

THE CALL

Fairmont Presbyterian Church

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Beloved Fairmont Church Family,

Our endings and our beginnings are rooted in God's love.

I first heard a call to ministry in the painted desert of the PC(USA) Ghost Ranch Center in northern New Mexico when a member of my home church, First Presbyterian of Tulsa, spoke these simple words, "You have gifts for ministry." Now, more than forty years later, I am grateful to be here with you as God calls me to a new time of rest and retirement.

Looking back on the churches I served through the years...

Covenant Presbyterian (Long Beach, CA)
First Presbyterian (La Grange, IL)
First Presbyterian (Albuquerque, NM)
Freeport Presbyterian (Freeport, FL)
Jemez Springs Presbyterian (Jemez Springs, NM)
First Presbyterian (Las Vegas, NV)
Burke Presbyterian (Burke, VA)
Memorial Presbyterian (Xenia, OH)
Fairmont Presbyterian (Kettering, OH)

I am grateful for the relationships, stories, and shared faith with which I was blessed along the way. And I am grateful for a career Air Force husband who "PCSed" every two years, allowing me to serve so many churches across the country.

Serving here, with you, and alongside Pastor Brian has been the perfect last call in ministry for me as I step into retirement. Thank you for your gifts and graciousness as we have followed Christ together through joyful and painful times.

Our days at Fairmont together have been surrounded by the love of God in Jesus Christ. I give thanks to God for the eight years I have been with you as your associate pastor. We have, indeed, loved God and loved one another. We were called to be together for this time and this place, and I know that just as assuredly, God is calling another associate pastor to be with you for the coming days and years at Fairmont.

As we worship together one last time on August 2, share a meal together (for those with RSVPs), and bid one another Godspeed, the living -out of the "dissolution of the pastoral relationship" is a little more difficult. I have loved being your associate pastor and cherish our friendship in Christ but after August 2, I will no longer be your associate pastor. I believe in healthy and loving boundaries between former pastors and people, and will honor that boundary faithfully for the sake of your new associate pastor who God will bring to you. Please help me honor that dissolution and boundary, all the while knowing that my love for you in Christ remains.

I have cherished our days together as pastor and people. I know that the good work God is doing at Fairmont will continue as God is always faithful to keep God's promises. Isaiah 55:12 is the blessing I leave with you:

For you shall go out in joy
and be led back in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
shall burst into song,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

Go out in joy!

With love,

Kelley

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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August 2 **SINGLE SERVICE/10th Sunday**
after Pentecost/Communion
Lesson: 1 Kings 17:1-24
Sermon: Never-Empty Jars of Meal

August 9 11th Sunday after Pentecost
Lesson: 1 Kings 19:9-18

August 16 12th Sunday after Pentecost
Lesson: Isaiah 56:6-8 and
Matthew 15:21-28

August 23 13th Sunday after Pentecost
Lesson: Matthew 16:13-20

August 30 14th Sunday after Pentecost
Lesson: Matthew 16:21-28



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!

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81913644664pwd=YVGX6g0uPPRzkd8PvdITeO04HW0hv5.1>

August 4 1 Kings 19:9-18
August 11 Isaiah 56:6-8 & Matthew 15:21-28
August 18 Matthew 16:13-20
August 25 Matthew 16:21-28

CONNECTIONS SUMMER SABBATH

Midweek Connections classes will be taking its 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 summer.

ADAPTIVE CHANGE

Adaptive Change Conversation

Saturday August 15

On Saturday August 15 at 10:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall you are invited to our next congregational conversation about Adaptive Change. This conversation will focus on *how* we can use particular presenting questions and issues at Fairmont to transform our culture. We will consider such questions as what exactly is mission, how should we worship, and how should we use our resources? What matters is less the particular answers to those questions, but how we solve them together. Join us to learn and share.

FAIRMONT OFFICERS 2026-2027

SESSION

Moderator.....Brian Maguire
Associate Pastor.....TBA
Clerk.....Kerri Miles
Treasurer.....Dave Youngerman
Vice Treasurer.....Jan Runkle

Class of 2027

Marilyn Dickey
Kerri Miles
Denise Taylor
Lois Thomas

Class of 2028

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Kelly Coan
Donna Ginader
Katherine Gonzalez

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Sara Grillot
Liz Lewis
Pam Lowry

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Ginny Glass
Christy Maynard
Bob Berger (1 year)
Susan Calvin (1 year)
Helen Kanis (1 year)
Dave LaRue (1 year)

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Debbie Heinisch
Barb Miller
Jackie Vickroy
Craig Zink

Class of 2029

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Tom Gunlock
Bill Lowry
Bill Miller

Class of 2028

Jeff Grieco
Don Hibbard
Wally Taylor

Class of 2029

Jenny Fiden
Jan Runkle
Dave Youngerman

ANNUAL MEETING

Join us on Sunday, August 16th at 9:45 AM for our Annual Congregational Meeting as we share about Fairmont's ministries over the past year.

APNC

After many months of prayer, discernment, conversation, and careful work, the APNC continues to make encouraging progress in its search for our next Associate Pastor for Family Ministries. We recognize that members of the congregation are eager for news, and we share that excitement. At the same time, confidentiality remains essential to protecting the integrity of the process and the individuals involved. For that reason, we are not yet able to provide specific details or a timeline.

Please continue to pray for the APNC, our church leaders, Presbytery representatives, and all those involved in the discernment process. We are deeply grateful for the congregation's patience, encouragement, and trust. We will share additional information as soon as the appropriate steps have been completed.

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.

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

The Women of Fairmont finished up a successful year in early May. We are grateful to our volunteers who serve as part of the coordinating team and those who help with Circle leadership and business. Thank You!

We were able to give financial gifts to 5 charities: Victory Project for their new girls campus, Dignity Exchange which provides hygiene items for women in shelters, Building Bridges, Crayons to Classrooms and Girls on the Run Dayton.

Our Fall Gathering will be held on Saturday, September 19th at 11:00 AM so save that date! Consider joining a Circle this fall. We'd love to have you!

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MISSION BEYOND THE CONGREGATION

Helping Hands, Helping Hearts



Grabbing School Supplies This Summer? Bring Some to Fairmont!

The school supplies collection is in full swing! Supplies benefit JFK Elementary and any other Kettering City Schools in need.

According to school staff, many new youngsters have moved to Kettering this year, so consider supporting! Baskets are ready around the church.

Here's JFK Elementary's High-Need Supply List:

Pencil Boxes
Glue Sticks
Crayons
Red Pens
Various Highlighters
Markers
Colored Pencils
Small Pencil Sharpeners
Pointed Scissors
Composition Notebooks
1-, 3-, or 5-Subject Notebooks
Earbud Headphones
Expo Markers, Mostly Fat (Skinny and Fat)
Solid Color Folders, With and Without
Prongs

Above are the top items, but any spare supplies are accepted. Our first delivery is expected by approximately August 10th to be ready for the earliest school start dates.

DINNERS FOR EIGHT

Dinners for 8 — 2026-2027 Edition

It's time to sign up!

What is Dinners for 8? It's a fun and relaxed way to get to know fellow parishioners and build deeper connections within our church family. Groups typically meet once a month, but you're welcome to gather more often if you choose.

Each group can shape its own experience. You might:

- Share meals in one another's homes
- Go out to restaurants
- Attend concerts, ballgames, or community events
- Host themed dinners
- Join up with other groups for larger gatherings

All are welcome, and groups may invite new members at any time. Be creative, enjoy great food, and savor the fellowship.

How to Sign Up: Sign-up sheets will be available in Fellowship Hall and in the narthex. You may also contact **Christy Maynard** by email or phone:

Email: clmaynard828@yahoo.com

Phone: 937-232-2757

Deadline to sign up: August 19th. Names will be drawn on **August 20th.** Once sign-ups close, groups will be formed randomly, and you'll receive an email with your group information so you can begin planning your gatherings.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FAIRMONT MEN'S GROUP

Fairmont Men's Group will meet at MCL Cafeteria on Wednesday, August 19th at 11:30 AM. Call the church office at (937) 299-3539 or email the church at office@fairmontchurch.org by noon on Tuesday, August 18th, 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.

August: Theology on Tap will meet at Carillon Brewing Company at 1000 Carillon Blvd, Dayton. Meet at 5:00 PM on Friday, August 7th.

VALLEY VINEYARD

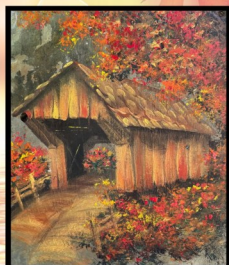
Join us for a cookout at Valley Vineyard in Morrow on Friday, August 14th at 6:00 PM. Sign-up sheet is in the Fellowship hall. Please contact Carolyn Wimer at (937) 705-6451 for more information.

SAVE THE DATE

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**

**PAY IN THE OFFICE OR
ON FAIRMONT'S
PORTAL AFTER
REGISTRATION IS
CONFIRMED**

**FAIRMONT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
3705 Far Hills Ave., Kettering
www.fairmontchurch.org**

No Experience Necessary * Snacks Provided



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!**

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STAFF

Pastor/Head of Staff: Brian Maguire

Associate Pastor: TBA

Director of Music Ministries: Coleman Clark

Organist: Judy Bede

Bookkeeper: Martha Keil

Administrative Assistant: Jennifer Mason

Maintenance: Don Hibbard

August Birthdays

Kathy Akers	08/03	Wally Taylor	08/16
Diane Weyrauch	08/06	Trina Brander	08/18
Karl Borneman	08/10	Cindy Cavey	08/20
Patricia Smith	08/10	Jane Heavin	08/20
Juli Cohen	08/13	Jeff Grieco	08/26
Christopher Buchheit	08/14	Phyllis McDermitt	08/27
Karen Hofmann	08/15	Christy Maynard	08/28
John Van Deursen	08/15		



DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT CALL

The deadline for The September Call is Friday, August 21, 2026.

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