

# THE CALL

Fairmont Presbyterian Church

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## THOUGHTS FROM BRIAN

*For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.*  
Matthew 6:21

While serving as an attorney, I learned that if you want to find out what a person's real intentions and commitments are, follow the money. It may be a crass way of expressing it, but a person's finances follow her or his values illuminating what we really believe and hold dear as opposed to those things we only say are important.

So, here is an important spiritual discipline. What does your bank statement say about who you are and what you value? What is important and what is not in your life? Do your choices of how you spend your money reflect those values? There are no right or wrong answers to these questions. The questions simply focus us on who we really are versus who we think we are or who we say we are.

Somebody asked me, "How much should I give?" You need to give such that it makes a difference in your life. Giving changes us. Giving makes us more generous. Giving makes us more grateful. If your giving makes no impact on any choices in your life, you probably do not give enough. If your giving imposes undue stresses and hardships then you probably give too much. The question is not so much one of numbers, but rather a matter for careful self-assessment.

Do you value your role as a disciple of Jesus Christ and your part in the chain of witnesses? Do you value this community, Fairmont Presbyterian Church, in our ongoing proclamation of the Gospel and formation of disciples? Generations have committed their time, their labor, and their money so that our ministry may flourish and bring the Good News to you. Now it is our turn. On Sunday November 10, we will be sharing our financial commitments to the ministry of Jesus here in our community of Fairmont. What values will you express?

## NOTES FROM KELLEY

In the heart of this Stewardship season at Fairmont Presbyterian Church, we take time to be still and consider *why we give* and *for whom we give*. Stewardship is much more than fundraising. Stewardship is proclaiming, "We have a vision to which God has called us, and we are inviting you to bring your gifts, your passion, and your money, to be part of this work to which God has called us!"

If, in our giving of talents, time, and treasures, we are void of a vision and do not understand our mission, then we are simply going through the steps of fundraising. Throughout the church and within the publications of our church we have reminders of *why we give* and *for whom we give*:

### **What do we do?** (Fairmont's Mission Statement)

Fairmont Presbyterian Church nurtures and guides people to live inspired lives.

### **Why do we do it?** (Fairmont's Vision Statement)

In order to love God and one another.

### **How do we do it?** (Fairmont's Plan for Ministry)

With all our **hearts** by sharing Christ's invitation to belong in community with all people and grow into ever deeper relationships with God and one another.

With all our **minds** through learning the story of God and how the stories of our lives fit into the greater story of God's people. We share God's story with everyone as we seek to learn everyone's story.

With all our **strength** by serving our community together and participating in the practices of Christian discipleship.

I am grateful to God to be part of the exciting work and ministry at Fairmont Presbyterian Church. I am honored to be called side-by-side with you as we share our gifts in ministry together. Join us on Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, for Stewardship Dedication Sunday as we worship God together!

## WORSHIP AND MUSIC

### November 3: All Saints' Sunday

Welcome guest preacher **Joni Sancken!** Joni teaches preaching at United Theological Seminary and, along with her husband Steve and children Maggie and Teddy, regularly shares in our worship at Fairmont. Rev. Dr. Sancken is an ordained minister of the Mennonite Church U.S.A.

**Lesson:** Revelation 21: 1-6

**Sermon:** "Do-gooders"

### November 10

**First Lesson:** Luke 20: 27-39

**Second Lesson:** Haggai 1:14-2:9

**Sermon:** "...More to Follow"

### November 17

**First Lesson:** Isaiah 65:17-25

**Second Lesson:** Luke 21:5-19

**Sermon:** "Beautiful Stones"

### November 24

**First Lesson:** Luke 23: 33-43

**Second Lesson:** Revelation 22: 1-5

**Sermon:** "For the Healing of the Nations"

**Join the Choir for Christmas!** The Chancel Choir is beginning to rehearse music for the Christmas season and we invite all Fairmont singers to join us! This is a wonderful opportunity to check out what it is like to sing with us. Our choir is filled with fun, talented, and welcoming people. Please consider joining us!

Our **service of lessons and carols** will be held on **Sunday, December 8 at the 10:30 service.** We will begin practicing the music on Thursday, November 7 from 7:30 - 8:30. The choir will practice upcoming anthems from 7:00 - 7:30 each week and switch to our Christmas music at 7:30. Childcare will be provided. Please contact Vicki Ramga for more information at [vramga@fairmontchurch.org](mailto:vramga@fairmontchurch.org).

### Rehearsal schedule for Lessons and Carols:

Thursday, November 7 - 7:30 - 8:30

Thursday, November 14 - 7:30 - 8:30

Thursday, November 21 - 7:30-8:30

Thursday, December 5 - 7:30 - 9:00

Saturday, December 7 - 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

## CHRISTIAN FORMATION

### Kidz Korner

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

**Save the Date!** The children's Christmas pageant this year will be during the 10:30 service on Sunday, December 22nd. Stay tuned for details!



Children's Sabbath 2019

### PYC

PYC meets on **WEDNESDAY** evenings during the program year from 6-8pm at the church, and is for students in grades 6-12.

#### November Schedule:

**November 6th:** PYC 6-8pm (Woman at the Well)

**November 13th:** PYC 6-8pm (Jesus Calms the Storm)

**November 20th:** PYC 6-8 (Stepping Out of the Boat)

**November 27th:** NO PYC (Thanksgiving Break)

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

### 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.

**Connections for Advent:** Join us for as we explore the biblical texts surrounding the story of the birth of Jesus—

2 Wednesdays, December 4, 11, and 18.

## BUDGET AND STEWARDSHIP

From Your Stewardship Team:

The Spirit is alive, well, and growing at Fairmont. We can see the spirit in the large increase of children in our congregation. Babies are being born into our congregation in numbers not seen for many years. We can hear the Spirit when a baby's cry joins our worship service on Sunday mornings.

Thanks to Rachel's leadership, our children's programs are thriving. I heard the Spirit when I dropped off my grandchildren at children's choir practice and saw the room full of young voices singing praises to God. What a blessing it is to see the chancel steps full of young worshipers during children's talk on Sundays.

Yes, the Spirit is alive, well and growing at Fairmont. One can sense it in the willingness of our members to serve on church boards. The countless hours spent by our members in service to Women of Fairmont speaks to the Spirit's presence. The Spirit can be felt as the word of God is given to us on Sundays by our inspirational pastoral staff. I really think the energy of the Spirit in our church and congregation is palpable.

We have just started another stewardship season at Fairmont. This week, you will continue to hear inspirational Minutes for Mission from congregation members telling us what Fairmont means to them and their families. We have just mailed a personally signed letter from the members of Session explaining the Christian rationale of giving. You will also receive a letter from Brian and Kelley in which they will share with you the Session-approved budget needs of 2020. This will all culminate on November 10 (Consecration Sunday) when you will be able to walk down the aisle and put your pledge in the basket.

As you make this important and meaningful decision, please include in your considerations how the Spirit is growing at Fairmont and how your pledge will allow the Spirit to continue to grow.

Respectfully,

Ken Ginader  
Jeff Adam

**THANK YOU!**

**What if Everyone Tithed?** Somebody asked me a good question. What would happen if everyone at Fairmont tithed? Tithing is the Biblical practice of using one tenth of your income for the work of ministry. If every current Fairmont member did that we would share (*and this is based on some extrapolations from Kettering census data*) approximately 2.3 million dollars for ministry every year (that is more than four times what is currently given). With those resources we could transform the lives of children and young people in our community, glorify God in worship through new commissioned music and artwork, provide free or subsidized child care for parents in need, offer community concerts and workshops, expand our outreach to college campuses and young people, add additional worship services at times other than Sunday morning, hold regular retreats, provide weekly community meals and learning opportunities for people of all ages, deepen our support for local schools, partner with community health ministries, and provide new care and support for older adults both at Fairmont and at local care centers. These are just some of the possibilities if we all tithed together. It may sound like a dream, but all it would take to become a reality is a choice and a commitment.

## WOMEN OF FAIRMONT

**The Thank Offering** received \$580 (so far!) for the Mission of Presbyterian Women globally. Thank you so much for your generosity and support of this important mission!!

**The next Coordinating Team Meeting** will be November 4 at 6:30pm in the Upper Room.

### 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, 5:30pm, C-ville Panera

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.

**Box Meals:** This month's Sunday Box Meal pick-up date is November 17. 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!

Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wedn	
8:30am: Casual Service 10:30am: Traditional Service	<b>3</b>	Office closes at noon	<b>4</b>	12pm: AA (C) 12pm: OA (rc) 7pm: Team Meetings	<b>5</b>	2pm: Pastors' E 6pm: PYC 6:30pm: Praise 6:30pm: Conne 7pm: AA (012)	
8:30am: Casual Service 9:30am: Acoustic Grace 10:30am: Traditional Service	<b>10</b>	Office closes at noon	<b>11</b>	11am: Fit 4 You (fh) 12pm: AA (C) 12pm: OA (rc) 7pm: Trustees, B&G, Finance	<b>12</b>	2pm: Pastors' E 5:30pm: GIFT 6pm: PYC 6:30pm: Praise 6:30pm: Conne 7pm: AA (012)	
8:30am: Casual Service 10:30am: Traditional Service 9:30/11:30am: 3rd Sunday Mission WOF Boxed Lunch	<b>17</b>	Office closes at noon	<b>18</b>	11am: Fit 4 You (fh) 12pm: AA (C) 12pm: OA (rc) 7pm: Session	<b>19</b>	2pm: Pastors' E 6pm: PYC 6:30pm: Praise 6:30pm: Conne 7pm: AA (012)	
8:30am: Casual Service 10:30am: Traditional Service	<b>24</b>	Office closes at noon	<b>25</b>	11am: Fit 4 You (fh) 12pm: AA (C) 12pm: OA (rc)	<b>26</b>	2pm: Pastors' E 6:30pm: Praise 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) 6:30pm: All Saints Worship	<b>1</b>		<b>2</b>
Bible Study Band (fh) Sessions (chapel)	<b>6</b>	6pm: Bell Choir Rehearsal 7pm: NA (012) 7pm: Choir Rehearsal	<b>7</b>	11am: Fit 4 You (fh) 12pm: OA (rc)	<b>8</b>	9:30am: Kinship Group	<b>9</b>
Bible Study (fh) Band (fh) Sessions (chapel)	<b>13</b>	6pm: Bell Choir Rehearsal 7pm: NA (012) 7pm: Choir Rehearsal	<b>14</b>	11am: Fit 4 You (fh) 12pm: OA (rc) 5pm: Theology on Tap (off site)	<b>15</b>	9am-3pm: Art, Antique, and Craft Show	<b>16</b>
Bible Study Band (fh) Sessions (chapel)	<b>20</b>	6pm: Bell Choir Rehearsal 7pm: NA (012) 7pm: Choir Rehearsal	<b>21</b>	11am: Fit 4 You (fh) 12pm: OA (rc) 12pm: Call Deadline 5:30pm: Fairmont Family Pizza Dinner (offsite)	<b>22</b>		<b>23</b>
Bible Study Band (fh)	<b>27</b>	Thanksgiving Day—Office Closed	<b>28</b>	Office Closed	<b>29</b>		<b>30</b>

## WITHIN THE FELLOWSHIP

### Births

William David Bergstresser, October 28

### MISSION BEYOND THE CONGREGATION

Helping Hands, Helping Hearts



**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Mission Project, All Saints care and support:** On November 17, 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.

**Christmas is around the corner! Jeremiah's Letter!** This project provides local families with the ingredients for a nice Christmas dinner with additional groceries along with gifts for the family. After Thanksgiving, we will be posting the color-coded trees with requested gift items for you to purchase and wrap. We anticipate supporting seven families. More details will be coming!

**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.

**A great Out of the Darkness Walk!** Several Fairmont members attended the Out of the Darkness Walk Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup> which was organized by the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. Member Sallie Luther did a fabulous job of speaking at the event and helping to coordinate it. At first count over 2,000 people attended—more than ever! It was a wonderful hike of over a mile through Oakwood. Fairmont was announced as a major sponsor of the event and our logo was displayed on the event's t-shirts. At the walk, people wear different colored bead necklaces to signify their personal connection to the cause. A young lady jogged the course wearing an Army rucksack, next to a man with an American flag, only stopping because the rucksack's strap began to break. They both wore silver necklaces to signify the loss of a first responder or military member. Before the walk began, a young woman spoke about the meaning of her several strings of beads and how much she appreciated all of the people walking in solidarity with her. What a wonderful gift Fairmont gave to the community!

**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 jars of peanut butter 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 November family gathering! Friday, November 22 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, November 1st and 15th.

**GIFT (Generations In Fellowship Together)** will meet on Wednesday, November 13, 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!

**Remembering the Saints:** You are invited to a time of prayer 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.



**"How to Offer Emotional & Spiritual Care Following a Disaster"** Wed., Nov. 13: Dayton Strong Presbytery of the Miami Valley will sponsor How to Offer Emotional & Spiritual Care Following a Disaster, a workshop to strengthen skills for offering hope to those surviving community-wide disasters. The workshop will be held on **Wednesday, November 13, 9:00- 3:00 at Fairmont Presbyterian Church**. The free workshop includes lunch, but you must pre-register at [www.miamipresbytery.org](http://www.miamipresbytery.org) by November 1. In this workshop participants will be able to:

1. examine what makes emotional and spiritual care (ESC) particularly challenging in community-wide disasters, particularly complex disaster scenarios such as Dayton
2. become familiar with some common best practices in community-wide disaster spiritual and emotional care
3. work with peers in the community to assess and plan for particular next-step practice needs for ESC in the Dayton community.

**Art, Antique, and Craft Show: 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**.

**Fairmont Movie Matinee—The Tomb of Christ and the Secrets of Jerusalem:** Join us on Sunday November 10 at 1:30 p.m. for a documentary on recent excavations in Jerusalem bringing hidden parts of the ancient city to light and on the 2017 restoration of tomb of Jesus in the Church of the Holy Sepulcher and the surprises found there.

**Fairmont Men's Group** visited the Miamisburg Mound Museum in October on the invitation of Paul Lamberger, who worked there for 36 years as a Chemical Engineer. The Museum is now under the list of other Dayton historical places managed by Dayton History of Carillon Park. In November our group will meet again for lunch at MCL Cafeteria on Wednesday, November 20th at 11:30am. All the men of the church are invited to attend. Register by calling the church office or signing the attendance pad by Tuesday noon November 19th.

*Leaning into the Light...a December-Advent SoulCollage®* day for women 18+, led by **Lisa M Hess and Lisa Heckaman**. **Saturday December 7th, 9:30-2:30 p.m., chapel and fellowship hall. Cost: \$40.** Fairmont women and staff welcome at half-price (covers materials' cost): \$20. **Reserve your chair in the circle** by emailing [lisaheckaman@yahoo.com](mailto:lisaheckaman@yahoo.com) or text/call 937-489-6353 (leaving name and email address).

**Cookie Walk:** The annual Women of Fairmont Cookie Walk is fast approaching on December 8<sup>th</sup>, following the single service. Be sure to save the date! Everyone is invited to bake and donate cookies and candy for the Cookie Walk. For cookie and candy donations, watch for the sign-up sheet, which will be posted in the Fellowship Hall, or you may sign up on the Friendship Pad. Cookies and candies can be delivered to the Fellowship Hall on Friday, December 6 between 9:00 am and 3:00 pm or Saturday, December 7 between 9:00 and 11:00 am. Then join us on December 8<sup>th</sup> to purchase cookies for the benefit of the Women of Fairmont.

**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. Come and see! **The registration deadline is November 10.**

**Fit 4 You—Please join us every Tuesday and Friday at 11:00am in Fellowship Hall.** Come and be a part of this great wellness program to help you become more fit and healthy. All fitness and ability levels welcome.

**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!

## PRESCHOOL CORNER

**We have received our 2<sup>nd</sup> star for Step Up to Quality!** This designates us as a quality preschool with quality teachers and curriculum. Thank you for your continued support of the preschool! Our 3-year-old class is **FULL**. Contact Tracy at 299-3539 or [7tlandgren@fairmontchurch.org](mailto:7tlandgren@fairmontchurch.org) for more info.



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**Custodian:** Louis Weyrauch

## November Birthdays

Stuart Schramm	11/01	Nicole Hohler	11/15
Ann Diller	11/03	Wayne Morse	11/19
Janine Borneman	11/03	Rebecca Lamb	11/19
Betty Lou Ludwig	11/05	Jim Grillot	11/19
Mike Cavey	11/05	Missy Turner	11/20
Carrie Leary	11/05	Ryan Grieco	11/20
Sarah Hamilton	11/08	Henry Bergstresser	11/20
Eric Sitar	11/08	Don Goss	11/21
Joe Hood	11/10	Eric Diller	11/21
Debra Wright	11/10	Christine Bausman	11/22
Alexandra Barnett	11/11	Kevin Matson	11/25
Jennifer Fiden	11/12	David Hammond	11/28
Brian Diller	11/12	Strater Poindexter	11/28
Loveday Harper	11/13		



### **DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT CALL**

**The deadline for next month is Friday, November 22, 2019.**

Please submit articles to: [rboden@fairmontchurch.org](mailto:rboden@fairmontchurch.org).