

THE CALL

Fairmont Presbyterian Church

June/July 2025

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Vacation Bible School 2025 is almost here! Beginning June 9, almost 50 Fairmont adults, youth, and children will come together every morning for 4 days to sing, play, create, celebrate, and learn about God. At Fairmont's Vacation Bible School children will find a loving, safe space where their story is woven into God's Story.

At "Compassion Camp" VBS, children will dive into a week of Godly Play, Music, Crafts, Science, Yoga, Games, Food, and Fun!

Using four of the Godly Play stories from scripture, children will learn stories of Compassion.

- Day 1: Moses, Miriam & Pharaoh's Daughter (Compassion All Around Us)
- Day 2: Elijah (Compassion for Self)
- Day 3: Good Samaritan (Compassion for Neighbor)
- Day 4: Phoebe (Compassion for God's People)

Each day begins with prayer, songs, and a presentation of the daily Godly Play scripture theme. After we open our day with singing and prayer, children and leaders will break into four "Heart Groups" with whom they'll travel between stations.

- Group 1: **Angels (Blue Group)**
- Group 2: **Frogs (Green Group)**
- Group 3: **Donkeys (Teal Group)**
- Group 4: **Hearts (Purple Group)**

"Compassion Camp" **Godly Play** teaches God's stories through storytelling, story characters, and the children's Wondering Questions. Outdoor **Games** provide a time outdoors for the children to play and stretch their legs. Allergy-safe **Snacks** provide time for relaxation and fellowship while enjoying yummy treats. Creative **Crafts** allow hands-on activities which reflect the daily Godly Play theme. Children's **Yoga** is a time for thoughtful movement. Finally, our day ends in our Closing time where everyone comes back together for a **Science** Discovery presentation, songs, and a blessing for our journey home.

The registration deadline for VBS is Monday, June 2, so please contact Pastor Kelley if you have not yet registered your children, grandchildren, or friends of your children. It is also not too late to volunteer. Just contact Pastor Kelley and get signed-up!

Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers and staff who will give time, energy, and love to make Vacation Bible School a week to remember for our children and neighbors alike.

When we give our time, energy, and love at Vacation Bible School, we uphold our baptismal vows where we "promised to guide and nurture our children by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging them to know and follow Christ."

Pastor Kelley

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 for links to all past and upcoming live streams.

June 1 7th Sunday of Easter/Communion
Lesson: Revelation 7:4, 9-14
Sermon: More Than You Think

June 8 Day of Pentecost
Lesson: Revelation 18:1-13
Sermon: The Fall of Babylon

June 15 Trinity Sunday
Lesson: Revelation 20
Sermon: How to Kill a Dragon

June 22 2nd Sunday after Pentecost
Lesson: Revelation 21:1-8
Sermon: God's People

June 29 3rd Sunday after Pentecost
Lesson: Revelation 21:9-27
Sermon: Holy City Jerusalem

July 6 4th Sunday after Pentecost/Communion
Lesson: Revelation 22:1-7
Sermon: Water of Life

July 13 5th Sunday after Pentecost
Lesson: Revelation 22:8-21
Sermon: Charge and Benediction

July 20 6th Sunday after Pentecost
Lesson: Ephesians 5:8-21
Sermon: Why Sing?

July 27 7th Sunday after Pentecost
Lesson: Mark 2:23, 3:6
Sermon: Lord of the Sabbath

CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS:

JULY 6 & AUGUST 3

Join us on Sunday July 6 in the sanctuary at 10:00 a.m. for a brief congregational meeting to elect officers and consider changes to the pastors' terms of call. And then join us for our annual congregational meeting on Sunday August 3 at 10:00 a.m. when we will be sharing about our ministries and plans for the year ahead. Please stay if you come to the early service or come early if you come to the later service. We promise the meetings will be quick and there will be donuts!

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!

June 3 Revelation 18:1-13

June 10 Revelation 20

June 17 Revelation 21:1-8

June 24 Revelation 21:9-27

July 1 Revelation 22:1-7

July 8 Revelation 22:8-21

July 15 Ephesians 5:8-21

July 22 Mark 2:23, 3:6

July 29 TBD

Bible Study: Weekly Scripture

Tuesdays, 12:15pm

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

Meeting ID: 835 9435 0345

CONNECTIONS ON SUMMER SABBATH

Midweek Connections classes will be taking a summer sabbath. There will be no midweek evening Connections during June through August. But do not worry, Connections will be returning and expanding in September. Tuesday morning Bible study will continue throughout the summers at 12:15 p.m.

WHERE'S BRIAN

On June 16-26, Pastor Brian will be leading a group of FBI Chaplains on a spiritual renewal pilgrimage to Israel with his dear friend Rabbi Brad Hirschfield. Please pray for them.

CHILDREN & YOUTH

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Children's Sunday School will not meet in June, July, or August due to our customary Summer Break! Children's Worship Bags and Children's Time will be provided in worship for children during the summer. Sunday School will resume in September.

UPCOMING CHILDREN'S EVENTS

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

July 20: Playground & Popsicles

August 17: Summer Send-Off Spectacular



Summer Family Event

Popsicles & Playground Party
Sunday, July 20th, 11:45am

Children, youth, and their families are invited to join on Fairmont's playground after worship on July 20th for a time of play, popsicles, and fellowship!

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, children's yoga, fun crafts, science discovery, 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 are available in the Church office.
Registration deadline is June 2, 2025!



FAIRMONT YOUTH MINISTRY

(Grades 6th -12th)

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.

JUNE

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

JULY

July 13 Family: Kings Island

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 or by text or phone at (937) 751-0752.

June

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
June						
7th Sunday of Easter/ Communion: Casual Service (fh) 9:45am: Contemplative Prayer (chapel) 10:30am: Traditional Service (sanctuary) 12:00pm: Fairmont Youth to Young's Dairy	1 6:30pm: WOF Coord. Meeting 9:45am: Contemplative Prayer (chapel) 10:30am: Traditional Service (sanctuary) 12:00pm: Fairmont Youth to Young's Dairy	2 11:00am: Fit 4 You (fh) 12:00pm: AA (012) 12:00pm: OA (rc) 2:30pm: Lincoln Park Communion (offsite) 6:30pm: Team Meetings	3 4:30pm: Praise Band (fh) 7:30pm: AA (012)	4 7:00pm: NA (012)	5 11:00am: Fit 4 You (fh) 12:00pm: OA (rc)	6 11:30am: Jayne Hood Memorial Service (sanctuary)
Day of Pentecost	8 9:00am-12:00pm: VBS 8:30am: Casual Service (fh) 9:45am: Contemplative Prayer (chapel) 10:30am: Traditional Service (sanctuary)	9 9:00am-12:00pm: VBS 12:00pm: AA (012) 12:00pm: OA (rc) 7:00pm: B&G, Trustees	10 9:00am-12:00pm: VBS 4:30pm: Praise Band (fh) 7:30pm: AA (012)	11 9:00am-12:00pm: VBS 7:00pm: NA (012)	12 11:00am: Fit 4 You (fh) 12:00pm: OA (rc)	13 14
Trinity Sunday	15 8:30am: Casual Service (fh) 9:45am: Contemplative Prayer (chapel) 10:30am: Traditional Service (sanctuary)	16 11:00am: Fit 4 You (fh) 12:00pm: AA (012) 12:00pm: OA (rc) 7:00pm: Session	17 11:30am: Fairmont Men's Luncheon @ MCL 4:30pm: Praise Band (fh) 7:30pm: AA (012)	18 7:00pm: NA (012)	19 11:00am: Fit 4 You (fh) 12:00pm: OA (rc)	20 9:00am-4:00pm: Women's Retreat @ Bergamo Center 21
2nd Sunday after Pentecost	22 8:30am: Casual Service (sanctuary)	23 11:00am: Fit 4 You (fh) 12:00pm: AA (012) 12:00pm: OA (rc)	24 4:30pm: Praise Band (fh) 7:30pm: AA (012)	25 7:00pm: NA (012)	26 11:00am: Fit 4 You (fh) 12:00pm: OA (rc)	27 28
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						3rd Sunday after Pentecost 8:30am: Casual Service 10:30am: Traditional Service

July

CHURCH LIBRARY

Turning Pages

I appreciate that a recent donation to Fairmont was specified for the Church Library! We've added several books and will be making a list for more. To check out a book, simply sign it out in the binder on the desk. Please return books within a few weeks so that others can enjoy them. - Sally Athmer

This year's Lenten Study book was *Liturgy of the Ordinary* by Tish Hamilton Warren. Because so many of us enjoyed the study, we've added several more books by Warren.

Prayer in the Night: For Those Who Work or Watch or Weep (*Christianity Today's* 2022 Book of the Year)
"Framed around the Nighttime Prayer of Compline."

Advent: The Season of Hope. "A reminder that learning to wait with hope is central to following Jesus Christ."

Little Prayers for Ordinary Days. "Share these prayers with the children you love and help them to begin to recognize the nearness of God."

The next four books are on *Christianity Today's* 2024 Book Awards List:

14 Fresh Ways to Enjoy the Bible by James F. Coakley. This book "will help readers deepen their understanding of Scripture and appreciate its literary beauty."

The Blessed Life: A 90-Day Devotional through the Teachings and Miracles of Jesus by Kelly Minter. "Gracefully short and profound chapters." (A nod to my Lenten Study group!)

Redeeming Vision: A Christian Guide to Looking at and Learning from Art by Elissa Yukiko Weichbrodt. This book "encourages us to respond to art ... with a readiness to love God and neighbor, a willingness to analyze, and an openness to be changed by what we see."

The Things God Made: Explore God's Creation through the Bible, Science, and Art, a picture book by Andy McGuire. "Scientific fact with childlike joy."

And, three other additions:

If God Is Good: Faith in the Midst of Suffering and Evil by Randy Alcorn. With "compelling stories and keen biblical understanding," the author "brings assurance and hope to all."

A Rhythm of Prayer: A Collection of Meditations for Renewal by Sarah Bessey, editor. "A companion for all who feel the immense joys and challenges of the journey of faith."

Painting Wonder: How Pauline Baynes Illustrated the Worlds of C.S. Lewis and J.R.R. Tolkien, a picture book by Katie Wray Schon. A beautiful biography of the artist.

DINNERS FOR 8

Dinners for 8 2024-2025 edition should be winding down by the end of May. It's time to sign-up for new groups for 2025-2026!

What is Dinners for 8?

This is a fun way to get to know your fellow parishioners. Groups usually gather monthly. Tips: You can meet as often as you'd like, eat out, eat in/go to each others' homes, go to an event/outdoor concert/ballgame, meet up with other dinner groups, etc. All are welcome, if throughout the year you become interested, you can still join a group. Groups can invite new members anytime. One group ended up with 10 participants and explored restaurants with different cuisines from around the world. Feel free to be creative, have fun, and enjoy great food. Once sign ups are closed, we randomly draw names, email the groups, then you'll be set to start meeting.

If interested, look for sign-up sheets in Fellowship Hall, and in the narthex in May/June, or you can email or call Christy Maynard: clmaynard828@yahoo.com, 937-232-2757. Deadline to sign-up will be June 25 we will draw for groups by June 30th.

YMCA UPDATES

Throughout the summer you will be seeing lots of kids coming and going from Fairmont. We are so blessed to host the YMCA summer camp program this year, enriching the lives and educations of young people in our community. Please keep an eye out for children in our parking lot.

WOMEN'S SUMMER RETREAT

Women's Summer Day Retreat

"Water from the Well"

The Story of the Woman at the Well

DATE: June 21, 2025

TIME: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

PLACE: Bergamo Center
4400 Shakertown Road
Beavercreek, Ohio

COST: \$25.00 includes Breakfast & Lunch

RSVP: No later than June 13, 2025

Small Groups, Hikes, Worship, Sabbath Time



Romero de Torres, Julio, 1874-1930. Christ and the Samaritan Woman, from **Art in the Christian Tradition**, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FAIRMONT MEN'S GROUP

Fairmont Men's Group will meet at MCL Cafeteria on Wednesday, June 18th at 11:30 am. Call the church office at (937) 299-3539 or you may email the church at office@fairmontchurch.org by noon on Tuesday, June 17th, to make a reservation. All the men of the church are invited!

Luncheon date for July will be on Wednesday, July 16th at 11:30 am. Let Jennifer know by Tuesday, July 15th if you'll be attending.

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.

JUNE: Theology on Tap will meet at Carillon Brewing Company at 1000 Carillon Blvd, Dayton. Meet at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, June 6, 2024.

JULY: No Theology on Tap for July because of the Independence Day Holiday.

SAVE THE DATE

Valley Vineyards Cook-Out

This years cook-out will be on Friday, August 15th. If you have questions, talk to Carolyn Wimer or call her at 937-705-6451.

SAVE THE DATE

DAYTON DRAGONS GAME

Fairmont Presbyterian Church Night at the Dayton Dragons is scheduled for Wednesday, July 23rd. The link to order your tickets is <https://www.gofevo.com/event/Fairmontpresbyterian25> Contact for this event is Kelly Coan (937) 470-3427.

STAFF

Pastor/Head of Staff: Brian Maguire

Associate Pastor: Kelley Wehmeyer Shin

Director of Music Ministries: Coleman Clark

Organist: Judy Bede

Administrative Assistant: Jennifer Mason

Bookkeeper: Martha Keil

June & July Birthdays

Brench Boden	06/01	Lisa Shearer	06/25	Dinah Miller	07/20
Marilyn Dickey	06/01	Paul Fiden	06/26	Sara Deem	07/22
Sally Athmer	06/02	Monica Mantia	06/28	Kenneth Ginader	07/22
Owen Hoskins	06/04	James Runkle	07/03	Lachlan Adam	07/24
Carol Eaton	06/07	Elizabeth Lewis	07/05	Lavender Adam	07/24
Wendy Ernst	06/07	Lois Thomas	07/08	Pete Schilling	07/26
Jack Yoder	06/12	Asher Favro	07/09	Verne Dodson	07/27
Peggy Van Deursen	06/18	Aaron Gouge	07/11	Chazz Hoskins	07/27
Janet Runkle	06/19	Keith Bussey	07/12	Charles Chamberlain	07/28
Gary Lamb	06/21	Sally Bruggemann	07/15	Sue Daley	07/28
Brian Maguire	06/21	Helen Kanis	07/15	William Stager	07/30
Richard Parker	06/21	Louis Weyrauch	07/19		



DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT CALL

The deadline for The August Call is Friday, July 25, 2025.

Please submit Call & bulletin articles to Jennifer at: jmason@fairmontchurch.org.