

THE CALL

Fairmont Presbyterian Church

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Everything we thought about the way things are is wrong.

Instead of proclaiming, “He is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!” on Easter morning, what if we made the far more personal and uncomfortable confession that we were wrong? Most of us are tainted by the grief, anxiety, and shame that pervade our world right now. Grief is unhealed pain of something that went wrong. Anxiety is the abstract fear that something will go wrong. And shame is the nagging feeling that I am wrong. They weigh us down. Over time they corrupt us. Grief, anxiety, and shame if left unprocessed lead to every human vice and cruelty. Evil creeps into our lives through their invitation. Pilate was not necessarily a particularly cruel man, but he was anxious and his anxiety led him to do terrible things. Judas was not born a betrayer but became one as he unsuccessfully wrestled with his grief over his misguided projections of what a messiah was supposed to be. And Peter was not a coward but was cowed into desertion by the weight of his own shame. All these corruptions begin with an assumption of fear, fear that we are not safe, not loved, not valued, and that the universe really does not care.

But Easter says, everything we thought about the way things are is wrong.

Beneath all the lilies and lace, just underneath all the triumphant hymns, lies the simple fact of Easter that undermines all our other presumed facts. A dead man would not stay dead. And if you cannot rely on the dependability of death anymore then everything else is now up for grabs. Easter is not merely the demonstration that death no longer works anymore. Far more unsettling is that perfected life emerges from it, life made complete, whole, healed, and transformed. Life comes out of death. Consequently, all those things we thought would hurt us turn out to be powerless. All our deepest fears were founded on lies.

Resurrection is many things, but most of all it is an eruption of our future in our past. An empty tomb just outside the walls of Jerusalem opened a small window for just a moment through our space time into our future where we could observe for the first time what is real. And what is real is very different from the way we presume things to be.

We do not need to be afraid anymore. It is okay now to leave our tombs.

Happy Easter!

--Brian

Join us for worship Easter Sunday at 8:30am & 10:30am!

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/online for links to all past
and upcoming live streams.

April 3 5th Sunday in Lent (Communion)

Lesson: Exodus 3

Sermon: Proper Introductions

April 10 Palm Sunday

Lesson: Exodus 4-5

Sermon: Setting the Captives Free

April 14 Maundy Thursday Service 7:00pm

April 15 Good Friday Service 7:00pm

April 17 Resurrection Sunday

First Lesson: Matthew 28 & Exodus 15

Sermon: You Do Not Need to Be Afraid Any-
more

April 24 2nd Sunday of Easter

Lesson: Exodus 16

Sermon: Manna in the Desert

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

Maundy Thursday Worship 7:00 p.m. April 14

Join us for worship as we enter the central drama and mystery of the Christian faith remembering and celebrating together both what Jesus did for us and what he instructed us to do. "Maundy" is short for *mandatum*, Latin for "command." On this night we will share in the Lord's Supper just as Jesus commanded as recorded in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke and consider how Jesus both fulfills and expands the Old Testament lessons of Passover.

This year we will also honor Jesus' commandment recorded in the Gospel of John where he washed his disciples' feet and told them, "If I, your Lord and teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you." (John 13:14-15). If you wish to participate in the rite of foot washing (*or hand washing, you are invited but there is no obligation*) please wear appropriate footwear that is easy to slip on and off. You will have the opportunity to both wash and be washed as a sign of mutual service and love.

Good Friday Worship 7:00 p.m. April 15

Come and join us as we remember Jesus' final day in scripture and song for this solemn service at worship contemplating the very heart of Jesus life, death, and life.

CONNECTIONS

Lenten School, Evenings at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom, starting Tuesday April 5

Tuesday Nights: Soul Stories-Reading imaginatively with artists
and children

Wednesday Nights: *Lectio Divina*-Reading contemplatively with
mystics

Thursday Nights: *Beth Midrash* (house of study)-Reading critically
with scholars

Week Five (April 5-7) Exodus 4-5 Let My People Go

*There will be no Connections or Bible Study during Holy Week
(April 11-15) or the week after Easter (April 18-22).*

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

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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)

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Palm Sunday Children's Choir

We are so excited to announce the return of our children's choir for Palm Sunday! Our song will be learned during home, online, and in-person practices.

More information to come in Kidz Korner emails!

Easter Egg Hunt

Fairmont's annual Easter Egg Hunt will return April 9th at 10:30am! We will not be advertising this to the community, but children are welcome to bring their friends. Join us for crafts, activities, and an egg hunt followed by a hot dog lunch!

Vacation Bible School 2022

Save the date!

VBS returns June 13th - 17th

9:00am - 11:30am

Contact Lorelei Harding to volunteer.

More information to come!

Zoom Sunday School

Sundays at 12:00pm, ages 4 - grade 5 are welcome to join us on Zoom as we learn about God's word!
Zoom Meeting ID: 853 6903 0516 cont. ›

In-Person Sunday School

Sunday School will be offered during 10:30 worship after the Time with Children for ages 4 - grade 5. Parents, please collect your children promptly after worship.

Sunday Nursery

Nursery is provided from 8am-12pm on Sunday mornings. As a reminder, only children birth - 3 years old may stay in the nursery for the safety of our youngest. Please collect your children promptly after worship!

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!

APRIL YOUTH SCHEDULE

April 3 Love: Lunch, Bible Study, Games

April 10 Love: Lunch, Faith Through Art, Games

April 17 No Youth! Easter Sunday

April 24 Youth Gathering at Southminster Presbyterian 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. **Mario Cart Tournament, Pizza, Video Games, and Prizes**

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 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. with the youth from Southminster Presbyterian, Sugarcreek Presbyterian, and Covenant Presbyterian Springboro.

Watch our weekly Youth Constant Contact emails for details.

All youth and adults will be wearing masks. All adult staff and volunteers are fully vaccinated. All gatherings are subject to change depending upon COVID-19.

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

Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday	
5th Sunday in Lent /Communion	3		4	11:00am: Fit 4 You (fh)	5	6:30pm: Praise Band (
8:30am: Casual Service (fh)				12:00pm: AA (012)		7:00pm: Lenten Schoo	
10:30am: Traditional Service (sanctuary)				12:00pm: OA (B)		7:30pm: AA (012)	
12:00pm: Zoom Sunday School (online)				7:00pm: Lenten School (online)			
12:00pm: Youth Ministry (in-person)				7:00pm: Team Meetings (online)			
Palm Sunday	10	7:00pm: Circle 1 (fh)	11	11:00am: Fit 4 You (fh)	12	6:30pm: Praise Band (
8:30am: Casual Service (fh)				12:00pm: AA (012)		7:30pm: AA (012)	
10:30am: Traditional Service (sanctuary)				12:00pm: OA (B)		No Connections	
12:00pm: Zoom Sunday School (online)				7:00pm: Trustees, B&G, Finance (online)			
12:00pm: Youth Ministry (in-person)							
Resurrection of the Lord	17	Easter Monday (Office Closed)	18	11:00am: Fit 4 You (fh)	19	5:30pm: Circle 6 (off s	
8:30am: Casual Service (fh)				12:00pm: AA (012)		6:30pm: Praise Band (
10:30am: Traditional Service (sanctuary)				12:00pm: OA (B)		7:30pm: AA (012)	
No Sunday School or Youth				7:00pm: Session (online)		No Connections	
2nd Sunday of Easter	24		25	11:00am: Fit 4 You (fh)	26	6:30pm: Praise Band (
8:30am: Casual Service (fh)				12:00pm: AA (012)		7:00pm: Connections	
10:30am: Traditional Service (sanctuary)				12:00pm: OA (B)		7:30pm: AA (012)	
12:00pm: Zoom Sunday School (online)							
6pm: Youth Ministry (offsite)							

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Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
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(fh)	13	Maundy Thursday 7:00pm: Maundy Thursday Service 7:00pm: NA (012) No Bible Study	14	Good Friday 11:00am: Fit 4 You (fh) 12:00pm: OA (B) 5:00pm: Theology on Tap (online) 7:00pm: Good Friday Service	15	Holy Saturday 9:30am: Circle 7 (online)	16
(ite) (fh)	20	11:30am: Fairmont Men's Group (offsite) 6:00pm: Bell Choir (cr) 7:00pm: NA (012) 7:15pm: Choir (cr) No Bible Study	21	11:00am: Fit 4 You (fh) 12:00pm: OA (B) 8:00pm: Presbyterian and Modern Challenges Film Discussion (online)	22	11:00am: Fairmont Family Hike	23
(fh) (online)	27	1:00pm: Rug Hooking (fh) 6:00pm: Bell Choir (cr) 7:00pm: Bible Study (online) 7:00pm: NA (012) 7:15pm: Choir (cr)	28	11:00am: Fit 4 You (fh) 12:00pm: OA (B) 6:00pm: Fourth Friday Pizza (fh)	29		30

SESSION REPORT

Fairmont Preschool News

Our Fairmont Preschool has been in operation since 1957. Founded by its first director, Louise Patterson, Fairmont Preschool has provided a loving, Christian, “first school” experience for Fairmont Presbyterian Church families as well as families in our surrounding neighborhoods. It has been a source of Outreach to our community, often resulting in new church members.

Through the past 65 years, Fairmont Presbyterian Church has provided a clean, safe, warm and inviting facility with electricity, heat, and pastoral and office support. The yearly preschool income generated solely by student tuition, covers costs for supplies, equipment, enrichments, refreshments, licensing and teacher salaries.

In the last few years, Fairmont Preschool has experienced growing shortfalls in the budget. There are a number of factors contributing to the deficit. Declining enrollment seems to be the major concern. Our Christian Formation Team recommended the Session approve covering the preschool budget shortfalls with the hope that enrollment would improve in the fall. Sadly, the struggle to make ends meet continues.

Single-parent families and two-parent working families needing extended-day child care and competing public school programs are some of the many issues that need to be addressed in order to offer a quality, viable preschool program. To do this effectively, the Session has voted to suspend operation of Fairmont Preschool at the end of the school year in May 2022, with the intention to reopen for the 2023-2024 school year. This time will allow a committee to investigate, thoroughly, options to continue our operation of a preschool that meets the needs of Fairmont Presbyterian Church as well as our community.

God bless you all for your continued support of Fairmont Preschool.

Jenny Fiden, Elder

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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 April theme will be focused on the **Refugee Crisis**.

Our next Zoom film presentation and discussion will be on **Friday, April 22, 2022**, at 8:00 p.m. This time slot allows parents to get their children to bed and participate in adult conversations!

Mark your calendars for our April Film Presentation and Discussion:

DATE: Friday, April 22, 2022

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

FILM: “People Without a Place” from Dialogues on the Refugee Crisis by Sparkhouse

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

TURNING PAGES IN OUR CHURCH LIBRARY

The Church Library has new artwork to brighten the space. Visit on your own or with the kids to find these details!

A. What comforting message is featured? (Where else in the church can the message be found?)

B. What word is on the "abc line" this season?

C. Which books are on the shelves AND on the wall?

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D. What is special about the tree bark in the poster on the back wall?

Soon we'll have "Book Bundles" available in the Children's Area. Book bundles have two or three books related to a theme. When you don't have time to browse, you can check-out quickly by choosing a book bundle. Just sign your name and the date on the card and place the card in the box on the desk.

Visit soon!

Sally Athmer

MISSION BEYOND THE CONGREGATION



Feeding Our Community—2022

We are still seeking financial donations for **The Kettering Backpack** and **The Dayton Foodbank/FISH**.

Kettering Backpack Program

This organization provides nearly 600 needy children enrolled in Kettering City Schools with nutritious food to consume every weekend throughout the school year. The students are identified by school counselors and are discretely provided a sack of nutritious food that includes milk, fruit, pudding, juice, vegetables, apple sauce, macaroni and peanut butter. Due to COVID-19, the number of hungry students has risen, causing the program's food costs to increase greatly. Financial donations may be made either through Fairmont's website or online at Ketteringbackpack.org.

Dayton Food Bank (South Dayton Foodbank/FISH)

The Dayton Food Bank has served as the primary source of food for the hunger relief network in the Miami Valley. This food bank-the only one of its kind in the area-relieves hunger in the community through a network of partner agencies by acquiring and distributing food. The food bank provides the infrastructure for more than 100 member food pantries, community kitchens and shelters that serve as the charitable hunger relief network in Montgomery, Greene, and Preble Counties, including the South Dayton Food Pantry/FISH, which serves Fairmont's immediate area. Donations to the Food Bank may be made either through Fairmont's website or online at thefoodbank-dayton.org.

WOMEN OF FAIRMONT

The covid situation seems to be better and hopefully it stays that way. It is exciting to think about being together May 21st at 10:30 for brunch, social time, and inspiring talks. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FAIRMONT MEN'S GROUP

We will meet at MCL Cafeteria on Thursday April 21st at 11:30 am. Sign "Lunch" on the attendance pad Sunday or call the church office (299-3539) by noon on Wednesday, April 20th, to make a reservation. All the men of the church are invited. We would like to see some new faces!

FOURTH FRIDAY PIZZA GATHERING

Fairmont Fourth Friday Pizza Gathering will meet in-person on the **FIFTH** (this month only) Friday, **April 29, 2022**, at 6:00 p.m. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall and share a meal of pizza, salad, and drinks (allergy safe). Watch for an email from Pastor Kelley with final details.

FAIRMONT FAMILY HIKE

Join Fairmont friends for a spring hike at Caesar's Creek **Flat Fork Ridge Trail** led by Pastor Kelley. This is a 4-mile hike along the perimeter of the lake and a moderate hiking level. ***Those who want to take a shorter hike may do so, also.*** The Flat Fork Ridge Trail has a nice picnic and playground area for families who want to hike a mile, then have a picnic with their families. Please arrive by 10:45am so we can be ready to hike by 11:00 am.

DATE: Saturday, April 23, 2022

WHAT: Moderate Level 4-mile hike at
Caesar's Creek

TIME: 11:00 a.m.

PLACE: Flat Fork Ridge Trail
3466 N. Clarksville Road
Waynesville, OH 45068

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Bookkeeper: Martha Keil
Custodian: Louis Weyrauch

April Birthdays

Jaci Rose	04/01
Theodore Stewart	04/01
Susan Stewart	04/03
Angela Bussey	04/04
Karen Penney	04/04
Lauren Bergstresser	04/08
Sallie Luther	04/09
Abby Whitesell	04/09
Joan Gray	04/10
Thomas Hohler	04/12
Terry Akers	04/13
Jane Schwartz	04/13
William Stewart	04/15
Janice Walters	04/16

Chris Shearer	04/21
Quinn Barnett	04/24
Don Venable	04/24
Richard Cost	04/25
Kevin Stewart	04/26
Lilias Harper Adam	04/27
Max Schneider	04/27
Jason Barnett	04/29
Kate Barnett	04/29
Krista Hysinger	04/29
Kelly Coan	04/30
Phyllis Dodson	04/30
Andrew Hohler	04/30
Kerri Miles	04/30



DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT CALL

The deadline for The May Call is Friday, April 22, 2022.

Please submit articles to: jmason@fairmontchurch.org.