

THE CALL

Fairmont Presbyterian Church

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THOUGHTS FROM BRIAN

One of the greatest joys and privileges in ministry is baptizing people. By my count, so far this year we have baptized eight children at Fairmont with several more on the way. At every baptism, I am awed by the probability (by God's grace) that these children will not only see, but share their stories into the twenty-second century. They are our littlest pioneers into the future. They will be the ones to bring our story, the story of God and God's people, into a future we cannot imagine. And even more amazing is their great-grandchildren will likely see the twenty third century.

Baptism is the way we mark our common identity as members of a family not made by genetics, but rather by Spirit. Every time I hear a baby squeal in delight or cry in objection in the sanctuary, I am reminded that God has a plan for God's family and Fairmont is a part of it. Every squirming child, every fidgeting baby in worship is a reminder that God has a future for us. But that future does not just happen. Sharing in God's future requires our participation.

Whenever we baptize a child, an elected elder asks the congregation whether we will commit to nurture and grow this child in faith. The congregation solemnly nods their assent, but this is no simple gesture. We are committing our present to God's future. We are pledging our love, prayer, labor, and money, to share and show the transforming new life of the Gospel to a new generation. It is both an enormous joy and an enormous responsibility.

We begin a new program year at Fairmont. We have long prayed for new members and families and children and God has richly blessed us. God has done God's part and is with us always, but the next steps in sharing new life with the world are up to us. Now the fun part begins.

NOTES FROM KELLEY

Godly Play at Fairmont

Children have an innate sense of the presence of God. The Godly Play approach helps children explore their faith through story, gain religious language, and enhance their spiritual experience through wonder and play. Based on Montessori principles, Godly Play uses curriculum based on the Core Stories of the Old and New Testaments, inviting children to find their own faith story in God's story.

The result of a lifetime of research and practice by theologian, author, and educator Rev. Dr. Jerome Berryman, the Godly Play method is a curriculum of spiritual practice exploring the mystery of God's presence in our lives. The Godly Play curriculum engages what is most exciting about Christian education: God inviting us into Scripture and spiritual experience. Godly Play teaches children to listen for God and to make authentic and creative responses to God's presence in their lives.

Using a centering-circle, storytelling method of sharing the core stories of the Scriptures, Godly Play uses visual storytelling and wondering questions which allow children to find their place in the Biblical story.

Pastor Kelley and DCE Rachel will be sharing Godly Play in this coming year with our children in both our Preschool and our Christian Education program.

Both Kelley and Rachel have completed the Godly Play Training Course and are excited to share the Godly Play practice with Fairmont as an "extra offering" to our ongoing Christian Education classes. You can check out the Godly Play website at <https://www.godlyplayfoundation.org/>.

WORSHIP AND MUSIC

September 1: Sacrament of Communion

Lesson: St. Paul's Letter to Philemon

Sermon: "How to Lose an Argument and Save the World"

September 8: Kickoff—single service

First Lesson: Jeremiah 2: 4-13

Second Lesson: Luke 14: 1, 7-14

Sermon: "Who Invited You?"

September 15

First Lesson: Jeremiah 4: 11-12, 22-28

Second Lesson: Luke 15: 1-10

Sermon: "Lost and Found"

September 22

First Lesson: Jeremiah 1: 4-10

Second Lesson: Luke 13: 10-17

Sermon: "The Bent-Over Woman"

September 29

First Lesson: Jeremiah 32: 1-3, 6-15

Second Lesson: Luke 16: 19-31

Sermon: "The View from the Cheap Seats"

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An Invitation to Join the Choirs at Fairmont Church: The music program at Fairmont welcomes new members at any time during the year, but now is a wonderful time to join us! With many voices we can make the rafters ring in praise and worship of God! Chancel Choir meets on Thursday evenings beginning on August 29 from 7:00–8:30 and sings at the 10:30 service. Bell Choir practice is on Thursday evenings from 6:00–6:45, beginning on September 12. We are happy to announce that Lorelei Harding will direct the Children's Choir this year! The children meet on Sunday mornings from 9:30–10:00 beginning on Sunday, September 15. Children's Choir is open to children from 4 years through the 5th grade. Please contact Vicki Ramga at vramga@fairmontchurch.org with questions or for more information about any of our music programs at Fairmont!

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Lullabies and Nursery Rhymes: Music for Baby and Parent:

A music class for babies and parents led by Vicki Ramga is coming to Fairmont this fall! Learn techniques for entertaining your baby with lullabies, tickle tunes, and bouncing rhymes. Learn techniques for engaging with baby through music, including ideas for soothing babies with lullabies, touch, and movement. No prior music experience necessary.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

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2019-2020 Sunday School Schedule

9:30am: Children's Choir (children's music room)

10am: Mini Missionaries (PreK/K), Room A

10am: Junior Apostles (grades 1-5), Room B

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

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

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

Following the church picnic on September 8th, there will be a **brief parent meeting in the chapel** for anyone with a child in Fairmont's programs.

Bible Stories: Bible Stories resume in the fall on the first Friday of each month, on the Zoom app from 8-8:30pm. Talk to Rachel for details! (beginning Oct. 4)

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Children's Choir begins on Sunday, September 15th at 9:30am. Children 4 years old through 5th grade are invited to participate!

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Meet our new children's choir director, Lorelei Harding!

Lorelei is an alumna of Wright State University with a Bachelor's Degree in Music Education. She is a member of both the Chancel Choir and Bell Choir, both of which she enjoys very much! In her free time, she enjoys all things Disney and spending time with her dogs. Lorelei is looking forward to working with Fairmont's children this year!



PYC

PYC begins on **September 11th** for all students in grades 6-12! PYC will meet on **WEDNESDAY** evenings during the program year from 6-8pm at the church. The Wednesday evening schedule will look something like this:

6-6:30pm: Dinner

6:30-7:10pm: Games

7:10-7:50pm: Small Groups (split into jr. and sr. high)

7:50-8pm: Closing (all together)

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

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Why Wednesdays?

- Weekend extra-curriculars (band, orchestra, robotics, musical, etc.) and weekend homework taking precedence on Sunday evenings
- Energy level of both youth and volunteers is low on Sunday evenings
- Other church programs now meet on Wednesday evenings
- Youth would get to interact with other programs at the church and members of Fairmont, allowing them to better share in the life of the church
- Provides potential for shared meals with GIFT and Connections attendees
- Avoids weekend commitments and travel

Following the church picnic on September 8th, there will be a **brief parent meeting in the chapel** for anyone with a student in PYC at Fairmont.

Adult Education

Starting in September—Connections: Israel and the Biblical World: Starting on Wednesday September 11 at 6:30 p.m.in the chapel and every following Wednesday evening, come and learn about the world of the Bible, specifically the geography, history, and culture of Israel that shapes our scriptures. Pastor Brian will be leading this course and sharing from his extensive travels in Israel, Jordan, and Turkey. This course will also be an excellent preparation for anyone who may wish to go on the Israel trip in February, but will help anyone trying to understand the context of the Bible.

BUDGET AND STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship Update, in case you missed it: Thank you for your faithful financial support of our ministries throughout the summer. While giving often dips during the summer months, we are currently receiving 95% of pledges. Your



generous financial support of Fairmont's ministries empowers our congregation to reach out in new ways to new people, glorify God in inspiring worship, shape and form us as disciples, and reach out to young people in our community. None of our ministries would be possible without you, your prayers, your labor, and your generosity. Thank you!

WITHIN THE FELLOWSHIP

Thank You: From the bottom of our hearts, we thank you for the wonderful birthday party for our 50th and 60th birthdays. It is the best gift of all to be part of this amazing congregation. Thank you to Rachel, all the Bodens, and all who were part of our surprise party. It was a labor of love, indeed.

With gratitude,

Pastor Brian and Pastor Kelley

Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wedn	
Communion 8:30am: Casual Service 10:30am: Traditional Service	1	Labor Day Office closed	2	11am: Jay Thomas Memorial (sanctuary) 12pm: AA (C) 12pm: OA (rc) 6:30pm: Scout meeting 7pm: Team Meetings	3	2pm: Pastors' E 6:30pm: Dayton 6:30pm: Praise 7:30pm: AA (0	
9:30am: Acoustic Grace 10:30am: Single Service– Kick-off 11:30am: Church Picnic 2pm: Scout Meeting (109)	8	Office closes at noon	9	11am: Fit 4 You (fh) 12pm: AA (C) 12pm: OA (rc) 7pm: Trustees, B&G, Finance	10	2pm: Pastors' E 5:30pm: GIFT 6pm: PYC 6:30pm: Dayton 6:30pm: Praise 6:30pm: Conne 7pm: AA (012)	
8:30am: Casual Service 10:30am: Traditional Service 9:30am: 3rd Sunday Mission WOF Boxed Lunch	15	Office closes at noon 10:00am: Dayton PEO (012)	16	11am: Fit 4 You (fh) 12pm: AA (C) 12pm: OA (rc) 7pm: Session	17	2pm: Pastors' E 8am: Men's Bre 6pm: PYC 6:30pm: Praise 6:30pm: Dayton 6:30pm: Conne 7pm: AA (012)	
8:30am: Casual Service 9:30/11:30am: Blood Pressure Screening 10:30am: Traditional Service (sanctuary)	22	Office closes at noon	23	11am: Fit 4 You (fh) 12pm: AA (C) 12pm: OA (rc) 7pm: Deacons	24	2pm: Pastors' E 6pm: PYC 6:30pm: Praise 6:30pm: Conne 6:30pm: Dayton 7pm: AA (012)	
8:30am: Casual Service 10:30am: Traditional Service	29	Office closes at noon	30				

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Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
Bible Study n Opera Band (fh) (12)	4	7pm: NA (012) 7pm: Choir Rehearsal	5	11am: Fit 4 You (fh) 12pm: OA (rc) 5pm: Theology on Tap (off site) 6:30pm: Scout Meeting	6	9:30am: Dayton Opera Chorus	7
Bible Study (fh) n Opera Band (fh) ctions (chapel)	11	6pm: Bell Choir Rehearsal 7pm: NA (012) 7pm: Choir Rehearsal	12	11am: Fit 4 You (fh) 12pm: OA (rc)	13	9:30am: Kinship Group	14
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Bible Study Band (fh) ctions (chapel) n Opera	25	1pm: Rug Hooking Group (fh) 6pm: Bell Choir Rehearsal 7pm: NA (012) 7pm: Choir Rehearsal	26	11am: Fit 4 You (fh) 12pm: OA (rc) 5:30pm: Fairmont Family Pizza Dinner (offsite)	27		28

MISSION BEYOND THE CONGREGATION

Helping Hands, Helping Hearts 

3rd Sunday Mission Project! Have you noticed all the kids we have? We will resume our 3rd Sunday Mission Projects on September 15 when we write notes of love and encouragement to our 27 school-aged children. Yes...27! We need many people to join in this project of nurturing and encouraging our children and youth.

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Girls on the Run! On the last Sunday of this September, the Dayton nonprofit Girls on the Run will be visiting Fairmont for the 5th Sunday Offering! Their Director Kayleigh Pratt will be visiting to talk about their transformational learning program for 8 to 13 year-old girls where they are taught life skills through dynamic, conversation-based lessons and running games, culminating in a celebratory 5k running event. Kayleigh will be there to talk about ways to get involved, and Fairmont members can also donate by writing "Girls on the Run" on an envelope and putting it in the collection basket or sending it to the church office.

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THANK YOU from Brigid's Path! In March, the Mission Beyond the Congregation Team hosted Jane Snyder, the Development Director at Dayton nonprofit Brigid's Path for a Sunday, and she did a Minute for Mission about her wonderful organization whose mission is to not only treat newborns affected by drug addiction but also heal their families and connect them to much-needed resources. She also stayed after the service to answer questions and help Fairmont members get involved as volunteers.

That Sunday, a collection was held for Brigid's Path and Jane and her coworkers sent us a touching handwritten thank you for that gift. She said, "Thank you for being a part of the work we do for babies and families in our community. Brigid's Path is appreciative of your support. You are making a difference." Great job Fairmont!

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JFK Elementary School Supplies Drive: We are still collecting school supplies for JFK. Please leave your donations in the Black & White Narthex.

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

WOMEN OF FAIRMONT

The Fall Gathering is on September 21st at 11:30am. Our guest speaker is Joni Sancken. Joni is a frequent visitor to Fairmont. She is the Associate Professor of Homiletics at United Theological Seminary in Dayton. Dr. Sancken is an ordained pastor with the Mennonite Church USA and has served congregations in Indiana and Pennsylvania. She is an author who is passionate about equipping pastors to preach relevant and powerful sermons in these challenging times. Joni is married to Steven Schumm who is also a pastor and they have a daughter, Maggie (6) and son, Theodore (3). They live in Oakwood with their long-haired dachshunds Tessa and Bella. Fairmont has served as a church home in between pastoral positions for Steve. Joni enjoys visiting extended family, writing, taking long walks, and watching home-improvement or cooking shows. It promises to be a fabulous day and we'd love to have you join us for a delicious meal, some delightful fellowship, and a fascinating discussion! Childcare provided upon request! Please RSVP to your circle leaders before September 17. If you don't have a circle leader, you can RSVP to moderator Lisa Shearer at Likadce2@aol.com or in person at church.

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Box Meals are back! September will feature a menu of baked chicken & rice, flavored green beans, fresh cucumber & tomato salad, and apple crisp! Fill out your order form [on September 8](#); pick up your order [September 15](#) (a week later than usual). Please order for someone who can't get out but would appreciate a delicious Sunday meal. WoF will cover the cost of the meal if you'll deliver!

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The next Coordinating Team Meeting will be October 7 at 6:30pm in the Upper Room.

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Join a Circle! Women of Fairmont has 5 Circles that meet on different days at the church, members' homes, and occasionally restaurants throughout the month and it is never too late to join a Circle! The focus of WOF Circles are Bible Study, Prayer, Fellowship, Community, and Mission Giving.

Circle Leadership:

- 1 - Monica Mantia and Wynn Adam
- 2/3 - Doris Olt and Betty Brown
- 6 - Jackie Vickroy and Deb Wright
- 7 - Barb Shinn and Kathy Akers
- 8 - Kate Barnett and Becky Sennett

DEACONS

The Annual Church Picnic hosted by the Board of Deacons is Sunday, September 8, following a single service of worship at 10:30 a.m. The Deacons will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, a sundae bar, and drinks. Please bring a side dish to share if you are able. We look forward to seeing everyone there!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fall Kick-Off Sunday! Sunday, **September 8th**, is our Fall Kick-Off Sunday as we begin the new program year at Fairmont. Our summer days are slowly turning to the cool, colorful days of autumn, children are back to school, and our church family is moving into full swing with programs for children, youth, and adults! Join us in welcoming the changing seasons of our lives as we celebrate the new church year on September 8th with a **single service of worship at 10:30 a.m.** followed by an all-church picnic hosted by the Deacons.

Dayton Strong: Let us as a community of faith continue to lift our prayers for the victims of the shooting, for the families who are grieving, for the first responders and caregivers, and for the people of Dayton as we process what has happened here and across our country. If you want to contribute to the Dayton Foundation's Oregon District Tragedy Fund, the link is below. You may also write a check with "Oregon District Tragedy Fund" in the memo line and leave it in the office or the offering plate and we will send that money to the Oregon District Tragedy Fund. Thank you for being the Body of Christ in times such as these. Link to the website: https://www.daytonfoundation.org/dayton_oregon_district_tragedy_fund.html.

2020 Fairmont Israel Trip: Have you ever wanted to walk where Jesus walked, dip your toes in the Sea of Galilee or the Jordan River, or wander through the remnants of the temple in Jerusalem? Now is your chance! On February 10-20, 2020, Pastor Brian will be leading a pilgrimage trip to the Holy Land. You are invited to come along. This will be Brian's tenth trip to Israel/Palestine. He regularly leads groups focusing on Biblical history for United Theological Seminary and for the Jewish Center for Learning and Leadership. A brochure containing all pertinent information is available at the church office. Come and see!

Fourth Friday Family Pizza Dinners resume in September! Join us on **Friday, September 27th** at 5:30pm at Marion's Pizza in Oakwood. All are welcome!

The Men's Group will meet at MCL on September 18 at 11:30am. Please RSVP on the Friendship Pad or by calling the church office.

Blood Pressure Screening: There will be a Blood Pressure Screening in the parlor on Sunday, September 22, at 9:30 and 11:30am. Contact Ann Diller for details.

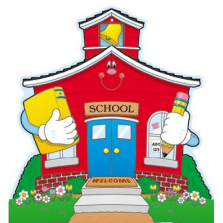
Art, Antique, and Craft Show: Preparations are well underway for our annual Art, Antique, and Craft Show! The show this year will be on **Saturday, November 16th**, from 9am-3pm. Looking for ways to help? We need gift cards. We use them for the auction and will accept any gift cards for oil changes, restaurants, salons, dry cleaning, etc. We will have flyers in the office to pick up as some businesses want proof that our request is legitimate. The cards can be dropped off in the office and kept secure. We also still need your unwanted jewelry, seasonal items, collectibles, quilts, wreaths (either decorated or not but in good shape), and cookbooks. We will also need volunteers to help the day of the show. This makes or breaks us! A big thank you to all who help and those who support our vendors! For more information, call **Carolyn Wimer**.

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, September 8. Song/chord sheets are provided. All skill levels welcome!

PRESCHOOL CORNER

Registration for Preschool for the 2019-2020 school year is 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.

A Note From the Director: We are so excited for another year of learning! Thank you to Fairmont's congregation for all of the love and support you have given our preschool over the years. Stop by anytime to visit the preschool! -Tracy



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Preschool Teacher: Amber Reshad
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Bookkeeper: Martha Keil
Custodian: Louis Weyrauch

September Birthdays

Martha Keil	09/01	Emily Weaner	09/20
Tracy Landgren	09/03	Betty Brown	09/21
Judith Porter	09/06	David Cohen	09/21
Martha Hibbs	09/08	Robert Kaskocsak	09/21
Andrew Ludwig	09/08	Sally Kaskocsak	09/21
Evi Fromm	09/09	Lynn Shepard	09/21
Bryan Mann	09/10	Col Thomas Kelly	09/22
Allison Ludwig	09/11	Amy Jordan	09/23
Jorge Gonzalez	09/12	Isabel Glueckert	09/23
William Ross	09/12	Abigail Lewis	09/23
Helen Madole	09/16	Virene MacCagno	09/24
Lillie Harris	09/16	Kit MacKenzie	09/24
Amy Fish	09/16	William Haffner	09/25
Marilyn George	09/17	Ken Mackenzie	09/25
Elizabeth Specht	09/17	Cindy Youngerman	09/25
Bryan Akers	09/17	Anne Johnson	09/27
Dorothy Harner	09/18	Robert Williams	09/28
David Peterson	09/18	Paul Lamberger	09/28
Lois Turnbull	09/19	Margaret Bergstresser	09/28
Donna Ginader	09/19	Carol Bussey	09/29
Cassandra Shearer	09/19	Jan Franklin	09/29
Kelley Shin	09/19	Bonnie Grieco	09/30



DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT CALL

The deadline for next month is Friday, September 20, 2018.

Please submit articles to: rboden@fairmontchurch.org.