

THE CALL

Fairmont Presbyterian Church

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On Sunday November 9 at our single service of worship at 10:30, we invite you to make a pledge of financial support to our shared ministry for the year ahead. All our ministries, programs, and missions are completely funded by you. Everything we do together as Fairmont is the result of your generosity.

We tend not to talk about money in church. We prefer vague metaphors about time, treasure, and talents and generally hope for the best. We keep our personal decisions as precious secrets. But how we use our money and our time speaks volumes about how we respond to the invitation of Jesus. Are we generous or stingy, are we hopeful or anxious, do we live in abundance or want?

Each of us is responsible for two finite resources that reveal our true commitments and values: time and money. How we employ our time and our money demonstrates our values not just to the world, but to ourselves, and to God. So, how do you utilize your time and your money? How do those choices reflect your values and commitments? Neither is infinite. You must make choices and those choices express who we truly are, not merely who we *say* we are.

We are in an exciting time of transformation for Fairmont and for Christianity more generally in the United States. Traditional patterns of religious participation are changing. Some congregations are flourishing. Others are disappearing. At Fairmont we have a map for how to navigate those changes, excitement and commitment, passion for participating in the present-day work of the Holy Spirit, and an abundance of disciples of all ages eager to find out what God has in store for us. What we need is you: your prayers, your passion, your labor, your love, and your giving.

We are so grateful for your generosity and ask you to prayerfully consider increasing your commitment to Fairmont. A decade ago (2015), annual giving was \$517,156. We are so pleased and thankful that last year giving increased to \$622,127, a full 20% increase over the decade. Our challenge is that during that same decade, our costs have increased 40% due to inflation. One of the ways we have balanced our budget is by keeping staff positions vacant, especially in the areas of children's and youth ministry. It is our hope and prayer to fully staff and support those ministries, so vital for the future of Christ's church, in the year ahead. In order to do that, we need your expanded support.

Please pray and discern about what kind of church Fairmont is called to be and your role in making that a reality. We can no longer rely on culture or social norms to sustain Christ's church. Like in the early church, it is our commitment and our discipleship that gives form to the work of the Spirit in our community as Fairmont.

We are each responsible for the use of what we have been given, time and money. How you use them defines who you are. So, who will you be and who will we be together as Fairmont?

-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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November 2 21st Sunday after Pentecost/
Communion/All Saints' Day
Lesson: Luke 19:1-10

November 9 SINGLE SERVICE/Stewardship
Sunday/22nd Sunday after Pentecost
Lesson: Luke 20:27-38

November 16 23rd Sunday after Pentecost
Lesson: Luke 21:5-19

November 23 Christ the King
Lesson: Luke 23:33-43

November 30 1st Sunday of Advent
Lesson: Isaiah 2:1-5

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Bible Study

Tuesdays, 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

Connections: Wednesday Nights 7:00 p.m. on Zoom

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? These are the questions that we will be addressing in this course on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. 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.

November 5 Chapter 8

November 12 Chapter 9

November 19 Chapter Ten and Conclusion

November 26 No Class - Happy Thanksgiving

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!

November 4 Luke 20:27-38

November 11 Luke 21:5-19

November 18 Luke 23:33-43

November 25 No Class—Happy Thanksgiving

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS
NOVEMBER 2ND.**



FALL STEWARDSHIP

For the past 50 years I have been a faithful Fairmont "Pledger." From my early years when I realized I was spending more on my monthly hair appointments than giving to the church, to the present where my stewardship reflects my spiritual growth as well as the commitment to the work of the church. For me it has become a happy annual act to stop and reflect on what Fairmont has given me as I consider my pledge.

So many blessings have filled my life that were directly heaven sent. Through the years my involvement with Fairmont's missions and Boards has become a real part of life, not just on Sundays. It is how I have come to know the spirit of God - knowing, wanting, expecting His love and kindness through each endeavor.

What does the next chapter in Fairmont's history look like - will it read like a noisy adventure story - a quiet tale of sad tunes or a new outline of steps to the future? This is a bit unsettling, exciting and sorta scary, But - with each of us together, finding our way will need our financial and spiritual commitment.

As the word processor prints my humble words, I know that the spirit of God is part of this act of stewardship. So this year when I make my financial pledge, it is more than a number. The sum of the parts makes up my whole loving commitment to Fairmont and God.

-Lois Thomas

CHILDREN & YOUTH

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.

UPCOMING CHILDREN'S EVENTS



- December 21: Children's Christmas Pageant & Hot Cocoa Bar
- December 24: Family Christmas Eve Service
- February 17: Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner
- March 15: Children's Choir Rehearsal
- March 22: Children's Choir Rehearsal
- March 28: Easter Eggstravaganza
- March 29: Children's Choir Rehearsal & Palm Sunday Worship
- June 1-4: Vacation Bible School

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Fairmont's annual Children's Christmas Pageant will be held on Sunday, December 21st, during the 10:30 a.m. worship service. Children ages birth to 5th grade are invited to join this glorious Sunday of angels, lambs, shepherds, donkeys, magi, and the holy family as we celebrate the birth of Jesus. Hot Cocoa Bar to follow for families of children and youth. For questions or to RSVP, contact Pastor Kelley.



FAIRMONT YOUTH MINISTRY

(Grades 6th -12th)
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.

NOVEMBER

November 9 Youth Group Gathering: Game Day
November 16 *Rescheduled Fairmont Family Fall Hike (Bill Yeck Park) 2:00 p.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 or by text or phone at (937) 751-0752.

FAIRMONT FALL HIKE & FELLOWSHIP TO FOLLOW

RESCHEDULED FAIRMONT FALL HIKE & FELLOWSHIP

Join Pastor Kelley for a Fairmont Fall Hike on Sunday, November 16th 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, November 16th

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 for questions.

SPIRITUALITY FOR THOSE WHO GRIEVE

Spiritual Wisdom and Practice in Times of Grief and Healing

MONTHLY MEETINGS: Second Wednesday of the Month

NOVEMBER DATE: November 12, 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. Our next meeting is on **November 12th** at 3:00 p.m. in the Chapel. 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.

November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					11:00am: Fit 4 You (fh) 12:00pm: OA (rc)	1
21st Sunday after Pentecost/Communion/All Saints' Day 8:30am: Casual Worship 9:40am: Understanding Alzheimer's and dementia (ur) 9:45am: Contemplative Prayer (chapel) 10:30am: Traditional Service	3 10:00am: Dayton P.E.O. (012) 6:30pm: WOF Coord. Meeting (ur)	4 11:00am: Fit 4 You (fh) 12:00pm: AA (012) 12:00pm: OA (rc) 12:15pm: Bible Study (ur) 2:30pm: Lincoln Park Communion (offsite) 7:00pm: Team Meetings	5 4:30pm: Praise Band (fh) 7:00pm: Connections (in-person & online) 7:30pm: AA (012)	6 6:00pm: Bell Choir 7:00pm: NA (012) 7:15pm: Choir Rehearsal (cr)	7 No Fit 4 You No OA 5:00pm: Theology on Tap @ Archers Tavern (2030 E. Dorothy Lane in Kettering)	8 9:00am-3:00pm: Art, Antique, & Craft Show
SINGLE SERVICE/ Stewardship Sunday/22nd Sunday after Pentecost 9:45am: Contemplative Prayer (chapel) 10:30am: Traditional Service (sanctuary)	10 7:00pm: Circle 1 (fh)	11 11:00am: Fit 4 You (fh) 12:00pm: AA (012) 12:15pm: Bible Study (in-person & online) 7:00pm: Trustees, B&G & Finance	12 3:00pm: Spirituality For Those Who Grieve (chapel) 4:30pm: Praise Band (fh) 7:00pm: Connections (in-person & online) 7:30pm: AA (012)	13 6:00pm: Bell Choir Rehearsal (cr) 6:30pm: Slates & Paints (fh) 7:00pm: NA (012) 7:15pm: Choir Practice (cr)	14 11:00am: Fit 4 You (fh) 12:00pm: OA (rc)	15 9:30am: Circle 3
23rd Sunday after Pentecost 8:30am: Casual Service 9:45am: Contemplative Prayer (chapel) 10:30am: Traditional Service 1:00pm: Dayton Music Club (sanctuary, fh) 2:00pm: Fall Hike @ Bill Yeck Park	17 11:00am: Fit 4 You (fh) 12:00pm: AA (012) 12:00pm: OA (rc) 12:15pm: Bible Study (in-person & online) 7:00pm: Session	18 11:30am: Fairmont Men's Luncheon (offsite) 4:30pm: Praise Band (fh) 5:00pm: Circle 2 (offsite) 7:00pm: Connections (in-person & online) 7:30pm: AA (012)	19 11:30am: Fairmont Men's Luncheon (offsite) 4:30pm: Praise Band (fh) 5:00pm: Circle 2 (offsite) 7:00pm: Connections (in-person & online) 7:30pm: AA (012)	20 6:00pm: Bell Choir Rehearsal (cr) 7:00pm: NA (012) 7:15pm: Choir Practice (cr)	21 11:00am: Fit 4 You (fh) 12:00pm: OA (rc)	22
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30 1st Sunday of Advent						

MISSION BEYOND THE CONGREGATION

Helping Hands, Helping Hearts 

Christmas Giving Trees Already?

That time is approaching again! November will be the month for our Christmas Giving Trees. You'll see the felt Christmas trees appear in the Fellowship Hall by **November 16th**. Check the bulletin in November for more details.

As in previous years, trees will have tags representing a present or gift card wish for a child or parent in need this Christmas. Purchased gifts must be brought to the Fellowship Hall by **Sunday, November 30th**. **Note:** Gifts must be unwrapped, since parents will be wrapping the gifts themselves. Donations of gift wrapping supplies are welcome along with unwrapped gifts.

Once again, we'll be adopting families from Artemis Center's Building Hope Holiday program. Last year, we helped 6 families, with 55 Fairmont members contributing gifts! We look forward to another heartwarming holiday season thanks to our members' generosity.

House of Bread Volunteering

We have a team of Fairmont members who will be visiting the House of Bread on Saturday, November 15th to help with the lunchtime rush from 10am – 2pm.

If you're interested in helping or planning a date in the spring of 2026, contact Christy Maynard at clmaynard828@yahoo.com.

Artemis' Breaking the Cycle Fundraising Breakfast

Along with 450 other people, several Fairmont members attended Artemis Center's fundraising and 40th anniversary breakfast on Thursday, October 16th. Artemis provided some interesting updates on their innovations over the past couple of years:

Artemis began partnering with SICSA to create the Safe Pets Program. This provides a temporary home for pets while their families transition their housing after domestic violence. Around 45 pets were served in 2024!

In addition to its domestic violence services, Artemis Center now provides services for intimate partner sexual assault survivors, as well as victims of stalking.

They also have a **FREE** Quarterly Open House coming up on November 20th! More info at <https://www.artemiscenter.org/events>

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.

Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia

Fairmont is having a short program on "Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia" on Sunday, Nov. 2 at 9:40 in the Upper Room. Come learn about new research and treatments along with increasing your understanding about Alzheimer's and the Alzheimer's Association resources.

- Ann Diller

LINCOLN PARK

FAIRMONT CARES:

LINCOLN PARK MANOR

Did you know that Fairmont provides a monthly communion service of worship at Lincoln Park retirement community? Every month 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.

THANK OFFERING OF PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

The Thank Offering of Presbyterian Women began in 1888 when Eliza Clokey of Springfield, Ohio, urged women to give to the Women's General Mission Society of the United Presbyterian Church of North America. Today faithful givers are still responding to Clokey's call and close to \$27 million has been granted to more than 1600 projects in United States and around the world. This year, our congregation will have the opportunity to support the Thank Offering on November 23rd. Women of Fairmont asks that you please prayerfully consider donating to this worthy project. For more information on the 2025 Thank Offering recipients, read the Summer issue of *Horizons* magazine or go to presbyterianwomen.org/thank.

COOKIE WALK

The annual Women of Fairmont Cookie Walk is fast approaching on December 14th, following the single service. Be sure to save the date! Everyone is invited to bake and donate cookies and candy for the Cookie Walk. For cookie and candy donations, watch for the sign-up sheet, which will be posted in the Fellowship Hall. You may also email your intent to donate cookies or candy to Janine Borneman. The email address is janine.borneman@sbcglobal.net, or you may text her at 937-231-2893. Cookies and candies can be delivered to the Fellowship Hall on Friday, December 12, between 9:00 am and 3:00 pm or Saturday, December 13 between 9:00 and 11:00 am. Then join us on December 14th to purchase cookies for the benefit of the Women of Fairmont mission projects. We look forward to seeing you at this festive and fun Christmas gathering!

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

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FAIRMONT'S PORTAL

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3705 Far Hills Ave., Kettering

No Experience Necessary * BYOB * Snacks Provided
Proceeds Support Fairmont Fellowship Activities!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FAIRMONT MEN'S GROUP

This month, in addition to our usual Men's Lunch at MCL on November 19th, Ken Ginader has been asked to give a talk on the U.S military and military anniversaries occurring this year at Bethany Village on November 11th commencing at 2:00pm. I am able to bring 12 of our veterans to the presentation. Jennifer will take reservations for the first 12 individuals that let her know by Friday, November 7th at noon.

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

NOVEMBER 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, November 7, 2025.

**THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE
CLOSED NOVEMBER 27TH & 28TH.
HAPPY THANKSGIVING**



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November Birthdays

Janine Borneman	11/03	Jennifer Fiden	11/12
Ann Diller	11/03	Fiona Hoskins	11/12
Mike Cavey	11/05	Loveday Harper Adam	11/13
Betty Lou Ludwig	11/05	Julie Zink	11/18
Sarah Hamilton	11/08	Erla Burnside	11/19
Eric Sitar	11/08	Jim Grillot	11/19
Sharon Kohnle	11/09	Henry Bergstresser	11/20
Debra Wright	11/10	Ginny Glass	11/23
Alexandra Barnett	11/11	David Hammond	11/28



DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT CALL

The deadline for The November Call is Friday, November 21, 2025.

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