

# THE CALL

Fairmont Presbyterian Church

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## HE IS RISEN

Now the interesting part begins.

Jesus decisively defeated the power of sin and death over a long weekend around the year 33 AD, but that did not conclude God's project of salvation. Quite to the contrary, what Jesus did opened up God's work as a participative endeavor and invites us to join in. Freed from the old powers of sin, fear, and death that held us back, we are now free to take risks as we join in his project of setting all the prisoners free. Ever since death broke, things have not been the same.

The early church understood that they were a new kind of community for this new age. They were and are the gathering of the people of God who are now participating in resurrection. They understood that Jesus' resurrection is not something one passively receives. It is instead a new kind of life into which one is invited. If you want to make it yours, if you want to share in Jesus' resurrection, you need to choose and participate. If that sounds challenging it is. The invitation of the cross is always challenging. But after Pentecost we do not do so alone. And after Jesus' ascension, we can trust that he is actively praying and interceding for us today.

To live into resurrection necessarily leads to conflict with all those powers aligned with the world's normal cast of characters: fear, shame, power, dominion, hatred, and death. To celebrate Easter means you are declaring rebellion against the powers of this world. The world will retaliate. To start living God's life here and now in this life is an act of insurrection. While Acts and Paul's letters sketch out episodes of that rebellion, one book in the Bible shares the bigger picture.

Revelation, or if you prefer that same name in in the original Greek, "apocalypse," simply means the revealing or uncovering. Something that once was hidden and obscured is now made plain to see. The Book of Revelation is not a scary story about the end times. It is an encouraging parable about how we, in the ordinary reality of our lives, can work with God to undo the power of evil and sin in the world knowing that through Christ Jesus, our ultimate victory is already assured. The secret of the book of Revelation is simply this, God Wins! So, assured of the final outcome, we can go out and show and share love in ways that we never before thought possible or wise. We can love rather than give into fear and in doing so we expand God's Kingdom here on Earth that it might in ways small and large become a big more like the Kingdom every day.

Jesus rose from the dead, ascended into heaven, and now he sends us, his agents and ambassadors, to continue his work, confound the schemes of the enemy, and show a broken world a new hope. Happy Resurrection, now let's get to work.

-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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May 4      3rd Sunday of Easter/Communion Sunday  
Lesson: Revelation 8:14-22

May 11      Youth Sunday/4th Sunday of Easter  
Lesson: Revelations 5:1-11

May 18      Single Service /Music Sunday/Baptism  
Lesson: Revelations 4:6-11

May 25      6th Sunday of Easter/Ascension of the Lord  
Lesson: Luke 24:44-53

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Connections

Wednesdays, 7:00pm

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82619499713>

Meeting ID: 826 1949 9713

Bible Study: Weekly Scripture

Tuesdays, 12:15pm

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83594350345>

Meeting ID: 835 9435 0345

## CONNECTIONS

Connections for Easter: Apocalypse and Apocalypticism (a history of the future):

On Wednesday nights at 7:00 p.m. throughout the Easter season we will be considering the meaning and the impact of the Book of Revelation on Christian faith and culture. We will be considering influence of various forms of apocalyptic thinking including anti-christ(s), the rapture, and the millennium on how we view our lives, the world, each other, and God.

May 7      God's conflict with Rome: Revelation 5-18

May 14      The Secret of Revelation—God Wins: Revelation 19-22

May 21      Apocalypse and Apocalypticism Today

## 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!

May 6      Revelation 5:1-11

May 13      Revelation 4:6-11

May 20      Luke 24:44-53

May 27      Revelation 7:4, 9-14

## CHILDREN & YOUTH

### CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:30am Worship

After the Time with Children, children will follow their teachers to a classroom on the lower level where they will learn about God while enjoying bible stories, crafts, and fellowship with their peers. We are using a new curriculum in our elementary classes: "Follow Me: Biblical Practices for Faithful Living."



Quarterly, Pastor Kelley will also be sharing beautiful **Godly Play** storytelling during the Sunday school time slot. Sunday school classes are open to children ages 4 - grade 5. Any questions, contact Pastor Kelley.

The last Sunday School for the church year before the customary summer break is Sunday, May 4, 2025. Pastor Kelley will lead Godly Play for the children. Children will stay in worship for May 11 (Youth Sunday & Mother's Day) and May 18 (Music Sunday)

### UPCOMING CHILDREN'S EVENTS



May 4: Last Day of Sunday School Before Summer Break

May 11: Youth & Children Sunday and Mother's Day

June 9-12: Vacation Bible School - "Compassion Camp"

July 20: Playground & Popsicles

August 17: Summer Send-Off Spectacular

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

#### "Compassion Camp"

Save the Date!

Vacation Bible School 2025: June 9-12, 9:00am - 12:00pm

VBS is open to children ages 4 through children who have completed 5th grade.

**Compassion Camp VBS:** Join us for four fun-filled mornings with Godly Play/Bible stories, awesome music, outdoor games, fun crafts, and yummy snacks! Come learn how we can change the world with lovingkindness! We will hear stories of compassion about Miriam, Elijah, Good Samaritan, and Phoebe.

Registration forms in the church office.



### FAIRMONT YOUTH MINISTRY

#### \*NEW FORMAT & SCHEDULE\*

(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 11 YOUTH SUNDAY at 10:30 a.m.

#### JUNE

June 1\* Family Young's Dairy Café & Mini-Golf  
June 9-12 Family Vacation Bible School

**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.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday			
3rd Sunday of Easter/Communion 8:30am: Casual Service 9:45am: Contemplative Prayer (chapel) 10:30am: Traditional Service	4	5	11:00am: Fit 4 You 12:00pm: AA (012) 12:00pm: OA (rc) 12:15pm: Bible Study (ur & online) 7:00pm: Team Meetings	6	4:30pm: Praise Band (ur) 7:00pm: Connections 7:30pm: AA (012)	
4th Sunday of Easter 8:30am: Casual Service 9:45am: Contemplative Prayer (chapel) 10:30am: Traditional/Youth Sunday	11	7:00pm: Circle 1 (parlor)	12	11:00am: Fit 4 You 12:00pm: AA (012) 12:00pm: OA (rc) 12:15pm: Bible Study (ur & online) 7:00pm: Trustees, B&G, Finance (ur)	13	3:00pm: Spirituality For Who Grieve (chapel) 7:00pm: Connections 7:30pm: AA (012)
Single Service/Music Sunday/ Baptism 9:45am: Contemplative Prayer (chapel) 10:30am: Traditional Service (sanctuary)	18		19	11:00am: Fit 4 You (fh) 12:00pm: AA (012) 12:00pm: OA (rc) 12:15pm: Bible Study (ur & online) 7:00pm: Session (ur)	20	9:00am-2:00pm West (ur) 11:30am: Fairmont M Luncheon (offsite) 4:30pm: Praise Band (ur) 5:30pm: Circle 2 7:00pm: Connections 7:30pm: AA (012)
6th Sunday of Easter 8:30am: Casual Service (fh) 9:45 Contemplative Prayer (chapel) 10:30am: Traditional Service (sanctuary)	25	Memorial Day (Office Closed)	26	11:00am: Fit 4 You (fh) 12:00pm: AA (012) 12:00pm: OA (rc) 12:15pm: Bible Study (ur & online) 7:00pm: Deacons (ur)	27	4:30pm: Praise Band (ur) 7:00pm: No Connections 7:30pm: AA (012)

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Wednesday	Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
	6:00pm: Bell Choir (cr) 7:00pm: NA (012) 7:15pm: Choir (cr)	1	11:00am: Fit 4 You (fh) 12:00pm: OA (rc) 5:00pm: Theology on Tap @ Carillon Brewery	2	11:00am: Women Of Fairmont Spring Gathering (fh)	3
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minster Staff en's (fh) (online)	1:00pm: Rug Hooking Group (fh) 7:00pm: NA (012)	21	22	11:00am: Fit 4 You 12:00pm: OA (rc)	23	3:00pm: Barb Stager Memorial Service (offsite)
(fh ons	7:00pm: NA (012)	28	29		30	31

## MISSION BEYOND THE CONGREGATION

### Helping Hands, Helping Hearts



#### Youth Sunday Minute for Mission: Daybreak's Parenting Room and Pantry

Daybreak Shelter's Community Development team will visit Fairmont's 10:30am service on Sunday, May 11<sup>th</sup> for a timely Minute for Mission on their Parenting Room and Pantry. This project supports young mothers under 21 who are unhoused. Initially, Daybreak opened a special Parenting Room 2 years ago due to necessity. Over the past year, they've added a pantry to provide supplies for their clients who have their own young children and infants.

#### Special May/June Supply Collection for Young Parents at Daybreak

Travis Rindler from Daybreak's Community Development team shared a wish list of high-need items for their Parenting Pantry. We'll be holding a collection throughout May and June for the following:

Diapers

Changing pads/blankets

Children's Books

Infant Toys

Clothing for children aged 3 and under  
(Preferably new or lightly used)

Baby Oil

Baby Shampoo

General hygiene products

Gift Cards

**Did You Know?** Daybreak's Parenting Room aligns with our team's focus on supporting children and families in Dayton and Kettering. Daybreak is the Dayton area's only emergency homeless shelter, supporting youth ages 10 to 21.

## 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.

## WOMEN'S ONE-DAY SUMMER RETREAT

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“Water from the Well”

*The Story of the Woman at the Well*



Saturday, June 21, 2025 \* 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Bergamo Center

4400 Shakertown Road, Beavercreek, Ohio

\$25 Includes Breakfast & Lunch

Small Groups, Hikes, Worship, Sabbath Time

Contact Pastor Kelley at  
[kshin@fairmontchurch.org](mailto:kshin@fairmontchurch.org)

## SPIRITUALITY FOR THOSE WHO GRIEVE

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

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

**MAY DATE:** May 14, 2025

**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? How can we find healing through our stories of 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 gathering is May 14th at 3:00 p.m. in the Chapel. This will be a time to share or listen to stories of healing and grief. We will be resourcing two books on spirituality and healing. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Kelley at [kshin@fairmontchurch.org](mailto:kshin@fairmontchurch.org).

## WOMEN OF FAIRMONT

Please join us for the WOF Spring Gathering on Saturday, May 3rd at 11AM in the Fellowship Hall. Ann Riegle Crichton will present "It's not your Grandma's library". This promises to be an interesting and eye-opening presentation. A delicious meal will be provided. All are welcome!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### FAIRMONT MEN'S GROUP

Fairmont Men's Group will meet at MCL Cafeteria on Wednesday, May 21st at 11:30 am. To make a reservation, please call the church office at (937) 299-3539 or email at [office@fairmontchurch.org](mailto:office@fairmontchurch.org) by noon on Tuesday, May 20th. All the men of the church are invited.

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### 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** For the month of May, Theology on Tap will meet at Carillon Brewery (1000 Carillon Blvd., Dayton) at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, May 2nd, 2025.

## ART, ANTIQUE & CRAFT SHOW

This year's show will be held on Saturday, November 8, 2025. We are now accepting donations of vintage Christmas and antique items, jewelry, seasonal decorations, pottery, decorative items, collectibles, puzzles, cookbooks, earlier toys, linens and artwork. No furniture donations will be accepted. If you have any questions about donations, please call Carolyn Wimer at (937) 705-6451.



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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

## 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 Stweart	05/10	DeAnna Ullery	05/25
Pete Luther	05/11	Will Lewis IV	05/26
Kent Shirley	05/11	Julie Boden	05/27
Mark Deem	05/13	Carolyn Wimer	05/27
Jean Webster	05/15	Karan Bowden	05/29
Deborah Beebe	05/16	Becky Hamilton	05/29
Pam Lowry	05/17	Sara Dues	05/30
Robert Berger	05/18	Rich Bowden	05/31
Laurie Harper	05/19	John Schramm	05/31



### DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT CALL

**The deadline for The June/July Call is Friday, May 23, 2025.**

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