

THE CALL

Fairmont Presbyterian Church

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Lent, just like the rest of Christian life, only more so.

This year we are doing Lent a little differently. Because we are focused on the great themes of the Old Testament in worship throughout this year, we will consider Lent through the Old Testament stories that shaped Jesus' own identity and mission. Those stories shaped Jesus' own life and mission as well as how the disciples and ordinary people understood his journey to Jerusalem and the cross. During Jesus' lifetime the only scripture that existed was the Old Testament and Jesus quotes from it regularly to make sense of his ministry and ultimately his death and resurrection.

Jesus' own life and work were decisively shaped by the accounts of Moses and the Exodus. The Gospel of Matthew almost presents Jesus as a new Moses. Jesus' death and resurrection are grounded in the story of Passover in which God led the people of Israel through death into life. His passion is rooted in the suffering servant songs of Isaiah and the laments of the righteous sufferer in the Psalms. Jesus' own saving death makes sense only in the context of the blood atonement for sin described in Leviticus. The Vision of Christ coming again as savior and judge, follows the prophecy of the coming of the Son of Man in Daniel. And the office of Messiah is explained in Isaiah, Zechariah, Malachi and elsewhere in the Old Testament. The Old Testament provides the foundation and the plot for the New Testament.

This Lent, together with our friends from Hilliard United Methodist Church, we will be examining the great story of the Old Testament in detail but we will be reading and examining it in three different ways. Starting on Tuesday March 8, we will be looking at the Old Testament lessons on Tuesday nights through the creative and imaginative lens of artists, poets, and children. On Wednesday nights, we will be looking at the stories of the Old Testament using the methods of mystics and contemplatives. And on Thursday nights, we will be reading the Old Testament lessons from the perspective of Bible scholars.

How you read a story matters. The methods and assumptions we bring to the text lead to different conclusions. Join us throughout Lent as we consider the story of God and God's people together.

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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/worship-videos for links
to all past and upcoming live streams.

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March 2 Ash Wednesday Service at 7:00 pm

March 6 1st Sunday in Lent (Communion)

Lesson: Genesis 28-32

Sermon: Where God is Found

March 13 2nd Sunday in Lent

Lesson: Genesis 37

Sermon: Scape Goats

March 20 3rd Sunday in Lent

First Lesson: Genesis 45

Sermon: The Power of Reconciliation

March 27 4th Sunday in Lent

Lesson: Exodus 1

Sermon: Mortar, Bricks, and Midwives

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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

Ash Wednesday, March 2, 7:00 p.m. in person in

Sanctuary and on YouTube

“You are of the dust and to the dust you shall return . . .” On Ash Wednesday we begin our journey and practice of Lent. We embrace our mortal truth as creatures of God and from that point of truth set forth to explore what we have become and what we may yet become through God’s grace. Please join us for this important service of worship as together we commence our journey of Lent.

LENTEN SCHOOL

Lenten School, Evenings at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom,
starting Tuesday March 8

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

Watch for Zoom links in Fairmont’s weekly emails.

Texts for each week of Lenten School:

Week One (March 8-10) Genesis 37
Joseph and the loss of the son

Week Two (March 15-17) Genesis 45
Reconciliation

Week Three (March 22-24) Exodus 1
Alternatives to Bondage

Week Four (March 29-31) Exodus 3
The Burning Bush

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

LECTIO FOR LENT

We believe that God communicates with human beings through the medium of language. While the divinities of other religions are known through nature or soaring temples, our God is known through the revelation of the spoken and then the written word. Tested and refined, that word becomes scripture, the holy books we simply call “the books,” except we do it in Greek, hence Bible. For Christians, we believe that in and through the “words” of scripture we may encounter the “Word” of God, God’s intentional, outreaching, transformative persona that we believe took on human flesh in the person of Jesus of Nazareth. Reading scripture is how we seek Jesus.

Throughout Lent we will be sharing in this essential Christian practice of reading in three different modes. We will be sharing with our friends from Hilliard United Methodist as we practice three different ways of reading because how we read shapes what we discover.

Tuesdays in Lent: Soul Stories

On Tuesday nights, we will be using the creative and imaginative invitation of Godly Play to enter scripture through the portal of artists, poets, and children, to visualize, reconsider, question, rearrange, and generally play with the text. This approach seeks to embrace scripture as our own soul story.

Wednesdays in Lent: Lectio Divina

On Wednesday nights, we will be following in the traditions of Christian contemplatives and mystics practicing *Lectio Divina*, literally divine reading. This ancient practice leads one from recitation through prayer, application, and ultimately contemplation. For many Christian contemplatives over the past 17 centuries, the daily practice of Lectio has been the foundation of their faith as it seeks to help the reader use scripture to lose oneself in God.

Thursdays in Lent: Beth Midrash, the house of study

Finally on Thursday nights we will be following the path of scholars, critically examining the language, context, history, and impact of the text using the very best scholarship we can bring to the text as we seek to understand both what a text meant in its original context and how it connects to the rest of scripture and God unfolding work in the world.

MUSIC NOTES

Easter Choir

Anyone who would like to join Chancel Choir for Easter Sunday, please plan to attend three rehearsals beginning on Thursday, March 24 at 7:15 p.m. If you cannot attend three rehearsals, but would like to participate, contact Vicki Ramga at vramga@fairmontchurch.org to make alternate arrangements. Let’s pack the choir loft for this most joyous Sunday of the year!

Bell Choir

The Bell Choir needs 2-3 new players to join us this month. Rehearsals are from 6:00 – 7:00 on Thursday evenings. Bell players need to have rudimentary music reading skills and a strong sense of beat and rhythm. Please consider giving us a try!

FAIRMONT YOUTH

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!

MARCH YOUTH SCHEDULE

March 6	Grace: Lunch, Bible Study, Games
March 13	Grace: Lunch, Faith Through Art, Games
March 20	Grace: Lunch, Mission & Service, Games
March 27	Lunch and Youth Fun Day!

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	
				11:00am: Fit 4 You (fh) 12:00pm: AA (012) 12:00pm: OA (B) 7:00pm: Team Meetings (online)	1	7:00pm: Ash Wednesday (Sanctuary and online) 6:30pm: Praise Band (Sanctuary) 7:30pm: AA (012)	
1st Sunday in Lent (Communion) 8:30am: Casual Service (fh) 10:30am: Traditional Service (sanctuary) 12:00pm: Zoom Sunday School (online) 12:00pm: Youth Ministry (in-person)	6	7:00pm: Women of Fairmont Coordinating Team (online)	7	11:00am: Fit 4 You (fh) 12:00pm: AA (012) 12:00pm: OA (B) 7:00pm: Lenten School (online) 7:00pm: Trustees, B&G, Finance (online)	8	6:30pm: Praise Band (Sanctuary) 7:00pm: Lenten School (online) 7:30pm: AA (012)	
2nd Sunday in Lent 8:30am: Casual Service (fh) 10:30am: Traditional Service (sanctuary) 12:00pm: Zoom Sunday School (online) 12:00pm: Youth Ministry (in-person)	13	7:00pm: Circle 1 (online)	14	11:00am: Fit 4 You (fh) 12:00pm: AA (012) 12:00pm: OA (B) 7:00pm: Lenten School (online) 7:00pm: Session (online)	15	6:30pm: Praise Band (Sanctuary) 7:00pm: Lenten School (online) 7:30pm: AA (012)	
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4th Sunday in Lent 8:30am: Casual Service (fh) 10:30am: Traditional Service (sanctuary) 12:00pm: Zoom Sunday School (online) 12:00pm: Youth Ministry (in-person)	27		28	11:00am: Fit 4 You (fh) 12:00pm: AA (012) 12:00pm: OA (B) 7:00pm: Lenten School (online)	29	6:30pm: Praise Band (Sanctuary) 7:00pm: Lenten School (online) 7:30pm: AA (012)	

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Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
Day Service (online)	2	6:00pm: Bell Choir (cr)	3	11:00am: Fit 4 You (fh)	4		5
(fh)		7:00pm: Bible Study (online)		12:00pm: OA (B)			
		7:00pm: NA (012)		5:00pm: Theology on Tap (online)			
		7:15pm: Choir (cr)					
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l (online)		7:00pm: Lenten School (online)		12:00pm: OA (B)			
		7:00pm: NA (012)					
		7:15pm: Choir (cr)					
(fh)	16	11:30am: Fairmont Men's Group (offsite)	17	11:00am: Fit 4 You (fh)	18	Women's Retreat (offsite)	19
l (online)		6:00pm: Bell Choir (cr)		12:00pm: OA (B)			
		7:00pm: Lenten School (online)		5:00pm: Theology on Tap (online)			
		7:00pm: NA (012)		5:00pm: Women's Retreat (offsite)			
		7:15pm: Choir (cr)		April Call articles are due.			
(ite)	23	1:00pm: Rug Hooking	24	11:00am: Fit 4 You (fh)	25		26
(fh)		6:00pm: Bell Choir (cr)		12:00pm: OA (B)			
l (online)		7:00pm: Lenten School (online)		6:00pm: Fourth Friday Pizza (fh)			
		7:00pm: NA (012)					
		7:15pm: Choir (cr)					
(fh)	30	6:00pm: Bell Choir (cr)	31				
l (online)		7:00pm: Lenten School (online)					
		7:00pm: NA (012)					
		7:15pm: Choir (cr)					

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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!

Volunteers are needed! Please reach out to Lorelei Harding if you would like to help!

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

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!

TREASURER'S REPORT

Your Endowment Fund Facts

With the congregational meeting of December behind us, I felt some additional facts may be of use to answer or prompt additional questions. Please let me know if these facts need additional transparency or raise additional questions.

The Fairmont Endowment was started in 1976. By the end of 1996 the total net value had increased to \$771,938.69.

Since 1997 the principal (Gifts received) has grown from \$600,000 to \$1,444,094.29 at the end of 2021.

The total value of the Endowment Principal Fund at the end of 2021 was \$2,184,429.45. This includes unrealized gains of 740,335.20 (\$2,184,429.45 minus \$1,444,094.29)

The Endowment Income Fund receives all interest and dividends earned by the Endowment Principal Fund.

The Endowment Income Fund paid for \$1,859,422.56 of Fairmont Presbyterian Church capital improvements since 1998.

None of the expenditures come from the Operating Budget that you provide for through your yearly pledges

All of the above accurately reflect the status of the entire Endowment Fund as of December 31, 2021. It includes the transaction you approved at the congregational meeting of \$209,400. This was taken from the unrealized gains (value increase) of the Endowment Principal Fund and not from the Gift derived Endowment Principal. This principal will not be touched without a 2/3 approval of the Finance Team, Trustees, Session, and members of Fairmont Presbyterian Church.

Respectfully submitted by

Dave Youngerman, Treasurer

MISSION BEYOND THE CONGREGATION

Helping Hands, Helping Hearts 

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

Updates:

Cody Miller, illustrator for this year's Bible Study, was the speaker at the Winter Gathering. It was interesting and inspirational!

Our cookie walk generated a profit of \$1400. Thank you to all who helped make it a success.

The Women of Fairmont have given \$1000 to the Care Walk and \$500 to a start-up charity for young people in an effort to address suicide through art.

Please mark you calendars for our Spring Gathering on May 21st at 10:30am. Enjoy brunch, the fellowship of other women, and an interesting, inspirational program.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FAIRMONT MEN'S GROUP

We will meet at MCL Cafeteria on Thursday March 17th at 11:30 am. Sign "Lunch" on the attendance pad Sunday or call the church office (299-3539) by noon on Wednesday, March 16th, 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 Friday, March 25, 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.

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STAFF

Pastor/Head of Staff: Brian Maguire
Associate Pastor: Kelley Wehmeyer Shin
Children's Ministry Coordinator: Lorelei 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

March Birthdays

Drew Borneman	03/01	James Harper	03/20
Jeanette Kruer	03/01	Jeff Adam	03/21
Adam Kabacinski	03/02	Herb Ernst	03/21
Joyce Mackintosh	03/02	Autum Parcels	03/21
Jacquelyn Vickroy	03/02	David Allison	03/22
Abby Cohen	03/04	Tanner Bussey	03/22
Casey Gill	03/04	Robert Davis	03/22
Hannah Favro	03/09	Ken Guise	03/22
Peter Guise	03/11	Richard Ludwig	03/23
Glen Spicer	03/14	Don Davis	03/26
Carol Kemp	03/15	Sherry Klingel	03/27
Rick Schwartz	03/15	Becky Sennet	03/28
Lisa Hess	03/16	Dave Youngerman	03/28
Martha Taylor	03/16	Kathryn Ellis	03/29
Bill Mann	03/18	Sue Knierim	03/29
Stewart Adam	03/19	Kathy Shafer	03/30



DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT CALL

The deadline for The March Call is Friday, March 18, 2022.

Please submit articles to: jmason@fairmontchurch.org.