

THE CALL

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THOUGHTS FROM BRIAN

Covenant: that which binds us to God and to each other.

As a Reformed Christian, I believe that God has one continuous plan for the rescue of the world and everyone in it and the name of that plan is covenant. In a world characterized by disposable commitments and relationships, covenant directs us toward something permanent. It begins with promises, but not like the promises we make and break when they no longer suit our needs. Covenant is a promise that you enter into knowing that it will change who you are. Covenant is commitment that builds trust and relationship rather than self-satisfaction. Covenant endures over time and generations.

In the church we talk at length about God's Covenant first with Israel and then through Jesus with all of us who are engrafted into Israel through faith, but Covenant does not merely connect us to God. Covenant connects us to each other. Paul reminded the ancient and contemporary church that our true identity and purpose is together—living, loving, and laboring together—in our shared relationship with God. If we give ourselves over to those covenantal commitments and each other we will change, we will grow, and we will become more like Jesus.

At Fairmont, Covenant is not merely an idea. It is the pattern and plan for our life together. We commit to share our love and creativity, care and concern, prayers and labor, energy and imagination, and even our money to connect to God and others in ever deeper ways and invite everyone into that invitation of belonging, sharing, and transformation.

In Jesus of Nazareth, God risked for the sake of relationship with us, binding God's own self to us for all eternity. The question for us is what are we willing to risk to bind ourselves to each other?

NOTES FROM KELLEY

As a worshipping community, we will begin the month of October with the celebration of *World Communion Sunday* on October 6th. On World Communion Sunday we gather around God's Table with Christians across the world to celebrate God's love and forgiveness as found in the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. There is great hope in knowing that Christians across the world share in the breaking of the bread and the drinking of the cup, as we find our common ground in Jesus Christ. At both services, the communion bread we share in worship will represent countries and cultures from around the globe.

We will end the month of October with the celebration of **Reformation/Heritage Sunday on October 27th**. Reformation/Heritage Sunday is a day to celebrate and remember our history as Reformed Christians who ultimately and always believe in the providence and grace of God. Through confessions and bagpipes, ancient tartans and shared history, we celebrate those saints who have gone before us in faith, proclaiming the love of Christ through the years.

Whether we are gathering to remember the faith of the saints who have gone before us or if we are gathering to connect with living saints across the world who share in the common bread and cup of Christ, we are reminded that we are not alone in our faith journey. We indeed are part of the larger community of believers here and now and those who have gone before. Join us for Sundays in October as we are the Body of Christ together in worship!



WORSHIP AND MUSIC

October 6: World Communion Sunday

Lesson: Luke 13: 18-21, 17: 5-6

Sermon: "One Tiny Seed"

October 13

First Lesson: Jeremiah 29: 1, 4-7

Second Lesson: Luke 17: 11-19

Sermon: "One Out of Ten"

October 20: Children's Sabbath

First Lesson: Psalm 121

Second Lesson: Luke 18: 1-8

Sermon: "The Parable of the Persistent Toddler"

October 27

First Lesson: Joel 2: 23-32

Second Lesson: Luke 18: 9-14

Sermon: "Thank God I'm Not Like Those Other People"

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Remembering the Saints: You are invited to a time of worship and remembering the saints who have died and now live in glory. We will gather in the Chapel on All Saints Day, Friday, November 1st at 6:30 p.m. for a brief service of remembering.

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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! With many voices we can make the rafters ring in praise and worship of God! Chancel Choir meets on Thursday evenings from 7-8:30 and sings at the 10:30 service. Bell Choir practice is on Thursday evenings from 6-6:45. 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. 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! 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

Kidz Korner



We had an amazing turnout at Children's Choir on Kick-off Sunday!

Trunk or Treat: October 26, 4:00pm-5:00pm Bring your little ones in costume or trick or treat from car to car in this safe spin on traditional Beggar's Night! The event will be held in the lower parking lot of the church. There will be face painting and plenty of apple cider available!

We need trunks! We can't have Trunk or Treat without your help. Please indicate on the sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall if you will bring your car and enough candy or small toys for 300-400 kids on October 26th. Dress up your car and yourself, if you wish, and park on the side of the parking lot closest to the playground. We always have fun! If you are interested in having an "allergy friendly" trunk, please let Rachel know.

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Bible Stories: October 4, 8pm on the Zoom mobile app. Contact Rachel for details and how to participate!

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Cincinnati Zoo Overnight: Some of our children and youth at Fairmont spent a fun night at the Cincinnati Zoo in late September. We saw animals up close, tried meal worms, went behind the scenes to learn about the scientific research at the zoo, and learned about how we can protect God's creation. We even slept next to the manatee tank! We had a wonderful educational experience. Thank you for your contributions to our children's and youth ministries at Fairmont that allow us opportunities like this!



PYC

PYC meets on WEDNESDAY evenings during the program year from 6-8pm at the church, and is for students in grades 6-12. The Wednesday evening schedule will look something like this:

- 6-6:30pm: Dinner
- 6:30-7:10pm: Games
- 7:10-7:50pm: Bible Study
- 7:50-8pm: Closing (all together)

There are also unsupervised study tables available in the church library from 5:30-6pm.

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

Adult Education

Connections: Israel and the Biblical World: Every Wednesday evening at 6:30pm in the chapel, 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.

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New Member Class: Are you interested in becoming a member of Fairmont Presbyterian Church? Would you like to know what it means to be part of a PC(USA) church? Come join us for a New Member Class on **Sunday, October 13th, at 9:30 a.m.** (between services) in the Chapel. All are welcome! If you are interested in membership but unable to make the meeting on October 13th, contact Pastor Kelley at kshin@fairmontchurch.org.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS

From the Building and Ground Committee: Phase one of the Fellowship Hall renovation will be starting the week of October 10. This phase will be patching and painting the ceiling and walls, installing new lighting. Phase two will start early next year with more painting and new carpet. Please be careful and flexible during this time - thank you!

WITHIN THE FELLOWSHIP

WOMEN OF FAIRMONT

Circle Meeting Dates/Times/Locations:

- 1 - 2nd Monday of the month, 7pm, chapel
- 2/3 - 3rd Wednesday of the month, 10am, church library
- 6 - 3rd Wednesday of the month, 7pm, parlor
- 7 - 3rd Saturday of the month, 9:30am, members' homes
- 8 - 4th Monday of the month, 7pm, parlor

Note: Circle meeting dates and locations may change. Contact the church office if you are attending for the first time.

Fairmont Women's Retreat "Save the Date!"
 Fairmont Women: Mark your calendars for April 24-25, 2020 for our Women's Retreat at Hueston Woods led by Rev. Kelley Shin!

Box Meals: This month's Sunday Box Meal pick-up date is October 20 after the single service. You can choose to pick up your meal or dine in the Fellowship Hall with others. Enjoy a great meal, and order one to take to a friend! October's menu is Beef Stroganoff over Buttered Noodles, Dill & Chive Peas, Romaine & Orange Salad, and a Pumpkin Bar.

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

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Thank you all for your generous contributions to the 2019 Thank Offering of Presbyterian Women. Through the Thank Offering, you have helped to fund programs that provide education, safe housing, food, clean water, health care and so much more. Your generosity has helped to accomplish significant ministry to people in need. Thank you!

Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wedn	
				12pm: AA (C) 12pm: OA (rc) 7pm: Team Meetings	1	2pm: Pastors' E 6pm: PYC 6:30pm: Praise 6:30pm: Conne 7pm: AA (012)	
World Communion 8:30am: Casual Service 10:30am: Traditional Service	6	Office closes at noon	7	11am: Fit 4 You (fh) 12pm: AA (C) 12pm: OA (rc) 7pm: Trustees, B&G, Finance	8	2pm: Pastors' E 5:30pm: GIFT 6pm: PYC 6:30pm: Praise 6:30pm: Conne 7pm: AA (012)	
8:30am: Casual Service 9:30am: Acoustic Grace 9:30am: New Member Class 10:30am: Traditional Service 1pm: Movie Matinee	13	Office closes at noon	14	11am: Fit 4 You (fh) 12pm: AA (C) 12pm: OA (rc) 7pm: Session	15	2pm: Pastors' E 6pm: PYC 6:30pm: Praise 6:30pm: Conne 7pm: AA (012)	
Children's Sabbath 8:30am: Casual Service 10:30am: Traditional Service (sanctuary) 9:30/11:30am: 3rd Sunday Mission WOF Boxed Lunch	20	Office closes at noon	21	11am: Fit 4 You (fh) 12pm: AA (C) 12pm: OA (rc) 7pm: Deacons (ur)	22	2pm: Pastors' E 6pm: PYC 6:30pm: Praise 6:30pm: Conne 7pm: AA (012)	
10:30am: Single service	27	Office closes at noon	28	11am: Fit 4 You (fh) 12pm: AA (C) 12pm: OA (rc)	29	2pm: Pastors' E 6pm: PYC 6:30pm: Praise 6:30pm: Conne 7pm: AA (012)	

October

Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
Bible Study Band (fh) Functions (chapel)	2	6pm: Bell Choir Rehearsal 7pm: NA (012) 7pm: Choir Rehearsal	3	11am: Fit 4 You (fh) 12pm: OA (rc) 5pm: Theology on Tap (off site)	4		5
Bible Study (fh) Band (fh) Functions (chapel)	9	6pm: Bell Choir Rehearsal 7pm: NA (012) 7pm: Choir Rehearsal	10	11am: Fit 4 You (fh) 12pm: OA (rc)	11	9:30am: Kinship Group	12
Bible Study Band (fh) Functions (chapel)	16	1pm: Creative Crafters (fh) 6pm: Bell Choir Rehearsal 7pm: NA (012) 7pm: Choir Rehearsal	17	11am: Fit 4 You (fh) 12pm: OA (rc) 5pm: Theology on Tap (off site)	18		19
Bible Study Band (fh) Functions (chapel)	23	1pm: Rug Hooking Group (fh) 6pm: Bell Choir Rehearsal 7pm: NA (012) 7pm: Choir Rehearsal	24	11am: Fit 4 You (fh) 12pm: OA (rc) 12pm: Call Deadline 5:30pm: Fairmont Family Pizza Dinner (offsite)	25	4pm: Trunk or Treat	26
Bible Study Band (fh) Functions (chapel)	30	6pm: Bell Choir Rehearsal 7pm: NA (012) 7pm: Choir Rehearsal	31				

MISSION BEYOND THE CONGREGATION

Helping Hands, Helping Hearts 

Artemis Center Breaking the Cycle Breakfast: No one wants to talk about domestic violence but it is common in YOUR neighborhood, more than you care to know. Fairmont is a long-time financial supporter of the Artemis Center, and they are hosting their 7th annual "Breaking the Cycle" fundraising breakfast! We have reserved a table at this event so our members can hear first-hand what Artemis is about. The breakfast will take place **Thursday, October 17th at the Sinclair Conference Center.** Doors open at 7:30am. If you would like to attend this breakfast, speak with Dave Diller to reserve your spot at our table. We will carpool from church.

A Big THANK YOU from Daybreak! This year, our team visited Daybreak to learn about the new Stuart & Mimi Rose Opportunity Zone for Youth which is now providing homeless youth from 10 to 18 with comprehensive employment and education assistance where they can earn their high school diploma, possibly earn credentials, and gain work experience. Thank you!

House of Bread October Sock Drive: We have had a special request from the House of Bread! We are collecting white crew socks. You may leave your donations in the Black and White Narthex until Sunday Oct. 20 when they will be used for our 3rd Sunday Mission Project.

3rd Sunday Mission Project, October 20: Join us in Fellowship Hall after each service to pack and tie socks and attach simple notes of love and support for the many folks who visit House of Bread. Many loving hands are needed. Come help bring some joy to someone's cold feet!

ASIST Training: Leigh Ann Fulford and I were recently trained in ASIST (Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training) and we're offering a training on Monday and Tues, Oct 7,8 8:30-4:30 at Fairmont Presbyterian Church in Kettering. The links below have a good description of ASIST and the course. The cost is \$20 (\$160 value) which is a great value and subsidized by the money that we have raised in Dayton for the Out of the Darkness Walks for the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. Please contact us with additional questions and we'd be happy to answer. Hope to see some of you there. -Sallie Luther

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<https://www.facebook.com/events/2354738938176864/?ti=icl>

5TH ANNUAL DAYTON OUT OF THE DARKNESS WALK - The Mission Team is proud to announce that Fairmont Presbyterian Church will be a sponsor for the 4th Annual Dayton Out of the Darkness Walk which is part of American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP). The Walk will be held **Sunday, October 20** at 2pm at Oakwood High School. We have several Mission team members/spouses walking, coordinated by Sally Kaskocsak. It is free to walk in the event but we do encourage fundraising and require registration for liability purposes. Registration can be done at www.outofthedarkness.org. If you can't walk but still want to donate, you can donate to Sallie Luther, www.afsp.donordrive.com/participant/1555462.

Volunteers needed! Did you know that Fairmont has a monthly group home ministry? We visit a Kettering group home to share activities with 6-7 women with disabilities, aged 55-65. This is the only community contact that these ladies experience and they love our visits. Fairmont leaders come up with activities, but need extra hands to help guide these lovely ladies. No prior experience or training needed. We meet Sunday afternoon, once a month with activities lasting 1-2 hours. If you are interested in helping out for a given month or several months, please contact Jackie Susnik.

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!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fourth Friday Family Pizza Dinners: Join us for our October family gathering! Friday, October 25th at 5:30 p.m. at Marion's Piazza in Oakwood (711 Shroyer Road, Oakwood). All are welcome!

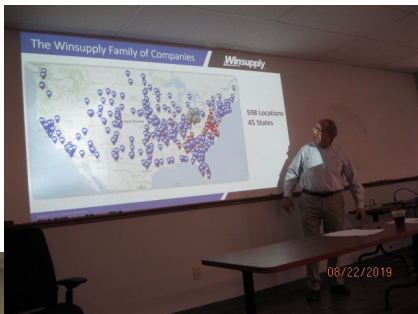
Theology on Tap: Food, drinks, conversation, and fellowship! Join us at Eudora Brewery (3022 Wilmington Pike) at 5:00 p.m. on Fridays, October 4th and 18th.

GIFT (Generations In Fellowship Together) will meet on Wednesday, October 9, at 5:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Please join us for an intergenerational potluck dinner. No RSVP is necessary. Bring a dish to share. GIFT meets each second Wednesday of the month. All are welcome!

Sunday October 27 is Reformation Heritage Sunday! Join us for a single service on Sunday October 27 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 St. Andrew's Pipe and Drum Band! Gentlemen, this is a perfect opportunity to wear your kilts!

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Fairmont Men's Group will visit the Miamisburg Mound Museum, located at 1075 Mound Road, on Wednesday, October 16th at 11:30am. We will meet for a box lunch and tour of the facility where "the people, the plant, their research, and their manufactured items were at the leading edge of the Nuclear Age in the USA during WWII." The cost for the lunch and program will be \$15.00. Reservations can be made by signing the attendance pads at church or notifying the church office no later than noon on Tuesday, October 15th.

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 Fairmont Men's Group had a busy August! We visited the National Veterans Memorial Museum on August 10th, and later in the month heard Rick Schwartz talk about the history and organization of one of the Dayton area's more successful companies, Winsupply. Rick, a second generation member of Fairmont, gave a detailed presentation on how Winsupply got started and their unique business model which delivers "inclusive" free-enterprise capitalism to its 600 locally owned and managed wholesale supply companies in 45 states. Thanks, Rick!



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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, etc. We also still need your unwanted jewelry, seasonal items, collectibles, quilts, wreaths, 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**.

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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!

PRESCHOOL CORNER

Registration for Preschool for the 2019-2020 school year is open. Registration forms may be found under the Pre-school tab on the church website. A non-refundable \$50 registration fee is due at the time of registration. Contact Tracy at 299-3539 or tland-



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October Birthdays

Lynne Hibbs	10/01	Richard Prichard	10/14
Raymond Johnson	10/02	Katherine Gonzalez	10/14
Barbara Shinn	10/02	Caroline Buchheit	10/14
Asia Schramm	10/03	Jane Davis	10/15
Becky Ross	10/04	Jean Bartlett	10/16
Althea Harper	10/05	Pam Ridings	10/16
Joseph Bausman	10/07	Mark Anderson	10/18
Laura Peterson	10/07	Russell Mantia	10/18
Jerry Hisel	10/08	Mindy Ellis	10/19
Christina Harper	10/08	Daniel Flanders	10/19
Donald Specht	10/08	Doris Williamson	10/21
Charles Ross	10/08	Oliver Newton	10/21
Pat Goss	10/10	Robert Wunder	10/22
Ashley Bowden	10/10	Lauren Grieco	10/23
Sue Wildasinn	10/11	Anna Jane Warner	10/23
Taylor Kabacinski	10/11	Lois Hines	10/25
Jackie Susnik	10/12	Auden Gill	10/27
David Calvin	10/12	Jerry Mahn	10/28
Allison Ross	10/12	Esther Kremer	10/29
Samuel Boden	10/12	Sarah Bugden	10/29
Dawson Sennet	10/12	Judy Dunlope	10/30
Jean D. Webster	10/13	Emily Bruzzese	10/30
Lucille Helker	10/14		
Harry Bradbury	10/14		



DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT CALL

The deadline for next month is Friday, October 25, 2019.

Please submit articles to: rboden@fairmontchurch.org.