

# THE CALL

Fairmont Presbyterian Church

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On February 6-17, I will be in Israel teaching with a very special group of pilgrims. My dear friend and ministry partner, Rabbi Brad Hirschfield, and I will be leading a group of 25 mid-career United States Army chaplains on a program to help them reground their faith as religious leaders in a pluralistic world. This is special work I have felt called to in helping other Christian leaders recover and renew the foundations of their faith in the complex particularities of place in the Holy Land.

We were asked to lead this program by the Chaplain of the Army because of the increasing challenge of military chaplaincy in a secularizing and ever more pluralistic world. Leading faith communities, especially within a community as diverse as the Army, is a complex matter in the modern world. One can easily resort to a lowest common denominator sort of spirituality that risks offending no one but cuts one off from the bedrock foundations of one's own faith. We are trying to reverse and undo that tendency. Our goals are simple. We take Christian leaders back to the land to connect their lives with the objective realities of God's story in time and place. We simply want them to come away from our pilgrimage travels with an enduring conviction that it is all real, it is complicated, and it is for them. In doing so, we hope to provide deeper footings for faith in the particularities of the Christian tradition that will permit chaplains and other religious leaders to confidently engage with people from other faith traditions out of the depths of their own.

One of the places we will be bringing the chaplains is a hilltop next to the ancient site of Megiddo (the hill of Megiddo is *Har Megiddo*, which gets rendered in Revelation as *Armageddon*). Sometime around the year 235 soldiers from the Roman Tenth Legion built a little church there. Christianity would not become legal in the Empire for another century. Nonetheless, they built for themselves a chapel with dedication inscriptions to their families back home at the far ends of the Empire. Long before Christianity even became legal, these soldiers were ministering to each other, remembering their loved ones far away, comforting each other, and looking toward an ultimate hope in Christ Jesus beyond Caesar. We hope to reclaim some of those deep foundations with the chaplains.

I want to thank you as the congregation for permitting me to take the time to say yes to the request from the Army and lead and teach this program. I feel a special calling to this ministry for such an important group of Christian leaders. Second, I would ask you to pray for us, for me and Rabbi Brad, and for all the chaplains. My hope and prayer is that the Holy Spirit will connect us all with the particularities of the story and the land and in that connection be renewed.

-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](http://www.fairmontchurch.org/online) for links to all past and upcoming live streams.

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February 5 5th Sunday after Epiphany/  
Communion  
Lesson: Matthew 4:1-11  
Sermon: You Will Be Tested

February 12 6th Sunday after Epiphany  
Lesson: Matthew 4:1-17  
Sermon: Forty Days, Forty Nights

February 19 Transfiguration of the Lord  
Lesson: 5:1-7:29  
Sermon: Jesus' Alternative Plan—  
The Sermon on the Mount

February 22 Ash Wednesday Service 7:30pm

February 26 1st Sunday in Lent  
Lesson: Matthew 5:13-20  
Sermon: Torah Uncovered

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Connections

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

## ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday Worship

February 22, 7:00 p.m.

"You are of the dust and to the dust you shall return . . ." On Ash Wednesday we begin our journey and practice of Lent. Please join us for this important service of worship as we together commence our journey of Lent. Ashes for the rite of penitence will be available for pick up from outside the church office door starting on Monday February 20.

## CONNECTIONS

February 2023 Connections:

The World of the New Testament

Join us Wednesday nights at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom, we will be exploring the context of the life and ministry of Jesus of Nazareth through the lens of the Gospel of Matthew. Together we will explore the ways in which Jesus' world was so different from our own.

February 1 Jewish Context of Jesus - History of the Jews in the First Century

February 8 Jewish Context of Jesus - Jesus' Jewish Roots

February 15 Jewish Context of Jesus—Jesus and the Diversity of Judaism

February 22 Ash Wednesday—NO CONNECTIONS CLASS

Connections

Wednesdays, 7:00pm

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

Meeting ID: 829 4532 7813

## SUNDAY LENTEN BREAKFAST

Join us on Transfiguration Sunday, February 19, for a **special breakfast** as we enter into the Season of Lent. A breakfast of Quiche, Breakfast Casserole, Sausage, Orange Juice, and Coffee will be served in the Fellowship Hall between worship services, 9:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. The Deacons and Worship Team of Fairmont will be hosting this special breakfast. Join us for worship and breakfast!

## 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.

## CHILDREN & YOUTH

### Children's Choir Returns!

Back by popular demand, our Children's Choir will sing for the congregation again on **Palm Sunday, April 2, 2023!** Rehearsals will be Sunday mornings at 9:30am, beginning March 5th. Children ages 4 - grade 5 are invited to participate. Please reach out to Lorelei if your child would like to sing!

### Acolytes & Lectors

We are seeking children to serve as acolytes and lectors during 10:30am worship! **Acolytes** must have the height and balance required to stand on a stool while lighting the tall candelabras in the sanctuary. **Lectors** need to have good reading skills. Please reach out to Lorelei if your child would like to be considered for this!

### Children's Sunday School

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! 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 dedicated volunteers adore sharing the love of God with young, curious minds! Any questions, contact Lorelei Harding.

### Sunday Nursery

Nursery care will be provided from 8am-12pm on Sunday mornings by Caroline Buchheit. As a reminder, only children birth - 3 years old may stay in the nursery for the safety of our youngest.

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## 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 a faith video, games, activities, and lunch!

## FEbruary YOUTH SCHEDULE

February 5 Belonging: Animate *Community*

February 12 Nourishment: Animate *Food*

February 19 Special Game Day & Lunch

February 26 **Youth Gathering: Ice Skating**  
(2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.)

### *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 (Southminster, Sugar Creek, and Covenant Springboro). Watch our weekly Youth Constant Contact emails for details.

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

Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday
						4:30pm: Praise Band 7:00pm: Connections 7:30pm: AA (012)
5th Sunday after Epiphany/ Communion	5	7:30pm: Ladies Movie Night (offsite)	6	11:00am: Fit 4 You (fh) 12:00pm: AA (012) 12:00pm: OA (rc) 7:00pm: Team Meetings (ur)	7	4:30pm: Praise Band 7:00pm: Connections 7:30pm: AA (012)
8:30am: Casual Service (fh) 10:30am: Traditional Service (sanctuary) 12:00pm: Fairmont Youth						
6th Sunday after Epiphany	12	7:00pm: Circle 1 (parlor)	13	11:00am: Fit 4 You (fh) 12:00pm: AA (012) 12:00pm: OA (rc) 7:00pm: Trustees, B&G, Finance (ur)	14	11:30am: Fairmont M Luncheon (
8:30am: Casual Service (fh) 10:30am: Traditional Service (sanctuary) 12:00pm: Fairmont Youth						4:30pm: Praise Band 5:30pm: Circle 6 (off 7:00pm: Connections 7:30pm: AA (012)
Transfiguration of the Lord	19		20	11:00am: Fit 4 You (fh) 12:00pm: AA (012) 12:00pm: OA (rc) 7:00pm: Session (ur)	21	4:30pm: Praise Band 7:30pm: Ash Wednes 7:30pm: AA (012)
8:30am: Casual Service (fh) 9:30am-10:15 am: Lenten Breakfast (fh) 10:30am: Traditional Service (sanctuary) 12:00pm: Fairmont Youth 2:00pm: Dayton Music Club (sanctuary)						
1st Sunday in Lent	26		27	11:00am: Fit 4 You (fh) 12:00pm: AA (012) 12:00pm: OA (rc)	28	
8:30am: Casual Service (fh) 10:30am: Traditional Service (sanctuary) 2:00pm-4:00pm: Youth Gathering (offsite)						

Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
(fh)  (online)	1	6:00pm: Bell Choir (cr)	2	11:00am: Fit 4 You (fh)	3	9:30am: Mission Team Meeting (ur)	4
		7:00pm: Bible Study (online)		12:00pm: OA (rc)		11:30am: Women of Fairmont Gathering (fh)	
		7:00pm: NA (012)		5:00pm: Theology on Tap (parlor)			
		7:15pm: Choir (cr)					
(fh)  (online)	8	6:00pm: Bell Choir (cr)	9	11:00am: Fit 4 You (fh)	10		11
		7:00pm: Bible Study (online)		12:00pm: OA (rc)			
		7:00pm: NA (012)					
		7:15pm: Choir (cr)					
Men's (offsite)  (fh) (site)  (online)	15	6:00pm: Bell Choir (cr)	16	11:00am: Fit 4 You (fh)	17	9:30am: Circle 7 (offsite)	18
		7:00pm: Bible Study (online)		12:00pm: OA (rc)			
		7:00pm: NA (012)		6:00pm: Fairmont Family Night (fh)			
		7:15pm: Choir (cr)					
(fh)  Sunday Service	22	1:00pm: Rug Hooking Group (fh)	23	11:00am: Fit 4 You (fh)	24		25
		6:00pm: Bell Choir (cr)		12:00pm: OA (rc)			
		7:00pm: Bible Study (online)					
		7:00pm: NA (012)					
		7:15pm: Choir (cr)		Call articles are due.			

## STEWARDSHIP

### Stewardship Update 2023

Our Lord is truly blessing Fairmont! The latest update on our stewardship campaign shows a total of \$577,005 pledged for the 2023 year. Your strong commitment to our church and its various programs and missions has exceeded last year's and will continue to enrich our faith community in many, many ways. Thank you so very much for your ongoing support.

### Automated and Online Giving

Please remember to update your online and automated giving to Fairmont to reflect your 2023 pledges. If you need more information, please contact Martha Keil at 937-299-3539.

### What is Per Capita and why is it \$53.10?

The Presbyterian Church is a connectional church. That means that we share in mutual ministry and accountability with and for each other. One of the ways we do that is by sharing in the cost of the denomination. This is done through individual assessments based on the number of members in each church. These assessments, called "per capita," are mandatory and are used to support the work of the General Assembly and the Synod. Those funds are obtained either from our general Fairmont revenues or from special offerings of individuals who wish to pay their share individually. The total per member assessment for 2023 is \$53.10. That is the cost of being a member of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) denomination as opposed to the local congregation. If you would like to directly pay your share of our commitment to the greater church, the amount per member is \$53.10.

## WOMEN OF FAIRMONT

On Saturday, February 4, 2023, at 11:30 am, The Women of Fairmont will hold another interesting Gathering in Fellowship Hall. Amy Duiker, a minister at Sugarcreek Presbyterian Church, will be talking about The Broken Bus, a non-profit organization. She and her husband love this ministry and work hard to help the homeless. The bus has blankets, clothing, food, and personal supplies to give to the homeless.

We will have a nourishing meal of white turkey chili, cornbread, salad, and dessert. Being together in this warm and welcoming group is a great place to be on a Saturday in February. Please join us. Also, please let Jennifer Mason in the church office know that you plan to attend. No charge.

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Sara Grillot, chair of the Women of Fairmont would like to extend a heartfelt THANKS to all of you for a very successful Cookie Walk! Because of all the bakers, candy and goodie makers, helpers, and an esteemed decorator, we were able to transform Fellowship Hall into a Cookie Walk wonderland! From set-up to clean-up the Women of Fairmont were there for me! I so appreciate all of your help. Special thanks, also, to Louis and Jennifer, for helping with set-up and publicity. In addition thanks to all who came and bought! We now have \$1300.00 to put toward charitable mission.

## ART, ANTIQUE & CRAFT SHOW

We are pleased to let you know that our final total for the Art, Antique & Craft Show was \$15,000! These funds have been divided between the Dayton Food Bank, Kettering Backpack Program and World Food Kitchen. It was a great day and couldn't have been as successful without help from numerous volunteers and those who supported our vendors and the other areas like the silent auction, bake sale, lunch, vintage room and wreaths.

We are already accepting items for our vintage room. Broken gold jewelry, gift bags, decorative items, vintage items, puzzles and seasonal decorations. Again, thank you from Carolyn and our committee.

Happy New Year!

## LADIES MOVIE NIGHT

"80 for Brady" is a movie made just for a Ladies' Night. Join Jane Fonda, Rita Mereno, Sally Fields, and Lily Tomlin as they take the adventure of a lifetime to see the Super Bowl.

DATE: Monday, February 6, 2023

TIME: 7:30 p.m. Show Time

PLACE: Cinemark Dayton Mall  
(West Carrollton)

COST: Tickets \$8.75

Snacks and drinks on your own. Ann Crichton will reserve a block of tickets so we can sit together. Pay Ann the night of the show by check, cash, or Venmo. The deadline to sign up is Saturday, February 4th. Call or text Ann Crichton at 937-423-4779. More information about the movie:  
<https://www.80forbrady.com/>

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### COFFEE AND TEA

Coffee and tea were provided in the Black and White Narthex on the Sundays during Advent from 10:15 - 10:30. Many people told us that they appreciated the coffee and tea, and that we should continue the coffee and tea every Sunday. Coffee and tea will be provided in the Black and White Narthex 10:15 - 10:30 and in Fellowship Hall 8:15 - 10:15 and 11:30 - 11:45.

### FAIRMONT MEN'S GROUP

Fairmont Men's Group will meet at MCL Cafeteria on Wednesday, February 15th 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](mailto:office@fairmontchurch.org) by noon on Tuesday, February 14th, to make a reservation. All the men of the church are invited.

### FAIRMONT FAMILY NIGHT

Join us for our February *Fairmont Family Night* on Friday, February 17, 2023, 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:** February 17, 2023

**TIME:** 6:00 p.m.

**WHERE:** Fellowship Hall

**THEME:** Loving Kindness

For questions, contact Lorelei Harding or Pastor Kelley

### THEOLOGY ON TAP

For the month of February, Theology on Tap will meet in-person in the Parlor at *Fairmont Presbyterian Church* at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 3, 2023. BYOB.

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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:** Coleman Clark

**Organist:** Judy Bede

**Bookkeeper:** Martha Keil

**Custodian:** Louis Weyrauch

**Administrative Assistant:** Jennifer Mason

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### February Birthdays

Deanne Harvey	02/01	Sara Grillot	02/17
Wynn Adam	02/02	Cameron Shearer	02/18
Virginia Caldwell	02/02	Mark Wells	02/18
Lorelei Harding	02/02	James Dault	02/19
Vicki Ramga	02/02	Max Borneman	02/22
Steve Greene	02/05	Natalie Kanis	02/25
Maryann Bausman	02/07	Brian Aitchison	02/26
Joan Thompson	02/08	Gail Yarnall	02/26
Linda Yoder	02/09	Barbara Stager	02/27
Elizabeth Favro	02/11	Chelsea Yoder	02/27
Mary Davis	02/12	Jeff Ireland	02/28
Deborah Prichard	02/16	Thomas Klingel	02/29



### DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT CALL

**The deadline for The March Call is Friday, February 24, 2023.**

Please submit Call & bulletin articles to Jennifer at: [jmason@fairmontchurch.org](mailto:jmason@fairmontchurch.org).

For website inquiries, contact Lorelei at: [lharding@fairmontchurch.org](mailto:lharding@fairmontchurch.org).