

THE CALL

Fairmont Presbyterian Church

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I am excited. After a beautiful summer, things are finally gearing up to resume all our ministries and programs. We are so looking forward to the return of the Chancel Choir under Coleman Clark's leadership, Godly Play and the weekly Youth Group led by Pastor Kelley, in person Sunday School with our children led by Lorelei, our weekly adult education classes on Wednesday and Thursday nights. We begin it all with a celebration of hope and community in our single service of worship on Sunday, September 11th at 10:30 followed immediately by a lunch hosted by our Deacons. And after that we will be having lots of other ways to get involved through fall hikes, family nights, Theology on Tap, and other gatherings. And you are invited to all of it!

Over the past two years I realize that my life has become a lot smaller. I do not see people as much as I did pre-Covid. I do not go out as much. Perhaps like me your horizon has drawn closer. The problem is that we were made as social creatures, even introverts like me. Time together is what draws us out, makes us more compassionate, soothes anxiety, and dispels the doldrums of sadness and boredom. We were made to be together, and do not worry, there will still be plenty of quiet time when needed. We need each other.

Social scientists have discovered two very important things about being together with other people. First, most people are anxious about spending time with other people. Introverts like me go in with particularly low expectations and anxiety. We seem to have a built in anti-social bias that keeps us apart. I suspect that the underlying problem is fear that keeps us apart. In the church we collectively call those things that keep us apart sin.

The second major discovery is that people generally underestimate how much fun they have in social settings. Conversations, especially deep conversations that you have never shared with before, get us out of our little mental and emotional ruts and open us to new experiences, new feelings real and imagined, new ideas, and creativity. A tiny measure of kindness and compassion, for example a little compliment, has a far greater positive impact than we imagine. We underestimate both the positive effect that we have on others and the positive effect that others can have on us. I suspect that this misperception arises from a deep habitual error of our own value and worth that we call shame. Shame too is part of that collective structural disconnection we call sin.

If you want to heal the world, or at least make a real effort at it, set politics aside and instead talk to people you have never talked to before. Ask them how their day was and after the peremptory "fine" ask them how their day really was. Ask them about their hopes and fears. If you perceive fear or anxiety, ask what is wrong. And then just listen. Do not try to think about what you are going to say next. Like all skills, connecting with people gets easier with practice.

The Church of Jesus Christ is not an institution, let alone a building. The Church of Jesus Christ is a community of people called and bound together by the Holy Spirit. To be community together is to participate in that same Spirit, to be Spirit-Breathed, literally inspired. To live Spirit is to connect with brothers and sisters. So come and join us and be inspired!

-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 for links to all past and upcoming live streams.

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September 4 13th Sunday after Pentecost/
Communion

Lesson: 1 Samuel 18:1-13

Sermon: Lessons in Leadership

September 11 14th Sunday after Pentecost/Single
Service

Lesson: 1 Kings 8:22-43

Sermon: Living With God

September 18 15th Sunday after Pentecost

Lesson: 2 Kings 5:1-14

Sermon: No More Outsiders

September 25 16th Sunday after Pentecost

Lesson: 2 Kings 21:1-21

Sermon: Naboth's Vineyard

(Rev. April Blaine preaching)

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Connections: What They Never Told Me in
Church—The Old Testament

Wednesdays, 7:00pm

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82945327813>

Meeting ID: 829 4532 7813

Bible Study: Weekly Scripture

Thursdays, 7:00pm

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82002536057>

Meeting ID: 820 0253 6057

CONNECTIONS

Connections Returns starting on September 14th on Wednesday nights at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom.

We will be continuing our series What They Never Told Me In Church: The Old Testament in which we examine those stories of the Old Testament that we prefer to avoid altogether. Come and explore the curious, confusing, and sometimes disturbing texts of the Hebrew scripture with us and bring your questions.

September 14

Numbers 12 Miriam and Selective Punishment

September 21

Numbers 21:1-9 Snake on a Stick

September 28

Deuteronomy 34 Death of Moses and the Problem of Leadership

Wednesdays, 7:00pm

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82945327813>

Meeting ID: 829 4532 7813

BIBLE STUDY

Fairmont's weekly Bible Study will resume on Thursday, September 15th, at 7:00 p.m. Join us as we study the scripture passage for the upcoming Sunday. Everyone and all questions are welcome!

Thursdays, 7:00pm

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82002536057>

Meeting ID: 820 0253 6057

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Children's Sunday School Resumes!

Get ready for Sunday school, beginning again on September 18th during 10:30am worship!

After the Time with Children, kids will follow their teacher to a classroom on the lower level where they will learn about God while enjoying videos, stories, crafts, and fellowship with their peers!

Again this year, we will use the Sparkhouse: Whirl curriculum in our elementary classes. Children love the fun videos which help connect Bible stories to situations in their lives today (with some adorable characters!)

Once per month, Pastor Kelley will also be sharing beautiful Godly Play storytelling during the Sunday school time slot.

Sunday school classes are open to children ages 4 - grade 5. Our volunteers are SO looking forward to sharing the love of God with young, curious minds!

Any questions, contact Lorelei Harding.

Sunday Nursery

Beginning September 11th, nursery care will be 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.

Trunk or Treat: October 29, 4pm

Get your costumes ready! Our annual Trunk-or-Treat will be held in the church parking lot on Saturday, October 29th from 4 to 5pm!

Volunteers are needed to provide and hand out treats from their cars!

Sign up by contacting Lorelei Harding.

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!

SEPTEMBER YOUTH SCHEDULE

September 11: Church Fall Kick-off & All Church Picnic

September 18: Youth Group - Lunch, Bible Study, Games

September 25: Youth Group - Lunch, Bible Study, Games

Special Monthly "Youth Gathering" begins again in October!

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 late afternoon with the youth from Southminster Presbyterian, Sugarcreek Presbyterian, and Covenant Presbyterian Springboro. Watch our weekly Youth Constant Contact emails for details.

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

Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday
13th Sunday after Pentecost/ Communion 8:30am: Casual Service (fh) 10:30am: Traditional Service (sanctuary)	4	Labor Day (Office Closed) 9:45am: Holiday at Home Parade	5	11:00am: Fit 4 You (fh) 12:00pm: AA (012) 12:00pm: OA (rc) 7:00pm: Team Meetings (ur)	6	4:30pm: Praise Band 7:30pm: AA (012)
14th Sunday after Pentecost 10:30am: Single Service 11:30am: Kickoff Sunday Picnic	11		12	11:00am: Fit 4 You (fh) 12:00pm: AA (012) 12:00pm: OA (rc) 7:00pm: Trustees, B&G, Finance (ur)	13	4:30pm: Praise Band 7:00pm: Connections 7:30pm: AA (012)
15th Sunday after Pentecost 8:30am: Casual Service (fh) 10:30am: Traditional Service (sanctuary) 12:00pm: Youth Group	18		19	11:00am: Fit 4 You (fh) 12:00pm: AA (012) 12:00pm: OA (rc) 7:00pm: Session (ur)	20	11:30am: Fairmont M (offsite) 4:30pm: Praise Band 7:00pm: Connections 7:30pm: AA (012)
16th Sunday after Pentecost 8:30am: Casual Service (fh) 10:30am: Traditional Service (sanctuary) 12:00pm: Youth Group	25		26	11:00am: Fit 4 You (fh) 12:00pm: AA (012) 12:00pm: OA (rc)	27	4:30pm: Praise Band 7:00pm: Connections 7:30pm: AA (012)

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Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
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(fh) (online)	14	6:00pm: Bell Choir (cr) 7:00pm: Bible Study (online) 7:00pm: NA (012) 7:15pm: Choir (cr)	15	11:00am: Fit 4 You (fh) 12:00pm: OA (rc) 5:00pm: Theology on Tap (offsite) (The Brewery at Carillon Park)	16		17
Men's Group (fh) (online)	21	1:00pm: Rug Hooking Group (fh) 6:00pm: Bell Choir (cr) 7:00pm: Bible Study (online) 7:00pm: NA (012) 7:15pm: Choir (cr)	22	11:00am: Fit 4 You (fh) 12:00pm: OA (rc) 6:00pm: Fairmont Family Night	23		24
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HOLIDAY AT HOME

Join us on Labor Day 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 help, please be at the church by 9:45 a.m. The parade starts at 10 but they start closing streets earlier in the morning. Join us for a fun-filled celebration of community on Labor Day!

KICK-OFF SUNDAY

Kick-Off Sunday for the new church year is Sunday, September 11, 2022. There will be a single service of worship at 10:30 a.m. with an all-church picnic following worship provided by the Deacons. Join us for a special Sunday as we kick-off the new church year.



MISSION BEYOND THE CONGREGATION

Helping Hands, Helping Hearts: 

Back-to-School Supplies! We are collecting school supplies for John F. Kennedy Elementary School.

Please leave your donations in the Black & White Narthex. Thank you!

box of 24 Crayola crayons	red pens
various highlighters	large glue sticks
scissors	erasers
pocket folders	wide-ruled paper
boxes of tissues	Clorox wipes
gallon Ziploc bags	paper towels

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, applesauce, macaroni and cheese and peanut butter. 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. Thank you for your support.

ART, ANTIQUE & CRAFT SHOW

The Art, Antique, and Craft Show committee is collecting items for the fall Art, Antique and Craft show. If you are willing to sort out your jewelry, broken gold chains, seasonal items, cookbooks, Christmas trees and ornaments, lamps, collectibles, pottery, canning jars (quarts & pints), antiques, and other items to go in our vintage room, we would be so grateful. We have been working since the first of the year and are a bit behind. This year we are adding World Food Kitchen to our donation list as the need seems to be extreme there. Blessings and thanks.

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DEACONS

Sanctuary flowers are returning!

Members can choose a Sunday to designate flowers in honor or memory of someone, or to commemorate a special occasion such as an anniversary, birthday, etc. Once a member has chosen a date, they will be contacted by a Deacon who will assist them with the flower arrangement and bulletin dedication. Two identical arrangements are ordered and the member is billed by the florist. The calendar is posted by the cloak room upstairs. It begins with September 2022 and ends with August 2023.

We are in need of coffee cans (4 inch diameter) to place the arrangements in after the 2nd service. They will then go home with the donating member, or be delivered to a shut in, hospital patient, nursing home resident etc. We will paint them. Thank you for your time and effort to our need.

For further information, please contact Wynn Adam or Sara Grillot.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FAIRMONT MEN'S GROUP

We will meet at MCL Cafeteria on Wednesday, September 21st at 11:30 am. Sign "Lunch" on the attendance pad Sunday or call the church office (937) 299-3539 or email at office@fairmontchurch.org by noon on Tuesday, September 20th, to make a reservation. All the men of the church are invited.

THEOLOGY ON TAP

Theology on Tap will meet in person at The Brewery at Carillon Park at 5:00pm on Friday, September 23rd. We will be on the back patio if the weather is nice, and inside if the weather is not cooperative. Hope to see you there!

FAIRMONT FAMILY NIGHT

NEW

Beginning on Friday, September 23, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. Fairmont children, youth, and their families will be meeting **once-a-month** for a fun evening of dinner, games, and fellowship. *September's Family Night meal will be a Taco Bar!*

WHAT: Fairmont Family Night

WHEN: September 23, 2022

TIME: 6:00 p.m.

MEAL: Taco Bar

WHERE: Fellowship Hall

For questions, contact Lorelei Harding or Pastor Kelley.

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Pastor/Head of Staff: Brian Maguire

Associate Pastor: Kelley Wehmeyer Shin

Children's Ministry Coordinator: Lorelei Harding

Director of Music Ministries: Coleman Clark

Organist: Judy Bede

Bookkeeper: Martha Keil

Custodian: Louis Weyrauch

Administrative Assistant: Jennifer Mason

September Birthdays

Martha Keil	09/01	Sally Kaskocsak	09/21
Martha Hibbs	09/08	Lynn Shepard	09/21
Allie Tamulewicz	09/08	Isabel Glueckert	09/23
Evi Fromm	09/09	Abigail Lewis	09/23
Jorge Gonzalez	09/12	Tom Gunlock	09/24
William Ross	09/12	Virene MacCagno	09/24
Elizabeth Specht	09/17	Kit MacKenzie	09/24
Dorothy Harner	09/18	Ken MacKenzie	09/25
Donna Ginader	09/19	Cindy Youngerman	09/25
Cassandra Shearer	09/19	Anne Johnson	09/27
Kelley Shin	09/19	Margaret Bergstresser	09/28
Phyllis Walcott	09/20	Mike Favro	09/28
Betty Brown	09/21	Paul Lamberger	09/28
David Cohen	09/21	Carol Bussey	09/29
Robert Kaskocsak	09/21	Bonnie Grieco	09/30



DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT CALL

The deadline for The October Call is Friday, September 23, 2022.

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

For website inquiries, contact Lorelei at: lharding@fairmontchurch.org.