

# THE CALL

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Heritage is the gift of living traditions that inform and shape our lives. Heritage reminds us that the living are not the sole determiners of our present. The dead are never gone. Heritage is the pattern of living entrusted to us by the dead. The values, insights, and discoveries of past generations are encoded in our habits, patterns of culture, beliefs, 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 that we make. Heritage is therefore both a gift for us and our responsibility for the future.

We celebrate our Presbyterian heritage in October. Our ancestors in faith were an irascible bunch of Scots who refused to accept simple answers that were given to them by religious authorities. They demonstrated an allergy to anyone who styled himself, “bishop.” Our ancestors were also convinced that we are all, to greater or lesser degrees, messed up. They were less interested in expressing their authentic identity than they were in replacing it with God’s. They valued the study of scripture and its practical lived application in the daily lives of every person denying any distinction between “clergy” and “lay” people as utterly alien to Jesus’ ministry. Ministers were distinguished solely by their function as teachers not their proximity to God. 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 kings and bishops. To make that radical form of egalitarian government a bit more palatable, they used the Greek name for elders (Presbuteros) drawn from the Book of Acts’ descriptions of the leadership of the early church, hence Presbyterian.

The real question of 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, lies the ultimate question. What is our commitment to the future and our stewardship of that shared inheritance?

So, what do we commit to give to the next generation? What will we sacrifice and what will we labor to share? One hundred generations of saints before us await our answer.

-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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October 1 18th Sunday after Pentecost /  
Communion

Lesson: Matthew 20:20-28  
Sermon: Greatness

October 8 19th Sunday after Pentecost  
Lesson: Matthew 22:1-14  
Sermon: The Great Wedding  
Banquet

October 15 20th Sunday after Pentecost  
Lesson: Matthew 20:29-34  
Sermon: Compassionate Jesus

October 22 21st Sunday after Pentecost  
Lesson: Matthew 22:23-33  
Sermon: Concerning the Resurre -  
tion

October 29 Reformation Sunday  
Lesson: Matthew 22:34-46  
Sermon: Restating the Law

## CONNECTIONS

Wednesdays, 7:00pm

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

Meeting ID: 829 4532 7813

## BIBLE STUDY

Thursdays, 7:00pm

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

Meeting ID: 820 0253 6057

## CONNECTIONS

### Judaism and the Making of Modern Israel

On Wednesday nights at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom starting on October 4 and then throughout the fall, we will be exploring the history of Judaism and its role in the creation of the modern nation state of Israel. We will begin with an overview and then explore the transformation of late Second Temple Judaism into Rabbinic Judaism, the late Roman history of Palestine, and the subsequent Islamic rule. We will then turn in more detail to the foundations of modern Zionism and the creation of Israel in 1948. Finally, we will conclude by examining the beginnings of the current conflict starting in 1967 along with the political, religious, and cultural complexities of contemporary Israel.

October 4 Story of the Jews Part 4 -  
Over the Rainbow

October 11 Story of the Jews Part 5 -  
The Return

October 18 Israel After The New Testament

October 25 The Beginning of Rabbinic  
Judaism

## BIBLE STUDY

### BIBLE STUDY IS MOVING TIMES

Many people have asked if we could share in in-person Bible studies instead of purely on Zoom. Starting on Thursday October 5 at 12:00 noon and on succeeding Thursdays we will be convening hybrid Bible Study in person in the Upper Room for those who wish to participate in person and simultaneously on Zoom for those who wish to share virtually. In this way we hope to make Bible Study as accessible as possible.

Links will be in each Beside Still Waters.

## REFORMATION SUNDAY

### REFORMATION SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29

Join us for a single service on Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, 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 29<sup>th</sup>. If you are willing to bring a food item, please contact Pastor Kelley at [kshin@fairmontchurch.org](mailto: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. The Deacons of Fairmont will be hosting this special event.

## CHOIR

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](mailto:cclark@fairmontchurch.org) with questions or for more information about any of our music programs at Fairmont!

## CHILDREN & YOUTH

### Children's Sunday School

10:30am Worship

After the Time with Children, children will follow their teachers to a classroom on the lower level where they will learn about God while enjoying bible stories, crafts, and fellowship with their peers. This year, we will use a new curriculum in our elementary classes: "Follow Me: Biblical Practices for Faithful Living."



Quarterly, 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. Any questions, contact Pastor Kelley.

### Sunday Nursery

Sunday Nursery for children birth - 3 years old is provided from 8:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m. 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.

### Children's Sabbath - October 15<sup>th</sup>

Join us during 10:30am worship on October 15<sup>th</sup> as we celebrate the children of Fairmont and are blessed by their leadership! The theme for this year's Children's Sabbath is "The Compassion of Jesus." Details for Children & Families will be sent in the weekly Kidz Korner emails.

## FAIRMONT CHILDREN'S CHOIR RETURNS!

Children's Choir rehearsals resume on Sunday, October 22nd, at 9:30 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. in the Children's Choir room. The children will be singing in the 10:30 a.m. worship service on Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup>. Ages 4 - grade 5 are invited to participate. We are pleased that Deanna Ullery will be leading the Children's Choir again. Contact Pastor Kelley if your child would like to sing!

### Trunk or Treat - Volunteers Needed!

*Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 p.m.*

*Old West Theme*

Get your costumes ready! Trunk-or-Treat will be held in the church parking lot Saturday, October 28th from 4:00pm to 5:00pm, weather permitting! Please come and share Halloween treats with children from Fairmont and our neighborhood. Please arrive by 3:45 p.m. 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 the Old West! Pastor Brian is so looking forward to an excuse to wear his cowboy hat and boots!



## FAIRMONT YOUTH MINISTRY

(Grades 6th -12<sup>th</sup>)

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 faith conversations, games, activities, and lunch!

### OCTOBER YOUTH SCHEDULE

October 1 Green-Space Outdoor Games

October 8 Youth Group Hike (2:00pm - 3:30pm)

*Spotted Turtle Trail*

October 15 Welcome All: Christ in Every Person

October 22 Welcome All: Know Your Gifts

October 28 Trunk-or-Treat (Saturday 4:00pm) *Old West Theme*

October 29 Reformation: All Church High Tea

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

## SPIRITUALITY FOR THOSE WHO GRIEVE

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*Spiritual Wisdom and Practice in Times of Grief and Healing*

**MONTHLY MEETINGS:** Second Wednesday of the Month

**BEGINNING DATE:** October 11, 2023

**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 beginning on October 11th at 3:00 p.m. in the Chapel. This will be a time to share or listen to stories of healing and grief. We will be resourcing two books on spirituality and healing. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Kelley at [kshin@fairmontchurch.org](mailto:kshin@fairmontchurch.org).

# OCTOBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
18th Sunday after Pentecost/ Communion Casual Service (fh) 10:30am: Traditional Service (sanctuary) 10:30am: Sunday School 12:00pm: Youth Group	6:30pm: WOF Corrd. Meeting (tur) 7:00pm: Dayton Opera Chorus (cr)	11:00am: Fit 4 You 12:00pm: AA (012) 12:00pm: OA (rc) 2:30pm Lincoln Park Communion (offsite) 7:00pm: Mission Team (online)	4:30pm: Praise Band (fh) 7:00pm: Connections (online) 7:30pm: AA (012)	12:00pm: Bible Study (tur & online) 6:00pm: Bell Choir Practice (cr) 7:00pm: NA (012) 7:15pm: Choir Practice (cr)	11:00am: Fit 4 You (fh) 12:00pm: OA (rc) 5:00pm: Theology on Tap @ Elsa's Sports Grill	10:00am: Dayton Opera Chorus (cr)
19th Sunday after Pentecost 8:30am: Casual Service 10:30am: Traditional Service (sanctuary) 10:30am: Sunday School No Youth Group 2:00pm: Fairmont Hike	7:00pm: Circle 1 (chapel) 7:00pm: Dayton Opera Chorus (cr)	11:00am: Fit 4 You 12:00pm: AA (012) 12:00pm: OA (rc) 7:00pm: Building & Grounds (tur) 7:30pm: Trustees (tur)	4:30pm: Praise Band (fh) 3:00pm: Grief Healing (chapel) 7:00pm: Connections (online) 7:00pm: Dayton Opera Chorus (cr) 7:30pm: AA (012)	12:00pm: Bible Study (tur & online) 6:00pm: Bell Choir Practice (cr) 7:00pm: NA (012) 7:15pm: Choir Practice (cr)	11:00am: Fit 4 You (fh) 12:00pm: OA (rc)	9:00am-4:00pm: Rug Hooking Event (fh) 10:00am: Dayton Opera Chorus (cr)
20th Sunday after Pentecost/Children's Sabbath 8:30am: Casual Service 10:30am: Traditional Service (sanctuary) No Sunday School 12:00pm: Youth Group		11:00am: Fit 4 You 12:00am: AA (012) 12:00pm: OA (rc) 7:00pm: Session (online)	11:30am: Fairmont Men's Luncheon (offsite) 4:30pm: Praise Band (fh) 5:30pm: Circle 6 7:00pm: Connections (online) 7:30pm: AA (012)	12:00pm: Bible Study (tur & online) 6:00pm: Bell Choir Practice (cr) 7:00pm: NA (012) 7:15pm: Choir Practice (cr)	11:00am: Fit 4 You (fh) 12:00pm: OA (rc)	9:30am: Circle 7 (offsite)
21st Sunday after Pentecost 8:30am: Casual Service 10:30am: Traditional Service (sanctuary) 10:30am: Sunday School 12:00pm: Youth Group (chapel)		11:00am: Fit 4 You (fh) 12:00pm: AA (012) 12:00pm: OA (rc) 7:00pm: Deacon Meeting (tur)	4:30pm: Praise Band (fh) 7:00pm: Connections (online) 7:30pm: AA (012)	12:00pm: Bible Study (tur & online) 1:00pm: Rug Hooking (fh) 6:00pm: Bell Choir Practice (cr) 7:00pm: NA (012) 7:15pm: Choir Practice (cr)	11:00am: Fit 4 You (fh) 12:00pm: OA (rc)	4:00pm: Trunk or Treat (lower level parking lot)
Reformation Sunday 10:30am: <b>Single Service</b> (sanctuary) No Sunday School 11:30am: High Tea (fh) No Youth Group		11:00am: Fit 4 You (fh) 12:00pm: AA (012) 12:00pm: OA (rc)				



## FINANCE & STEWARDSHIP

### Fall Financial Update and ...

Throughout the year your church's finance team focuses much of our effort on monitoring and reporting our financial health to the various church boards and to the congregation at regular intervals. As our recent fiscal year ended on June 30, followed by the annual meeting, we reported that the financial condition of our church remains strong. Your steady financial commitments, for which we are so thankful, are greatly appreciated.

During this time of year, our team begins to look towards our stewardship season. It is an exciting time, as it gives us a chance to see what has been accomplished in the past year, well beyond any financial number reporting will show – and towards the coming year. It begs the question of what is our Lord wishing for us to accomplish?

As we pray for that answer, it involves thinking of the ways our time and talents can be shared, as well. These, in many ways, may be the most important part of our stewardship. A look into every program and aspect of our church life reflects this. Most recently, the completed agreement on our partnership with the YMCA to provide pre-school services for Kettering here at Fairmont illustrates the legal and technical talents we have available within our membership, not to mention the chance to continue a long legacy of pre-school children's education in our church.

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

Finance and Stewardship Team

## MISSION BEYOND THE CONGREGATION



### Dayton Food Bank (South Dayton Foodbank/ FISH)

Dayton Food Bank serves as the primary source of food for the hunger relief network in the Miami Valley. This food bank 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 Greene, Montgomery, and Preble Counties, including the South Dayton Food Pantry/ FISH, which serves Fairmont's immediate area. You may give through Fairmont's online Portal of Giving at [www.fairmontchurch.org](http://www.fairmontchurch.org) (note Dayton Food Bank in the "Other" box) or by mailing a check to Fairmont Presbyterian Church with "Dayton Food Bank" in the memo line.

### 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 through Fairmont's Online Giving Portal on the website marked "Backpack Program." Thank you for your support.

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### FAIRMONT CARES: LINCOLN PARK

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.

## 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 jewelry, fake pearls, collectibles, antiques, pottery, vintage items, canning jars (quarts & pints), seasonal items, cookbooks, puzzles, decorative items, Christmas trees and ornaments we would be so grateful!

If you have any questions on any items to donate, please contact Carolyn and our committee.

Thank you!

## SAVE THE DATE

Hold the date of November 15, 2023 for an interesting event, and plan to attend.

This year's Fairmont Veterans, family members & friends Presentation & Lunch will be held on Wednesday, November 15 at Fairmont Presbyterian Church in the Fellowship Hall. All Fairmont members and friends of Fairmont are invited.

Lunch will be provided commencing at 11:30 am, and will be followed by a presentation given by the Director, National Museum of the USAF - Mr. Dave Tillotson.

Mr. Tillotson will speak about the numerous anniversaries occurring in 2023, including:

- 100th Anniversary of the NMUSAF
- 75th Anniversary of desegregation of the U.S. Military
- 75th Anniversary Celebration of the Women's Armed Services Integration Act of 1948 - 12 June 1948
- 70th Anniversary of the National Korean Veterans
- Armistice Day - 27 July 1953 50th Anniversary - end of Vietnam War
- 50th Anniversary of the All Volunteer Force - 27 January 1973

## ANOUNCEMENTS

### FAIRMONT MEN'S GROUP

Fairmont Men's Group will meet at MCL Cafeteria on Wednesday, October 18th at 11:30 am. Sign "Lunch" on the attendance pad on Sunday or call the church office at (937) 299-3539 or you may email the church at [office@fairmontchurch.org](mailto:office@fairmontchurch.org) by noon on Tuesday, October 17th, 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.

For the month of October, Theology on Tap will meet at Elsa's Sports Grill on Stroop Road (1216 E. Stroop) at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, October 6, 2023.

### FAIRMONT FALL HIKE

Join Pastor Kelley and the Youth for a Fairmont Fall Hike on Sunday, October 8th, at 2:00 p.m. Let's meet at the Spotted Turtle Trail in Beaver-creek at 2:00 p.m. for a 2 or 3-mile hike. We will hike an easy mile for families and then add another 2 miles for those who want to hike a moderate hike. Contact Pastor Kelley at [kshin@fairmontchurch.org](mailto:kshin@fairmontchurch.org) for questions.

DATE: October 8, 2023

TIME: 2:00 p.m.

PLACE: Spotted Turtle Trail at the Beaver Creek Wetlands

ADDRESS: 1999 Dayton Xenia Road, Beaver creek, Ohio 45432

### WOMEN'S SPRING RETREAT 2024

Mark your calendars for Spring 2024 Women's Retreat at Hueston Woods on April 26 & 27, 2024!

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### STAFF

**Pastor/Head of Staff:** Brian Maguire

**Associate Pastor:** Kelley Wehmeyer Shin

**Director of Music Ministries:** Coleman Clark

**Administrative Assistant:** Jennifer Mason

**Organist:** Judy Bede

**Bookkeeper:** Martha Keil

**Custodian:** Louis Weyrauch

### OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Kris Martin	10/01	Dawson Sennet	10/12
Barbara Shinn	10/02	Jacki Susnik	10/12
Lennox Harper Adam	10/04	Jean D. Webster	10/13
Becky Ross	10/04	Harry Bradbury	10/14
Althea Harper	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	Robert Wunder	10/22
Sue Wildasinn	10/11	Auden Gill	10/27
Samual Boden	10/12	William Bergstreeser	10/28
David Calvin	10/12	Esther Kremer	10/29
Allison Ross	10/12	Emily Bruzzese	10/30



### DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT CALL

**The deadline for The November Call is Friday, October 20, 2023.**

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