

# THE CALL

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Jesus was dead. And then, he was not dead. Happy Easter.

Hallmark has never taken up my proposed Easter greeting card message.

Beneath the thick accretions of lilies and the blare of triumphant music, Easter is simply the announcement and recognition of something very odd. We are taught to accept that the two most reliable certainties in life are death and taxes. I am not an accountant so I cannot speak to taxes. I am a Christian which means that I organize my life around the peculiar fact that death is now completely unreliable. And if death is no longer the grim certainty it once was, that means lots of our other presuppositions about life and our world are no longer so certain.

The Gospel of Matthew provides the most poignantly human account of the whole sordid affair filled with betrayal, lies, violence, shame, greed, and fear. Jesus' disciples are portrayed as hypocrites, cowards, liars, greedy, and in the case of Peter, rather violent. Matthew alone delves into the political triangle between Pilate, Caiaphas, and Antipas as each jockey for plausible deniability. Matthew also explores Judas' inner struggle that is never resolved, only concluded swinging on a rope. Matthew alone displays Peter's anger control issues as the only Jesus follower in scripture to resort to violence. All these varied and deeply troubled responses reflect the intensity of the crisis they were confronted by in Jesus' final days because Jesus was not on trial on that Friday we dare call good, the world was.

The Gospel of Matthew is also the most honest about what Jesus' resurrection means. Jesus explains it quite clearly to the Mary's just outside the empty tomb, "Do not be afraid." There is no longer anything to be afraid of. Fear and all its insidious agents that corrupt and conspire no longer have power over us. That which we fear no longer holds dominion over our lives or world. God does. And that changes everything.

If you want to know where we are headed, what lies in the future for us, what God has in mind, look to the only person ever resurrected (*not resuscitated*), look to Jesus. He then goes on to forgive his dim-witted disciples and begins spreading a whole new sort of movement freed from the conventional laws of physics and biology. But none of that stops him from also enjoying a good dinner party.

Easter is the beginning of the revolution. Since death broke, the boundaries of what is "impossible" have become altogether uncertain. Instead, something new is beginning.

Happy Easter! Now go and do as the angels commanded and go tell someone. Better yet, show them!

-Brian

## WORSHIP

In-person 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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| April 2  | Palm Sunday/Communion<br>Lesson: Matthew 6:19-21<br>Sermon: Investment Strategies                   |
| April 6  | Maundy Thursday<br>Lesson: Matthew 26:17-30<br>Sermon: Do You Know What I've Done to You?           |
| April 7  | Good Friday<br>Lesson: Matthew 26:36 & 27:56<br>The Passion According to St. Matthew                |
| April 8  | Holy Saturday<br>Reading of the Gospel of Matthew   |
| April 9  | Resurrection of the Lord<br>Lesson: Matthew 28:1-10<br>Sermon: You Do Not Need to be Afraid Anymore |
| April 16 | 2nd Sunday of Easter<br>Lesson: Matthew 7:1-13<br>Sermon: Do Not Judge                              |
| April 23 | 3rd Sunday of Easter<br>Lesson: Matthew 6:25-34<br>Sermon: What the Flowers Know                    |
| April 30 | 4th Sunday of Easter<br>Lesson: Matthew 7:15-29<br>Sermon: Hearing and Doing                        |

## Connections

Wednesdays, 7:00pm

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82945327813>

Meeting ID: 829 4532 7813

## Bible Study

Thursdays, 7:00pm

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82002536057>

Meeting ID: 820 0253 6057

## HOLY SATURDAY

### Holy Saturday Gospel of Matthew Reading

Members of Fairmont Presbyterian and Hilliard United Methodist have recorded a reading of the Gospel of Matthew for your Holy Saturday reflection.

The link to the recorded reading will be sent via email on Saturday, April 8, early morning. May you be blessed in the hearing of the gospel in its entirety.

## CONNECTIONS

### April 2023 Connections

### The World of the New Testament

Join us Wednesday nights at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom, we will be exploring the context of the life and ministry of Jesus of Nazareth through the lens of the Gospel of Matthew. Together we will explore the ways in which Jesus' world was so different from our own.

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| April 5  | The Great Revolt                   |
| April 12 | No Connections Happy Easter Season |
| April 19 | No Connections Happy Easter Season |
| April 26 | Matthew and Sectarian Judaism      |

## BIBLE STUDY

Every Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom we will be prayerfully considering the text for the following Sunday morning. You do not need any preparation and everyone is welcome. We read through a few different translations together, talk about funny words and contexts, and then consider what it may mean both to people long ago and for us today. Most of all, questions are invited. In fact, the questions are the best part! You are invited.

## 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 April theme will be focused on Science and Religion.

Our next Zoom film presentation and discussion will be on Friday, April 14, 2023, at 8:00 p.m. This time slot allows parents to get their children to bed and participate in adult conversations!

DATE: Friday, April 14, 2023  
TIME: 8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
FILM: Science and Religion

Watch for the Zoom link in the weekly Beside Still Waters and Fridays from Fairmont emails, and Fairmont's April worship bulletins or contact Pastor Kelley at [kshin@fairmontchurch.org](mailto:kshin@fairmontchurch.org).

## CHILDREN & YOUTH

### Children's Choir

Fairmont's Children's Choir rehearses Sunday mornings at 9:30am in the Children's Music Room. Ages 4 - grade 5 are invited to participate. We will sing for the congregation on Palm Sunday, take one week off of rehearsals for Easter, and sing again May 14th. Contact Lorelei if your child would like to sing!

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## Children's Sunday School

After the Time with Children, kids will be led to the downstairs classrooms. Teachers lead discussions about the Bible and God's love using videos, stories, crafts, and fellowship time! Sunday school classes are open to children ages 4 - grade 5.

## Sunday Nursery

Nursery care will be provided from 8am-12pm on Sunday mornings by Caroline Buchheit. As a reminder, only children birth - 3 years old may stay in the nursery for the safety of our youngest.

## Upcoming Children's Events

April 1: Easter Egg-Stravaganza  
April 2: Children's Choir Sings  
April 21: Fairmont Family Night  
May 14: Children's Choir Sings  
May 19: Fairmont Family Night  
June 12-15: Vacation Bible School  
August 13: Summer Send-Off

## 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 a faith video, games, activities, and lunch!

## APRIL YOUTH SCHEDULE

April 2 No Youth: Spring Break  
April 9 No Youth: Easter  
April 16 Spring Hike: Pearl's Fen in Beavercreek Wetlands at 2:00 p.m.  
April 23 Praising God: Animate *Worship*  
April 30 Game Day: Video, Board, and Switch Games

Pastor Kelley may be reached by email at [kshin@fairmontchurch.org](mailto:kshin@fairmontchurch.org) or by text or phone at (937) 751-0752.

Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday	
Palm Sunday//Communion 8:30am: Casual Service (fh) 9:30am: Children's Choir Practice 10:30am: Traditional Service (sanctuary)				11:00am: Fit 4 You (fh) 12:00pm: AA (012) 12:00pm: OA (rc) 7:00pm: Team Meetings (ur)		4:30pm: Praise Band 7:00pm: Connections 7:30pm: AA (012)	
Resurrection of the Lord 8:30am: Casual Service (fh) 10:30am: Traditional Service (sanctuary)		Easter Monday (Office Closed) 7:00pm: Circle 1 (parlor)		11:00am: Fit 4 You (fh) 12:00pm: AA (012) 12:00pm: OA (rc) 7:00pm: Trustees, B&G, Finance (ur)		4:30pm: Praise Band 5:30pm: Circle 6 (off) 7:30pm: AA (012) No Connections	
2nd Sunday after Easter 8:30am: Casual Service (fh) 9:30am: Children's Choir Practice 10:30am: Traditional Service (sanctuary) 2:00pm: Fairmont Spring Hike				11:00am: Fit 4 You (fh) 12:00pm: AA (012) 12:00pm: OA (rc) 7:00pm: Session (ur)		11:30am: Fairmont M Luncheon (	
3rd Sunday of Easter 8:30am: Casual Service (fh) 9:30am: Children's Choir Practice 10:30am: Traditional Service (sanctuary) 12:00pm: Fairmont Youth		7:00pm: Circle 8 (parlor)		11:00am: Fit 4 You (fh) 12:00pm: AA (012) 12:00pm: OA (rc)		4:30pm: Praise Band 7:00pm: Connections 7:30pm: AA (012)	
4th Sunday of Easter (See Above Schedule)							

Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
						10:30am: Easter Egg-stravaganza	1
(fh)	5	6:00pm: Bell Choir (cr)	6	11:00am: Fit 4 You (fh)	7	Holy Saturday	8
(online)		7:00pm: Maundy Thursday Service (sanctuary)		12:00pm: OA (rc)		Recorded reading of Matthew for Holy Saturday	
		7:00pm: NA (012)		7:00pm: Good Friday Service (sanctuary)			
		7:15pm: Choir (cr)		No Theology on Tap			
(fh)	12	6:00pm: Bell Choir (cr)	13	11:00am: Fit 4 You (fh)	14	9:30am: Circle 7 (offsite)	15
(site)		7:00pm: Bible Study (online)		12:00pm: OA (rc)			
		7:00pm: NA (012)		8:00pm: Presbyterianism and Modern Challenges Film			
		7:15pm: Choir (cr)					
Men's (offsite)	19	6:00pm: Bell Choir (cr)	20	11:00am: Fit 4 You (fh)	21	11:30am: WOF Spring Gathering (fh)	22
(fh)		7:00pm: Bible Study (online)		12:00pm: OA (rc)			
		7:00pm: NA (012)		6:00pm: Fairmont Family Night (fh)			
		7:15pm: Choir (cr)		Call articles are due.			
(fh)	26	1:00pm: Rug Hooking Group (fh)	27	11:00am: Fit 4 You (fh)	28		29
(online)		6:00pm: Bell Choir (cr)		12:00pm: OA (rc)			
		7:00pm: Bible Study (online)					
		7:00pm: NA (012)					
		7:15pm: Choir (cr)					

## 2024 HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

Have you ever wanted to walk where Jesus walked and sail on the Sea of Galilee? Join us on our Holy Land Pilgrimage January 29, 2024-February 8, 2024. This pilgrimage journey, sponsored jointly by Fairmont and Hilliard United Methodist Church will visit all the important locations in Jesus' life and ministry as well as visiting many of the important locations of the Old Testament. Pastor Brian, who has now led 16 Holy Land trips for pastors, seminary students, and the United States Army, will be leading the trip sharing his knowledge and helping us to more deeply experience the reality of God's revelation in this land that so many call Holy. A brochure with more information is available at the entrance to the Fellowship Hall and Sanctuary and is available from the office as well.

### MISSION BEYOND THE CONGREGATION

**Helping Hands, Helping Hearts**



Fairmont's mission activities focus primarily on local organizations that benefit at-risk families, children, and youth in our community and provide opportunities for hands-on mission work.

#### Kettering Schools Mission

The Mission Team is gathering items to help stock the Kettering High School nurse's station. They are serving nearly 2400 students. The items requested are for students who have medical needs (think diabetics and such) and right now they could really use a supply of the following:

saltine crackers (small individual packs are best but could also do bigger boxes), peanut butter crackers, juice boxes, and fruit snacks, tissues

Please place your donations in the box labeled MISSION on the Mission Table near Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions, contact Kerri Miles at [kmjdjp53@gmail.com](mailto:kmjdjp53@gmail.com). Thank you in advance for your generous spirit.

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## Artemis House

The mission of Artemis is "Working with the Community to Empower Survivors to Heal and Live Free of Domestic Violence". Artemis serves survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking. They collaborate with many community partners to increase safety for survivors and their children. Artemis offers a safe space where victims can feel seen, heard, believed, and empowered.

For 2021:

4,127 survivors were served

6,665 hotline calls were completed

661 child therapy sessions were held

221 court accompaniments were made

## World Central Kitchen

In 2021, World Central Kitchen was added to the organizations we support, as we focus on those in need. WCK is on site serving chef-prepared meals to communities impacted by natural disasters and during prolonged humanitarian crises. They are a team of food first responders who mobilize with urgency to get meals to the people who need them most. As an example of the power of this organization, to date, WCK has distributed over a million meals to earthquake survivors in Syria and Turkey. If you wish to donate to WCK, simply mark WCK on your check or contribution envelope.

## WOMEN OF FAIRMONT

The Women of Fairmont will be having their Spring Gathering April 22nd in Fellowship Hall at 11:30am for lunch.

Our speaker will be Leigh Ann Fulford who will be talking about suicide prevention. She for many years (with Sallie Luther) organized a walk to build awareness on this issue. She has now organized a high school GEM art Contest for Suicide Prevention. As a group we have supported these efforts.

Please plan on attending! Let your circle leader know or let Jennifer in the office know that you will attend. Thank you.

## ART, ANTIQUE, & CRAFT SHOW

The Art, Antique, and Craft Show committee is collecting items for the fall Art, Antique, and Craft show. If you are willing to sort out your jewelry, broken jewelry, collectibles, antiques, pottery, vintage items, canning jars (quarts & pints, seasonal items, cookbooks, puzzles, decorative items, Christmas trees and ornaments we would be so grateful!

If you have any questions on any items to donate, please contact Carolyn and our committee.

Thank you!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### FAIRMONT MEN'S GROUP

Fairmont Men's Group will meet at MCL Cafeteria on Wednesday, April 19th at 11:30 am. Sign "Lunch" on the attendance pad on Sunday or call the church office at (937) 299-3539 or you may email the church at [office@fairmontchurch.org](mailto:office@fairmontchurch.org) by noon on Tuesday, April 18th, to make a reservation. All the men of the church are invited!

### THEOLOGY ON TAP

There is **NO** Theology on Tap for the month of April due to Holy Week and Good Friday. We will meet again on May 5th!

### FAIRMONT FAMILY NIGHT

Join us for our April *Fairmont Family Night* on Friday, April 21, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. Fairmont children, youth, and their families will be meeting **once-a-month** for a fun evening of dinner, games, movies, and fellowship. For questions, contact Lorelei Harding or Pastor Kelley

**WHAT:** Fairmont Family Night  
**WHEN:** April 21, 2023  
**TIME:** 6:00 p.m.  
**WHERE:** Fellowship Hall  
**THEME:** Spring Fling!

## FAIRMONT SPRING HIKE

Join Pastor Kelley for a Fairmont Spring Hike on Sunday, April 16th, at 2:00 p.m.

Let's meet at the Pearl's Fen Trail in Beavercreek at 2:00 p.m. for a 2 or 3-mile hike.

**DATE:** Sunday, April 16  
**TIME:** 2:00 p.m.  
**PLACE:** Pearl's Fen Trail  
**ADDRESS:** 4535 Byron Road  
Fairborn, OH 45324

We will hike an easy mile for families and then add another 2 miles for those who want to hike a moderate hike. Contact Pastor Kelley at [kshin@fairmontchurch.org](mailto:kshin@fairmontchurch.org) for questions.

## DAYTON DRAGON'S

**Mark your calendars!** Join us for a fun summer evening of baseball and fellowship at the Dayton Dragon's on Saturday, June 3rd! Starting in April, you will be able to sign up through a link on the Fairmont Presbyterian Church website. Reach out to Kelly Coan with any questions at (937) 470-3427.

## WOMEN'S DAY RETREAT

**"Save the Date"**

**DATE:** Saturday, June 24, 2023  
**THEME:** Summer Sabbath  
**WHAT:** Day Retreat for All Fairmont Women  
- Hiking, Faith Conversations, Meals, Fellowship, Sabbath Time  
**WHERE:** Bergamot Center, Beavercreek, Ohio

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### STAFF

**Pastor/Head of Staff:** Brian Maguire

**Associate Pastor:** Kelley Wehmeyer Shin

**Children's Ministry Coordinator:** Lorelei Harding

**Director of Music Ministries:** Coleman Clark

**Organist:** Judy Bede

**Bookkeeper:** Martha Keil

**Custodian:** Louis Weyrauch

**Administrative Assistant:** Jennifer Mason

### April Birthdays

Jaci Rose	04/01	Janice Walters	04/16
Theodore Stewart	04/01	David LaRue	04/20
Susan Stewart	04/03	Chris Shearer	04/21
Angela Bussey	04/04	Quinn Barnett	04/24
Karen Penney	04/04	Don Venable	04/24
Lauren Bergstresser	04/08	Richard Cost	04/25
Dan Dault	04/09	Keven Stewart	04/26
Sallie Luther	04/09	Lilias Harper Adam	04/27
Joan Gray	04/10	Jason Barnett	04/29
Thomas Hohler	04/12	Kate Barnett	04/29
Julie Wooley	04/12	Krista Hysinger	04/29
Terry Akers	04/13	Kelly Coan	04/30
Jane Swartz	04/13	Phyllis Dodson	04/30
William Stewart	04/15	Andrew Hohler	04/30
		Kerri Miles	04/30



### DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT CALL

**The deadline for The May Call is Friday, April 21, 2023.**

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

For website inquiries, contact Lorelei at: [lharding@fairmontchurch.org](mailto:lharding@fairmontchurch.org).