

THE CALL

Fairmont Presbyterian Church

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THOUGHTS FROM BRIAN

There are so many great things happening at Fairmont! At our recent Children's Sabbath we saw many young faces leading in worship. On that same Sunday there were four babies attending worship for the very first time! Our young families' groups regularly gather for fellowship and prayer. We have welcomed 16 new members so far this year and Pastor Kelley as our new Associate Pastor. Our new Music Director, Vicki Ramga, will be starting rehearsals this month and in January will be restarting our bell choir. Connections, circles, Women of Fairmont, retreats, and the PYC all provide opportunities to go deeper with our faith. And we are so grateful for the renewal of our facilities this year with rebuilt bathrooms, a remodeled parlor, and new safety and security systems. While many churches are facing enormous challenges, Fairmont is blessed with vitality in sharing and showing God's love.

We are blessed by God without whom nothing is possible. We are also blessed by God through you and your generosity. Thank you! Your giving along with that of preceding generations makes everything we do possible. From the earliest days of the Apostles to Fairmont today, the Church of Jesus Christ has relied on the commitment and the prayers of its members. It is that shared commitment down through the ages that binds the church together as Christ's body in the world, still witnessing to Christ's hope, sharing Christ's love, and nurturing and inviting all into Christ's community. Now it is our turn.

Please join us on Sunday November 11 as we say yes to Fairmont, yes to hope, and yes to the future of Christ's church as we share our financial commitments for 2019. Our world is filled with so much fear, cynicism, materialism, and despair. Together let us show the world a better alternative. Together let us show and share the hope, the future, and the community of Jesus Christ.

NOTES FROM KELLEY

"A Stewardship of Love"

In this season of Giving and Thanksgiving, I am grateful to God for each of you as the Body of Christ at Fairmont Presbyterian Church. Stewardship is a challenging season for God's people. How do we, together, understand God's benevolence and grace? How do we live as people who are recipients of grace and forgiveness? How do we extend that grace to our neighbors and world? How do we seek God's face in the midst of a material world?

Being good stewards of God requires us, first, to examine our hearts and our treasures, knowing that where our treasure is there will be our heart. And, second, to recognize that we are called to be generous in our giving because we are the recipients of a generous and loving God. We cannot give authentically if we do not understand that we, ourselves, have been forgiven by God and lavished with love beyond our deserving. And our giving comes in all forms and sizes. To give a little with a grateful and genuine heart is greater than giving a lot with a resentful and prideful heart. Genuine stewardship is wrapped in our loving relationship with God and with one another.

We love because God first loved us. -1 John 4:19

Giving must come from a heart of love. As we have been so loved by God, we in turn are to love one another. All of our gifts - time, talent, tithes - are an act of love to a generous God.



WORSHIP AND MUSIC

November 4: Communion; All Saints Sunday

Lesson: Ruth 1: 1-18

Sermon: "Faithfulness, Part One"

November 11: Stewardship Sunday

First Lesson: Ruth 3: 1-4; 4: 13-17

Sermon: "Faithfulness, Part Two"

November 18

First Lesson: Mark 13: 1-8

Second Lesson: Mark 13: 24-27,
32-37

Sermon: "The End of the World and
Other Things to Look Forward To"

November 25: Christ the King Sunday

First Lesson: Psalm 93

Second Lesson: Daniel 7: 9-10, 13-14

Sermon: "Ancient One"

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Welcome Our New Director of Music Ministries! Vicki Ramga has started as our new Director of Music Ministries. Vicki brings more than 35 years of experience in teaching and directing choirs in congregations and schools both here in Ohio and in Indiana. Vicki received her Bachelors degree from OSU and Master's from Capital University both in music with a focus on choral music direction. She brings new capabilities to our music program with broad skills in orchestral conducting, small group ensembles, and bell choirs. Most importantly, Vicki brings a passionate commitment that music can be a means of sharing and showing God's love in worship. Welcome Vicki!



CHRISTIAN FORMATION

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NEW Program Schedule for 2018-2019

10am: Mini Missionaries (PreK), Room A

10am: Junior Apostles (grades K-5), Room B

Following Time with Children: Mini Missionaries (PreK), Room A

Following Time with Children: Junior Apostles (grades K-2), Room B

11:40am: Cherub Choir, Children's Music Room

Nursery Care: 8am-12pm for children birth-2 years

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Bible Storytime: November 2nd, 8pm on the Zoom mobile app. Ask Rachel how to participate!

PYC

PYC meets on Sunday evenings during the program year from 5-7pm at the church. The Sunday evening schedule looks something like this:

5-5:30pm: Games in Room 109

5:30-6:30pm: Dinner in Fellowship Hall

6:30-7pm: Bible/book study in Room 109

Feel free to drop in any time, and please see Rachel to find out how you can help with PYC this year!

Upcoming events:

Sunday, November 4th: Volunteer Opportunity at Group Home with Fairmont Crafters, 2-4pm

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Connections - "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel: Reflections on Four Advent Hymns" Pastor Kelley will be leading a four week Connections study exploring four beloved Advent hymns - *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus*, *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*, *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*, and *In the Bleak Midwinter*. Together we will look at the history of these hymns, sing and listen to these hymns, and connect our faith story with these hymns. We will meet four Wednesdays in Advent - November 28, December 5, December 12, and December 19 - at 6:30 p.m. in the Chapel. All are welcome!

BUDGET AND STEWARDSHIP

Thank You! Thank you for your generous financial support throughout 2018. Because of your generosity we have been able to expand the array of our programs and ministries especially for younger people, send our youth to church camp and on mission trips, make major improvements to our building, refurbish our hand bells, hire new staff, and expand our support to mission partners, all while welcoming new members. All of it depends on your generous support. You are making Fairmont a great and thriving house of faith.



New Ways to Give that Save Money: Taxpayers over 70 ½ years of age with an IRA or a 401K/403B accounts may transfer withdrawals (up to \$100,000 per year) directly to Fairmont Presbyterian Church or other “qualified charitable organizations” and not pay tax on the distribution. Retirement savings accounts of various sorts require individuals over 70 ½ to annually make required minimum distributions or face significant tax penalties. Those distributions are then added to your taxable income, often boosting your tax bracket. But, if you direct those distributions in whole or in part to Fairmont or other charities, those funds do not count as taxable income. This transfer method can save you significant tax dollars. As always, you should consult with qualified advisors to help with tax planning, but using qualified charitable distributions may be an efficient way for you to support Fairmont!

On Pledging, from Pastors Brian and Kelley

We pledge our financial support to Fairmont and we want you to pledge, too.

God came to us in Jesus Christ not merely to forgive us, but also to involve us in God’s work in the world. We are not mere passive recipients of God’s grace. We are active participants in God’s great work of healing creation. And that work requires our commitment of prayer, love, labor, and money. Our world seems awash in cynicism, anger, and despair. Our culture grows ever more hostile to the Gospel and the human virtues it seeks to cultivate like love, patience, gratitude, and courage. Fairmont offers an alternative, God’s alternative—a life lived in and through God. Our whole ministry at Fairmont focuses on helping women and men from the baptismal font to the grave live into a new way of living and loving through the Spirit. We do this through our community, and all the ways we express welcome. We do it through our stories, sharing the stories of God’s people and discovering that our stories are a part of God’s. And we do it through sharing together in our service and disciplines of faith, walking the walk of faith.

All of that work, all the formation, nurture, teaching, service, worship, caring, and hospitality requires money. How we use our time and our money demonstrates to ourselves, others, and God where our true commitments lie. Our ministries are flourishing at Fairmont. The Spirit is at work in and through us. We are reaching both new members and community neighbors in new and different ways. While so many churches are dying, we are growing both quantitatively in membership and qualitatively ever deeper into the Spirit. We are participating in the exciting work of the Gospel here and now and we want you to be a part of it!

Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wedne	
Communion Daylight Saving Time 8:30am: Casual Service 9:45am: Contemplative Prayer in the Chapel 10:30am: Traditional Service 2-4pm: Scout Meetings 2-4pm: PYC	4	Office closes at noon 9:30am: Dayton PEO 6:30pm: WOF Coordinating Team (Upper Room)	5	11am: Fit 4 You (fh) 12pm: AA (C) 12pm: OA (rc) 6:30pm: Scout Meeting 7pm: Team Meetings	6	6:30pm: Praise B 6:30pm: Connect (chapel) 7pm: Quartet Pra 7pm: AA (012)	
Stewardship Sunday WOF Box Lunch Veterans Day 8:30am: Casual Service 9:30am: Acoustic Grace 9:45am: Contemplative Prayer in the Chapel 10:30am: Traditional Service 5pm: PYC	11	Office closes at noon 7pm: Circle 1	12	11am: Fit 4 You (fh) 12pm: AA (C) 12pm: OA (rc) 7pm: Trustees, B&G, Finance 7pm: Musica	13	10am: Circle 2 10am: Circle 3 5:30pm: GIFT (fl 6:30pm: Praise B 6:30pm: Connect 7pm: Quartet Pra 7pm: AA (012)	
8:30am: Casual Service 9:45am: Contemplative Prayer in the Chapel 10:30am: Traditional Service 9:30am/11:30am: Blood Pressure Screening 9:30am/11:30am: 3rd Sunday Mission 5pm: PYC	18	Office closes at noon 7pm: Kettering Civic Band	19	11am: Fit 4 You (fh) 12pm: AA (C) 12pm: OA (rc) 7pm: Session (Upper Room) 7pm: Musica	20	6:30pm: Praise B 7pm: Quartet Pra 7pm: AA (012)	
8:30am: Casual Service 9:45am: Contemplative Prayer in the Chapel 10:30am: Traditional Service 11:30am: Food and Fellowship	25	Office closes at noon 7pm: Circle 8	26	11am: Fit 4 You (fh) 12pm: AA (C) 12pm: OA (rc) 7pm: Musica	27	6:30pm: Praise B 6:30pm: Connect (chapel) 7pm: Quartet Pra 7pm: AA (012)	

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Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
		9am: House of Bread 1pm: Creative Crafters (fh) 7pm: NA (012) 7pm: Choir Rehearsal	1	11am: Fit 4 You (fh) 12pm: OA (rc) 5pm: Theology on Tap (off site)	2	9am: Rug Hooking Group 10am: Fairmont Fall Hike (Sugar creek MetroPark)	3
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	14	Craft Show Setup 6:30pm: Scout Meeting 1pm: Creative Crafters (fh) 7pm: NA (012) 7pm: Choir Rehearsal	15	Craft Show Setup 11am: Fit 4 You (fh) 12pm: OA (rc) 5pm: Theology on Tap (off site)	16	Art, Antique, and Craft Show	17
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WOMEN OF FAIRMONT

Women of Fairmont will be cooking lunch to offer at the Art, Antique, and Craft Show. Be sure to stop by; we will start serving at 10:30. Proceeds will help feed the hungry.

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Circle 1: Monday, November 12, 7pm, chapel

Circle 2: Wednesday, November 14, 10am, parlor

Circle 3: Wednesday, November 14, 10am, church library

Circle 6: NOT MEETING

Circle 7: NOT MEETING

Circle 8: Monday, November 26, 7pm, Parlor

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Cookie Walk: The annual Women of Fairmont Cookie Walk is fast approaching! Save the date to bake and buy: Sunday, **December 9**, after the single service. Everyone is invited to bake and donate cookies and candy for the Cookie Walk. Please sign up on the Fellowship Pad if you can contribute homemade items. Cookies/candies can be delivered to Fellowship Hall on Friday, December 7 between 9:00am-3:00pm or Saturday, December 8 between 9:00-11:00am.

November's Sunday Box Meal order form will be in the bulletin on the first Sunday. Pick-up is November 11. Can you deliver a meal to a shut-in? Add it to your order, and WOF will cover the cost.

Menu: Ham ball, sweet potato casserole, broccoli/cauliflower salad, pumpkin roll

MISSION BEYOND THE CONGREGATION

Helping Hands, Helping Hearts



Christmas is around the corner, and so is Jeremiah's Letter!

The Mission Team is focusing our Christmas giving efforts on one project this year: Jeremiah's Letter. As in the past, this project provides local families with the ingredients for a nice Christmas dinner with additional groceries along with gifts for the family. We will be posting the color-coded trees with requested gift items for you to purchase and wrap. More details will be coming! With this increased local focus of our time and treasure, we will not be collecting Shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child or the Christmas Joy Offering.

3rd Sunday Mission Project: All Saints care and support. On November 18, we are writing notes of Love and Encouragement to family members of those members who died in the past year and are recognized on All-Saints Day. Join us in Fellowship Hall after each service to send your note to folks still grieving as the holidays approach. Many loving hands are needed to write these caring notes.

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Dayton Fisher House: A Fisher House is a compassionate care facility much like a Ronald McDonald House, except these homes are for veterans and their families. Currently, 78 of these homes exist at military bases and VA medical centers in the United States, England, and Germany. Those 78 homes are now able to support 1,000 families each night. The Dayton area is blessed by having three of these homes: two at Wright Patterson AFB with a total of 21 bedrooms, and the newest one with 16 bedrooms at the Dayton VA. Dayton is now able to provide 37 room nights each day of the week or 13,505 room nights each year with a savings to our veterans and their families of over 2 million dollars a year in hotel costs.

Ground breaking for the new Fisher House occurred on October 23, 2017. One year later, the first family stayed at the new Fisher House on October 21, 2018. Ribbon cutting will be on November 7, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. at the Fisher House at the Dayton VA. Please know that you are welcome to tour the new facility that day!

There will be some pictures of the completed house shown on the TV monitors in the Fellowship Hall after both church services on November 4. Please come visit in person as the pictures don't do justice to the actual facility!

THANK YOU from Fisher Nightingale Houses, Inc. for the contributions made by Fairmont members to this very fine facility. With our collective contributions, our veterans who have done so much for all of us and their families will be able to use this facility for years to come.

DEACONS

Food and Fellowship will be resuming in the fall. It is a time for extended fellowship following either service. We will be looking for groups or individuals to host these times. It can be as simple as bagels and cream cheese, or as elaborate as the Deacons March Madness Pizza party, or somewhere between the two. The sign-up sheet will be available on the new bulletin boards in the Black and White Narthex.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS

SET CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR WHEN YOU GO TO BED ON SATURDAY NOVEMBER 3!

Veterans Day Program: A luncheon to honor our Veterans is being planned for 12:00 noon on Saturday, November 10, 2018 in the Fellowship Hall. The event will include an introduction by Ken Ginader, playing of the service songs, and a brief talk by Bob Kasprzak from the Dayton Chapter of the League of WWI Aviation Historians. This year marks the 100th Anniversary of the end of WWI. Bob will talk about the 28th Aero Squadron and its participation in WWI. The 28th Aero Squadron was an Air Service, US Army unit prior to the establishment of the United States Army Air Service in 1920. The 28th Aero Squadron fought on the Western Front during WWI and was assigned as a Day Pursuit (Fighter) Squadron as part of the 3rd Pursuit Group, First United States Army.

All Veterans of Fairmont Presbyterian Church and their spouses and guests are invited to attend. There is no cost to attend the luncheon. Mark the date on your calendar and please join us to learn about the 28th Aero Squadron and its exploits during WWI.

It's Bake Sale Time!!! It's time to get baking again for the Art, Antique and Craft Show. We need cookies, brownies, cakes, pies, assorted breads, fudge or any item you would like to make. Please bring your baked items to the library on Friday, November 16 from 9:00-4:00pm or 5:00-8:00pm. If you can't bake but would like to donate toward boxes & packaging, please see Linda Hammond or Barb Miller.

Fairmont Fall Hike: Join us for a family-friendly, slow to moderate 2 mile hike on Saturday, November 3rd, at 10:00 a.m. at Sugar Creek MetroPark (4178 Conference Road, Bellbrook) led by Pastor Kelley.

Fourth Friday Family Pizza Dinners - We have started up our family pizza dinners now on the **fourth Friday** of each month at 5:30 p.m. (except for November which will meet on the 30th because of Thanksgiving). Our next gathering will be on **Friday, November 30, 2018** at 5:30 p.m. at a **NEW** pizza place - **MOD Pizza** in Centerville (5225 Cornerstone North Blvd). We will meet every Fourth Friday of the month. Everyone is welcome!

Blood Pressure Screening: There will be a blood pressure screening following both services on November 18.

FISH Southeast Food Pantry is a multi-denominational volunteer food pantry based out of the Southminster Presbyterian Church at the corner of Alex Bell and 48 in Centerville. FISH Southeast partners with Fairmont Church, The Dayton Food Bank and Feeding America to deliver emergency food assistance to those in need. In 2018 we are on pace to serve over 20,000 meals! We are grateful for the financial support from Fairmont.

The FISH Southeast Food Pantry has an urgent need for:

Callers - retrieve calls from our voicemail, contact clients to confirm eligibility & contact deliverers with client's information. This can all be done from home. Time commitment 1-1.5 hours per day (AM)

Deliverers - fill out the required form, contact the client to schedule delivery time, pick up food at the Food Pantry at Southminster Presbyterian Church, & deliver the food. Time commitment 1.5 - 2 hours (PM).

Commitments as limited as once per month, or even every other month **STILL** greatly appreciated and welcome! For more information, or to become involved in this ministry contact Paul Lamberger.

Making Music with Acoustic Grace- We continue our monthly gathering in Fellowship Hall to play and sing for about 50 minutes starting at 9:30am on Sunday, November 11. Song/chord sheets are provided. All skill levels welcome!

Creative Crafters will be meeting in Fellowship Hall on the first and third Thursdays of each month from 1-3pm. All levels of "craftiness" welcome! If you have any questions, please call Brenda Anderson or Barb Miller, or just come to a meeting!

PRESCHOOL CORNER

Registration for Preschool for the 2018-2019 school year is still open. Registration forms may be found under the Preschool tab on the church website. A non-refundable \$50 registration fee is due at the time of registration. Contact Tracy at 299-3539 or tlandgren@fairmontchurch.org.



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Preschool Teacher: Amber Reshad
Preschool Aide: Liz Lewis
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Custodian: Louis Weyrauch

November Birthdays

John Root	11/02	Wayne Morse	11/19
Ann Diller	11/03	Rebecca Lamb	11/19
Betty Lou Ludwig	11/05	Ryan Grieco	11/20
Sarah Hamilton	11/08	Don Goss	11/21
Eric Sitar	11/08	Eric Diller	11/21
Joe Hood	11/10	Kevin Matson	11/25
Debra Wright	11/10	Marjorie Sando	11/26
Jennifer Fiden	11/12	David Hammond	11/28
Brian Diller	11/12	Strater Poindexter	11/28



DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT CALL

The deadline for next month is Friday, November 23, 2018.

Please submit articles to: rboden@fairmontchurch.org.