

THE CALL

Fairmont Presbyterian Church

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THOUGHTS FROM BRIAN

Lent, *just like the rest of Christian life, only more so* Starting on Ash Wednesday we begin our annual pilgrimage walking beside Jesus from the Galilee to Jerusalem and beyond. Along the way we will be confronted by many curious and often contrary people. And at our journey's end, after a final meal imbued with more meanings than we will ever understand, we will walk with him through betrayal, accusation, abandonment, pain, and ultimately death. It sounds like such fun that most people ignore it.

Lent is a season for brutal honesty. Our world is a mess and will not save us. Other people are a mess and cannot save us. We are a mess and cannot free ourselves. There are no shortcuts. There is only the way ahead. Lent is less a journey and more a meditation on our travelling companion who shows us what it means to be human and live in relationship with our curious God.

Two thousand years ago in a fresh-cut tomb just outside the walls of Jerusalem, something happened that simultaneously transformed and disclosed the nature of reality and humanity. To appreciate and contribute in that something, however provisionally, we must share in the story, take up our role in it, be swept off our feet, and find ourselves not only in a new place, but as new people. Welcome to Lent. Jerusalem beckons.

Dominus vobiscum,

Pastor Brian

NOTES FROM KELLEY

Dear Fairmont Family,

Grace and peace and love to you from “beyond surgery and in the land of healing!” I have missed you these many days but I am healing well and growing stronger each day. I cannot thank you enough for all the love, prayers, cards, gifts, flowers, meals, emails, texts, and support! I have been carried through these days of healing by God's grace and your good and faithful support. A special thank you to Pastor Brian and Rachel Boden for your visits, prayers, and delivery of meals!

A word about those meals! Food, at times, can be sacred. Meals prepared with love which nourish a healing body and feed my family are as sacred and holy as the Body of Christ. Thank you, friends, for feeding my body, mind, and spirit.

My surgery went very well and the final pathology report showed the lymph nodes to be completely clear of cancer. I am grateful beyond words for an excellent prognosis for the future days. My focus has been, and continues to be, rest and healing and new strength. I look forward to being back in ministry with you and sharing in our wonderful calling as God's people together.

As we enter soon into the season of Lent, may we know God's sure presence and love. I know this will be a very special Lenten season for me as we celebrate God's healing in all of our lives.

In Christ,
Pastor Kelley

WORSHIP AND MUSIC

March 3: Transfiguration

Lesson: Luke 9: 28-43

Sermon: "It's All a Matter of Perspective"

March 6: Ash Wednesday

Reading: Joel 2: 1-2, 12-17

Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:10

Sermon: "For Love of Dust"

March 10: First Sunday in Lent

First Lesson: Deuteronomy 26: 1-11

Second Lesson: Luke 4: 1-13

Sermon: "Standardized Tests"

March 17: Second Sunday in Lent

First Lesson: Genesis 15: 1-12, 17-18

Second Lesson: Luke 13: 31-35

Sermon: "Demolition Work"

March 24: Third Sunday in Lent

First Lesson: Isaiah 55: 1-9

Second Lesson: Luke 13: 1-9

Sermon: "Gracious, Merciful, and Slow to Anger"

March 31: Fourth Sunday in Lent

Lesson: Luke 15: 1-32

Sermon: "Prodigal"



Fairmont Bell Choir: The Bell Choir is once again making a joyful noise at Fairmont Church! It is not too late to join the Bell Choir. Previous experience playing hand bells is helpful, but not necessary. Rehearsals are held on Thursday evening from 6:00 -6:45. Contact Vicki Ramga at vramga@fairmontchurch.org with questions.

The Bell Choir's first performance will be during 10:30 worship on Sunday, March 24!

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Calling all Singers! Please consider joining the Chancel Choir as we prepare music for Lent, Holy Week, and Easter. We meet on Thursday evenings at 7:00.



Ash Wednesday, March 6, 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary

"You are of the dust and to the dust you shall return . . ." On Ash Wednesday we begin our journey and practice of Lent. We embrace our mortal truth as creatures of God and from that point of truth set forth to explore what we have become and what we may yet become through God's grace. Please join us for this important service of worship as we together commence our journey of Lent.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Kidz Korner

Program Schedule for 2019

10am: Mini Missionaries (PreK), Room A

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

After Children's Talk: Mini Missionaries (PreK), Room A

After Children's Talk: Junior Apostles (grade K-2), Room B

11:45am: Cherub Choir, Chapel or Children's Music Room

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



Children's Choir: Our Children's Choir is meeting on Sunday mornings from 11:45 - 12:15 in the Chapel. We would love to have your child join us! All children ages 4 years through 5th grade are welcome. In addition to preparing music to sing in worship, the children learn to sing through vocal exploration and build beat and rhythm skills as they play 2 barred instruments.

Bible Storytime: March 1, 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. Feel free to drop in any time, and please see Rachel to find out how you can help with PYC in 2019!

Upcoming PYC events:

March 31st: Sky Zone field trip

Adult Education

Pastor's Bible Study: Pastor Brian and Pastor Kelley are leading a new Pastor's Bible Study on Thursdays at 1:00 p.m. in the Upper Room. We will be examining the Scripture passage to be preached the following Sunday. Everyone is welcome!

Lenten Study: Making Sense of the Cross by David Lose
Throughout Lent we will be considering the meaning, importance, and function of the cross. Christianity has always been a curious religion in that our central symbol is a means of torture and execution. The cross has confused, confounded, mystified, inspired, uplifted, and transformed generations. In this year's Lenten study we will consider some of the multiple dimensions of meaning of the cross and some of multiple directions of transformation. We will be using as our guide, David Lose's, *Making Sense of the Cross*. Copies are available for purchase from the church office for \$13.00 and it is available through on line booksellers.

There will be multiple times to fit your schedule to meet and discuss this important and relevant book each week in conversation with friends.

- Sunday Mornings - 11:45 a.m. Chapel
- Wednesday Nights - Connections 6:30 p.m. Chapel
- Friday Afternoons - noon in the Chapel

Please join us as together we contemplate the cross and let it guide us through Lent.

WITHIN THE FELLOWSHIP

Saying Goodbye to the Websters

Join us after the 10:30 service on **Sunday March 10** for a reception in the fellowship hall as we thank Jean and Jim Webster for all their years of service to Fairmont Church and wish them well as they prepare to move.

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So, who is in charge around here? . . . God.

Okay, how about who is next in charge?

The Presbyterian Church embraces of the collective leadership and decision making of members selected and elected to guide the church. Our leaders for 2019 are:

Session	Deacons
Rich Bowden	Betty Brown
Charlie Chamberlain	Kelly Coan
Kerri Miles	Pat Goss
John Schramm	Helen Kanis
Brench Boden	Deb Wright
Kimberly Gunlock	Julie Boden
Linda Hammond	Liz Lewis
Mike Harvey	Barb Miller
Jeff Adam	Annette Sakada
Dave Diller	Kathy Shafer
Danielle Rhubarb	Jack Yoder
Lisa Shearer	Kate Barnett
	Sharon Cost
	Sara Grillot
	Pam Lowry
	Anne Venable
Trustees	
Wynn Adam	
Bill Lowry	
Bill Stager	
Lois Thomas	
Paul Fiden	
Tom Gunlock	
Will Lewis	
Daryl Sakada	
Terry Akers	
Adam Kabacinski	
Paul Lamberger	
Michael Rothenberger	

**Thanks to all who have chosen to serve
Fairmont this year with their time and talents!**

Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wedn	
8:30am: Casual Service 9:45am: Prayer in the Chapel 10:30am: Traditional Service 1:30pm: Hike for Kelley, Sugarcreek MetroPark	3	Office closes at noon 10am: DPEO 6:30pm: WOF Coordinating Team 6:30pm: Dayton Opera Chorus	4	11am: Fit 4 You (fh) 12pm: AA (C) 12pm: OA (rc) 6pm: Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper (Fellowship Hall) 7pm: Musica 7pm: Team Meetings	5	7pm: Ash Wednesday worship (Sanctua	
8:30am: Casual Service 9:45am: Prayer in the Chapel 10:30am: Traditional Service 11:30am: Reception for Websters 11:45am: Lenten Study (chapel) 5pm: PYC	10	Office closes at noon	11	11am: Fit 4 You (fh) 12pm: AA (C) 12pm: OA (rc) 7pm: Musica 7pm: Trustees, B&G, Finance	12	5:30pm: GIFT 6:30pm: Praise Bar 6:30pm: Connectio 7pm: Quartet 7pm: AA (012)	
8:30am: Casual Service 9:45am: Prayer in the Chapel 10:30am: Traditional Service 11:45am: Lenten Study (chapel)	17	Office closes at noon 7pm: Kettering Civic Band	18	11am: Fit 4 You (fh) 12pm: AA (C) 12pm: OA (rc) 7pm: Musica 7pm: Session (Upper Room)	19	6:30pm: Praise Bar 6:30pm: Connectio 7pm: Quartet 7pm: AA (012)	
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Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
				11am: Fit 4 You (fh) 12pm: OA (rc) 5pm: Theology on Tap (off site)	1	9am: Rug Hooking Group	2
Wednesday (chapel)	6	1pm: Creative Crafters (fh) 1pm: Pastors' Bible Study (upper room) 7pm: NA (012) 7pm: Choir Rehearsal	7	9:30am-1:30pm: Kettering City Schools Mad City Monday (Fellowship Hall) 12pm: OA (rc)	8		9
Wednesday (chapel)	13	1pm: Pastors' Bible Study (upper room) 6:30pm: Scout Meeting 7pm: NA (012) 7pm: Choir Rehearsal	14	11am: Fit 4 You (fh) 12pm: OA (rc) 12pm: Lenten Study (Chapel) 5pm: Theology on Tap (off site)	15		16
Wednesday (chapel)	20	1pm: Creative Crafters (fh) 1pm: Pastors' Bible Study (upper room) 7pm: NA (012) 7pm: Choir Rehearsal	21	11am: Fit 4 You (fh) 12pm: OA (rc) 12pm: Lenten Study (Chapel) 5:30pm: Family Pizza Dinner (offsite)	22		23
Wednesday (chapel)	27	1pm: Rug Hooking Group (fh) 1pm: Pastors' Bible Study (upper room) 7pm: NA (012) 7pm: Choir Rehearsal	28	11am: Fit 4 You (fh) 12pm: OA (rc) 12pm: Lenten Study (Chapel)	29		30

WOMEN OF FAIRMONT

The **Coordinating Team** will meet on Monday, March 4th at 6:30pm in the Upper Room.

- Circle 1:** March 11, 7pm in the Chapel
- Circle 2:** March 20, 10am in the Parlor
- Circle 3:** March 20, 10am in the Parlor
- Circle 6:** March 20, 5pm at Panera in Centerville
- Circle 7:** March 16, 9:30am, Sally Kaskocsak's home
- Circle 8:** March 25, 7pm in the Parlor

Box Lunch

Look for the **Box Lunch** order form on the first Sunday of the month, and pick up your meals after the 8:30 or 10:30 lunch March 10. This month, enjoy **Baked Chicken, Green Beans with Potatoes, Corn Pudding, and Peach Crisp!** Think of someone you can deliver to who would appreciate a delicious Sunday meal. **WoF** will cover the cost of the meal if you'll deliver!

MISSION BEYOND THE CONGREGATION

Helping Hands, Helping Hearts 

3rd Sunday Mission Project, March 17: Easter Baskets for Jeremiah's Letter Families! - To further support our Christmas Jeremiah's Letter families, we will be delivering Easter Baskets of books and fresh fruits! Join us after each worship service to write notes of encouragement and love as we pack, arrange and decorate these laundry baskets!

One Great Hour of Sharing: During the Season of Lent we again join with other Presbyterians in sharing God's love through ministries that provide relief to those affected by disasters, food for the hungry, and support toward self-development of poor and oppressed communities. Watch the weekly bulletins for further information through Lent. This annual collection will occur in April.

Soda Can Pull-tabs - We are no longer collecting Soda Can Pull-tabs for the Ronald McDonald House; that program has expired. Thanks for your faithfulness to this project over the years. If you still have any tabs, simply include them with your regular recycling.

House of Bread: Mark your calendar for 2019! We are working May 21, Aug. 7 and Nov. 7. On these days, we are sending a team to slice, dice, mix and serve lunch for more than 200 hungry folks. There are jobs that can be completed while sitting. Join us from 9:00 - 2:00 for this valuable service to the hungry in our community. We can carpool if you would like! Sign up on the Mission Team bulletin board.

Special Minute for Mission March 24...Help youth in our community! - Fairmont member and Executive Director of College Promise Patrick Gill will be speaking at both services about this valuable program to support underprivileged youth with good academic and personal potential. He will be available to chat in Fellowship Hall afterwards. Be sure to hear how this program is making a difference in our neighborhood and how you might be involved.

Mitten Tree for J. F. Kennedy Elementary students - Staff of John F. Kennedy Elementary, a Kettering School, send their hearty thanks for all we have done for their students. Several large cartons of hats and mittens have been distributed to needy students who are now better equipped to face the cold weather. Many thanks to all who contributed a wonderful variety!

How Else Can You Serve as a Disciple? We continue to collect assorted items at the top of the stairs: Box Tops (J.F. Kennedy Elementary) and men's belts (House of Bread). Remember to bring items for the food pantry!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Winter Weather Reminder: Fairmont Presbyterian Church programs, including preschool, are cancelled and the church office will be closed on days when the Kettering City Schools are closed (not merely delayed) for weather reasons. As always, please use common sense and do not drive if you feel the conditions are unsafe.

From the Building and Grounds Team: Now that winter weather is here, please be careful when walking in the parking lots—they do get slick when wet!

The **Men's Breakfast** will be on Wednesday, March 20th at 11:30am at MCL Cafeteria. RSVP by March 19th by calling the church office.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner, Tuesday March 6, 6:00

Fellowship Hall: Join us for a carbohydrate-fueled eve of Lent as we gather in our Fellowship Hall to celebrate our annual Shrove Tuesday pancake supper. Shrove Tuesday remembers the ancient practice of removing all the butter, sugar, and eggs from one's home before the fasting season of Lent begins (*yeah, like that is going to happen*). And the best way to use up all that butter, sugar, and eggs is to make pancakes! It is a fun evening for the whole church community. Please join us!



***PLEASE NOTE:** Our pancakes are made with a special allergy-friendly mix, so no eggs are included!

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Fourth Friday Family Pizza Dinners: Family pizza dinners are on the fourth Friday of each month at 5:30 p.m. Our next gathering will be on **Friday, March 22, 2019** at Marion's Pizza in Oakwood on Patterson Road. All are welcome!

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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 March 10. Song/chord sheets are provided. All skill levels welcome!

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Coins 4 Kids—Fairmont family, we need your help! Over the past several years, all coins collected during the offering have gone into our Coins4Kids fund, a special fund to help offset the cost of Kirkmont camp for our children and youth who attend. From this fund, Fairmont is able to pay half of the camp cost for each attendee, helping our parents and encouraging them to send their kids to Kirkmont.

Our numbers at Fairmont are growing, and we have more children and youth attending summer camp at Kirkmont. As a result, our Coins4Kids fund is shrinking faster than it is being replenished. It is a good problem to have, but we need your help to keep the fund growing for our children and youth. **Please remember to bring your coins to put in the Sunday morning offering plate. You can also write a check with "Coins4Kids" in the memo line.** Thank you for your help in encouraging our growing young Christians!

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).

For more information, or to become involved in this ministry contact Paul Lamberger.

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Contemplative Prayer in Chapel—Are you yearning for more silent, contemplative prayer on Sunday mornings? From 9:45am-10:15am, there is a time for self-guided silent prayer in the Chapel. We provide spiritual readings and tools to guide your time of silence. You may also use this time for quiet prayer, reflection, and preparation for our communal worship together as God's people.

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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.

PRESCHOOL CORNER

Registration for Preschool for the 2019-2020 school year is now 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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Praise & Worship Leader: Jerry Mahn

Preschool Director: Tracy Landgren
Preschool Teacher: Amber Reshad
Preschool Aide: Liz Lewis
Administrative Assistant: Jennifer Mason
Bookkeeper: Martha Keil
Custodian: Louis Weyrauch

March Birthdays

Jeanette Kruer	03/01	Jeffery Adam	03/21
Drew Borneman	03/01	Ken Guise	03/22
Joyce Mackintosh	03/02	David Allison	03/22
Jacquelyn Vickroy	03/02	Robert Davis	03/22
Adam Kabacinski	03/02	Tanner Bussey	03/22
Doris Gaffney	03/03	Richard Ludwig	03/23
Casey Gill	03/04	Don Davis	03/26
Peter Guise	03/11	Sherry Klingel	03/27
Glenn Spicer III	03/14	David Youngerman	03/28
Carol Kemp	03/15	Becky Sennet	03/28
Rick Schwartz	03/15	Nancy Leonhard	03/29
Martha Taylor	03/16	Kathryn Ellis	03/29
Bill Mann	03/18	Sue Knierim	03/29
Stewart Adam	03/19	Donald Buck	03/30
James Harper	03/20	Kathy Shafer	03/30



DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT CALL

The deadline for the next Call is Friday, March 22, 2019.

Please submit articles to: rboden@fairmontchurch.org.