

THE CALL

Fairmont Presbyterian Church

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THOUGHTS FROM BRIAN

On Sunday May 16, we will resume in-person worship at our traditional service at 10:30 a.m. After one year and nine weeks (*but who's counting!*) we will gather together, face-to-safely-distanced-masked-face, to share in the worship and praise of God as well as the celebration of community, that gift of the Holy Spirit that has been so strained this year.

Since resuming the early service last month, I have been struck by how emotional our worship has been. There have been times it has been hard for me to concentrate on my sermon as I look out at your faces and see faces looking back!

The past year has been a season for adaptation and learning new skills for all of us. Learning to preach in front of a camera has not been simple or easy. Camera lenses do not smile back or react in any way. You need to imagine faces and families connected by miles of cable behind the cold, dark disk of glass. Similarly, this year I have imagined every zoom meeting, with its gallery portraits as an *iconstasis*, a wall of tiny little icon faces, each one revealing a glimpse of the glory of God.

These tools and the connections they offer will be a part of our ministry from now on, just as the church has adapted every new information technology to spread the Gospel and connect people to God from codexes to the printing press to livestreaming. But these technologies are simply tools, just like our building, the elevator, pews, organs, pulpits, newsletters, and copying machines, that help us praise God and both receive and realize the life of the Spirit in our lives today. Tools are never the ends of the church. Living into God is the end of the church and the purpose of our lives.

The problem with our communication technologies, no matter how effective, is that we worship a God who is known in and through the flesh. Bodies matter because the human body, specifically Jesus of Nazareth's body, is where God is most fully disclosed. In our vulnerable, incarnate selves, we reveal more than we can tell. We see and are seen. We touch and embrace and love.

So, if in the next few weeks, you may see me wistfully gazing across the congregation in worship, I may be distracted from my sermon or the prayers, but please know that for me such beholding is the heart of worship. In your faces, I see God.

WORSHIP

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.

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May 2 5th Sunday of Easter

Lesson: Mark 3:20-35

Sermon: Out of His Mind

May 9 6th Sunday of Easter

Lesson: Mark 4:1-26

Sermon: The Measure of a Life

In-person 8:30am Casual Service begins on May 16th
In-person 10:30am Traditional Service begins May 16th

May 16 7th Sunday of Easter

Lesson: Mark 4:30-33

Sermon: Kudzu and other invasive exotics

May 23rd Day of Pentecost

Lesson: Mark 4:35-41

Sermon: The Practice of Presence

May 30th Trinity Sunday

Lesson: Mark 5:21-43

Sermon: Time to Get Up

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ONLINE MINISTRIES

Coffee Fellowship: Sundays, 11:30am

Zoom Meeting Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84211231244>

Zoom Meeting ID: 842 1123 1244

Kidz Korner Online: Sundays, 11:45 am

Zoom Meeting Link: [Zoom Meeting Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86575832345](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86575832345)

Zoom Meeting ID: 865 7583 2345

PYC Online: Sundays, 1:30pm

Zoom Meeting Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85978434870>

Zoom Meeting ID: 859 7843 4870

Choir Rehearsal: Every Wednesday, 7:00pm

Zoom Meeting Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/93128963106>

Zoom Meeting ID: 931-2896-3106

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

CHILDREN & YOUTH

VIRTUAL CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

We will be taking our customary summer break from Children's Sunday School beginning May 16th. We will resume in the Fall. More information to come!

Additionally, we have some exciting upcoming summer activities. Please look out for details in the weekly Kidz Korner emails!

FAIRMONT YOUTH MINISTRY

Fairmont Youth Ministry (grades 6th-12th) is meeting each Sunday *via Zoom* at 1:30 p.m. Fairmont Youth share in a time of online bible study, fellowship, and fun. Pastor Kelley can be reached by email at kshin@fairmontchurch.org or by text or phone at (937) 751-0752.

MUSIC NOTES

This Sunday, May 2, we will celebrate the gift of music in worship at our 10:30 service. Fairmont has been blessed with so many musical offerings during the past fourteen months! Whether by video recording or in person, each offering touched many hearts in different ways. That is the beauty of God's gift to us through song and instrument; that some will find strength, some compassion, some an outlet to express their sorrow, others a way to give praise. We are grateful to God. This Sunday, as we raise our voices in song, please join us with all your heart, and mind, and *voice* as we sing:

“When in our music God is glorified,
and adoration leaves no room for pride,
It is as though the whole creation cried:
Alleluia!”

To all our Singers, Ringers, Violinists, Cellists, Percussionists, Pianists, and especially our wonderful Organist, Judy Bede, we thank you for your steadfast faithfulness to the music at Fairmont Church!

CONNECTIONS

“A Study of Six New Testament Women”

Join us on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom as we begin a new study of six New Testament women of faith, unnamed but not forgotten.

- May 5:** The Canaanite Woman (Matthew 15:21-28)
- May 12:** The Woman Who Touched Jesus' Cloak (Mark 5:25-34)
- May 19:** The Woman Caught in the Act of Adultery (John 7:53-8:11)
- May 26:** The Woman at the Well (John 4:1-30, 39-42)

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

IN-PERSON WORSHIP

Our first early morning Easter worship service had 70 people in the parking lot worshipping the risen Christ. Our return to in-person worship at 9:00 on April 18th in Fellowship Hall had 52 people in attendance. The in-person worship service on April 26th had 42 people in attendance. Fellowship Hall can safely hold more than 52 people, so please join us this Sunday at 9:00 in Fellowship Hall.

The Sanctuary will be opened for in-person worship May 16th at 10:30. The casual service in Fellowship Hall will return to its usual time of 8:30.

We will continue to stream the 10:30 service indefinitely. There will be a few changes to the 10:30 service: two large monitors will be attached to the front wall in the Sanctuary, the sermon will be given from the pulpit, a camera will be mounted under the balcony, and a second camera will be mounted on the side wall. These changes will make the in-person service and the streaming service more meaningful and more enjoyable.

Please note, we will be observing important safety protocols:

Please keep a mask on at all times inside the building
Windows will be open and fans on for ventilation
Please maintain social distancing
Chairs will be arranged to maintain social distancing
The congregation will not be singing in worship
There will be no coffee hour after worship
Offerings will be collected in a central basket
If you feel ill, please join us online

And we will be observing even more important relational protocols:

Please be patient and kind
Greet one another with joy and thanksgiving
Wear your nametag
Smile with your eyes and embrace with your words
Always remember that this is a work in progress
Always remember that the safeguards we enact are to help make everyone feel safe and welcome

Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday	
5th Sunday of Easter/ Communion 9:00am: In-person Worship (fh) 10:30am: Worship (stream starts at 10:15am) 11:45am: Kidz Korner (online) No Fairmont Youth				11:00am: Fit 4 You (fh) 12:00pm: AA (012) 7:00pm: Team Meetings (online)		7:00pm: Connections (online) 7:00pm: Choir Practice (online)	
6th Sunday of Easter 9:00am: In-person Worship (fh) 10:30am: Worship (stream starts at 10:15am) 11:45am: Kidz Korner (online) 1:30pm: Fairmont Youth (online)		7:00pm: Circle 1 (online)		11:00am: Fit 4 You (fh) 12:00pm: AA (012) 7:00pm: Trustees, B&G, Finance (online)		7:00pm: Connections (online) 7:00pm: Choir Practice (online)	
7th Sunday of Easter 8:30am: In-person Worship (fh) 10:30am: In-person Worship (sanctuary) (stream starts at 10:15am) 1:30pm: Fairmont Youth (online)				11:00am: Fit 4 You (fh) 12:00pm: AA (012) 7:00pm: Session (online)		10:00am: Circle 2 & 3 (re) 11:30am: Fairmont Men's G (offsite) 5:30pm: Circle 6 (offsite) 7:00pm: Connections (online) 7:00pm: Choir Practice (online)	
Day of Pentecost 9:00am: In-person Worship (fh) 10:30am: In-person Worship (stream starts at 10:15am) <u>1:30pm: Fairmont Youth (online)</u>				11:00am: Fit 4 You (fh) 12:00pm: AA (012)		7:00pm: Connections (online) 7:00pm: Choir Practice (online)	
Trinity Sunday 8:30am: In-person Worship (fh) 10:30am: In-person Worship (sanctuary) (stream starts at 10:15am)		Memorial Day (Office Closed)					

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BUILDING AND GROUNDS

Elevator Update

After numerous contractor delays, our elevator refurbishment project is scheduled to commence on Monday May 3 and is anticipated to last until some-time around the second week of June. During this period, the elevator will not be available for use. On Sunday mornings, the courtyard entrances will be open for those who wish to avoid steps. Thank you for your cooperation in this important, once in a generation, overhaul and upgrade to our elevator.

MISSION BEYOND THE CONGREGATION

Helping Hands, Helping Hear



Pet Supply Drive and Virtual Visit from SICSA!

Every time that there are five Sundays in a month, the Mission Team highlights a Dayton area nonprofit organization. This May 30th, we will feature a video highlighting SICSA's work in the area with pet adoptions, as well as their recent move to Washington Church Road in Washington Township. We will be holding a collection for SICSA on that day, so feel free to send any checks or funds to the church office.

To support SICSA's work, the Mission Team is holding a pet supply drive starting now through mid-June. It's kitten season, so SICSA is most in need of Tidy Cats litter, Purina Pro Plan wet kitten food, paper towels, and Amazon gift cards. SICSA has a full Amazon registry at <https://a.co/0OC6w69>. Please bring collected items to the coat room next to the church office.

In mid-June, we will be delivering the collected supplies to SICSA and taking photos with SICSA staff which will be posted on SICSA's and Fairmont's social media platforms! This is a great way to highlight Fairmont to the Dayton area as SICSA has over fifty thousand followers. Thank you very much for your support for this wonderful organization!

WOMEN OF FAIRMONT

Women of Fairmont Spring Gathering

The Magic, Mystery, and Wonder of Music:

From Creation to Fruition

May 15, 2021 at 12:00 p.m. via Zoom

Featuring Eric Whitacre and Marcia MacCagno Neel

The WOF Spring Gathering is open to ALL members and friends of Fairmont Presbyterian Church regardless of your affiliation with Women of Fairmont. We are especially encouraging anyone with an interest in music to join us for this fascinating discussion. Please RSVP by May 12th to Lisa Shearer or Jennifer Mason (in the church office) by phone or email. We will also record this discussion for those unable to attend.

Please see flyer insert for more information.

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Cookie Drive-By

Thank you friends of Fairmont Church for a very successful Cookie Drive-By held on Sunday, April 11th. Due to your support and generosity, the Cookie Drive-By generated \$1100.00 to be used for the Women of Fairmont's charitable missions!

Thank you to the Women of Fairmont for baking cookies, boxing cookies, and assisting with the drive-by. And, thank you to Lexi and Quinn Barnett for their very convincing video bringing in many cookie orders!

Thank you all for supporting the Women of Fairmont and their charitable missions.

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The next WOF Coordinating Team Meeting is Monday, May 3rd, at 7:30 via Zoom.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fourth Friday Family Pizza

It's time for our April Fourth Friday Pizza Dinner meeting on Zoom! Mark your calendar for Friday, May 28th at 6:00 p.m. Order pizza to be delivered to your home, make your own pizza, or pop a frozen pizza in the oven! However you get your pizza just be ready to go by 6:00 p.m. Watch for the Fourth Friday Pizza Dinner Zoom link in *Besides Still Waters* and *Fridays from Fairmont* emails or contact Pastor Kelley at kshin@fairmontchurch.org.

Women, Word, and Wine

May 14, 2020 at 8:00 p.m. via Zoom. Kelley will lead a short time of spiritual direction, we will share faith conversations together, and share a glass of wine. **BYOW** (bring your own wine) and join us as we share faith, hope, and love together in this time of social distancing. You can find the Zoom link in our weekly *Beside Still Waters* and *Fridays from Fairmont* emails or here <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81389450071>
Meeting ID: 813 8945 0071.

Fairmont Men's Group

Our Men's Group will meet this month on Wednesday, May 19th, at MCL at 11:30 am. Please call or email the office by Tuesday, noon, May 18th, so we can know how many to expect. Invite a friend or church member that has not joined us recently to attend.

DEACONS AND SPIRITUAL CAREGIVERS

"Expanded" Pastoral Care For Our Fairmont Family

Thank you to our Deacons and our Spiritual Caregivers who have been faithfully keeping in touch with our most vulnerable church members during this time of "stay at home." The Deacons have **expanded** their ministry to the entire congregation on a regular basis. Each family unit and member of Fairmont (and active non-members) have been assigned to a Fairmont Deacon. Your assigned Deacon will be in touch with you on a regular basis as we continue through these final pandemic months. *Special Fairmont members who have been receiving care from a Spiritual Caregiver will continue, as always, to receive that care.* Thank you also to our Email Prayer Chain members who are praying faithfully for our church family.

If you know anyone in our congregation who is in need of pastoral care, please contact Pastor Kelley at kshin@fairmontchurch.org or (937) 751-0752. We are keeping in touch with all of our church family in multiple ways - prayer, email, text, phone, mail, porch visits, drive-bys, Zoom, and live-streamed worship. Together we are the Body of Christ.

PRESCHOOL CORNER

We are currently accepting registration for the 2021-2022 school year. Forms may be found under the Preschool tab on the church website. A non refundable \$50 registration fee is due at the time of registration.





Women of Fairmont Spring Gathering
May 15, 2021 at 12:00 Noon via Zoom

Eric Whitacre



Marcia MacCagno Neel



The Magic, Mystery, and Wonder of Music: From Creation to Fruition

Music—it enriches us in so many ways. It can help us unwind at the end of a busy day and even contribute to our overall good health. But have you ever given thought to why the notes go up or down, or why it's loud or soft, or why certain instruments play here or there? Crawl inside the mind of the world's leading composer and join us as Eric and Marcia share how the germ of an idea that is nurtured and cared for using the "gardening tools" of the composition process, can lead to a fruitful harvest for both the music-maker and the informed listener.

About Eric Whitacre: Grammy Award-winning composer and conductor, Eric Whitacre, is among today's most popular musicians. His works are programmed worldwide and his ground-breaking Virtual Choirs have united singers from more than 145 countries—including some from the Fairmont Presbyterian Church Choir. Born in Nevada in 1970, Eric is a graduate of the prestigious Juilliard School of Music (New York) and was recently named a Yamaha Performing Artist.

About Marcia MacCagno Neel: A veteran public school music educator of 22 years and music supervisor in the Clark County School District in Las Vegas, NV, for an additional 14 years, Marcia now serves as president of Music Education Consultants, Inc., and Senior Director of Education for Yamaha Corporation of America. A Fairmont West graduate, Marcia credits her early, at-home family music-making experiences for instilling her passion for sharing the inherent beauty of music with others.

Join Zoom Meeting Here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84246175042>

Meeting ID: 842 4617 5042

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Preschool Director: Tracy Landgren

Preschool Teacher: Amber Reshad

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May Birthdays

Josephine Porter 05/01

David Dickey 05/02

Robert Levy 05/02

Denise Taylor 05/04

Betty Johnson 05/04

Adele Snyder 05/06

Laura Heywood 05/09

William Hibbs 05/09

Nancy Jones 05/10

Todd Lamb 05/10

Jeff Stewart 05/10

Peter Luther 05/11

Jean R. Webster 05/15

Pam Lowry 05/17

Scott Ludwig 05/17

Josephine Porter 05/17

Robert Berger 05/18

Thea Voss 05/18

Tobias Voss 05/18

Barbara Miller 05/20

Spencer Boden 05/21

Kent Shin 05/21

Ruth Smith 05/22

Jo Ann Seller 05/24

William Lewis IV 05/26

Carolyn Wimer 05/27

Julie Boden 05/27

Becky Hamilton 05/29

Karan Bowden 05/29

Christopher Luther 05/29

Sara Glueckert 05/30

John Schramm 05/31

Rich Bowden 05/31

Kathy Radde 05/31



DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT CALL

The deadline for the next Call is Friday, May 21, 2021.

Please submit articles to: jmason@fairmontchurch.org.