

# THE CALL

Fairmont Presbyterian Church

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Thoughts from Brian

So, how is Fairmont doing? It is a question I hear quite often. My best answer is Fairmont is doing well, but different. Once upon a time, congregations measured their health in numbers of members. But nowadays many people who are otherwise quite active in the life and ministries of the church do not want to formally join. Membership on the books is no longer a telling measure. Once upon a time we could look to attendance in worship as another indicator of health. Measured solely by in-person attendance, we would be in trouble as it is down about 30% over pre covid numbers. Nowadays we measure both in person and our best estimate of online attendance and that combined estimate is about 30% above pre-covid numbers. Finally, congregational giving has increased slightly this year.

Numbers by themselves are not all that important, but they offer evidence of what is really going on. What I suspect is happening is that Fairmont is changing. People value more and different ways of connecting with Christ's work in the congregation, whether it be through in-person attendance or online, classes in-person or online, and our weekly written offerings to members of all ages. Over the past 18 months we have redesigned many of our ministries to make them more easily accessible to more people. And while that may mean fewer people in the building it has succeeded in reaching more people in the world. While some people initially worried that all these changes could hurt Fairmont, we are not shrinking. Actually, we are growing, just not in the ways we traditionally measured growth.

So, what comes next? We do not know what will happen next. We do not know how the pandemic may evolve. If you want definitive answers, I do not have any. But this much I know. God is with us in everything we do, blessing and encouraging us to step into a future that God has already prepared for us. And I know that we have gotten pretty good at walking forward together in the dark. So, we will continue moving forward reinventing ourselves along the way guided by our traditions and values but expressing them in new ways with new technology. Together, we are feeling our way through the uncertain present into God's certain future. Thank you for being a part of the journey.

## 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](http://www.fairmontchurch.org/worship-videos) for  
links to all past and upcoming live streams.

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September 5th: 15th Sunday after Pentecost/  
Communion

Lesson: Isaiah 61:1-11

Rev. Kelley Shin

September 12th: Single Service of Worship at  
10:30 a.m. with picnic to follow

Lesson: Ezra 3:8-13

Rev. Dr. Brian Maguire

September 19th: 17th Sunday after Pentecost

Lesson: Numbers 6:22-27

Rev. Dr. Brian Maguire

September 26th: 18th Sunday after Pentecost

Lesson: Psalm 30

Rev. Dr. Joni Sancken

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## ONLINE MINISTRIES

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



# Annual Picnic

Hosted by the Board of Deacons

## SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

### 11:30AM

Join us for food and  
fellowship as we  
celebrate our fall kick-  
off!

## YOUTH

### FAIRMONT YOUTH MINISTRY (grades 6<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup>)

*Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, is our first weekly Youth Group gathering for the new church year!*

Fairmont Youth Ministry will meet on Sundays in-person from 4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. There will be bible study, games, and dinner!

Here are the details:

DATE: Sunday, September 19, 2021

PLACE: Fairmont Youth Room #109

TIME: 4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

WHAT: Bible Study, Games, and Dinner

#### Upcoming Youth Ministry Schedule:

September 19th, 2021: Youth Ministry Kick-off

Watch for a yearly schedule for our Youth Ministry via Constant Contact email from Pastor Kelley! Or contact Pastor Kelley at [kshin@fairmontchurch.org](mailto:kshin@fairmontchurch.org).

Remember that Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, is the All-Church Picnic (outdoors) hosted by the Deacons at 11:30 a.m. All youth and their families are welcome!

## CONNECTIONS

### The Bits the Bible Left Out

Starting this fall on Wednesday, September 15th online, 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.

September 15: Canon, Who Decides, How, and Why it Matters?

September 22: Old Testament Canon

September 29: The Apocrypha, the bits the Protestants leave out

## WORSHIP COMMITTEE

### Welcome Coleman Clark!

Coleman Clark joins us this month as Fairmont's new Praise Team Leader and worship leader for our 8:30 casual service. Coleman is from Tipp City and is a graduate of Wright State with degrees in music education and vocal performance. He has many years of experience in both contemporary and classical worship music and brings contagious excitement and energy to all his musical offerings. Coleman teaches music and you may have heard him at local concerts playing keyboards for the local band, The Blue Leaf's. We are all so excited about Coleman's leadership and musical gifts. Come to our Kickoff service on September 12 to meet Coleman as he begins his ministry and leads us in praise.



Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday
						7:30pm: AA (012)
15th Sunday after Pentecost/ Communion	5	Labor Day (Office Closed)	6	11:00am: Fit 4 You (fh) 12:00pm: AA (012) 12:00pm: OA (rc) 7:00pm: Team Meetings 7:00pm: Musica (cr)	7	7:30pm: AA (012)
8:30am: Casual Service (fh) 10:30am: Traditional Service (sanctuary)						
16th Sunday after Pentecost	12	7:00pm: Circle 1 (chapel)	13	11:00am: Fit 4 You (fh) 12:00pm: AA (012) 12:00pm: OA (rc) 7:00pm: Trustees, B&G, Finance 7:00pm: Musica (cr)	14	10:00am: Circle 2 & 3 5:00pm: Circle 6 (offs) 7:00pm: Connections 7:30pm: AA (012)
10:30am: Single Service of Worship with picnic to follow						
17th Sunday after Pentecost	19	10:00am: Dayton P.E.O. (12)	20	10:00am: Dayton P.E.O. (chapel) 11:00am: Fit 4 You (fh) 12:00pm: AA (012) 12:00pm: OA (rc) 7:00pm: Session 7:00pm: Musica (cr)	21	7:00pm: Connections 7:30pm: AA (012)
8:30am: Casual Service (fh) 9:30am: Acoustic Grace 10:30am: Traditional Service (sanctuary) 4:00pm: Youth Group (109)						
18th Sunday after Pentecost	26	8:00pm: Circle 8 (parlor)	27	11:00am: Fit 4 You (fh) 12:00pm: AA (012) 12:00pm: OA (rc) 7:00pm: Musica (cr)	28	7:00pm: Connections 7:30pm: AA (012)
8:30am: Casual Service (fh) 10:30am: Traditional Service (sanctuary) 4:00pm: Youth Group (109)						

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Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
	<b>1</b>	6:00pm-7:00pm: Bell Choir 7:15pm-8:45pm: Choir 7:00pm: NA (012) 7:00pm: Bible Study (online)	<b>2</b>	5:00pm: Theology on Tap (online)	<b>3</b>		<b>4</b>
	<b>8</b>	6:00pm-7:00pm: Bell Choir (cr) 7:15pm-8:45pm: Choir (cr) 7:00pm: NA (012) 7:30pm: Bible Study (online)	<b>9</b>	11:00am: Fit 4 You (fh) 12:00pm: OA (rc)	<b>10</b>	11:00am: Sharon Cost Memorial Service	<b>11</b>
3 (rc) ite) (online)	<b>15</b>	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)	<b>16</b>	11:00am: Fit 4 You (fh) 12:00pm: OA (rc) 5:00pm: Theology on Tap (online)	<b>17</b>	11:30am: WOF Fall Gathering	<b>18</b>
(online)	<b>22</b>	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)	<b>23</b>	11:00am: Fit 4 You (fh) 12:00pm: OA (rc) 6:00pm: Fourth Family Pizza (fh)	<b>24</b>		<b>25</b>
(online)	<b>29</b>	6:00pm-7:00pm: Bell Choir (cr) 7:15pm-8:45pm: Choir (cr) 7:00pm: NA (012) 7:30pm: Bible Study (online)	<b>30</b>				

## MUSIC NOTES

**Make a joyful noise to the Lord! Come before  
God's presence with singing!**

It has been a great joy to have congregational singing back in worship at Fairmont! To add to this joy, we will soon see the return of the Chancel Choir and Bell Choir in the 10:30 worship service. Both groups resume rehearsals on Thursday, September 2. The Bell Choir meets at 6:00 for an hour and the Chancel Choir rehearses from 7:15 - 8:45.

You will see several new faces in the Chancel Choir as well as many familiar faces. We welcome new singers at any time of the year, but September is a wonderful time to begin. We will work on strengthening our voices. Admittedly, many of us need to shake off the vocal 'rust' after so many months of being silent. Each week we prepare a wide variety of choral pieces for worship services at Fairmont. If you've ever considered joining the Chancel Choir, now is the right time! You are needed.

The Bell Choir welcomes new members, too. We need regular ringers as well as substitute ringers. An ability to read music is the only requirement. We can train ringers on the techniques of bell ringing.

Please contact me at [vramga@fairmont.org](mailto:vramga@fairmont.org) or (317) 446-4393 for more information.

Blessings!

Vicki

## MISSION BEYOND THE CONGREGATION

**Helping Hands, Helping Heart:**



### Feeding Our Community-2021

In 2020, Fairmont members donated close to \$16,000 for local food relief. Thank you for your generous giving! There is still a great need to feed families, children and youth in our community. We are still seeking financial donations for **The Kettering Backpack and The Dayton Foodbank/ FISH** as well as donations of nonperishable food or personal Items to **South Dayton Food pantry/ FISH**

### Kettering Backpack Program

This organization provides nearly 600 needy children enrolled in Kettering City Schools with nutritious food to consume every weekend throughout the school year. The students are identified by school counselors and are discretely provided a sack of nutritious food that includes milk, fruit, ravioli, pudding, juice, vegetables, apple sauce, macaron, and peanut butter. Due to COVID-19 the number of hungry students has risen, causing the program's food costs to increase greatly. Financial donations may be made either through Fairmont's website or online at [ketteringbackpack.org](http://ketteringbackpack.org).

### Dayton Food Bank (South Dayton Foodbank/FISH)

The Dayton Food Bank has served as the primary source of food for the hunger relief network in the Miami Valley. This food bank - the only one of its kind in the area - relieves hunger in the community through a network of partner agencies by acquiring and distributing food. The food bank provides the infrastructure for more than 100 member food pantries, community kitchens, and shelters that serve as the charitable hunger relief network in Montgomery, Greene, and Preble Counties, including the South Dayton Food Pantry/FISH which serves Fairmont's immediate area. Donations to the Food Bank may be made either through Fairmont's website or online at [thefoodbank-dayton.org](http://thefoodbank-dayton.org).

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## South Dayton Food Pantry/FISH

This organization is one of the member food pantries working with the Dayton Food Bank. 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.

## WOMEN OF FAIRMONT

Our fall gathering is coming up! Come to Fairmont September 18 at 11:30 and enjoy fellowship and spiritual discussions with the women of Fairmont. Lunch will be served. Our own Sue Daley will introduce the Bible Study for the year: "What My Grandmothers Taught Me: Learning from the Women in Matthew's Genealogy of Jesus." The title of the talk is "Our Grandmothers: Launchpad, Loveline, and Legacy."

Please let your circle leader know you wish to attend or e-mail me, Jan Runkle at [runklefam@aol.com](mailto:runklefam@aol.com). I look forward to seeing you!

## PRESCHOOL

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. For any further questions, please contact Amber Reshad at [areshad@fairmontchurch.org](mailto:areshad@fairmontchurch.org).



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### FAIRMONT MEN'S GROUP

Our Men's Group Luncheon will meet on Thursday, September 16th, 2021 at 11:30am at MCL Cafeteria.

### WOMEN'S RETREAT

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

### FOURTH FRIDAY FAMILY PIZZA

Fourth Friday Family Pizza will be gathering in person on Friday, September 24, 2021 for a time of fellowship, food, and fun. Allergy friendly pizza and salad will be on the menu!

Mark your calendars:

**EVENT:** Family Pizza Outing

**DATE:** Friday, September 24th, 2021

**TIME:** 6:00 p.m.

**PLACE:** Fellowship Hall

For questions, contact Pastor Kelley at [kshin@fairmontchurch.org](mailto:kshin@fairmontchurch.org).

### Music fun with Acoustic Grace!

We will be resuming our monthly Jam Session on the 3rd Sunday of each month after the first service. We will gather in Fellowship Hall to play acoustic instruments and sing. We have a songbook but welcome new songs. Everyone is invited to sing along or just to listen!

### 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](mailto:jmason@fairmontchurch.org).



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### STAFF

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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

### SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Martha Keil	09/01	David Cohen	09/21
Martha Hibbs	09/08	Robert Kaskocsak	09/21
Andrew Ludwig	09/08	Sally Kaskocsak	09/21
Allie Tamulewicz	09/08	Lynn Shepard	09/21
Evi Fromm	09/09	Isabel Glueckert	09/23
Allison Ludwig	09/11	Abigal Lewis	09/23
Jorge Gonzalez	09/12	Tom Gunlock	09/24
William Ross	09/12	Virene MacCagno	09/24
Lillie Harris	09/16	Kit MacKenzie	09/24
Helen Madole	09/16	Ken MacKenzie	09/25
Elizabeth Specht	09/17	Cindy Youngerman	09/25
Dorothy Harner	09/18	Anne Johnson	09/27
Donna Ginader	09/19	Margaret Bergstresser	09/28
Cassandra Shearer	09/19	Mike Favro	09/28
Kelley Shin	09/19	Paul Lamberger	09/28
Betty Brown	09/21	Carol Bussey	09/29
		Bonnie Grieco	09/30



### DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT CALL

**The deadline for the next Call is Friday, September 24, 2021.**

Please submit articles to: [jmason@fairmontchurch.org](mailto:jmason@fairmontchurch.org).