

THE CALL

Fairmont Presbyterian Church

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Heritage is the gift of living traditions that are entrusted to us by the dead. The values, insights, and discoveries of past generations are encoded in the patterns of culture, belief, and practices that we inhabit. We live in the world (both externally and internally) that they made just as our descendants will inhabit the worlds (again both externally and internally) that we make. Heritage is therefore both a gift and a responsibility.

We celebrate our Presbyterian heritage in October. Our ancestors in faith were an irascible lot that refused to accept simple answers that were given to them by religious authorities. They demonstrated an allergy to anyone who styled himself, “bishop,” and presumed that we are all, to greater or lesser degrees, messed up. They held that God alone is the head of the church and the judge of human conscience. They valued the study of scripture and its practical lived application in the daily lives of every person disregarding any distinction between “clergy” and “lay” people as utterly alien to Jesus’ ministry. Ministers were distinguished solely by their function, namely teaching, not their intrinsic holiness. Most of all they centered their faith, hope, and perseverance on God alone who was the ultimate subject, cause, agent, and destiny of all. Coincidentally they organized their churches around representative bodies of elected elders, which was revolutionary at the time when all other churches were led by the appointees of princes, kings, and bishops. To make that radical form of government a bit more palatable, they used the Greek name for elders drawn from the descriptions of the leadership of the early church, hence Presbyterian.

Last week, a few days after the death of Queen Elizabeth II, the new monarch Charles III swore a private oath to uphold and defend the church of Scotland, the old-world parent of our present denomination. Unlike the Church of England, the monarch is not the head of the church of Scotland, merely its guarantor and protector and it has been this way ever since 1605.

The real question of Presbyterian Heritage is what do we bequeath to the next generation? This is especially pressing for us because so few of us nowadays were raised as Presbyterians. Fewer and fewer people are socialized into Christianity in childhood. We are becoming again what we once were, a community of converts. What do we hold so precious that we would sacrifice to share it with future generations? Beyond the bagpipes and kilts, Heritage Sunday is ultimately about our commitment to the future. So, what do we commit to give to the next generation.

-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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October 2 17th Sunday after Pentecost/
Communion

Lesson: Leviticus 16
Sermon: Atonement

October 9 18th Sunday after Pentecost
Lesson: Jonah 4
Sermon: The Hard Part of Forgiving

October 16 19th Sunday after Pentecost
Lesson: Isaiah 5:1-13
Sermon: Called to Tell the Truth

October 23 20th Sunday after Pentecost
Lesson: Isaiah 52:13-53:12
Sermon: The Suffering Servant

October 30 Reformation Sunday/Single Service
Lesson: Jeremiah 32:1-15
Sermon: Hope Amid the Ruins

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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

What They Never Told Me in Church:

The Old Testament

Join us for our adult education program, Connections, 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.

October 5 1st Samuel 15
The Downfall of Saul

October 12 1st Samuel 25
David and Abigail

October 19 2nd Samuel 11
The Rape of Bathsheba

October 26 2nd Samuel 13
Rape of Tamar and Rebellion of Absalom

BIBLE STUDY

Every Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom we will be prayerfully considering the text for the following Sunday morning. You do not need any preparation and everyone is welcome. We read through a few different translations together, talk about funny words and contexts, and then consider what it may mean both to people long ago and for us today. Most of all, questions are invited. In fact, the questions are the best part! You are invited.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Sunday, October 2nd at 2:00 p.m. let's celebrate the *St. Francis of Assisi Feast Day* with an outdoor "Blessing of the Animals" on the Fairmont lawn and Preschool playground. There will be a short time of prayers and scripture readings and then Pastor Kelley will share a blessing with each of your pets. All animals are welcome!

*Please make sure your pet is **socialized** and **on leash** (as appropriate). Water and treats for the animals, as well as poop bags, will be available for your furry, feathered, and scaly friends.*

REFORMATION SUNDAY ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30th

Join us for a single service on Sunday October 30 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 30th. If you are willing to bring a food item please contact Pastor Kelley at 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.

FALL FUN OUTING ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23rd

Join us and the Youth Group for our Fall Fun Outing on Sunday October 23. We will rendezvous at 2:00 p.m. at the Apple Country Farm Market at 2323 Route 42, just south of Xenia. We will be enjoying their corn maze, apple harvest, and pumpkin patches. Everyone is invited to join us for this fun seasonal gathering.

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.

MUSIC NOTES

An Invitation to Join the Choirs at Fairmont Church

The music program at Fairmont welcomes new members at any time during the year! With many voices we can make the rafters ring in praise and worship of God! Chancel Choir meets on Thursday evenings from 7:15 -8:30 and sings at the 10:30 service. No musical experience or training is required, only the desire to sing! Please contact Coleman Clark at cclark@fairmontchurch.org with questions or for more information about any of our music programs at Fairmont!

Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday	
17th Sunday after Pentecost/ Communion	2		3	11:00am: Fit 4 You (fh) 12:00pm: AA (012) 12:00pm: OA (rc) 7:00pm: Team Meetings (ur)	4	4:30pm: Praise Band 7:00pm: Connections 7:30pm: AA (012)	
8:30am: Casual Service (fh) 10:30am: Traditional Service (sanctuary) 2:00pm: All-Church Blessing of the Animals							
18th Sunday after Pentecost	9		10	11:00am: Fit 4 You (fh) 12:00pm: AA (012) 12:00pm: OA (rc) 7:00pm: Trustees, B&G, Finance (ur)	11	4:30pm: Praise Band 7:00pm: Connections 7:30pm: AA (012)	
8:30am: Casual Service (fh) 10:30am: Traditional Service (sanctuary)							
19th Sunday after Pentecost/ Children's Sabbath	16		17	11:00am: Fit 4 You (fh) 12:00pm: AA (012) 12:00pm: OA (rc) 7:00pm: Session (ur)	18	11:30am: Fairmont M (offsite) 4:30pm: Praise Band 7:00pm: Connections 7:30pm: AA (012)	
8:30am: Casual Service (fh) 10:30am: Traditional Service (sanctuary) 12:00pm: Youth Group							
20th Sunday after Pentecost 8:30am: Casual Service (fh) 10:30am: Traditional Service (sanctuary) 12:00pm: Youth Group 2:00pm: Family Fun Outing (offsite)	23		24	11:00am: Fit 4 You (fh) 12:00pm: AA (012) 12:00pm: OA (rc)	25	4:30pm: Praise Band 7:00pm: Connections 7:30pm: AA (012)	
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Reformation Sunday/ <u>Single Service</u> 10:30am: <u>Single Service</u> (sanctuary) 11:30am: Reformation Tea (fh) 6:00pm: Youth Group Halloween Party							

Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
						10:30am: WOF Gathering (fh)	1
(fh)	5	6:00pm: Bell Choir (cr)	6	11:00am: Fit 4 You (fh)	7	Youth Day Hike	8
(online)		7:00pm: Bible Study (online)		12:00pm: OA (rc)			
		7:00pm: NA (012)		5:00pm: Theology on Tap (offsite) (The Brewery at Carillon Park)			
		7:15pm: Choir (cr)					
(fh)	12	6:00pm: Bell Choir (cr)	13	11:00am: Fit 4 You (fh)	14	9:00am: Rug Hooking (fh)	15
(online)		7:00pm: Bible Study (online)		12:00pm: OA (rc)			
		7:00pm: NA (012)		3:30pm: Dick Sherwood Memorial Service			
		7:15pm: Choir (cr)		6:00pm: Fairmont Family Night			
Men's Group	19	1:00pm: Rug Hooking Group (fh)	20	11:00am: Fit 4 You (fh)	21		22
(fh)		6:00pm: Bell Choir (cr)		12:00pm: OA (rc)			
(online)		7:00pm: Bible Study (online)		5:00pm: Theology on Tap (offsite) (The Brewery at Carillon Park)			
		7:00pm: NA (012)					
		7:15pm: Choir (cr)					
(fh)	26	6:00pm: Bell Choir (cr)	27	11:00am: Fit 4 You (fh)	28	4:00pm: Trunk or Treat	29
(online)		7:00pm: Bible Study (online)		12:00pm: OA (rc)			
		7:00pm: NA (012)					
		7:15pm: Choir (cr)					

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Trunk or Treat - Volunteers Needed!

Get your costumes ready! Trunk-or-Treat will be held in the church parking lot Saturday, October 29th from 4 to 5pm, weather permitting! We need you to come and share Halloween treats with children from Fairmont and our neighborhood. Please come by 3:45 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 Circus! Pastor Brian is so looking forward to an excuse for wearing his top hat.

Children's Sabbath - October 16th

Join us during 10:30am worship as we celebrate the children of Fairmont and are blessed by their leadership!

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 other-wise noted in bold print**). There will be bible study, games, activities, and lunch!

OCTOBER YOUTH SCHEDULE

October 2 All-Church Blessing of Animals
(2:00 p.m.)

October 8 Day Hike (Saturday)

October 14 *Fairmont Family Night* for Children,
Youth, and Families (6:00 p.m.)

October 16 Reading the Bible: Animate
Interpretation

October 23 Refined Gold: Animate *Canon*

October 29 Trunk-or-Treat (Saturday at 4:00 p.m.)

October 30 Youth Gathering: Halloween Party
(6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.)

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/early evening 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.

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.

STEWARDSHIP

Fall Financial Season

On our church's finance team, we focus much of our effort on monitoring and reporting our financial health to the various church boards and to the congregation at regular intervals throughout the year. We can report that our church finances, at this point, are strong. Your financial commitments, for which we are so thankful, are greatly appreciated. But there is more!

The finance team is also tasked with stewardship, as well. In addition to the financial part, two other areas are in play that in many ways are equal to or even of greater importance – time and talent.

A look into every program and aspect of our church life reflects this. Our experienced staff guides us through our shared journey with leadership, sermons, congregational member care and music, along with educational programs. Mission outreach is a major focus. Our church boards and volunteers share seemingly unending talent used in completing their work, whether it be vacation bible school, music variety, keeping our church building in good shape or even guiding us through the pandemic with excellent medical advice. In looking at it, each one of our talents is being put to good use, happily, by our willing volunteer efforts where we are able to choose our own areas of involvement.

Even as, hopefully, the pandemic is mostly behind us, the last couple of years our congregation has seen and dealt with the many changes that have occurred in church life. Our service streaming capabilities have expanded the chance to reach many outside our church walls. Education activities are available several evenings a week directly from home, just to mention a couple.

Luckily, in our case, we could go on, but for now we will leave you with this -

As we begin to move into the stewardship season, we hope that each of you will take a look into the areas mentioned here, our time, talent and finances to see what each of us can do to help in God's mission for our church. Looking at our church's entire picture we hope you will find it personally rewarding.

Finance and Stewardship Team

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FAIRMONT MEN'S GROUP

We will meet at MCL Cafeteria on Wednesday, October 19th 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, October 18th, 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 5:00 p.m. on Fridays, October 7 and October 21. 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

Join us for our October *Fairmont Family Night* on Friday, October 14, 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.

WHAT: Fairmont Family Night

WHEN: October 14, 2022

TIME: 6:00 p.m.

WHERE: Fellowship Hall

For questions, contact Lorelei Harding or Pastor Kelley.

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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

October Birthdays

Kris Martin	10/01	Dawson Sennet	10/12
Barb Shinn	10/02	Jackie Susnik	10/12
Lennox Harper Adam	10/04	Jean D. Webster	10/13
Becky Ross	10/04	Harry Bradbury	10/14
Althea Harper Adam	10/05	Caroline Buchheit	10/14
Joseph Bausman	10/07	Katherine Gonzalez	10/14
Christina Harper	10/08	Richard Prichard	10/14
Charles Ross	10/08	Jane Davis	10/15
Donald Specht	10/08	Pam Ridings	10/16
Pat Goss	10/10	Mark Anderson	10/18
Coleman Clark	10/11	Mindy Ellis	10/19
Loki Harper Adam	10/11	Graham Hardert	10/20
Sue Wildasinn	10/11	Robert Wunder	10/22
Sam Boden	10/12	Auden Gill	10/27
David Calvin	10/12	William Bergstresser	10/28
Allison Ross	10/12	Esther Kremer	10/29
		Emily Bruzzese	10/30



DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT CALL

The deadline for The November Call is Friday, October 21, 2022.

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

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