

# THE CALL

(Quarantine Edition)

Fairmont Presbyterian Church

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## Love from Rachel

Consider with me the chambered nautilus. My favorite seashell, it is deceptively simple in its outward beauty: a perfect spiral, beginning in the center and growing progressively larger, paired with soft, beautiful colors. The natural beauty of its shell makes the nautilus a target of overfishing for jewelry and other ornaments. Examine the inner workings of the shell, however, and you will find its true brilliance: a series of chambers along the spiral, each slightly larger than the last, connected by a single valve on the “door” of each chamber. As the nautilus outgrows each cell - its living space - it creates a new, larger compartment in which to live, sealing off the smaller space. When the nautilus creates this new cell and seals off the old, it does not discard those smaller chambers. Instead, it retains them and remains connected to them, using those spaces to hold various amounts of air and water that allow the creature to maintain buoyancy. The chambers the nautilus outgrows serve to keep it afloat. In essence, the home of the nautilus grows as it does and helps form the creature itself, but it must create each new space - and leave behind the old.

When I walk through Fairmont, dark and empty in these days of pandemic, I see glimpses of chambers I have left behind, now far too small: Sunday school classrooms in which I used to learn, acolyte robes that no longer fit, and photos of PYC from long ago. I see, too, the more recent chambers that have held me well in these crucial years of learning and growth: the steps on which I’ve spoken to the children, the pew of my family’s choosing, the choir loft, and my sweet little office, its walls now empty and waiting for new life.

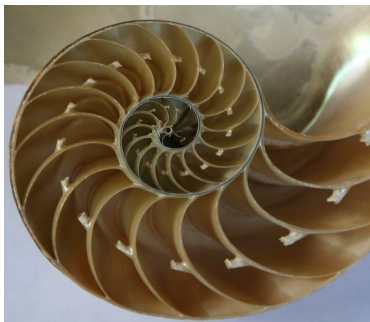
More important are the chambers of relationship I have built with so many in this church family. Those who saw me baptized as an infant, taught me in Sunday school, and answered all of my adolescent questions in youth group have a chamber. Those who allowed me to help teach Sunday school classes, help give children’s talks, and help in the nursery have a chamber, too. Larger still is the chamber of people who accepted and encouraged me in a new role as a member of the staff, and those staff companions who provided support and validation as I learned to see Fairmont from both sides of the looking glass and to navigate change and growth in myself. The children and youth, of course, have a chamber all their own, filled with laughter and tears and baby snuggles and “Miss Rachels” and mountain hikes and beautiful conversations and deep learnings. More than a church and more than a job, the community of Fairmont has grown and evolved as I have, allowing space for me to create new chambers as I outgrew the old. This is what Fairmont does best: grow, adapt, and foster and nurture faithful disciples. Each chamber I left behind is filled with love and gratitude for its unique ability - for *your* unique ability - to hold me exactly as I needed to be held.

Now again I have outgrown my chamber, and this next one will need to be considerably bigger. God is ready to help me build it, and I am ready to go. And so as I excitedly, wistfully, somewhat confidently prepare to seal off the most recent chamber I have created at Fairmont, I will leave you with words of gratitude and charge: thank you for teaching me. Thank you for raising me. Thank you for growing with me. Thank you for holding me. Hold, too, and care for your staff family and one

another as you have held and cared for me. Even as pandemic keeps us physically distant, never forget what a loving community you have here.

The nautilus lives because each outgrown chamber, its history, prevents it from sinking to the depths. As I move on to this next step, to the creation of my next chamber, I realize my own history is filled with wonderful memories and love for my Faimont family. Like the nautilus' air and water filled chambers, I know that my own love filled, memory filled chambers will keep me afloat, too.

Love,  
Rachel



## WORSHIP

**NO public worship until further notice. All worship offerings will be live-streamed online.** Visit [www.fairmontchurch.org/worship-videos](http://www.fairmontchurch.org/worship-videos) for links to all past and upcoming live streams.

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**August 2: 9th Sunday after Pentecost/Holy Communion, 10:30am**

**Lesson:** Romans 10:5-17  
**Sermon:** "Salvation for All?"

**August 9: 10th Sunday after Pentecost, 10:30am**

**First Lesson:** Romans 11:25-32  
**Sermon:** "Adopted"

**August 16: 11th Sunday after Pentecost, 10:30am**

**First Lesson:** Psalm 67: 1-7  
**Second Lesson:** Joshua 1: 1-9  
**Sermon:** "Benediction"

**August 23: 12th Sunday after Pentecost, 10:30am**

**First Lesson:** Romans 12:1-8  
**Sermon:** "Square Pegs, Round Holes"

**August 30: 13th Sunday after Pentecost, 10:30am**

**First Lesson:** Exodus 3:1-15  
**Second Lesson:** Romans 12:9-21  
**Sermon:** "Saints and Strangers"

## CHILDREN AND YOUTH

**Fall Children's Ministry:** Children's programming for the fall is still under consideration. At this time, we will likely be continuing programming for children virtually, via Zoom. Offerings for children in the fall will be contingent on Coronavirus developments as well as staff transitions. Please keep an eye on your emails for more information in September. In the meantime, stay in touch and stay healthy, and check out some of the following online Christian education resources for children!

### Mobile Apps

- Bible Trivia
- Bible App for Kids (fun Bible adventure stories and games)
- Sock Puppets (make your own puppet shows)
- Felt Board (Create Bible stories using virtual felt)
- Bible Coloring Book for Kids

### Websites

- <https://coloringbookfun.com/>
- <https://gardenofpraise.com/bibleles.htm>
- <https://jesusandkidz.com/>
- <https://www.dltk-kids.com/bible/>

## FROM THE CHOIR DIRECTOR

### Music and Meditation

Earlier this week I enjoyed a few quiet moments on the patio, listening to bird calls and savoring a rare, fresh breeze. As I slowed down and stopped to look, listen, and breathe, my thoughts drifted to the text of the anthem *Be Not Afraid* by Taylor Davis. The words are based on Isaiah 43:1-7 and include the reminder that God has redeemed us and called us by name. When we pass through difficult times God is with us. Through water, floods, fire, we are God's children.

This short experience left me with inner peace, a feeling of hope like I hadn't experienced in quite some time. Why did it take me so many months to stop and just be still? Surely, during this time of social distancing the excuse of 'I am too busy' is simply not valid.

So, my goal for spiritual renewal during the month of August is to set aside time for prayer and meditation using nature and music to guide me. Here is a short list of pieces available though YouTube, Apple Music, and Spotify.

Be Not Afraid by Taylor Davis

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bs5vSAziQaw>

Prayer of St. Gregory by Alan Hovhaness <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3TP9lwGr2u4>

Submitted by Mark Wells:

The Lord's Prayer by Malotte

<http://gloria.tv/media=479543&language=3SsSaAhCEfb>

Be sure to check out Eric Whitacre's latest virtual choir offering which includes our own Darryl Collier, Sharon Kohnle, and Amber Voss. Can you find them among the thousands of singers?

Sing Gently by Eric Whitacre

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=InULYfJHKI0>

## ONLINE MINISTRIES

**Kidz Korner Online: Tuesdays, 10:30am**

Zoom Meeting Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83927499525>

Zoom Meeting ID: 839-2749-9525

**Bible Study: Thursdays, 7:30pm**

Zoom Meeting Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86541370912>

Zoom Meeting ID: 865-4137-0912

**Theology on Tap: Fridays, 5:00pm**

Zoom Meeting Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81031782239>

Zoom Meeting ID: 810 3178 2239

**Coffee Fellowship: Sundays, 11:30am**

Zoom Meeting Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/97373657839>

Zoom Meeting ID: 973-7365-7839

**Choir Gathering: Monday, 7:00pm**

Zoom Meeting Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/93128963106>

Zoom Meeting ID: 931-2896-3106

## WOMEN OF FAIRMONT

Happy Summer! I hope this finds you healthy and hopeful as you move through this unusual summer. It certainly has not been how we imagined it would be, yet here we are. There is a lot of uncertainty about our ability to meet in person again, so please forgive me for not having any additional answers to the questions you probably have. Here is the information I can offer:

The Women of Fairmont Coordinating Team will have a VIRTUAL meeting via Zoom on Monday, August 31 at 7:30 pm

Please continue to Save-the-Date for our Fall Gathering on September 12! It does not look like we will be able to hold it in person, however, we will still try to have a VIRTUAL Gathering. More details to follow.

Our Circle leaders will be in touch with their members about how Circles will look in the Fall. Please continue to be in prayer and contact with one another as we navigate these uncertain times.

If you are interested in Women of Fairmont, joining a Circle, or finding out more, please contact Lisa Shearer, Jan Runkle, or any of our members for more information!

Thank you! Blessings, Lisa

## PASTORAL CARE

Thank you to our Deacons and our Spiritual Caregivers who are keeping regularly in touch with our most vulnerable church members during this time of "stay at home." And thank you to our Email Prayer Chain members who are praying faithfully for our church family. If you know of anyone in our congregation who is in need of pastoral care, please contact Pastor Kelley at [kshin@fairmontchurch.org](mailto:kshin@fairmontchurch.org) or (937) 751-0752. We are keeping in touch with all of our church family in multiple ways - prayer, email, text, phone, Zoom, and live-streamed worship. Together we are the Body of Christ.

Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wedn	
10:30am: Worship (stream starts at 10:15am)	<b>2</b>		<b>3</b>	10:30am: Kidz Korner (online)  11:00am: Fit 4 You  7:00pm: Team Meetings (online)	<b>4</b>		
10:30am: Worship (stream starts at 10:15am)	<b>9</b>		<b>10</b>	10:30am: Kidz Korner (online)  11:00am Fit 4 You  7:00pm: Trustees (online) B&G, Finance (online)	<b>11</b>		
10:30am: Worship (stream starts at 10:15am)  1:00-3:00pm: "Drive-by" farewell for Rachel	<b>16</b>		<b>17</b>	10:30am: Kidz Korner (online)  11:00am: Fit 4 You  7:00pm Session (online)	<b>18</b>		
10:30am: Worship (stream starts at 10:15am)	<b>23</b>		<b>24</b>	10:30am: Kidz Korner (online)  11:00am: Fit 4 You	<b>25</b>		
	<b>30</b>		<b>31</b>	6:30pm: WoF Coor. Team Meeting			
10:30am: Worship (stream starts at 10:15am)							

# August

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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5	7:30pm: Bible Study (online)	6 11:00am: Fit 4 You 5:00pm: Theology on Tap (online) 8:00pm Women, Word, and Wine (online)	7 8
12	7:30pm: Bible Study (online)	13 11:00am: Fit 4 You	14 15
19	7:30pm: Bible Study (online)	20 11:00am: Fit 4 You 5:00pm: Theology on Tap (online)	21 22
26	7:30pm: Bible Study (online)	27 11:00am: Fit 4 You 6:00pm: Fourth Friday Family Pizza Dinner (online)	28 29

## MISSION BEYOND THE CONGREGATION

Helping Hands, Helping Hearts



**A Virtual Visit from Girls On the Run!** Every Fifth Sunday of the month, the Mission Beyond the Congregation Team invites a guest from a nonprofit organization to talk about the organization's impact, mission, and how Fairmont members can get involved. August 30<sup>th</sup> is the Fifth Sunday in August, and we invited Kayleigh Pratt, the Executive Director from the nonprofit Girls On the Run to present a short video about her organization, which helps young girls to recognize their inner strength and celebrate what makes them one of a kind.

Over the course of a ten-week program, girls in 3rd-8th grade develop essential skills to help them navigate their worlds and establish a lifetime appreciation for health and fitness. The program culminates with girls positively impacting their communities through a service project and being physically and emotionally prepared to complete a celebratory 5K event. There are programs at schools throughout the Dayton area, including Ascension School. Find more information and how to volunteer here:

<https://www.gotrdayton.org/Volunteer>.

We're currently taking a special online collection to support Girls On the Run through the month of September. Donate via Fairmont's online giving portal at <http://fairmontchurch.org/stewardship-and-giving/> and enter your donation under the "Fifth Sunday Mission" line item. Or, you can mail a check to the Church Office. Girls On the Run thanks you for your support!

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**THANK YOU:** In times like this, especially in times like this, *we need your faithful financial support more than ever.* All our work supporting community feeding programs like the Kettering Backpack Program and the Dayton Food Bank, our caring for vulnerable members, and our programs reaching out to people to connect us as a community depend entirely on your giving.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ART, ANTIQUE, AND CRAFT SHOW

Dear friends and members. It is with much regret that we let you know that we are cancelling the Art, Antique, and Craft Show this November.

This has been a tough decision knowing that we will not be able to send checks to the Backpack Program, House of Bread and local Foodbank. These folks, especially right now, count on our funding.

While thinking of the safety of our members, volunteers, vendors and others, we are leaning to safety.

We are still accepting donations for the vintage room and will continue to work as the need arises.

Please pray for those affected, those who wonder how they will feed their families, those in stress because of things beyond their control, those who are lonely and especially pray for those scientists who are working feverishly to come up with a vaccine. God bless them all.

### FOURTH FRIDAY FAMILY PIZZA DINNER

Mark your calendar for August 28 at 6:00 p.m. Order pizza to be delivered to your home, make your own pizza, or pop a frozen pizza in the oven! We will post the Zoom link in Fairmont's weekly *Beside Still Waters* and there will be an email reminder to our Fairmont families. Contact Pastor Kelley for questions at [kshin@fairmontchurch.org](mailto:kshin@fairmontchurch.org).

### WOMEN, WORD, AND WINE

All women of Fairmont church are invited to "Women, Word, and Wine" on **Friday, August 7, 2020 at 8:00 p.m.** via Zoom. Pastor Kelley will lead a short time of spiritual direction, we will share faith conversations together, and share a glass of wine. **BYOW** (bring your own wine) and join us as we share faith, hope, and love together in this time of social distancing. Watch for the Zoom link in our weekly *Beside Still Waters* email and at [www.fairmontchurch.org](http://www.fairmontchurch.org).

## FAREWELL CELEBRATION FOR RACHEL BODEN

Rachel Boden's last Sunday with us as our Director of Children and Youth Ministry will be August 16, 2020. As we celebrate and say farewell to Rachel upon her leaving for Princeton Theological Seminary, we wanted to share with you two wonderful opportunities to send Rachel off with our blessing:

### SEMINARY SCHOLARSHIP/LOVE DONATION

Fairmont will be collecting gift money for Rachel's Seminary Scholarship Fund. You may send a check made out to "Fairmont Presbyterian Church" with "**Rachel Boden Seminary**" in the memo line. This scholarship money will go to defer Rachel's housing and seminary expenses. Please send the gift money no later than August 12, 2020. You may also use Fairmont's online giving portal which can be found on the church website. Please note "Rachel Boden Seminary" for the online giving, as well. Your financial gift will be listed on your quarterly statement of giving.

### DRIVE-BY FAREWELL AT FAIRMONT CHURCH

We will be hosting a "drive-by" farewell for Rachel on Sunday, August 16, 2020 from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. at the back parking lot of Fairmont Presbyterian Church. You will have an opportunity to say goodbye to Rachel in the safety of your car with your masks on! We will be directing the traffic flow so that everyone will have a chance to drive-by Rachel and say goodbye. **Please enter the church parking lot via the Strathmoor Drive entrance and we will direct you from there.** Please stay in your car and wear your mask for this drive-by farewell. Come anytime between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m.

If you wish to mail or drop off cards for Rachel, please mail or drop them off at:

Rachel Boden  
% Fairmont Presbyterian Church  
3705 Far Hills Avenue  
Kettering, Ohio 45429

## THE FAIRMONT MEN'S GROUP

Due to the continued concern over meeting at restaurants, the Fairmont Men's Group will not meet yet in August. Watch the Call and Emails for when we can safely meet again.

### FROM THE OFFICE ON CHURCH EMAILS

For congregational emails, Fairmont uses the Constant Contact email service. At times, these emails are marked as spam and sent to a folder other than your basic email inbox. If you are not receiving emails from the church on **Tuesdays** and **Fridays** and believe that you should be, please look in a folder other than your email inbox.

These other folders are typically on the left-hand side of your computer screen when you are in your email, and may be called "**Trash,**" "**Spam,**" "**Junk,**" "**All Mail,**" "**Deleted,**" "**Archived,**" or a combination of these depending on your email provider.

Please understand that from our end, we can see only that you are receiving the emails; we cannot see which of your folders they have been sent to. The office staff can only help minimally in this regard, and it is up to you to check all of your email folders. We are doing our best to keep everyone connected and informed in this time of pandemic, and we appreciate your patience, kindness, and understanding.

### PRESCHOOL CORNER

We are excited to begin our new school year on Monday, August 17th! We are currently full for both of our classes. If you have a child that is interested, please call to be added to the waiting list. 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](mailto:tlandgren@fairmontchurch.org).



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## STAFF

**Pastor/Head of Staff:** Brian Maguire  
**Associate Pastor:** Kelley Wehmeyer Shin  
**Director of Christian Education:** Rachel Boden  
**Director of Music Ministries:** Vicki Ramga  
**Organist:** Judy Bede  
**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

## August Birthdays

Robert Pace	8/1	Karl Borneman	8/10	Lucy Bruzzese	8/26
Marge Cavender	8/2	Patricia Smith	8/10	Jeffrey Grieco	8/26
Khloe Parcels	8/2	Nancy Kanis	8/11	Chloe Miller	8/26
Jacquelyn Rouhier	8/1	Juli Cohen	8/12	Barbara Wunder	8/26
Kathy Akers	8/3	Christopher Buchheit	8/14	Alex Mann	8/27
Susan Brasier	8/3	Laura Kelly	8/14	Phyllis McDermitt	8/27
Mary Haffner	8/3	John Van Deursen	8/15	Matthew Cunningham	8/29
Harold Spicer	8/4	Stephanie Porter	8/16	Kathryn Cox	8/31
Larry Ridings	8/6	Wally Taylor	8/16		
Diane Weyrauch	8/6	Chad Sakada	8/17		
Robert Athmer	8/7	Trina Brander	8/18		
Catherine Staton-House	8/7	John Harvey	8/19		
Emma Garcia	8/8	Cindy Cavey	8/20		
Betty Glisson	8/9	Michael Maddux	8/21		
Karen York	8/9	Scott Van Deursen	8/22		



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

**The deadline for the next Call is Friday, August 21, 2020.**

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