's short talk would concentrate on Old Glory Plaza, which honors Veterans. There may be a van available in the event that anyone would like a driving tour to Old Glory Plaza.

All Veterans of Fairmont Presbyterian Church, their spouses and Veteran friends are invited to attend. There is no cost to attend the event.

Mark the date on your calendar and please join us to learn about how David's Cemetery supports Veterans.

Greeters Needed

We are currently looking for those who may be interested in welcoming visitors on some of our evening meetings and Sunday mornings. If you are 16 and above and have interest in this employment, please call or email Jennifer at the church office or jmason@fairmontchurch.org.

Women's Retreat

Mark your calendars for the twice rescheduled (due to COVID) Women's Retreat at Hueston Woods on March 18 & 19, 2022!

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Pastor/Head of Staff: Brian Maguire

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Children's Ministry Coordinator: Lorelei Harding

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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

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Kris Martin	10/01	Dawson Sennet	10/12
Raymond Johnson	10/02	Jackie Susnik	10/12
Barbara Shinn	10/02	Jean D. Webster	10/13
Lennox Harper Adam	10/04	Harry Bradbury	10/14
Becky Ross	10/04	Caroline Buchheit	10/14
Althea Harper	10/05	Katherine Gonzalez	10/14
Joseph Bausman	10/07	Jane Davis	10/15
Christina Harper	10/08	Jean Bartlett	10/16
Charles Ross	10/08	Pam Ridings	10/16
Donald Specht	10/08	Mark Anderson	10/18
Pat Goss	10/10	Mindy Ellis	10/19
Taylor Kabacinski	10/11	Robert Wunder	10/22
Sue Wildasinn	10/11	Lauren Grieco	10/23
Sam Boden	10/12	Auden Gill	10/27
David Calvin	10/12	William Bergstresser	10/28
Allison Ross	10/12	Esther Kremer	10/29
		Emily Bruzzese	10/30



DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT CALL

The deadline for the next Call is Friday, October 22, 2021.

Please submit articles to: jmason@fairmontchurch.org.