

THE CALL

Fairmont Presbyterian Church

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Last Sunday, Fairmont Presbyterian Church did not hire Rev. Marc van Bulck as our Associate Pastor for Family Ministry. Last Sunday, Fairmont Presbyterian Church discerned that God was calling Pastor Marc to serve along side us as our Associate Pastor for Family Ministries. Hiring someone and discerning God's call are altogether different things.

As Reformed Christians we believe that God calls everyone everywhere to serve as participants in God's ongoing work. Calling is not reserved for some sort of spiritual elite or clergy. Calling is for everyone and that means that calling takes as many different forms and expressions as there are people. There is no rank ordering. No calling is better or more important than another. They are simply functionally different, all necessary, but none sufficient by itself. All our callings fit together like a complicated jigsaw puzzle. Looking at each of us individually it may be hard to see quite how we fit into the larger mosaic, but when we find our role and our place everything makes sense with a deeper awareness of purpose and connection.

Our God appears to be deeply concerned with this mutual participation. Jesus never actually asked his followers to worship him, but he did ask them to follow him, he did ask them to do what he did, and he did ask them to let his life flow through theirs. Trying to make sense of this very cooperative and participative God, the church coined the term "Trinity" to refer to the fact that God does not merely seek participation and community, but that God in God's own self is participation and community. To follow one's calling, to participate in community with God and with others is to begin, however provisionally, to live into God's own life in Trinity.

The pieces in the grand mosaic of Fairmont are about to change. Pastor Marc is bringing his own unique passions, skills, experiences, hopes, fears, curiosities, and quirks to become a part of us. He is not and cannot be the same as Pastor Kelley or me. Instead, faithfulness to God's calling requires us to let Pastor Marc be Pastor Marc. To honor God's call, we need to create space for him in our community and expectations. And in creating such space, we too will change.

What we did not mention on Sunday, and what will become apparent slowly over time, is that we did not simply discern that God is calling Pastor Marc to Fairmont. We discerned that we are called by God as a community to become something new together. How will we cultivate the curiosity and courage to discover, explore, play with, and embrace what new things God is doing in and through us? How will God's call in Marc's life resonate through our lives shared together in community? Those are the questions that will lead us into our future.

We are promised that through the Spirit our lives are always in the process of becoming. That means that the community called through the Spirit, the church, is never complete and finished. The fun part is discovering what comes next and we can only learn that together.

-Brian

We will welcome our new Associate Pastor,
Rev. Marc van Bulck on
Wednesday, October 7, 2026.

WORSHIP

Casual Service 8:30 AM

Traditional Service 10:30 AM

Our Traditional 10:30 AM worship offering will be live-streamed beginning at 10:15 AM on YouTube.

Visit www.fairmontchurch.org/online for links to all past and upcoming live streams.

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| September 6 | 15th Sunday after Pentecost/
Communion
Lesson: Matthew 18:1-9
Sermon: Necessary Accommodations |
| September 13 | SINGLE SERVICE/16th Sunday
after Pentecost/Kick-Off Sunday
Lesson: Matthew 18:15-20
Sermon: When Jesus Shows Up |
| September 20 | 17th Sunday after Pentecost
Lesson: Jonah 3:10-4:11
Sermon: Who's Judgement? |
| September 27 | 18th Sunday after Pentecost
Lesson: Philippians 2:1-13
Sermon: Our Church Anthem |
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Bible Study

Tuesdays, 12:15 PM

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81913644664pwd=YVGX6g0uPPRzkd8PvdDTeO04HW0hv5.1>

Meeting ID: 819 1364 4664

Connections

Wednesdays, 7:00 PM

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89678889451pwd=4gS2oyi8a2597GTpUxFhW6SEjGcrV2.1>

Meeting ID: 896 7888 9451

BIBLE STUDY

Tuesdays at 12:15 PM In-person and on Zoom

Join us each week as we consider the Bible texts for the following Sunday. Bring your questions!

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| September 1 | Matthew 18:1-9 |
| September 8 | Matthew 18:15-20 |
| September 15 | Jonah 3:10-4:11 |
| September 22 | Philippians 2:1-13 |
| September 29 | Philippians 3:4-14 |

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81913644664pwd=YVGX6g0uPPRzkd8PvdDTeO04HW0hv5.1>

CONNECTIONS

Life After Life After Death -

God's Homecoming

Join us on Wednesday nights at 7:00 PM on Zoom starting on September 16th as we explore the precise nature of Christian hope -- what are we hoping for in the resurrection of the dead and God making all things new? We will be using N.T. Wright's new Book, *God's Homecoming* as our guide. Wright excavates the forgotten story of God's original purpose to dwell with us and make his home—and ours—in this new creation. The book is readily available at all bookstores in a variety of formats. Join us as we ask whether there is more to our hope than going to heaven.

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89678889451pwd=4gS2oyi8a2597GTpUxFhW6SEjGcrV2.1>

LABOR DAY PARADE

Join us on Labor Day, September 7, 2026 to share hospitality with our whole community during the Holiday at Home Parade. We need volunteers to help distribute water to parade goers, and you get the best seats in town for the Holiday at Home Parade right at Fairmont! If you are able to contribute a pack of drinking water, please drop it off at the church kitchen by Sunday September 6, so we can chill it.

If you are able to help, please be at church by 9:45 AM. The parade begins at 10:00 AM but they start closing streets much earlier in the morning, so plan ahead. Join us for a fun-filled celebration of community on Labor Day.

HOW TO LIVE INTO CHRIST:

A CONVERSATION

Responding to some of the questions raised in our Adaptive Change conversations at Fairmont, some of us realized that there was a need for a place where we can move beyond sermons and Bible Study to consider how we live into Christ? What are the questions that God is posing in our lives today? What are our real priorities? And most importantly, how do bring what we learn in church to the rest of our lives? We concluded that was a need to be able to ask questions and discuss thoughts among ourselves to better understand and grow in our **Love, Trust, and Faith** and to strengthen our real relationship with God.

This is the bottoms up, rather than a top down, teaching approach. Sharing together with pastoral advice will reinforce our faith. When the proposal is ready, a short 15-to-20-minute presentation will be announced in an upcoming Sunday Bulletin to officially announce the plan.

For any questions or comments, you may contact Bob Berger by mail or phone: email: rlberger@msn.com Phone: 937-304-3039

CHILDREN & YOUTH

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

RESUMES

Get ready for Sunday School beginning on September 20th during 10:30 AM worship. After the *Time with Children*, children will follow their teachers to a classroom on the first-floor level where they will learn about God while enjoying stories, crafts, and fellowship with their peers.

Sunday School classes are open to children ages 4 - grade 5. Any questions? Contact Pastor Brian.

CHILDREN'S SABBATH OCTOBER 18th

All children are invited to share in worship leadership for Children's Sabbath on October 18 at the 10:30 AM service. Children will be leading worship through music, liturgy, and prayer. We will also be presenting bibles to Kindergarten and 3rd grade children.



October 18, 2026
10:30 a.m.

Children Lead Worship

**Kindergarten &
Third Grade Bible
Presentation**

OCTOBER CHILDREN'S CHOIR

The Children's Choir will be singing on October 18th for Children's Sabbath worship during the 10:30 AM worship service.

Children's Choir rehearsals will be on Sundays, September 20, 27 and October 4th and 11th from 9:30 AM to 10:00 AM in the Children's Music room.

We are blessed to have DeAnna Ullery leading our Children's Choir.

UPCOMING CHILDREN'S EVENTS

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| September 13: | All Church Picnic &
Bouncy House |
| September 20: | Sunday School Begins |
| September 20: | Children's Choir
Rehearsal |
| September 27: | Children's Choir
Rehearsal |
| October 4: | Children's Choir
Rehearsal |
| October 11: | Fairmont Fall Hike |
| October 11: | Children's Choir
Rehearsal |
| October 18: | Children's Sabbath |
| October 24: | Trunk-or-Treat |

FAIRMONT YOUTH MINISTRY

(Grades 6th -12th)
12:00 PM in the Chapel

Fairmont Youth Ministry will meet with Pastor Brian on Sunday September 20th following worship. There will be Food, Fun, Faith Conversations, Big Questions, Nerdy Answers.

MUSIC MINISTRIES

AN INVITATION TO JOIN THE CHOIR AT FAIRMONT CHURCH

The music program at Fairmont welcomes new members at any time during the year! With many voices we can make the rafters ring in praise and worship of God!

Chancel Choir meets on Thursday evenings from 7:15-8:30 PM and sings at the 10:30 AM service.

No musical experience or training is required, only the desire to sing!

Please contact Coleman Clark at cclark@fairmontchurch.org with questions or for more information about any of our music programs at Fairmont!

WOMEN OF FAIRMONT

Women of Fairmont's Fall Gathering will be held Saturday, September 19th at 11:00 AM. Our speaker will be Sue Merrell Daley who will give us an overview of our new study, *"United Through Christ, Bound to Each Other (Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians)"*.

Musical entertainment will be provided by Harmony of Her, the group that made its debut at the last Women's Retreat.

Please RSVP to your Circle leader or Jennifer Mason in the church office before Friday, September 11th.

September 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 11:00 AM: Fit 4 You (fh) 12:00 PM: AA (012) 12:00 PM: OA (library) 12:15 PM: Bible Study (in-person & online) 2:30 PM: Lincoln Park 7:00 PM: Team Meetings	2 4:30 PM: Praise Band (fh) 7:30 PM: AA (012)	3 7:15 PM: Choir Rehearsal (cr) 7:00 PM: NA (012)	4 11:00 AM: Fit 4 You (fh) 12:00 PM: OA (library) 5:00 PM: Theology on Tap @ Archers Tavern on Dorothy Lane	5
6 15th Sunday after Pentecost 8:30 AM: Casual Service (fh) 9:45 AM: Contemplative Prayer (chapel) 10:30 AM: Traditional Service (sanctuary)	7 Labor Day (Office Closed) 9:45 AM: Holiday Home Parade	8 11:00 AM: Fit 4 You (fh) 12:00 PM: AA (012) 12:00 PM: OA (library) 12:15 PM: Bible Study (in-person & online) 7:00 PM: Trustees, B&G, Finance (chapel)	9 3:00 PM: Spirituality For Those Who Grieve (Chapel) 4:30 PM: Praise Band (fh) 7:30 PM: AA (012)	10 No Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM: NA (012)	11 11:00 AM: Fit 4 You (fh) 12:00 PM: OA (Library)	12
13 SINGLE SERVICE/ Kickoff Sunday/16th Sunday after Pentecost 9:45 AM: Contemplative Prayer (chapel) 10:30 AM: Traditional Service (sanctuary) Annual Picnic after worship	14	15 11:00 AM: Fit 4 You (fh) 12:00 PM: AA (012) 12:00 PM: OA (Library) 12:15 PM: Bible Study (in-person & online) 7:00 PM: Session (ur)	16 4:30 PM: Praise Band (fh) 7:00 PM: Connections (online) 7:30 PM: AA (012)	17 6:00 PM: Bell Choir Rehearsal (cr) 6:30-8:30 PM: Slates & Paints (fh) 7:00 PM: NA (012) 7:15 PM: Choir Rehearsal (cr)	18 11:00 AM: Fit 4 You (fh) 12:00 PM: OA (Library)	19 11:00 AM: WOOF Fall Gathering (fh)
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MISSION BEYOND THE CONGREGATION

Helping Hands, Helping Hearts 

School kids might have mixed feelings about the new school year, but our congregation was enthusiastic about gathering colorful binders and folders, new pens, and a rainbow of crayons and highlighters for JFK Elementary School. In addition to your contributions, *Mission Beyond the Congregation* provides a bundle of supplies to the high school nursing clinic. Thank you!

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 2:30 PM 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.

SPIRITUALITY FOR THOSE WHO GRIEVE

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

Our next meeting is Wednesday, September 9, 2026
from 3:00-4:00 PM in the Chapel.
All are welcome.

ART, ANTIQUE, & CRAFT SHOW

The Fall Bazaar is currently accepting your donations of the jewelry that you no longer want. We accept gently used, not so gently used, quality, broken, cheap, expensive, costume, genuine, precious, out of style, and current. You may bring it to the church bazaar room or call Cindy Youngerman 937-694-1058.

BAKE SALE AT THE ANNUAL ART, ANTIQUE & CRAFT SHOW

Saturday, November 14, 9 AM–3PM

We're whipping up something sweet for a great cause-and we need your help! Our beloved Bake Sale is back, and **100% of proceeds support hunger missions.**

How You Can Help

- * Donate baked goods
- * Not a baker? Contributions from neighbors, relatives, or your favorite bakery are warmly welcomed.
- * Volunteer at the sale (cashiering, restocking, set-up, clean-up)
- * Ingredient donations for our signature buckeyes and peppermint patties:

Semi-sweet chocolate chips

Peanut butter

Baked Goods Pickup

We're happy to pick up your baked items the week before the sale-just let us know. **Deadline for baked items: Friday, November 12.** Drop off in the library or arrange for pickup.

Contact

Christy Maynard clmaynard828@yahoo.com 937-232-2757

Save the Dates

- * Now through November 7: Drop off baking ingredients to Christy Maynard or Susan Calvin
- * Saturday, November 7 (8:30 AM-12 PM): Chocolate Dipping Party (buckeyes & peppermint patties)-Fellowship Hall/Kitchen
- * Friday, November 13 (5-8PM): Bake Sale Set-Up in library-final prep, packaging, sampling, pizza party

SAVE THE DATE

Kick-Off Sunday for the new church year is Sunday, September 13, 2026. There will be a single service of worship at 10:30 AM and following worship there will be an allergy-safe, all-church picnic hosted by the Deacons. The **Bouncy House** will be set up in the courtyard! Join us for a special Sunday as we kick-off the new church year.



Annual Picnic

Food provided by the Board of Deacons

SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

11:30AM

**Food and fellowship!
Bouncy House!
Come celebrate our
Fall kick-off!**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FAIRMONT MEN'S GROUP

Fairmont Men's Group will meet at MCL Cafeteria on Wednesday, September 16th at 11:30 AM. Call the church office at (937) 299-3539 or email the church at office@fairmontchurch.org by noon on Tuesday, September 15th, to make a reservation. All the men of the church are invited!

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.

September: Theology on Tap will meet at Archers Tavern in Kettering, 2030 E. Dorothy Lane. Meet at 5:00 PM on Friday, September 4th.

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SLATES & PAINTS

**SEPTEMBER 17, 2026
6:30PM-8:30PM**

Join the fun and learn to paint on a slate!
Class led by Dina Cain



**RESERVATIONS
REQUIRED
\$30 PER PERSON**

**TO REGISTER, EMAIL:
KERRI AT
kmjdjp53@gmail.com**

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REGISTRATION IS
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Maintenance: Don Hibbard

September Birthdays

Martha Keil	09/01	Nicole Dault	09/22
Patricia Maguire	09/01	Isabel Glueckert	09/23
Allie Buchheit	09/08	Abigail Lewis	09/23
Rosalie Martin	09/08	Tom Gunlock	09/24
Jorge Gonzalez	09/12	Cindy Youngerman	09/25
Roger Heinisch	09/14	Margaret Bergstresser	09/28
Donna Ginader	09/19	Mike Favro	09/28
Cassandra Shearer	09/19	Paul Lamberger	09/28
Craig Zink	09/20	Carol Bussey	09/29
		Bonnie Grieco	09/30



DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT CALL

The deadline for The October Call is Friday, September 18, 2026.

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