

# THE CALL

Fairmont Presbyterian Church

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## THOUGHTS FROM BRIAN

As Reformed Christians we believe that God has one continuous saving plan for healing creation and everyone within it. That plan unfolds across history and is recounted in both collections we call the Old and New Testaments. Each can only be understood in conversation with the other. Taken together, they present a cosmic and historic account of God's redeeming work from the first creation to the end of time, beginning and ending in a garden.

Throughout 2022 we will be examining the major themes of the Old Testament and how they form the foundation of our faith and understanding of who God is and who we are. Primary among these themes we will be examining relationship, covenant, justice, liberation, law, identity, community, and the character of God. Our hope is that in doing so, we may start making connections across centuries and books of the Bible, engaging prophets, priests and kings in the great story which is also our story.

We will not be doing this alone. We will be sharing with the Hilliard United Methodist Church in Hilliard, Ohio. For the past six years, Rev. April Blaine of Hilliard UMC and I have shared together in a spirituality group formed when we were both students of Richard Rohr, Cynthia Bourgeault, and James Finley at The Living School in Albuquerque. Over the course of the year, we will be sharing our adult education offerings, Bible studies, occasional spiritual reflections like *Besides Still Waters*, and later we hope to swap pulpits on occasion. I encourage you to join our 7:00 p.m. Thursday nights Zoom Bible study and meet some of the curious, interesting, and very friendly folks from Hilliard.

We believe in a God made known through story and human lives. That means that the stories of each of our lives are a part of God's story and vice versa. Please join us as we explore the great story and discover who we are and who God is for us.

## WORDS FROM KELLEY

### *Finding Rest, Renewal, & Inspiration*

The nature of life in a pandemic/endemic is a seemingly never-ending cycle of anxiety, uncertainty, and grief. Each of us need a time of rest, renewal, and inspiration.

We, the staff and leadership of Fairmont, invite you to partake in small moments of rest, renewal, and inspiration through the ongoing programs offered both online and in-person. Maybe one, or more, of these respites of fellowship, conversation, inspiration, and companionship will bring some peace and healing in these times of uncertainty.

- \*Connections Adult Christian Formation (Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom)
- \*Pastors' Bible Study (Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom)
- \*Theology on Tap (1st & 3rd Fridays at 5:00 p.m. via Zoom)
- \*Fairmont Family Hikes (quarterly)
- \*Fourth Friday Family Pizza Dinner (4<sup>th</sup> Friday at 6:00 p.m.)
- \*Women's Retreat (March 18 & 19 at Hueston Woods)
- \*Worship (Sundays at 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. in-person & livestreamed)
- \*Chancel Choir (Thursday evening rehearsals and Sunday worship at 10:30 a.m.)
- \*Bell Choir (Thursday evening rehearsals and Sunday worship at 10:30 a.m.)
- \*Women of Fairmont Bible Study Circles

**Each of these programs are presented in detail in this newsletter!**

Come, friends, let us be in community together as God's people.

Blessings and love,

Pastor Kelley

## 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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February 6 5th Sunday after Epiphany (Single Service)  
(Communion/Annual Meeting)

Lesson: Genesis 12

Sermon: Lekh Lekha

February 13th 6th Sunday after Epiphany

Lesson: Genesis 18

Sermon: Look Who Shows up for Dinner

February 20 7th Sunday after Epiphany

First Lesson: Genesis 21:1-20

Sermon: Son of A Slave Women

February 27 Transfiguration of the Lord

Lesson: Genesis 22

Sermon: How Far Will You Go?

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## ONLINE MINISTRIES

Connections

Wednesdays, 7:00-8:00pm

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

Meeting ID: 829 4532 7813

Bible Study

Thursdays, 7:00-8:00pm

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

Meeting ID: 820 0253 6057

Theology on Tap

1st and 3rd Fridays, 5:00-6:00pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86580191783>

Meeting ID: 865 8019 1783

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Sundays 12:30-1:00pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85369030516>

Meeting ID: 853 6903 0516

## ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Join us for our Annual Congregational Meeting immediately following our single service of worship on Sunday, February 6, 2022.

Zoom Meeting Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89977041729>

Zoom Meeting ID: 844 2998 4546

## CHILDREN & YOUTH

**Zoom Sunday School**

Sundays at 12:00pm, ages 4 - grade 5 are welcome to join us on Zoom as we learn about God's word!

Zoom Meeting ID: 853 6903 0516

**In-Person Sunday School**

Sunday School will be offered during 10:30 worship after the Time with Children for ages 4 - grade 5. Parents, please collect your children promptly after worship.

**Sunday Nursery**

We are so excited to welcome Amy Salley, our new nursery provider! As a reminder, only children birth - 3 years old may stay in the nursery for the safety of our youngest. Nursery will be provided from 8am-12pm. Please remember to collect your children promptly after worship!

## 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 bible study, games, activities, and lunch!

## FEBRUARY YOUTH SCHEDULE

**February 6** Worship: Lunch, Bible Study, Games

**February 13** Worship: Lunch, Faith Through Art, Games

**February 20** Worship: Lunch, Mission & Service, Games

**February 27** Lunch and Youth Fun Day!

*All youth and adults will be wearing masks. All adult staff and volunteers are fully vaccinated. All gatherings are subject to change depending upon COVID-19.*

Pastor Kelley can be reached by email at

[kshin@fairmontchurch.org](mailto:kshin@fairmontchurch.org) or by text or phone at (937)

2 751-0752.

## CONNECTIONS

### FEBRUARY CONNECTIONS

Wednesdays in February 2022  
*Faith Practices for a New Year*

For the month of February, on Wednesday nights at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom, we will continue to look at *Faith Practices for a New Year*. We will watch a short video on simple practices of faith, look at scripture and how it speaks to these practices, and share our own stories of faith practices. We will be using the Animate Video curriculum from Sparkhouse. You can find the Zoom link in Fairmont's weekly emails, *Beside Still Waters* and *Fridays from Fairmont*, or in the weekly worship bulletins.

- February 2** Money: The Joy of Sharing by Shane Claiborne  
**February 9** Service: The Needs Right in Front of You by Enuma Okoro  
**February 16** Worship: Seeking God's Presence by Mike Slaughter  
**February 23** Our Faith Practices

## WORSHIP COMMITTEE

Thank you Brian, Kelley, Vicki, and Coleman for the fantastic Christmas Eve services. We have been hearing from many people how much they really enjoyed the services. Brian told me that there were 186 people in church for the services and 160 logins for streaming. We always estimate two people per device, so that is  $186 + 320 = 506$  people for our Christmas Eve services. That is a lot of people celebrating Christ's birth with Fairmont Church!

The Banner Committee has been formed. Cindy Youngerman is Chair, and the committee members are Jenny Fiden, Kelley Shin, Kerri Miles, Ann Diller, and Wynn Adam. Jenny Fiden found the banners that hung in the sanctuary for many years. We are going to temporarily hang them in the Sanctuary to test for sound improvement. We will then decide on what the banners should look like and how many to purchase for the Sanctuary.

## CHRISTIAN FORMATION

### Turning Pages in Our Church Library

Has it been a long time since you wandered into our church library? Visit soon to browse. Check-out information is at the front desk.

Descriptive labels on the shelves lead you to different subjects. You may want to browse "221 Old Testament" as we explore major themes in the Old Testament throughout 2022.

Older items have spine labels; newer items are simply shelved in the appropriate area. Here's a sampling of what you can discover, with shelf labels shown in bold.

### Children's Section

- All of God's Children** *I Walk with Vanessa, A Story About a Simple Act of Kindness*, by Kero-scoet  
**J 221 Bible O.T.** *Tomie dePaola's Book of the Old Testament*  
**J 280 Christian Religion** *My Baptism Book*, by Sophie Piper

### Adult Section

- 220 Bible** *The New American Bible* Audio book on CD  
**221 Old Testament** *Texts that Linger, Words That Explore*, by Walter Brueggeman  
**248 Christian Life** *Falling Upward*, by Richard Rohr  
**PCUSA** *Presbyterian Questions, Presbyterian Answers; Exploring Christian Faith*, by Donald K. McKim  
**261 Social Theology** *Educating All God's Children*, by Nicole Baker Fulgham  
**DVDs** *The Book of Genesis* and *The Old Testament*, from The Great Courses series

### Side Tables

- Archaeology of the Bible; The Greatest Discoveries From Genesis to the Roman Era*, by Jean Pierre Isbouts; a National Geographic book  
*Peculiar Treasures; A Biblical Who's Who*, by Frederick Buechner

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Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wedne	
				11:00am: Fit 4 You (fh)	1	6:30pm: Praise Band (	
				12:00pm: AA (012)		7:00pm: Connections	
				12:00pm: OA (B)		7:30pm: AA (012)	
				7:00pm: Team Meetings (online)			
Single Service 5th Sunday after Epiphany/ Communion	6	7:00pm: WOF Coordinating Meeting (online)	7	11:00am: Fit 4 You (fh)	8	6:30pm: Praise Band (	
10:30am: Traditional Service (sanctuary)				12:00pm: AA (012)		7:00pm: Connections	
Annual Meeting immediately after worship				12:00pm: OA (B)		7:30pm: AA (012)	
12:00pm: Youth Ministry (in-person)				7:00pm: Trustees, B&G, Finance (online)			
6th Sunday after Epiphany	13	7:00pm: Circle 1 (online)	14	11:00am: Fit 4 You (fh)	15	6:30pm: Praise Band (	
8:30am: Casual Service (fh)				12:00pm: AA (012)		7:00pm: Connections	
10:30am: Traditional Service (sanctuary)				12:00pm: OA (B)		7:30pm: AA (012)	
12:00pm: Zoom Sunday School (online)				7:00pm: Session (online)			
12:00pm: Youth Ministry (in-person)							
7th Sunday after Epiphany	20		21	11:00am: Fit 4 You (fh)	22	5:30pm: Circle 6 (off s	
8:30am: Casual Service (fh)				12:00pm: AA (012)		6:30pm: Praise Band (	
10:30am: Traditional Service (sanctuary)				12:00pm: OA (B)		7:00pm: Connections	
12:00pm: Zoom Sunday School (online)						7:30pm: AA (012)	
12:00pm: Youth Ministry (in-person)							
Transfiguration of the Lord	27		28				
8:30am: Casual Service (fh)							
10:30am: Traditional Service (sanctuary)							
12:00pm: Zoom Sunday School (online)							
12:00pm: Youth Ministry (in-person)							

# January

Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
(fh) (online)	<b>2</b>	6:00pm: Bell Choir (cr) 7:00pm: Bible Study (online) 7:00pm: NA (012) 7:15pm: Choir (cr)	<b>3</b>	11:00am: Fit 4 You (fh) 12:00pm: OA (B) 5:00pm: Theology on Tap (online)	<b>4</b>	10:00am: WOF Gathering on Zoom	<b>5</b>
(fh) (online)	<b>9</b>	6:00pm: Bell Choir (cr) 7:00pm: Bible Study (online) 7:00pm: NA (012) 7:15pm: Choir (cr)	<b>10</b>	11:00am: Fit 4 You (fh) 12:00pm: OA (B)	<b>11</b>		<b>12</b>
(fh) (online)	<b>16</b>	11:30am: Fairmont Men's Group (offsite) 6:00pm: Bell Choir (cr) 7:00pm: Bible Study (online) 7:00pm: NA (012) 7:15pm: Choir (cr)	<b>17</b>	11:00am: Fit 4 You (fh) 12:00pm: OA (B) 5:00pm: Theology on Tap (online)  March Call articles are due.	<b>18</b>	9:30am: Circle 7 (online)	<b>19</b>
(ite) (fh) (online)	<b>23</b>	6:00pm: Bell Choir (cr) 7:00pm: Bible Study (online) 7:00pm: NA (012) 7:15pm: Choir (cr)	<b>24</b>	11:00am: Fit 4 You (fh) 12:00pm: OA (B) 6:00pm: Fourth Friday Pizza (fh)	<b>25</b>		<b>26</b>

## MISSION BEYOND THE CONGREGATION

### Helping Hands, Helping Hearts



The Mission Team looks forward to continuing in 2022 some of the projects we conducted in 2021 and undertaking new projects as well. Here are some of our activities in 2021:

**Jeremiah's Letter**—This Christmas, we delivered Walmart and Kroger gift cards totaling \$3,600 to nine area families that were identified as being in need by the Jeremiah's Letter Organization. They were so appreciative it warmed our hearts.

**Mittens, Gloves and Hats for JFK**—Fairmont very generously donated dozens of mittens, gloves and hats to needy children at JFK Elementary School in Kettering. The tree in the Narthex was covered and the basket on the Mission Table was overflowing!

**Dayton Food Bank/South Dayton Food Pantry (FISH)**—Fairmont members Donated over \$8,000 to the Dayton Food Bank for local food relief in 2021. In addition, Fairmonters have donated nonperishable food and personal care items on a continuing basis to the South Dayton Food Pantry/FISH including a major collection during our 5th Sunday drive in October.

**SICSA**—Our 5th Sunday Project for May was to hold a collection for SICSA, asking for funds as well as Tidy Cat litter, wet kitten food, etc. The congregation responded generously to this drive and SICSA personnel appreciated our donations.

In 2022, we will continue our association with the agencies and organizations shown in our annual report, included in Fairmont's Annual Meeting of the Congregation on February 6, 2022. These organizations can also be seen on the bulletin board at the Mission Table in the upstairs hallway at church.

We are always looking for members who feel called to join the Mission Team to help support area families and children in need. If so interested, please contact Charlie Chamberlain, at 937-232-8470 or [greenbranch6@sbcglobal.net](mailto:greenbranch6@sbcglobal.net).

## WOMEN OF FAIRMONT

The Women of Fairmont are excited to be able to hear the illustrator of our Bible study speak on Feb. 5 at 10:00 by zoom (zoom info will follow). Cody Miller will start by discussing his background and how that has created a foundation for his creativity. His talk will also touch on the scriptural themes that he returns to in the creation of his art. You'll have time to ask questions at the end. Please plan on joining us!



### Words from Cody

I think grace is a tricky word. I've read about it, experienced it, and heard the testimonials. It is a deep transforming kindness that is given often when I least deserve it. There's always this tension between the way I think it should look and the way it actually comes to me. Kathleen Norris said, "grace is not gentle or made-to-order. It often comes disguised as loss, or failure, or unwelcome change." Whether it be through a passage from scripture or observations in everyday life, I seek to see the beauty in this leaky apparatus called life.

Often I show people on a journey. Sometimes my subjects' hands are open, offering something of themselves to the world. This is what keeps me coming back to the studio, capturing these small acts of kindness that quietly begin to illuminate everything.

I work with cut paper and paint because I enjoy the interplay of the known and unknown. For the known, I work out many variations of a sketch until the design I'm looking for is finally realized. The unknown comes from my files full of patterns and objects waiting to find a new home. I am repeatedly fascinated when I find that some odd cut-out works better than my original intention.

## BUDGET AND STEWARDSHIP

### What is Per Capita and why is it \$52.23?

The Presbyterian Church is a connectional church. That means that we share in mutual ministry and accountability with and for each other. One of the ways we do that is by sharing in the cost of the denomination. This is done through individual assessments based on the number of members in each church. These assessments, called “per capita,” are mandatory and are used to support the work of the General Assembly and the Synod. Those funds are obtained either from our general Fairmont revenues or from special offerings of individuals who wish to pay their share individually. The total per member assessment for 2022 is \$52.23. That is the cost of being a member of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) denomination as opposed to the local congregation. If you would like to directly pay your share of our commitment to the greater church, the amount per member is \$52.23.

### Free Money:

Taxpayers over 70 1/2 years of age with an IRA or a 401K/403B accounts may transfer withdrawals (up to \$100,000 per year) directly to Fairmont Presbyterian Church or other “qualified charitable organizations” and not pay tax on the distribution. Retirement savings accounts of various sorts require individuals over 72 to annually make required minimum distributions or face significant tax penalties. Those distributions are then added to your taxable income, often boosting your tax bracket. But, if you direct those distributions in whole or in part to Fairmont or other charities, those funds do not count as taxable income. This transfer method can save you significant tax dollars. As always, consult with qualified advisors to help with tax planning, but using qualified charitable distributions may be a tax efficient way for you to support Fairmont! All such qualified.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### FAIRMONT MEN’S GROUP

We will meet at MCL Cafeteria on Thursday February 17th at 11:30 am. Sign “Lunch” on the attendance pad Sunday or call the church office (299-3539) by noon on Wednesday, February 16th, to make a reservation. All the men of the church are invited. We would like to see some new faces to start the year.

### FOURTH FRIDAY PIZZA GATHERING

Fairmont Fourth Friday Pizza Gathering will meet in-person on Friday, February 25, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall and share a meal of pizza, salad, and drinks (allergy safe). If Omicron numbers have **not** gone down as predicted, we will reconsider meeting in-person. Watch for an email from Pastor Kelley with final details.

### “LISTENING TO SACRED VOICES”

#### Fairmont Women’s Retreat

*Registration is open for the Fairmont Women’s Retreat at Hueston Woods Conference Center on March 18 & 19, 2022!*

**THEME:** Listening to Sacred Voices

**LEADERS:** Rev. Kelley W. Shin & Rev. Dr. Lisa M. Hess

**DATE:** Friday, March 18, 5:00 p.m. to Saturday, March 19, 3:00 p.m.

**PLACE:** Hueston Woods Lodge & Conference Center

**REGISTRATION:** Sign-up Sheets and Brochures are at the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall doors or email Pastor Kelley at [kshin@fairmontchurch.org](mailto:kshin@fairmontchurch.org). Registration deadline is February 16, 2022.

Fairmont Women! Join us for a time of spiritual, physical, and emotional renewal at Fairmont’s overnight Women’s Retreat. There will be time for small and large group sessions, worship, hikes, meditation and prayer, fellowship, food, and fun! We will be hearing the voices of Eve and Creation, Mary as Woman Word, Spiritual Mothers and Mentors, and Our Own Voices. Pick up a brochure at church for information on housing, meals, and cost.



## Fairmont Presbyterian Church

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**Instagram:** fairmontpresbyterianchurch

### STAFF

**Pastor/Head of Staff:** Brian Maguire  
**Associate Pastor:** Kelley Wehmeyer Shin  
**Children's Ministry Coordinator:** Lorelei Harding  
**Director of Music Ministries:** Vicki Ramga  
**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

### February Birthdays

Deanne Harvey	02/01
Wynn Adam	02/02
Virginia Caldwell	02/02
Lorelei Harding	02/02
Vicki Ramga	02/02
Charles Jones	02/03
Steve Greene	02/05
Christopher Jones	02/05
Maeve Harper	02/05
Maryann Bausman	02/07
Joan K. Thompson	02/08
Linda Yoder	02/09
Elizabeth Favro	02/11
Mary Davis	02/12

Roger Athmer	02/24
Dawn Poindexter	02/16
Deborah Prichard	02/16
Sara Grillot	02/17
Cameron Shearer	02/18
Mark Wells	02/18
Morgan Mantia	02/19
Max Borneman	02/22
Natalie Kanis	02/25
Brian Aitchison	02/26
Gail Yarnall	02/26
Barbara Stager	02/27
Chelsea Yoder	02/27
Thomas Klingel	02/29



### DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT CALL

**The deadline for The March Call is Friday, February 18, 2022.**

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