

# THE CALL

Fairmont Presbyterian Church

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The world has changed. Fairmont was founded in 1945 as a large flourishing congregation riding the postwar boom of culturally ascendant Christendom. Tailor made to meet those conditions, Fairmont flourished. But now those cultural and social conditions have changed. Religious participation is no longer assumed or sometimes even welcomed. Secularism, individualism, withdrawal from public life, along with at least seventeen other factors have all transformed our social and cultural environment. The world has changed and the question is, will we?

Fairmont's leadership have been studying, learning about, pondering, praying, and dreaming about these changes and the challenges and opportunities they present. We would now like to invite you into that conversation. I will be leading a workshop on Adaptive Change at Fairmont on **Saturday, October 18 at 9:00 a.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. We will be looking at the *process* by which some congregations learn, adapt, and change while others do not. We will be considering particular models and methods of change. And we will take careful notice of how our anxiety, grief, and desire for quick and easy answers can get us into trouble. Short cuts are rarely short. We will be considering *how* change happens, not *what* must change because the *what* question takes both more time and a lot more prayer and people.

I do not have quick or simple answers. There is no "expert" who can offer the solution because the conditions we find ourselves in are genuinely new. Instead, I have a guiding metaphor. Once upon a time, Israel thought they had built God's Kingdom on Earth. Then that all came crashing down courtesy of Babylon. They adapted to new homes in a new land with new people. They held onto their core beliefs, and actually began holding onto God even tighter. But they changed. That change is marked by their changing name from Israel into the Yehudi (*people of Judah*), which later shortened to the Jews. Despite the changes, God doubled down on God's people precisely because they were faithful in exile. It was the exile that expanded Judaism's ethical horizon of salvation beyond themselves to embrace God's project for all people.

In the heady days of 1945, the depression was decisively over, Fascism had been decisively defeated, everything seemed possible. The church in America latched onto its heroic vision of building the Kingdom of God on Earth, here and now. It did not quite work out according to plan. The world changed. But there is another beautiful vision for the flourishing of God's people. We can become gardens in the desert, oasis in the wilderness, refuges for the lost and the hungry looking for a way back home. We may not be socially dominant, but God's people have always done their best work at the margins (think of Moses, Ruth, or Paul). And we can do so again.

The world has changed and that means Christ is sending us to new and different work. The only question is whether we will follow into that bright future.

-Brian

## 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](http://www.fairmontchurch.org/online) for links to all past and upcoming live streams.

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October 5      Children's Sabbath/17th Sunday after Pentecost/Communion  
Lesson: Luke 18:15-17 & Isaiah 11:6  
Sermon: Let the Children

October 12     18th Sunday after Pentecost  
Lesson: Luke 17:11-19  
Sermon: One In Ten

October 19     19th Sunday after Pentecost  
Lesson: Luke 18:1-8  
Sermon: Concerning Justice

October 26     Reformation Sunday  
Lesson: Luke 18:9-14  
Sermon: Without Justification

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### Bible Study

Thursdays, 12:15pm

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81913644664>

Meeting ID: 819 1364 4664

### Connections

Wednesdays, 7:00pm

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82619499713>

Meeting ID: 826 1949 9713

## CONNECTIONS

### From Strength to Strength

How do we create new systems of meaning and purpose as we age? How can we thrive and not merely survive as we creep past middle age? How can we construct, and not merely find, lives of meaning, purpose, and joy? These are the questions that we will be addressing in this course on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in person in the Upper Room and on Zoom. We will be using Arthur C. Brooks' book *From Strength to Strength: Finding Success, Happiness, and Deep Purpose in the Second Half of Life*, as our guide. It is available on line and at bookstores and libraries.

October 1            Chapters 3-4

October 8            Chapters 5-6

October 15           Chapters 7-8

October 22           Chapter 9 and conclusion

October 29           No Class

## 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!

October 7            Luke 17:11-19

October 14           Luke 18:1-8

October 21           Luke 18:9-14

October 28           Luke 19:1-10

## REFORMATION SUNDAY

Join us for a single service on Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, as we celebrate our heritage in the Scottish Reformation. The Presbyterian Church is the American offspring of the Church of Scotland. Come and join us as we share with our trans-Atlantic cousins in our shared liturgy, music, and prayers. We will be joined in worship by the Miami Valley Pipe and Drum Band! Gentlemen, this is a perfect opportunity to wear your kilts! Please check all claymores and dirks at the door.

## REFORMATION SUNDAY HIGH TEA

You are invited to an all-church High Tea following our single service of worship on Reformation Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup>. If you are willing to bring a food item, please contact Pastor Kelley at [kshin@fairmontchurch.org](mailto:kshin@fairmontchurch.org) for the needed food items. Join us for a special celebration of our Reformation Heritage with tea, cookies, sandwiches, and Scottish specialties. The Deacons of Fairmont will be hosting this special event.

## PIPE ORGAN

### What to do about the Pipe Organ?

Fairmont's Pipe Organ turned sixty years old this summer and we celebrate how it has supported our worship for many decades. Like some of us at that age, it needs a little work. Pipe organs are incredibly complex mechanisms. Hundreds of switches, valves, and baffles need to be cleaned, checked, and if necessary repaired or replaced. Pipes need to be cleaned and tuned. This sort of once-in-a-lifetime refurbishment is a normal part of caring for church pipe organs. The question before us is what should we do about the Pipe Organ? A small group has been appointed by Trustees and Session to consider this question and they would like to hear from you.

Please join us between the worship services on Sunday October 12th or after the second service on Sunday October 19th in the Fellowship Hall to hear more about what is possible, but more importantly to share your perspective. Thank you for joining us.

## FALL STEWARDSHIP

In a family visit to Columbus this weekend, it was readily apparent on the drive over and back that our bountiful Ohio corn and soybean fields have reached the fall season. Add in a few pumpkins and the beginning of leaves starting to turn colors, it becomes apparent that harvest time is here.

As a church, we begin to look towards stewardship traditionally during this time of year. I suppose we could look at this as kind of a harvest time, or as a once-a-year type of event. But it's really much more. A harvest is just the end of a long preparation and growing season that lasts pretty much the whole year.

Stewardship is no different. It includes both preparation and nurturing, so that it may yield in God's abundance. Your financial commitments, for which we are so thankful, are greatly appreciated. And ... two other areas are certainly equal to or even of greater importance - time and talent.

These three areas are readily apparent into every program and aspect of our church life. Pastors Brian and Kelley have written and talked recently regarding the change in overall church life in our society. Your session is studying this using the most recent thoughts and information available to us to help us as we go forward. One thing for sure, your prayers and participation are needed.

You will be hearing more about this in Minutes for Mission, letters and a sermon to see what each of us can do to help in God's plan for our church. As we begin to move into this season, we hope that each of you will take a look into your own stewardship, your time, talent and finances. We hope that you will find it personally rewarding.

Finance and Stewardship Team

## CHILDREN & YOUTH

### CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Children's Sunday School continues during 10:30 a.m. 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. This year we will again be using the PC (USA) curriculum, "Follow Me."

Pastor Kelley and our newly trained Godly Play teachers, Ginny, Sue, and Britton, will be sharing Godly Play also as part of our Sunday School program. Sunday School classes are open to children ages 4-grade 5. Any questions? Contact Pastor Kelley.

### CHILDREN'S SABBATH OCTOBER 5<sup>TH</sup>

All children are invited to share in worship leadership for Children's Sabbath on October 5<sup>th</sup> at the 10:30 a.m. service. Children will be leading worship through music, liturgy, and prayer. We will also be presenting bibles to Kindergarten and 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade children.



October 5, 2025  
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 5th for Children's Sabbath worship during the 10:30 a.m. worship service. Children's Choir rehearsals continue on October 5 from 9:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. in the Children's Choir room. We are blessed to have DeAnna Ullery leading our Children's Choir.

### UPCOMING CHILDREN'S EVENTS

|              |   |
|--------------|---|
| October 5:   | Children's Sabbath                              |
| October 5:   | Children's Choir Rehearsal                      |
| October 19:  | Fairmont Fall Family Hike                       |
| October 25:  | Trunk-or-Treat                                  |
| December 21: | Children's Christmas Pageant &<br>Hot Cocoa Bar |
| December 24: | Family Christmas Eve Service                    |

## Trunk or Treat - Volunteers Needed!

*Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 p.m.*

*Haunted House Theme*



Get your costumes ready! Trunk-or-Treat will be held in the church parking lot on Saturday, October 25th from 4:00pm to 5:00pm, weather permitting! Please come and share Halloween treats with children from Fairmont and our community. Please arrive by 3:30 p.m. so we can line up cars in the parking lot before inviting children in. We invite you to dress up in your Halloween costumes. The staff costume theme for this year is *Haunted House!* "Teal Pumpkin" allergy-safe treats will be provided for each trunk!

### FAIRMONT YOUTH MINISTRY

(Grades 6th -12<sup>th</sup>)

*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.

### OCTOBER

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|-------------|---|
| October 19* | Fairmont Family Fall Hike<br>(Bill Yeck Park) 2:00 p.m. |
| October 25  | Halloween Trunk-or-Treat 4:00p.m.                       |
| October 26  | Reformation Sunday & High Tea<br>10:30 a.m.             |

**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](mailto:kshin@fairmontchurch.org) or by text or phone at (937) 751-0752.

# October

| Sunday   | Monday  | Tuesday  | Wednesday   | Thursday  | Friday   | Saturday   |
|--|---|--|---|---|--|--|
|  |   |  | <b>1</b><br>3:00pm: Spirituality For Those Who Grieve (chapel)<br>4:30pm: Praise Band (fh)<br>7:00pm: Connections (in-person & online)<br>7:30pm: AA (012)                        | <b>2</b><br>6:00pm: Bell Choir Rehearsal (cr)<br>7:00pm: NA (012)<br>7:15pm: Choir Rehearsal (cr)                             | <b>3</b><br>11:00am: Fit 4 You (fh)<br>12:00pm: OA (rc)<br>5:00pm: Theology on Tap @ Archers Tavern (2030)<br>E. Dorothy Lane in Kettering | <b>4</b><br>9:00am-4:00pm: Rug Hooking Event (fh)<br>10:00am-12:00pm: Dayton Opera Chorus Rehearsal (cr, sanctuary)      |
| <b>5</b><br>20th Sunday after Pentecost/Communion<br>8:30am: Casual Worship<br>9:30am: Children's Choir Rehearsal & Sing @10:30am<br>9:45am: Contemplative Prayer<br>10:30am: Traditional Service/Children's Sabbath (sanctuary)<br>5:30pm: Dayton Opera Chorus Rehearsal (cr) | <b>6</b><br>7:00pm: Dayton Opera Chorus Rehearsal (cr, sanctuary) | <b>7</b><br>11:00am: Fit 4 You (fh)<br>12:00pm: AA (012)<br>12:00pm: OA (rc)<br>12:15pm: Bible Study (in-person & online)<br>2:30pm: Lincoln Park Communion (offsite)<br>7:00pm: Team Meetings | <b>8</b><br>4:30pm: Praise Band (fh)<br>7:00pm: Connections (in-person & online)<br>7:30pm: AA (012)  | <b>9</b><br>6:00pm: Bell Choir Rehearsal (cr)<br>7:00pm: NA (012)<br>7:15pm: Choir Rehearsal (cr)                             | <b>10</b><br>11:00am: Fit 4 You (fh)<br>12:00pm: OA (rc)   | <b>11</b><br>9:00am-1:00pm: Dayton Opera Chorus Rehearsal (cr, sanctuary)  |
| <b>12</b><br>8:30am: Casual Service<br>9:45am: Contemplative Prayer (chapel)<br>9:30am: Pipe Organ Discussion (fh)<br>10:45am: Sunday School<br>10:30am: Traditional Service (sanctuary)   | <b>13</b><br>7:00pm: Circle 1 (fh)                                | <b>14</b><br>11:00am: Fit 4 You (fh)<br>12:00pm: AA (012)<br>12:00pm: OA (rc)<br>12:15pm: Bible Study (in-person & online)<br>7:00pm: Trustees, B&G & Finance                                  | <b>15</b><br>11:30am: Fairmont Men's Luncheon (offsite)<br>4:30pm: Praise Band (fh)<br>5:00pm: Circle 2 (offsite)<br>7:00pm: Connections (in-person & online)<br>7:30pm: AA (012) | <b>16</b><br>6:00pm: Bell Choir Rehearsal (cr)<br>7:00pm: NA (012)<br>7:15pm: Choir Practice (cr)                             | <b>17</b><br>11:00am: Fit 4 You (fh)<br>12:00pm: OA (rc)   | <b>18</b><br>9:00am: Leadership Training (fh)  |
| <b>19</b><br>22nd Sunday after Pentecost<br>8:30am: Casual Service (fh)<br>9:45am: Contemplative Prayer (chapel)<br>10:45am: Sunday School<br>10:30am: Traditional Service (sanctuary)<br>11:30am: Pipe Organ Discussion (fh)<br>2:00pm: Fairmont Family Hike @ Bill Yeck Park | <b>20</b><br>6:30pm: WOF Coord. Meeting (ur)                      | <b>21</b><br>11:00am: Fit 4 You (fh)<br>12:00pm: AA (012)<br>12:00pm: OA (rc)<br>12:15pm: Bible Study (in-person & online)<br>7:00pm: Session  | <b>22</b><br>4:30pm: Praise Band (fh)<br>7:00pm: Connection (in-person & online)<br>7:30pm: AA (012)  | <b>23</b><br>1:00pm: Rug Hooking (fh)<br>6:00pm: Bell Choir Rehearsal (cr)<br>7:00pm: NA (012)<br>7:15pm: Choir Practice (cr) | <b>24</b><br>11:00am: Fit 4 You (fh)<br>12:00pm: OA (rc)   | <b>25</b><br>9:00am-1:00pm: Art & Craft Show Chocolate Dipping Party<br>4:00pm: Trunk or Treat (lower level parking lot) |
| <b>26</b><br><b>SINGLE SERVICE/</b><br>Reformation Sunday<br>9:45am: Contemplative Prayer (chapel)<br>10:30am: Traditional Service (sanctuary)<br>11:30am: High Tea (fh)   | <b>27</b>   | <b>28</b><br>11:00am: Fit 4 You (fh)<br>12:00pm: AA (012)<br>12:00pm: OA (rc)<br>12:15pm: Bible Study (in-person & online)<br>7:00pm: Deacon Meeting (ur)                                      | <b>29</b><br>4:30pm: Praise Band (fh)<br>No Connections<br>7:30pm: AA (012)   | <b>30</b><br>6:00pm: Bell Choir Rehearsal (cr)<br>7:00pm: NA (012)<br>7:15pm: Choir Practice (cr)                             | <b>31</b>  |  |

## FAIRMONT FALL HIKE & FELLOWSHIP TO FOLLOW

Join Pastor Kelley for a Fairmont Fall Hike on Sunday, October 19<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. We will meet at Bill Yeck Park at 2:00 p.m. for a 2 or 3-mile hike.

**DATE:** Sunday, October 19th

**TIME:** 2:00 p.m.

**PLACE:** Bill Yeck Park 2230 E. Centerville Station Road Centerville, OH 45459 (Smith House Entrance)



We will begin with a short spiritual reflection on God and nature, then we will hike an easy mile for families and then add another 1 or 2 miles for those who want to hike a moderate hike. **During our hike, we will gather at the home of Fairmont members, Steve and Laurie Harper** (whose home is right on Bill Yeck Park), **for a time of refreshments and fellowship.** Contact Pastor Kelley at [kshin@fairmontchurch.org](mailto:kshin@fairmontchurch.org) for questions.

## SPIRITUALITY FOR THOSE WHO GRIEVE

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

**MONTHLY MEETINGS:** Second Wednesday of the Month\*

**\*Except for October 2025\***

**BEGINNING DATE:** October 1, 2025

**TIME:** 3:00pm - 4:00pm

**PLACE:** Chapel

When we are grieving the death of someone we love, we long for the support and compassion of our fellow human beings; a safe, welcoming place where people understand the difficult emotions of grief. How does our faith speak to this grief? How can we find healing through our stories of grief? All who are grieving the loss of a loved one – recently or long ago – are **invited** to share in monthly gatherings led by Pastor Kelley beginning again on **October 1st** at 3:00 p.m. in the Chapel. (We normally meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month except for October). This will be a time to share or listen to stories of healing and grief. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Kelley at [kshin@fairmontchurch.org](mailto:kshin@fairmontchurch.org).

## MISSION BEYOND THE CONGREGATION

Helping Hands, Helping Hearts



**Kettering Elementary School Supplies Collection a Big Success!**

Our congregation did an amazing job of collecting much-needed school supplies over the past two months. In fact, two full carloads were needed to drop everything off to JFK Elementary! Supplies are then distributed to all Kettering elementary schools based on need.

The teachers wrote us a handwritten thank-you note about how much they appreciate us thinking of them in their time of need every fall. It's very heartwarming for teachers to know that their local church is there to lend a helping hand!

### House of Bread Volunteer Day Updates!

Mission Beyond the Congregation: We are planning volunteer days in October at House of Bread. Hoping for enough volunteers for 2 groups of 4, one weekday and one Saturday. The hours are 10am-2pm prepping the meal, serving, and clean up. Must be 16 and older. Please contact Christy Maynard at [clmaynard828@yahoo.com](mailto:clmaynard828@yahoo.com) or 937-232-2757 if interested.

### Update from Artemis Center this October

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and Artemis Center is celebrating its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of operations! As such, they provided a report on their services:

Last Christmas, their Building Hope Holiday program helped over **54** families and **224** children!

Our Fairmont Christmas Giving Trees helped **6** of those families, with **17** children served and **55** of our members contributing gifts!\

In 2024, Artemis assisted **514** individuals in providing resources, like transportation, relocation assistance, and home safety equipment (door locks, alarms, etc.)

In 2024, **815** individuals including families received food and hygiene products from Artemis' various supply pantries

To commemorate the occasion, several Fairmont members will be attending Artemis' Breaking the Cycle Fundraising Breakfast in mid-October. They also have a **FREE** Quarterly Open House coming up on November 20<sup>th</sup>!

**Read Artemis' Annual Report and check out upcoming events here:** <https://www.artemiscenter.org/annual-reports>

**Did you know?** Artemis is one of the Mission Team's annual dedicated giving organizations. Fairmont supports the Artemis Center through monetary donations, attending activities, and hands-on projects.





## BAKE SALE AT THE ANNUAL ART, ANTIQUE & CRAFT SHOW

**Saturday, November 8 | 9 AM - 3 PM**

We're whipping up something sweet for a great cause—and we need your help! Our beloved Bake Sale is back, and 100% of the proceeds will go toward supporting hunger missions.

**Important dates to remember:** Now-Oct. 24th: Drop off baking ingredients. Saturday, Oct. 25th: Chocolate Dipping Party (9AM-1PM). Wednesday, November 5th: Bake Sale Set-Up. Friday, November 7th: Drop off baked items or arrange for pick-up.

### How You Can Help:

- o Donating baked goods
- o Not a baker? No problem! Contributions from neighbors, relatives, or your favorite bakery are warmly welcomed.
- o Volunteers needed for cashier & restocking at the bake sale
- o We're also collecting ingredients for our signature treats: buckeyes and peppermint patties. Needed items include:
- o Semi-sweet chocolate chips
- o Confectioners sugar
- o Butter
- o Peanut butter

**Need a pickup?** We're happy to collect your baked goods the week before the sale—just let us know!

**Sign up in Fellowship Hall** or contact Christy Maynard at [clmaynard828@yahoo.com](mailto:clmaynard828@yahoo.com) 937-232-2757.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### FAIRMONT MEN'S GROUP

Fairmont Men's Group will meet at MCL Cafeteria on Wednesday, October 15th at 11:30am. Please call the church office at (937) 299-3539 or email the church at [office@fairmontchurch.org](mailto:office@fairmontchurch.org) by noon on Tuesday, October 14th, 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.


**OCTOBER** For the month of October, Theology on Tap will meet at Archers Tavern (2030 E. Dorothy Lane in Kettering) at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, October 3, 2025.

# SLATES & PAINTS

## NOVEMBER 13

### 6:30PM-8:30PM

Join in 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](mailto:KMJDJP53@GMAIL.COM)

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### STAFF

**Pastor/Head of Staff:** Brian Maguire

**Associate Pastor:** Kelley Wehmeyer Shin

**Director of Music Ministries:** Coleman Clark

**Organist:** Judy Bede

**Bookkeeper:** Martha Keil

**Administrative Assistant:** Jennifer Mason

**Maintenance:** Don Hibbard

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### October Birthdays

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|--------------------|-------|----------------------|-------|
| Kris Martin        | 10/01 | Jackie Susnik        | 10/12 |
| Barbara Shinn      | 10/02 | Jean D. Webster      | 10/13 |
| Lennox Harper Adam | 10/04 | Harry Bradbury       | 10/14 |
| Althea Harper      | 10/05 | Caroline Buchheit    | 10/14 |
| Joseph Bausman     | 10/07 | Katherine Gonzalez   | 10/14 |
| Christina Harper   | 10/08 | Jane Davis           | 10/15 |
| Donald Specht      | 10/08 | Pam Ridings          | 10/16 |
| Pat Goss           | 10/10 | Mindy Ellis          | 10/19 |
| Coleman Clark      | 10/11 | Robert Wunder        | 10/22 |
| Loki Harper Adam   | 10/11 | William Bergstresser | 10/28 |
| Sue Wildasinn      | 10/11 | Leslie Parker        | 10/28 |
| Dawson Sennet      | 10/12 | Esther Kremer        | 10/29 |



### DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT CALL

**The deadline for The November Call is Friday, October 18, 2024.**

Please submit Call & bulletin articles to Jennifer at: [jmason@fairmontchurch.org](mailto:jmason@fairmontchurch.org).