

THE CALL

Fairmont Presbyterian Church

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What is a faithful response to a world going crazy? That is the question that confronted the prophet Jeremiah some 27 centuries ago. God seemed decidedly absent. Familiar institutions were teetering. Leadership was utterly absent. The nations were locked in conflict. And the culture of ancient Judah was changing almost daily. Jeremiah knew what to do amid a society on the verge of collapse. Jeremiah bought real estate.

Radical hope in the power of God to recreate out of the ruins or out of nothing at all is expressed in our prayers, our scripture, and also in our concrete economic decisions. Jeremiah observes all the legal requirements to duly record a clean title to the property even when everyone around him is selling because of pervasive anxiety for the future. Jeremiah knows what everyone else around him forgets. Beyond all our anxious ponderings, beyond every chance and circumstance that history can hurl at us, beyond success and failure and even life and death, God is at work in the past, present, and future working to redeem, restore, and transform all life, and your life. Humans always tend to worry about what will happen. God will happen. And that means the only safe bet in life or death is to invest in what this God is doing.

On Sunday November 13 we will be collecting and giving thanks for your pledges of financial support for the ministry of Fairmont in the year ahead. Everything we do together, we do because of your prayers, your love, your labor, and your giving. Pledging is a defiant act of courage that flies in the face of the selfish cynicism of our age. Pledging is both a concrete expression of our faith that God is at work in our world and an expression of our desire to be a part of that work. We were created for this work, participating through the Spirit in transforming lives. And we call that collective effort church.

The world may seem unsettled right now, but I know how you can ground your life in an unshakable foundation. Participate with God in God's work today. Invest in God's work. Go all in. It will change your life and lead you to a better one.

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.

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November 6 All Saints' Day/Communion
Lesson: Ezekiel 37:1-14
Sermon: Valley of Bones

November 13 23rd Sunday after Pentecost/
Stewardship Sunday
Lesson: Nehemiah 8:1-8
Sermon: Living Tradition

November 20 Christ the King/Reign of Christ
Lesson: Daniel 12
Sermon: The End . . .and The Beginning

November 27 1st Sunday of Advent
Lesson: Isaiah 9:1-7
Sermon: Beaming Light

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Connections: American Civil Rights Movement

Wednesdays, 7:00pm

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

Meeting ID: 829 4532 7813

Bible Study: Weekly Scripture

Thursdays, 7:00pm

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

Meeting ID: 820 0253 6057

CONNECTIONS

America's Civil Rights Movement

Did you know that in the mid to late 1960's Fairmont Presbyterian Church directly participated in the struggle for civil rights, hosting and supporting the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC)?

Come on Zoom at 7:00 on Wednesday nights in November as we learn more about the history of the civil rights movement and the church's role in it.

Wednesday November 2
Awakening 1954-56

Wednesday November 9
Fighting Back 1957-62

Wednesday November 16
Ain't Afraid of You Jails 1961-62

Wednesday November 23 NO CONNECTIONS HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Wednesday November 30
No Easy Walk 1961-63

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.

STEWARDSHIP

Remember to pledge by Nov 13th!

Humans find comfort in rituals, routines and predictability. Over the past two years, when our lives have been anything but predictable, it is important to remember what gave us solace during these times of uncertainty. Knowing that our church leaders were experiencing the same fear and doubt yet working hard to help us feel connected to the church and each other, provided hope and reassurance. With so much upheaval in our lives—not just due to a pandemic, but in our everyday lives as well—it is comforting to know that we all have a home where we are welcomed and loved with no judgment. We have a family to which we are not related but to which we are all connected through a greater purpose.

In this season of Stewardship, the finance committee calls on our members to make a financial commitment to help our church carry on our legacy of providing a comforting and welcoming respite for generations to come. Please remember to make your pledge by November 13th.

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 **December** theme will be focused on the Abrahamic Religions: Christianity, Judaism, and Islam.

Our next Zoom film presentation and discussion will be on Friday, December 9, 2022, at 8:00 p.m. This time slot allows parents to get their children to bed and participate in adult conversations!

DATE: Friday, December 9, 2022

TIME: 8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

FILM: "Jerusalem" by National Geographic.

Watch for the Zoom link in the weekly Beside Still Waters and Fridays from Fairmont emails, and Fairmont's December worship bulletins or contact Pastor Kelley at kshin@fairmontchurch.org.

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Children's Sunday School

After the Time with Children, kids will follow their teacher to a classroom on the lower level where they will learn about God while enjoying videos, stories, crafts, and fellowship with their peers!

Again this year, we will be using the Sparkhouse: Whirl curriculum in our elementary classes. Children love the fun videos which help connect Bible stories to situations in their lives today (with some really cute characters!)

Once per month, 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. Our volunteers are SO looking forward to sharing the love of God with young, curious minds!

Any questions, contact Lorelei Harding.

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.

Save the Date! Our Children's Christmas Pageant & party will be December 18th!

FAIRMONT FAMILY NIGHT *A Special Thanksgiving Meal*

Join us for our November *Fairmont Family Night* on Friday, November 18, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. Fairmont children, youth, and their families will be meeting **once-a-month** for a fun evening of dinner, games, and fellowship.

WHAT: Fairmont Family Night
WHEN: November 18, 2022
TIME: 6:00 p.m.
WHERE: Fellowship Hall
THEME: A Fun Thanksgiving Meal

Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wedn
				11:00am: Fit 4 You (fh) 12:00pm: AA (012) 12:00pm: OA (rc) 7:00pm: Team Meetings (ur)	1	4:30pm: Praise Band 7:00pm: Connections 7:30pm: AA (012)
All Saints' Day/Communion 8:30am: Casual Service (fh) 10:30am: Traditional Service (sanctuary) 12:00pm: Youth Group Daylight Savings Time Ends	6	9:00am: Art Show moving sale items 9:00am: Art Show Buckeye Baking 10:00am: Dayton P.E.O. (012)	7	11:00am: Fit 4 You (fh) 12:00pm: AA (012) 12:00pm: OA (rc) 7:00pm: Trustees, B&G, Finance (ur)	8	4:30pm: Praise Band 7:00pm: Connections 7:30pm: AA (012)
23rd Sunday after Pentecost/ Stewardship Sunday 8:30am: Casual Service (fh) 10:30am: Traditional Service (sanctuary) 2:00pm: Fairmont Family Hike	13		14	9:30-1:30pm: Dayton PEO Auction (fh) 12:00pm: AA (012) 12:00pm: OA (rc) 7:00pm: Session (ur)	15	11:00am: Fit 4 You 4:30pm: Praise Band 7:00pm: Connections 7:30pm: AA (012)
Christ the King/Reign of Christ 8:30am: Casual Service (fh) 10:30am: Traditional Service (sanctuary) 2:00-5:00pm: Dayton Music Club 6:00pm: Youth Group @ Sugarcreek	20		21	11:00am: Fit 4 You (fh) 12:00pm: AA (012) 12:00pm: OA (rc)	22	4:30pm: Praise Band No Connections 7:30pm: AA (012)
1st Sunday of Advent 8:30am: Casual Service (fh) 10:30am: Traditional Service (sanctuary) No Youth Group	27		28	11:00am: Fit 4 You (fh) 12:00pm: AA (012) 12:00pm: OA (rc)	29	4:30pm: Praise Band 7:00pm: Connections 7:30pm: AA (012)

Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
(fh) (online)	2	6:00pm: Bell Choir (cr)	3	11:00am: Fit 4 You (fh)	4		5
		7:00pm: Bible Study (online)		12:00pm: OA (rc)			
		7:00pm: NA (012)		5:00pm: Theology on Tap (offsite) (The Brewery at Carillon Park)			
		7:15pm: Choir (cr)					
(fh) (online)	9	6:00pm: Bell Choir (cr)	10	11:00am: Fit 4 You (fh)	11	9:00am: Art, Antique & Craft Show	12
		7:00pm: Bible Study (online)		12:00pm: OA (rc)			
		7:00pm: NA (012)					
		7:15pm: Choir (cr)					
(fh) (online)	16	1:00pm: Rug Hooking Group (fh)	17	11:00am: Fit 4 You (fh)	18		19
		6:00pm: Bell Choir (cr)		12:00pm: OA (rc)			
		7:00pm: Bible Study (online)		5:00pm: Theology on Tap (offsite) (The Brewery at Carillon Park)			
		7:00pm: NA (012)		6:00pm: Fairmont Family Night (fh)			
		7:15pm: Choir (cr)		Call articles are due.			
(fh) (online)	23	Thanksgiving Day (Office Closed)	24	(Office Closed)	25		26
		No Bell or Choir Practice					
		No Bible Study					
(fh) (online)	30	6:00pm: Bell Choir (cr)		11:00am: Fit 4 You (fh)			
		7:00pm: Bible Study (online)		12:00pm: OA (rc)			
		7:00pm: NA (012)					
		7:15pm: Choir (cr)					

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!

NOVEMBER YOUTH SCHEDULE

November 6 Books of the Bible: Animate *Genre*
November 13 **Fairmont Fall Hike (Youth included)**
November 20 Youth Gathering: Friendsgiving at Sugarcreek Presbyterian (6:00 p.m.)
November 27 **Thanksgiving: NO YOUTH GROUP**

Special Monthly "Youth Gathering"

Along with our weekly Sunday Youth Group meetings, we will be gathering once-a-month with three other Presbyterian Youth Groups in our area for a special Youth Gathering! Once a month, instead of our usual Sunday Noon Youth Group, we will meet late afternoon/early evening with the youth from Southminster Presbyterian, Sugarcreek Presbyterian, and Covenant Presbyterian Springboro. Watch our weekly Youth Constant Contact emails for details. Pastor Kelley may be reached by email at kshin@fairmontchurch.org or by text or phone at (937) 751-0752.

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THANK OFFERING of PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

The Thank Offering of Presbyterian Women began in 1888 when Eliza Clokey of Springfield, Ohio, urged women to give to the Women's General Mission Society of the United Presbyterian Church of North America. Today faithful givers are still responding to Clokey's call and close to \$27 million has been granted to more than 1600 projects in United States and around the world. This year, our congregation will have the opportunity to support the Thank Offering on November 27. Women of Fairmont asks that you please prayerfully consider donating to this worthy project.

ART, ANTIQUE & CRAFT SHOW

The 2022 Art, Antique and Craft Show is Saturday, November 12:

We need your help to make the *2022 Art, Antique and Craft Show* a success. The show is scheduled for Saturday, November 12, 9:00-3:00 and you can help us raise money for the Hunger Missions in our area. This year we are also giving to World Food Kitchen. Here are some ways you can help:

Volunteer your time:

- Help move sale items from the basement to the Choir Room on **Monday, November 7**. We will start around 9 A.M. and work until the job is finished. **Please contact Carolyn Wimer at (937) 705-6451 to volunteer for this task.** The more help we get, the less time it will take!

- Volunteers are needed the **day of the show, Saturday, November 12**, starting at 9am. **Please contact Kathy Akers (937) 298-5598 or Carol Lamberger (937) 298-8567 to sign up.** It is a fun and fulfilling day!

Giving Opportunities:

- **Bake Sale:** We need your holiday treats! Please plan to bring in your bake sale donations on Friday, November 11. We will be getting together for dipping Buckeyes and other goodies on Monday, November 7 starting at 9am in the church kitchen. Look for a sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall or reach out to **Christy Maynard at (937) 232-2757 or Kelly Coan (937) 470-3427** with questions. →

● **Luncheon:** Pie bakers needed! The luncheon will include the sale of pie (by the slice). Contact Karan Bowden at (937) 307-6532.

● **Silent Auction Items needed:** Please consider donating a higher valued item for the Silent Auction. Contact Kerri Miles at (937) 829-0276 if you have an idea or questions. Be creative -the item could be a service that you can provide or something that you can teach. Time of the Silent Auction is 9:00am-1:00pm.

COOKIE WALK

The annual Women of Fairmont Cookie Walk is fast approaching on December 11th, following the single service. Be sure to save the date! Everyone is invited to bake and donate cookies and candy for the Cookie Walk.

For cookie and candy donations, watch for the sign-up sheet, which will be posted in the Fellowship Hall, or you may sign up on the Fellowship Pad. You may email your intent to donate cookies or candy to Sara Grillot The email address is sjgrillot@sbcglobal.net, or you may text her at 937-776-2210.

Cookies and candies can be delivered to the Fellowship Hall on Friday, December 9th between 9:00am and 3:00pm or Saturday, December 10th between 9:00am and 11:00am.

Then join us on December 11th to purchase cookies for the benefit of the Women of Fairmont mission projects. We look forward to seeing you at this festive and fun Christmas gathering!

WOF CIRCLE MEETINGS

The Women of Fairmont met for their Fall Gathering on October 1. They enjoyed fellowship and Pastor Kelly's presentation on her recent pilgrimage to Spain. The next big gathering will be February 4, so mark your calendars! In the meantime, the circles are meeting. If you have not joined a circle, please give me a call (Jan Runkle) at (937) 232-4446 or one of our circle leaders:

Circle 1 Helen Kanis
Circle 6 Jackie Vickroy
Circle 7 Ginny Glass
Circle 8 Lauren Bergstresser

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FAIRMONT MEN'S GROUP

Please look for updates in upcoming emails and bulletins on meeting this month. We may do something a little different for a Veterans Day event.

THEOLOGY ON TAP

Theology on Tap will meet in person at The Brewery at Carillon Park at 5:00 p.m. on Fridays, November 4 and November 18. We will be on the back patio if the weather is nice, and inside if the weather is not cooperative. Hope to see you there!

FAIRMONT FALL HIKE

Join Pastor Kelley for a Fairmont Fall Hike on Sunday, November 13th, at 2:00 p.m. Let's meet at Sweet Arrow Reserve at 2:00 p.m. for a 2 or 3-mile hike.

DATE: Sunday, November 13th
TIME: 2:00 p.m.
PLACE: Sweet Arrow Reserve
789 Little Sugarcreek Road
Sugarcreek Township, OH 45440

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 for questions.

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Bookkeeper: Martha Keil

Custodian: Louis Weyrauch

Administrative Assistant: Jennifer Mason

November Birthdays

Stewart Schramm	11/01	Roman Thieben	11/22
Janine Borneman	11/03	Ginny Glass	11/23
Ann Diller	11/03	Alex Thieben	11/25
Mike Cavey	11/05	David Hammond	11/28
Betty Lou Ludwig	11/05	Loveday Harper Adam	11/13
Sarah Hamilton	11/08	Jim Grillot	11/19
Eric Sitar	11/08	Rebecca Lamb	11/19
Debra Wright	11/10	Henry Bergstresser	11/20
Alexandra Barnett	11/11	Christine Bausman	11/22
Jenny Fiden	11/12		



DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT CALL

The deadline for The December/January Call is Friday, November 18, 2022.

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

For website inquiries, contact Lorelei at: lharding@fairmontchurch.org.