

# THE CALL

Fairmont Presbyterian Church

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We need your help. We need you to pray.

The church is a curious sort of human community. We are drawn together not so much by common purpose, identity, or activity, but by common wants and desires. What we want is God, and nothing less will do. What we do, when we are actually doing church as opposed to the just doing what we want and calling it church, is not actually our doing at all. What we do is actually God doing something in and through us. That means that one of our constant tasks in life together is to remain open, transparent, and porous to God. We call the intentional ask of being open, transparent, and porous to God prayer.

This week our Associate Pastor Nominating Committee took an important next step in our search for the person God is calling to be our next associate pastor. The Committee on Ministry of the Presbytery of the Miami Valley approved our Ministry Description Profile, which is a detailed statement of who we are and what we are seeking in our next Associate Pastor. That statement will now go online for potential candidates to review and prayerfully consider.

Starting as early as next week, our Associate Pastor Nominating Committee will start receiving documents from interested candidates. Seeking a call is always a delicate and collaborative process. God rarely speaks to one person in isolation when it comes to the future of communities. We believe that the only way to discern what the Spirit is nudging us towards is to do it together—the APNC, candidates, the Presbytery and, here is where we all come into the process, the congregation.

We need your help. We need you to pray. God has an intention for Fairmont. God has an intention for some pastor, somewhere, to serve Fairmont. We do not know that person's identity, but we know they are out there. We need to discern those intentions and specifically discover how they converge into the shared relationship we call ministry. In order to do that we need you, the entire congregation, holding Fairmont up before God in prayer. We ask God how we might be more faithful to when and where we are planted. We ask God for guidance and wisdom in our search. We ask God for everyone involved in the search to be courageous and curious. We ask for blessings upon all who may apply and special blessings on that individual whom God is right now calling. We lift up our questions and curiosity about what we may be and grow into in the future. Most of all we ask God to make Fairmont and all its ministers (that would be all of us, not just the pastors) ever more faithful to God's intention and purposes for Christ's church.

Discerning a call is a team effort. Each of us has different roles to play. You have the most important role of all. Through you and through your prayer, through your openness to God, God enters not only our discernment but work, hopes, and relationships and transforms everything. Through you and your prayer, we become church.

-Brian

## WORSHIP

Casual Service 8:30am

Traditional Service 10:30am

Our Traditional 10:30am worship offering will be live-streamed beginning at 10:15am on YouTube.

Visit [www.fairmontchurch.org/online](http://www.fairmontchurch.org/online) for links to all past and upcoming live streams.

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- May 3            5th Sunday of Easter/Communion  
Lesson: How to See God  
Sermon: John 14:1-4
- May 10          6th Sunday of Easter/Youth Sunday  
Lesson: Matthew 8:18-27
- May 17          SINGLE SERVICE/7th Sunday of  
Easter/Music Sunday
- May 24          Day of Pentecost  
Lesson: Acts 2:1-21  
Sermon: Heaven's Wind
- May 31          Trinity Sunday  
Lesson: Matthew 28:16-20  
Sermon: How We Participate in  
God

## ONLINE MINISTRIES

### Bible Study

Tuesdays, 12:15pm

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81913644664pwd=YVGX6g0uPPRzkd8PvdDTeO04HW0hv5.1>

Meeting ID: 819 1364 4664

### Connections

Wednesdays, 7:00pm

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89678889451pwd=4gS2oyi8a2597GTpUxFhW6SEjGcrV2.1>

Meeting ID: 896 7888 9451

## CONNECTIONS CLASS

### Connections for May:

Night is the most intimate and vulnerable time for prayer. Night strips us away from all our proud busyness and confronts us with the hard and sometimes scary realities of our lives. For centuries, the evening office of prayer, called Compline, has sustained generations through hardship and inspired them through joy. In May, we will be considering evening prayer using *Prayer in the Night: For Those Who Work or Watch or Weep*, by Tish Harrison Warren as our guide. Everyone interested in growing closer to God is invited, especially night owls. Join us on Wednesday evenings on Zoom at 7:00 PM.

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89678889451pwd=4gS2oyi8a2597GTpUxFhW6SEjGcrV2.1>

May 6: Chapters 6-8

May 13: Chapters 9-12

May 20: No Connections

May 27: Chapter 13

## BIBLE STUDY

Tuesdays at 12:15pm In-person and on Zoom

Join us each week as we consider the Bible texts for the following Sunday. Bring your questions!

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81913644664pwd=YVGX6g0uPPRzkd8PvdDTeO04HW0hv5.1>

May 5: Matthew 8: 18-27

May 12: No Bible Study

May 19: Acts 2: 1-21

May 26: No Bible Study

## ADAPTIVE CHANGE

### What Do We Love?

Saturday May 9, 10:00 AM

Fairmont's conversations on adaptive change and seeking a faithful future together will continue on Saturday May 9 at 10:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall. In this gathering we will be looking at what we actually do as a congregation and how it fits or does not fit with our identity and our hopes and intentions for the future. Please come with your curiosity.

## APNC

On April 28, Fairmont's Associate Pastor Nominating Committee (APNC) met with the Presbytery's Committee on Ministry (COM) to seek approval of our Ministry Discernment Profile (MDP). We are grateful to have received strong affirmation along with thoughtful guidance for the next steps.

The Ministry Discernment Profile (MDP) is the document that shares who we are as a congregation and describes the gifts and calling we seek in our next associate pastor. In the coming weeks, the finalized profile will be posted on the Church Leadership Connection system, where prospective candidates will be able to learn more about Fairmont and this role in our shared ministry.

Thank you for your continued prayers and encouragement as we move forward together in this important season of discernment.

## CHILDREN & YOUTH

Children will stay in worship the following special Sundays:

May 3: Communion Sunday

May 10: Youth Sunday & Children's Choir Sings

May 17: Music Sunday (Single Service)

Children's Sunday School will not meet Memorial Day Weekend through Labor Day Weekend due to our customary Summer Break! Children's Worship Bags and Children's Time will be provided in worship for children during the summer. Sunday School will resume in September.

**THANK YOU** to our wonderful Children's Sunday School and Godly Play teachers who kept their baptism promises by teaching our children this past year:

*Wynn Adam, Jeff Adam, Liliias Adam, Lexi Barnett, Sue Daley, Marilyn Dickey, Dave Diller, Elizabeth Favro, Ginny Glass, Chris Harper, Dana Hoskins, Britton James, Pam Lowry, Kelley Shin, Lois Thomas.*

### MAY FAIRMONT CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Children's Choir continues rehearsals on Sunday, May 3 from 9:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. in the Children's Choir room. The children will be singing at the 10:30 a.m. worship service on Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup>. Rehearsal on May 10<sup>th</sup> will be at 9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

**Mark your calendars:** May 3 & May 10

Ages 4 - grade 5 are invited to participate. We are pleased to have Deanna Ullery leading the Children's Choir. Contact Pastor Kelley for questions.

## UPCOMING CHILDREN'S EVENTS

- May 3: Children's Choir Rehearsal  
May 10: Children's Choir Sings, Youth  
Sunday, Mother's Day  
June 1-4 Vacation Bible School  
July 19: Playground & Popsicles

### VBS COMPASSION CAMP II:

#### CREATION

Children Ages 4 - Grade 5

June 1-4, 2026

Join us for four fun-filled mornings with Godly Play/Bible stories, awesome music, outdoor games, surprising science, fun crafts, yoga, and yummy snacks! Come learn how we can love God by loving ourselves and God's creation. We will hear stories about spiritual and physical food, shelter, water, and care for our earth and for one another.

Registration forms are in the office, Fellowship Hall, Narthex, online, as well through this QR code:



## FAIRMONT YOUTH MINISTRY

(Grades 6th -12<sup>th</sup>)

*Second Sunday of the Month*

12:00 p.m.

Fairmont Youth Ministry will meet the Second Sunday of each month following worship (**unless otherwise noted by \***). There will be Food, Faith Conversations, & Fun Events.

### **MAY**

- May 3\* Confirmation Retreat (9th - 12th grade)  
May 5\* Confirmation Session Zoom Meeting  
May 10 Youth Sunday (Youth Lead Worship)

### **JUNE**

- June 1-4\* Vacation Bible School (Youth Volunteer)  
June 14 Young's Dairy: Café & Mini-Golf

### **JULY**

- July 12 King's Island Trip

**Weekly Youth Dinners Out:** Pastor Kelley is available once-a-week on either Wednesday evening or Thursday evening for a dinner out with at least 2 and up to 4 youth at a restaurant of the youth's choosing. Dinner will be covered by the church. Please contact Pastor Kelley. Pastor Kelley may be reached by email at [kshin@fairmontchurch.org](mailto:kshin@fairmontchurch.org) or by text or phone at (937) 751-0752.

### CONFIRMATION RETREAT

Pastor Kelley will be leading a Confirmation Retreat for all 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade youth who are interested in joining Fairmont as Confirmands. Please contact Pastor Kelley for details.

- DATE: Sunday, May 3, 2026  
TIME: 12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
PLACE: Chapel

# May 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>3</b></p> <p>5th Sunday of Easter/ Communion            8:30am: Casual Service            9:30am: Children's Choir Rehearsal (Children's Music Room)            9:45am: Contemplative Prayer            10:30am: Traditional Service (sanctuary)            12:00pm: Confirmation Class (chapel)</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>6:00pm: APNC (chapel)            6:30pm: WOF Coord. Meeting (ur)</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>11:00am: Fir 4 You            12:00pm: AA (012)            12:15pm: Bible Study (in-person &amp; online)            2:30: Lincoln Park            7:00pm: Team Meetings            7:30pm: Confirmation Session Meeting (Zoom)</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>10:30am: Worship Team (rc)            4:30pm: Praise Band (fh)            7:00pm: Connections (Zoom)            7:30pm: AA (012)</p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p>6:00pm: Bell Choir (cr)            7:00pm: NA (012)            7:15pm: Choir (cr)</p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p>11:00am: Fir 4 You (fh)            12:00pm: OA (rc)</p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p>9:30am: Circle 3            10:00am: Adaptive Change Meeting</p>
<p><b>10</b></p> <p>6th Sunday of Easter            8:30am: Casual Service            9:30am: Children's Choir Rehearsal (sanctuary)            9:30am: Youth Rehearsal (sanctuary)            10:30am: Traditional Service (sanctuary) Youth Sunday            10:30am: Children's Choir Sings            Happy Mother's Day</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>7:00pm: Circle 1 (fh)</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>11:00am: Fir 4 You (fh)            12:00pm: AA (012)            12:00pm: OA (rc)            No Bible Study            7:00pm: Trustees, B&amp;G, Finance (chapel)            7:00pm: Session (chapel)</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p>3:00pm: Spirituality for those who Grieve (chapel)            4:30pm: Praise Band (fh)            7:00pm: Connections (online)            7:30pm: AA (012)</p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p>6:00pm: Bell Choir (cr)            7:00pm: NA (012)            7:15pm: Choir (cr)            8:30pm: Choir @ BWV</p>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p>11:00am: Fir 4 You (fh)            12:00pm: OA (rc)</p>	<p><b>16</b></p>
<p><b>17</b></p> <p>Single Service Music Sunday/7th Sunday of Easter            9:45am: Contemplative Prayer (chapel)            10:30am: Traditional Service (sanctuary)</p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p>10:00am: Dayton P.E.O. (012)</p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p>12:00pm: AA (012)            12:00pm: OA (rc)            12:15pm: Bible Study (in-person &amp; online)            7:00pm: Session (Zoom)</p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p>11:30am: Fairmont Men's Group (offsite)            4:30pm: Praise Band (fh)            5:30pm: Circle 2 (offsite)            5:30pm: YMCA Meeting (fh)            No Connections            7:30pm: AA (012)</p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p>7:00pm: NA (012)</p>	<p><b>22</b></p> <p>11:00am: Fir 4 You (fh)            12:00pm: OA (rc)</p>	<p><b>23</b></p>
<p><b>24</b></p> <p>Day of Pentecost            8:30am: Casual Service (fh)            9:45am: Contemplative Prayer            10:30am: Traditional Service (sanctuary)</p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p>Memorial Day (Office Closed)</p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p>12:00pm: AA (012)            12:00pm: OA (rc)            No Bible Study            6:30pm: Deacons Meeting (ur)</p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p>4:30pm: Praise Band (fh)            7:00pm: Connections (Zoom)            7:30pm: AA (012)</p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p>1:00pm: Rug Hooking (fh)            7:00pm: NA (012)</p>	<p><b>29</b></p> <p>11:00am: Fir 4 You (fh)            12:00pm: OA (rc)</p>	<p><b>30</b></p>
<p><b>31</b></p> <p>Trinity Sunday            Same schedule as above.</p>					<p>Call articles are due.</p>	

## MISSION BEYOND THE CONGREGATION



### Minute for Mission with Daybreak's Parenting Room!

To help celebrate Youth Sunday this May 10<sup>th</sup>, Travis Rindler from Daybreak will be sharing a Minute for Mission about the Parenting Room located at Daybreak in downtown Dayton! Daybreak serves unhoused and housing insecure youth between the ages of 10 and 21.

Over the past 2-3 years, Daybreak established a private Parenting Room for youths who are expecting or have their own young children. That way, the youth Daybreak serves have a safe space for their infants to play, plus access to resources they need.

The Parenting Room includes a pantry for baby and infant supplies. During the months of April and May, we'll be holding a collection for Daybreak to help replenish their inventory.

Travis shared that right now, the Parenting Room is especially in need of items (clothes, toys, diapers, etc.) for infant girls.

We're also collecting items from the Parenting Room's overall wish list:

- Diapers
- Changing pads/blankets
- Children's books
- Infant toys
- Clothing for children 3 and under (Preferably new or lightly used)
- Baby oil
- Baby shampoo
- General hygiene products

Gift cards are also accepted to allow Daybreak staff to purchase items of sudden need. You can learn more about Daybreak at <https://daybreakdayton.org/>.

**Did you know?** Daybreak is one of the organizations Fairmont supports each year through our Mission Beyond the Congregation efforts. Its Parenting Room aligns with our focus on supporting children and families in Dayton and Kettering.

## SPIRITUALITY FOR THOSE WHO GRIEVE

*Spiritual Wisdom and Practice in Times of  
Grief and Healing*

**MONTHLY MEETINGS:** Second Wednesday of the Month

**MAY DATE:** May 13, 2026

**TIME:** 3:00pm - 4:00pm

**PLACE:** Chapel

When we are grieving the death of someone we love, we long for the support and compassion of our fellow human beings; a safe, welcoming place where people understand the difficult emotions of grief. How does our faith speak to this grief? All who are grieving the loss of a loved one - recently or long ago - are *invited* to share in monthly gatherings led by Pastor Kelley. Our next meeting is May 13th at 3:00 p.m. in the Chapel. This will be a time to share or listen to stories of healing and grief. If interested, please contact Pastor Kelley at [kshin@fairmontchurch.org](mailto:kshin@fairmontchurch.org).

## LINCOLN PARK

### FAIRMONT CARES: LINCOLN PARK MANOR

Did you know that Fairmont provides a monthly communion service of worship at Lincoln Park retirement community? The first Tuesday of every month at 2:30pm we share in worship, prayer, preaching, and the Lord's Supper with a diverse group of 15-25 residents, most of whom are not members of Fairmont. This is just one of the ways we seek to extend Fairmont's ministry to our community.

## LOYALTY CARDS

### KROGER LOYALTY CARD MONEY

For everyone: Every time you use your Kroger Loyalty Card at Kroger, it is possible for Fairmont Church's program for children to get a percentage of the amount you spend. If you want the amount you spend at Kroger to go to Fairmont's children, please go to the Kroger App, click on the person at the top left, click Payments & Services, click Community Rewards, and select Fairmont Presbyterian. This is easy revenue for Fairmont's children. Thank you for your help in this easy to use program.

### DOROTHY LANE MARKET LOYALTY CARD MONEY

For everyone: Every time you use your DLM Loyalty Card at Dorothy Lane Market, it is possible for Women of Fairmont to get a percentage of the amount you spend. If you want the amount you spend at Dorothy Lane Market to go to Women of Fairmont, please go to the customer service booth at any DLM location and tell them to register you for Fairmont Church. You must register your selection of Fairmont Church at the start of every year, because DLM deletes all selections January 1<sup>st</sup>. This is easy revenue for Women of Fairmont.

## ART, ANTIQUE, & CRAFT SHOW

This year's show will be held on Saturday, November 14, 2026. We are now accepting donations of vintage Christmas and antique items, jewelry, seasonal decorations, pottery, decorative items, collectibles, puzzles, earlier toys, linens and artwork. If you have any questions about donations, please call Carolyn Wimer at (937) 705-6451.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### FAIRMONT MEN'S GROUP

Fairmont Men's Group will meet at MCL Cafeteria on Wednesday, May 20th at 11:30 am. Call the church office at 299-3539 or you may email the church at office@fairmontchurch.org by noon on Tuesday, May 19th, to make a reservation. All the men of the church are invited!

### THEOLOGY ON TAP

Theology on Tap will meet ONCE a month on the first Friday of each month. All are welcome for a time of food, fellowship, and faith conversations.

**MAY** Theology on Tap will meet on May 1, 2026 at Archer's Tavern on Dorothy Lane.

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### SAVE THE DATE



August 2, 2026

Pastor Kelley's Retirement & Luncheon  
Single Service of Worship at 10:30 a.m.

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## STAFF

**Pastor/Head of Staff:** Brian Maguire  
**Associate Pastor:** Kelley Wehmeyer Shin  
**Director of Music Ministries:** Coleman Clark  
**Organist:** Judy Bede

**Bookkeeper:** Martha Keil  
**Administrative Assistant:** Jennifer Mason  
**Maintenance:** Don Hibbard

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## May Birthdays

Denise Taylor	05/04	Barbara Miller	05/20
Adele Snyder	05/06	Dana Hoskins	05/21
Todd Lamb	05/10	Kent Shin	05/21
Jeff Stewart	05/10	DeAnna Ullery	05/25
Pete Luther	05/11	Will Lewis IV	05/26
Mark Deem	05/13	Julie Boden	05/27
Jean Webster	05/15	Carolyn Wimer	05/27
Deborah Beebe	05/16	Karan Bowden	05/29
Pam Lowry	05/17	Becky Hamilton	05/29
Robert Berger	05/18	Sara Dues	05/30
Laurie Harper	05/18	Rich Bowden	05/31
		John Schramm	05/31



### DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT CALL

**The deadline for The June Call is Friday, May 22, 2026.**

Please submit Call & bulletin articles to Jennifer at: [jmason@fairmontchurch.org](mailto:jmason@fairmontchurch.org).