

THE CALL

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“All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness.”

— 2 Timothy 3: 16-17

When those words were written by Paul or one of Paul’s followers in the First Century, there was no such thing as the New Testament. While some of its books, most notably Paul’s own letters, were already in circulation, the Gospels were not yet completed. The particular collection of literature we call the New Testament was centuries in the future. “All scripture” that Paul is talking about to his young protégé is instead the Hebrew scripture—Torah, the Prophets, and the Teachings—what we today call the Old Testament.

Throughout this year, in cooperation with our friends from Hilliard United Methodist Church, we are teaching and preaching our way consecutively and chronologically (more or less) through the Old Testament. Our own Presbyterian faith tradition affirms that God has one continuous plan for the redemption of humankind and the name of that plan is Covenant. That means that there are not two Covenants, two revelations, let alone two gods. There is one God whose will and love is manifested first through the people called Israel and then for all people through the exponential expansion of that same covenant through Jesus the Messiah. Jesus’ movement we call the church is the extension and expansion of what God is doing to and through Israel. This means that we may focus on the Old Testament at times or the New Testament at time, but it is all good news. It is all Gospel.

Considering the life, death, and life of Jesus of Nazareth from the perspective of the Old Testament leads to new perspectives. Resurrection of the body, for example, was and is a core tenet of faith for Jews. Jesus did not invent it. Jesus demonstrated it. Easter is therefore not the introduction of a new hope, but the fulfillment of a very very old hope. Similarly, the open inclusion of all the gentiles in the New Testament has its foundations in the Exodus in which a “mixed multitude” of slave, servants, and the poor of Egypt headed out together onto the journey that would forge them into a new nation. Along the way they picked up Canaanite dropouts, nomads, and countless others. What held them together was a common hope in this God of liberation and a commitment to a new and more egalitarian way of living together given tangible expression in the Torah.

— Brian

Where is Pastor Kelley?

In the way of all things spiritual, I am **not** one who is drawn more closely to God in the solitude of a silent, dark room. I am much more kinesthetic in my approach to meditation and prayer. I pray most naturally with my eyes open and looking up at a clear, blue sky. I feel God’s presence more acutely when I am moving my body and using my senses of sight, sound, touch, smell, and even taste! I am drawn to God when I walk and hike. Walking is my place of peace and quiet with God. I find God in the journey of life and walking helps me embody that journey. *Solvitur Ambulando* is a beloved Latin phrase meaning “it is solved by walking.” Many faithful pilgrims over the years have understood these words deeply within them. And many have been the times that walking has allowed me to find clarity and peace in the midst of chaotic and painful times.

In a few weeks I will be walking the Camino de Santiago in Spain with three other women of faith. I have dreamt of doing this for a very long time. We will be walking a portion of the Camino de Santiago (110 miles) because the full Camino takes at least a month to complete. I hope to walk the full Camino one day when I am retired. The *Camino de Santiago*, or the *Way of St. James*, is a pilgrimage of Medieval origin to the Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela in Galicia, in the northwest region of Spain. Legend has it that the remains of the Apostle, Saint James the Great, were buried there and discovered by a shepherd in the 9th century. The city, Santiago de Compostela, is named after the apostle and means “St. James of the Field of Stars.”

I will be holding you in prayer as I walk. As those who have been washed clean in the waters of baptism, we are bound together in Christ. So, you will journey with me as I walk. And I would covet your prayers, too! I will be sharing my Camino de Santiago journey with you when I return through an all church gathering in the summer or early fall. Go in the peace of the Lord who is the Way.

— 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/onlinefor links to all past and upcoming live streams.

May 1 3rd Sunday of Easter (Communion)/
Rev. April Blaine
Lesson: Exodus 25:1-9

May 8 4th Sunday of Easter/Single Service
Special Music

May 15 5th Sunday of Easter/Youth Sunday
Lesson: Exodus 20
Sermon: What Love Looks Like

May 22 6th Sunday of Easter
Lesson: True Religion
Sermon: Genesis 32

May 29 7th Sunday of Easter
Lesson: Creating a People
Sermon: Genesis 40

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

Kidz Korner Online
Sundays 12:30-1:00pm
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85369030516>
Meeting ID: 853 6903 0516

GUEST PREACHER SUNDAY MAY 1: REV. APRIL BLAINE

Please come and welcome Rev. April Blaine, the Senior Pastor of Hilliard United Methodist Church in Hilliard, Ohio, on Sunday May 1 at both our services.

For the past five years, Rev. Blaine and Pastor Brian have shared together as part of an ecumenical group for spiritual leaders originally organized by the Living School Program where they were all students. Rev. Blaine is an elder in the United Methodist Church and a leader in the West Ohio Conference. Come and hear as she shares her reflections on THE GREAT STORY with us.

VICKI RAMGA RETIREMENT

After prayerful consideration, Vicki Ramga, our Director of Music, has made the decision to retire at the end of June 2022. We give thanks to God for Vicki's faithful music leadership for the past four years. She has been an integral part of our worship and music ministry at Fairmont.

We will celebrate Vicki at the May 8th Special Music Sunday which is a single service. A reception in her honor will be held following the 10:30 a.m. worship. There will be a basket for cards and gifts in the church office through May 8, 2022. Session has formed a team to consider future leadership for Fairmont's Music Ministry.

MUSIC NOTES

In October 2018, I jumped into the position of Director of Music with tons of prayer and a bit of trepidation. October is an odd time to begin this job as most directors of music begin over the summer months, giving them plenty of time to plan and prepare for the upcoming choir season,

I will never forget the first time I visited Fairmont. It was Easter of 2015 and I was planning to move back to Dayton to be near my children and grandchildren. That Sunday, the choir sang a setting of *Ubi Caritas* as the introit and I was stunned by the excellence of the group. By the following Easter, I was singing with the choir and teaching in the preschool. Imagine my surprise when God had additional plans for me at Fairmont! It has been an absolute pleasure to serve this congregation as Director of Music Ministries for the past four years.

As many of you are aware, I will retire from this position effective the end of June. It is the right time for me, and I believe, a good time for the church to begin a search for the next musician to lead the music ministries. I hope to help with the transition in any way possible.

Over the past four years, I have had the joy of directing amazing singers and ringers. My faith has grown as I navigated the challenges of the pandemic, learning about virtual choir performances and licensing of music for Live Streaming. All along I've enjoyed the support of Brian, Kelley, Loralei, Judy, Coleman, Martha, Jennifer and Louis. It has been a pleasure to work with them!

Thank you all for your prayers and support!

CONNECTIONS

What They Never Told Me in Church:

The Old Testament

At 7:00 p.m. on Zoom on Wednesday nights,
starting Wednesday April 27

Throughout this year you are hearing the great sweeping story of the Old Testament in worship on Sundays and in our adult education classes. But have you noticed there are parts we leave out? Sometimes we simply hop over texts to make our preaching and teaching more concise. At other times, we intentionally leave out bits of the Bible because they might be too confusing or troubling. Those texts, while perhaps not the best raw material for sermons, are sometimes the most interesting bits of the Bible. In this course, we will begin looking at those stories in the Bible that we do not preach on and sometimes do not even mention. Join us every Wednesday night at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom and bring your questions. We invite and encourage you to read the texts *before* each class.

April 27 The Weirder Parts of Genesis: Giants and Immortals (Genesis 5 and 6)

May 4 Sodom and Gomorrah and their Memory (Genesis 19)

May 11 Dinah and the Massacre at Shechem: The Red Tent Revisited (Genesis 34)

May 18 Judah and Tamar (Genesis 38)

May 25 Redemption of the First Born (Exodus 4:18-31)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
3rd Sunday of Easter/Communion/ Rev. April Blaine 1 8:30am: Casual Service (fh) 10:30am: Traditional Service (sanctuary) 12:00pm: Zoom Sunday School (online) 12:00-5:00pm: Youth Ministry (in-person)	2	11:00am: Fit 4 You (fh) 3 12:00pm: AA (012) 12:00pm: OA (rc) 7:00pm: Team Meetings (online)	6:30pm: Praise Band () 7:00pm: Connections () 7:30pm: AA (012)
4th Sunday of Easter/Single Service Special Music 8 10:30am: Single Service (sanctuary) 12:00pm: Zoom Sunday School (online) 12:00-1:30pm: Youth Ministry (in-person)	9	11:00am: Fit 4 You (fh) 10 12:00pm: AA (012) 12:00pm: OA (rc) 7:00pm: Trustees, B&G, Finance (online)	6:30pm: Praise Band () 7:00pm: Connections () 7:30pm: AA (012)
5th Sunday of Easter Youth Sunday 15 8:30am: Casual Service (fh) 10:30am: Traditional Service (sanctuary) 12:00pm: Zoom Sunday School (online)	16	11:00am: Fit 4 You (fh) 17 12:00pm: AA (012) 12:00pm: OA (rc) 7:00pm: Session (online)	5:30pm: Circle 6 (off site) 6:30pm: Praise Band () 7:00pm: Connections () 7:30pm: AA (012)
6th Sunday of Easter 22 8:30am: Casual Service (fh) 10:30am: Traditional Service (sanctuary) 12:00pm: Zoom Sunday School (online)	23	11:00am: Fit 4 You (fh) 24 12:00pm: AA (012) 12:00pm: OA (rc)	6:30pm: Praise Band () 7:00pm: Connections () 7:30pm: AA (012)
7th Sunday of Easter 29 8:30am: Casual Service (fh) 10:30am: Traditional Service (sanctuary) 12:00pm: Zoom Sunday School (online)	Memorial Day (Office Closed) 30	11:00am: Fit 4 You (fh) 31 12:00pm: AA (012) 12:00pm: OA (rc)	

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Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
lh) (online)	4	6:30pm: Bell Choir (cr) 7:00pm: Bible Study (online) 7:00pm: NA (012) 7:15pm: Choir (cr)	5	11:00am: Fit 4 You (fh) 12:00pm: OA (rc) 5:00pm: Theology on Tap (online)	6		7
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lh) (online)	25	1:00pm: Rug Hooking Group (fh) 7:00pm: Bible Study (online) 7:00pm: NA (012)	26	11:00am: Fit 4 You (fh) 12:00pm: OA (rc)	27		28

CHILDREN & YOUTH



Vacation Bible School 2022
June 13-17, 9:00am-11:30am

Families step back in time at *Jerusalem Marketplace*, exploring traditions, food, and activities. Kids participate in the marketplace, sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, dig into Bible-times snacks, visit the Synagogue School, and collect Bible Memory Makers to remind them of God's Word. Visit www.fairmontchurch.org/vbs to register!

We still need volunteers to lead groups of children from station to station each morning, as well as leaders and assistants for some of our marketplace tents. Please see Loralei if you are able to help—VBS is our largest community outreach and educational program for children, but we need **your help!**

Sunday School will take its customary summer break beginning May 22nd and will resume in the fall!

Nursery will continue throughout the summer.

FAIRMONT YOUTH MINISTRY

(Grades 6th -12th)

Note Time Changes for May Youth Events

MAY YOUTH SCHEDULE

May 1: Dungeons and Dragons (Lunch & Tabletop Role Playing Game) **12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.** in Youth Room

May 8: Youth Sunday Preparation (Lunch provided 12:00 - 1:30 p.m. in Youth Room

May 15: Youth Sunday **10:30 a.m.** Worship in Sanctuary

Pastor Kelley can be reached by email at kshin@fairmontchurch.org or by text or phone at (937) 751-0752.

WORSHIP TEAM

We have been blessed to have Vicki Ramga as our Director of Music. She has led our choir, bells, and musicians in meaningful, appropriate, beautiful, and inspiring music. She has been loved and greatly appreciated by many, many people at Fairmont. We wish you a very happy and fun retirement. We will miss your leadership.

Thank you to our wonderful staff for the excellent services on Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and Easter. They exceeded every expectation of excellence. Palm Sunday was fun as the congregation waved palm leaves. Maundy Thursday was very special, as the Communion wine was served in olive wood cups that were purchased in 2020 when Fairmont people took the Holy Land tour. Everyone took their cup home with them. For those who wanted to participate, the hand washing and the foot washing helped everyone to think of Christ. Good Friday was a solemn reminder of the Passion of the Christ. The Saturday service helped you remember the Holy weekend, as the Easter story was read from the Bible. Easter services were joyous, glorious, and uplifting. The music was fabulous, the flowers were a vibrant burst of color, and the number of people in attendance and streaming was large. At the end of the services, people left full of hope, energy, and happiness. Christ has risen!

The number of people in attendance on Easter:

Casual Service had 55 people.

Traditional Service had 145 people.

86 concurrent online views.

113 more video views since the live stream finished.

Please spread the word to your friends and relatives that Fairmont is the church to attend or to stream.

We are fully up and running with excellent worship services.

MISSION BEYOND THE CONGREGATION

Helping Hands, Helping Hearts



UKRAINE OFFERING: World Central Kitchen

As the crisis in Ukraine continues, the need for food, shelter, and medical resources increases. The Mission Team of Fairmont invites you to give in this time of desperate need. We have set up a fund for Ukraine which will go directly to the *World Central Kitchen* a not-for-profit, non-governmental organization which is serving almost 300,000 meals daily to the people in Ukraine and Ukrainian refugees on the border of Poland.

You may give through Fairmont's online Portal of Giving at www.fairmontchurch.org (note Ukraine in the "Other" box) or by mailing a check to Fairmont Presbyterian Church with "Ukraine" in the memo line. Thank you for your compassion and generosity.

WOMEN OF FAIRMONT

The Women of Fairmont invite you to a:

Spring Gathering

When: May 21, 2022, 10:30am

Where: Fairmont Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall

Why: Fellowship, a delicious brunch and to hear an informative 30-minute talk about the Victory Project.

Please RSVP by May 17.

Please call 937-299-3539 or email Jennifer Mason at: office@fairmontchurch.org

Or call or email your circle leader or Wynn Adam 937-271-1371 wwygaladam@gmail.com

PRAYER BEAD WORKSHOP

Prayer Bead Workshop - Saturday June 4th, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Have you ever prayed with beads? Come learn how...and make your own strand! This is a seed blossoming from the March women's retreat, but men & women are most welcome. Wisdom traditions around the world invite praying with beads—an Orthodox strand or a rosary for Christian streams. We will gather in community, learn together, and then move into creative-construction of prayer beads that fit for your own prayer life. Coffee/tea/water will be provided, but feel free to bring a sack-lunch or food for yourself if desired. \$10 for materials—can be waived by request at registration. Facilitated by Lisa M Hess & Lisa Heckaman. **Register by May 27th, to insure materials' arrival time.**

When: Saturday June 4th, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Where: Fairmont Presbyterian Church - Chapel and Fellowship Hall

How: Email/call Jennifer Mason **by May 27th** at jmason@fairmontchurch.org or 937-299-3539.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DINNERS FOR 8

Dinners for 8 sign-ups starting this Sunday in Fellowship Hall! Sign up with a friend, a spouse or by yourself and you will be put into groups of 8 or 9 to meet each month for a meal together. It's a lot of fun and a great way to get to know your church family better! Questions? Call Christy Maynard at (937) 232-2757 or Kelly Coan at (937) 470-3427.

FAIRMONT MEN'S GROUP

We will meet at MCL Cafeteria on Thursday May 19th at 11:30 am. Sign "Lunch" on the attendance pad Sunday or call the church office (299-3539) by noon on Wednesday, May 18th, to make a reservation. All the men of the church are invited. We would like to see some new faces!

FOURTH FRIDAY PIZZA GATHERING

There will be no Fourth Friday Pizza Gathering in May due to the holiday weekend.

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STAFF

Pastor/Head of Staff: Brian Maguire

Associate Pastor: Kelley Wehmeyer Shin

Children's Ministry Coordinator: Loralei 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

May Birthdays

Emerson Gill	05/01	Thea Voss	05/18
David Dickey	05/02	Tobias Voss	05/18
Robert Levy	05/02	Barbara Miller	05/20
David Hollmeyer	05/04	Spencer Boden	05/21
Denise Taylor	05/04	Kent Shin	05/21
Adele Snyder	05/06	Dan Miles	05/22
Laura Heywood	05/09	Ruth Smith	05/22
William Hibbs	05/09	Jo Ann Seller	05/24
Nancy Jones	05/10	Will Lewis IV	05/26
Todd Lamb	05/10	Julie Boden	05/27
Jeff Stewart	05/10	Carolyn Wimer	05/27
Peter Luther	05/11	Karan Bowden	05/29
Mark Deem	05/13	Becky Hamilton	05/29
Jean R. Webster	05/15	Christopher Luther	05/29
Pam Lowry	05/17	Sara Dues	05/30
Scott Ludwig	05/17	Rich Bowden	05/31
Josephine Porter	05/17	Kathy Radde	05/31
Robert Berger	05/18	John Schramm	05/31



DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT CALL

The deadline for The June/July Call is Friday, May 20, 2022.

Please submit articles to: jmason@fairmontchurch.org.