

THE CALL

(Quarantine Edition)

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THOUGHTS FROM BRIAN

This fall marks the 75th anniversary of Fairmont Presbyterian Church. It is admittedly not the Septuagesimquintennial (*how's that for a word!*) celebration season we had hoped and planned for. Fairmont was chartered by Miami Presbytery in October 1945 and incorporated in December of that year. After initially meeting in, among other places, member homes, a golf course, and a fire station, we moved into our present location in 1948. Over all these years, Fairmont has remained a caring and welcoming community of nurture and formation in South Dayton as our community transformed from the far southern edge to the center of a thriving community.

Right now, in this season of Covid-19 and social change, Fairmont is going through its greatest transformation as we re-imagine how Christ's church and our congregation will enact God's mission in the world. Old assumptions about church are falling away. This makes some people and some congregations anxious. But the changes underway are opportunities to make us more responsive to what God is actually doing in the world in the lives of men and women today. Our internet presence is now the focus of our evangelism and work of Christian formation. Our website is now our front door. Some members of our church may never step foot inside our building. God is doing something new and inviting us to join and the leadership of Fairmont is boldly reimagining, reshaping, and reforming the church according to the Word of God and the inspiration of the Spirit.

Our reformation heritage guides us and inspires us to follow where God leads to be relevant for today and tomorrow. God's future is simply waiting for us to trust and follow. Thanks be to God for shepherding Fairmont over 75 year and thanks be to God for all the new things that we will do together.

WORDS FROM KELLEY

You, the people of God at Fairmont Presbyterian Church, are continually in my thoughts and prayers as we seek to be followers of Jesus Christ in this seemingly unending season of "coronavirus waiting." Daily, I pray that you might be strong and safe, and even find joy in the midst of these days of being church in a new way.

In my weekly preparation for worship, in both the writing of my prayers and the writing of my sermon when it is my week to preach, I am ever aware that we are a diverse congregation theologically, politically, and socially. I am also ever aware that we are in the midst of a very volatile and fragile time in our country (and our world) with the deep political divide, the deep racial divide, and the ongoing divisions about coronavirus.

What words do I have to share with you? What words of truth do we need to hear? What words of the Spirit will bring comfort and healing for a troubled time? This often is my prayer in the midst of my worship preparation, "Loving God, speak your words to me that I may speak your truth to your people." It is not always easy to know what to say or what to pray.

The Apostle Paul wrote in Ephesians 4:15 that "speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ." In the end, truth always comes back to the love of God manifested to us in Jesus Christ. And so, I pray that you may know the love of God in Jesus Christ and through the work of the Holy Spirit, you might share that love with all who so desperately need that love these days, including yourself.

Love in Christ,

Pastor Kelley

WORSHIP

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

- October 4 18th Sunday after Pentecost/
Holy Communion, 10:30am
Lesson: Exodus 16:2-15
Sermon: Road Trip Takeout
- October 11 19th Sunday after Pentecost, 10:30am
Lesson: Exodus 17:1-7
Sermon: Whining in the Wilderness
- October 18: 20th Sunday after Pentecost, 10:30am
Children's Sabbath
Lesson: Exodus 20:1-20
Sermon: The Ten Best Ways
- October 25: 21st Sunday after Pentecost, 10:30am
Reformation Sunday
Lesson: 1 Peter 2:4-10
Sermon: New Foundations

ONLINE MINISTRIES

- Kidz Korner Online: Sundays, 11:45 am**
Zoom Meeting Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85778268480>
Zoom Meeting ID: 857 7826 8480
- Connections: Wednesdays, 7:00pm**
Zoom Meeting Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81271879988>
Zoom Meeting ID: 812 7187 9988
- 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: Every Third Monday, 7:00pm
Zoom Meeting Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/93128963106>
Zoom Meeting ID: 931-2896-3106

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

VIRTUAL CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Ages 3 through grade 5 are invited to join in "Virtual Sunday school" at our **new time - Sundays at 11:45am following worship.**

I'm excited to announce that, with the Christian Formation Team, a new Sunday school curriculum has been chosen and implemented. These new lessons are more easily adapted to an online format. Along with great theological content, this new curriculum has engaging videos and printable resources which reinforce the stories and values we find in scripture. Links and resources will be available in weekly Kidz Korner emails.

Additionally, I would like to thank the congregation for the amazing support and kind words I've received in recent weeks as I have worked to maneuver in this new role. I am so excited and grateful to have the opportunity to work with the children and parents in this wonderful community. Please feel free to reach out to me at any time with comments, concerns, or suggestions. I'd love to hear from you!
Joyfully,
Loralei

TRUNK OR TREAT

Get your costumes ready! Trunk-or-Treat will be held in the church parking lot **Saturday, October 31st from 5 to 6pm**, weather permitting!
This event is open to our church congregation only. It will not be publicized to the community this year to reduce crowding.

Safety is very important to us! We will be outdoors, practicing social distancing, wearing masks, and implementing various other safety measures to minimize risk.

Volunteers are needed to hand out treats! If you feel safe, please reach out to Lorelei Harding to sign up and receive more details!

Lorelei Harding

lharding@fairmontchurch.org

513-207-3936

CHILDREN'S SABBATH

We will be celebrating Children's Sabbath in worship on October 18th and our children will be sharing (via video) in the leadership of that worship service. Be watching for an email from our Children's Director, Lorelei Harding, on ways your children can be part of Children's Sabbath.

PYC

"PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH CONNECTION"

Fairmont Youth Ministry (grades 6th-12th) are meeting on the 1st Sunday of each month *in-person* at 1:30 p.m. and all other Sundays *via Zoom* at 1:30 p.m. PYC will share in a time of online video bible study, fellowship, and fun. Pastor Kelley can be reached by email at kshin@fairmontchurch.org or by text or phone at (937) 751-0752.

MUSIC NOTES

This fall, two of our beloved choir section leaders are leaving Fairmont for adventures in higher education. Tenor Cody Pepitone is attending Bowling Green State University while pursuing a master's degree in Vocal Performance. We will miss Cody's wonderful voice, engaging sense of humor, and excellent musicianship.

Bass/baritone Timothy Oliver is pursuing a doctorate degree in Opera Studies at the University of Miami in Florida. Tim was a part of our choir for only a short time, but he quickly impressed us with his strong voice, gentle spirit, and commitment to Christ. We are thankful for Tim and Cody and pray that God will bless them in their new endeavors!

BELL CHOIR

The Fairmont Bell Choir is meeting on Thursday evenings at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We would like to expand our membership by a couple of ringers. Bell ringers need to have some music reading experience. If you would like to join us, please contact Vicki Ramga at vramga@fairmontchurch.org for more information. 3

BUDGET AND STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship Season is upon us! Where did the summer go? It went by so quickly! The past six months have been very different regarding our Worship and Fellowship experiences.

We quickly moved from in-person Worship and Fellowship to online Worship and Fellowship and kept moving quickly onward. I think that we can all agree that we barely missed a step and that our online Worship Services and Fellowship opportunities have been very meaningful!

And an amazing thing has happened - our online Worship services are reaching many more individuals than we expected or anticipated! It is a wonderful thing to see evangelism in action - Fairmont is where Faith Takes Flight! Our worship services are reaching individuals all across the United States and even into Canada.

Our Fairmont Stewardship season is fast approaching so we felt it was important to provide you with some information so that you can prayerfully consider your pledge for the 2021 ministry year.

We will have four "Minutes for Stewardship" beginning on Sunday, October 25th. There will be two letters mailed to all members - one from the Session and one from the Staff. You will receive a Pledge Card in the first letter. There will be two ways you can provide your Pledge for 2021:

1. Mail your Pledge Card to the church to arrive by Consecration Sunday
2. Use the Fairmont webpage to submit your individual annual pledge amount (please note "pledge" in the comments box)

Consecration Sunday is scheduled for November 22, which is less than two months away and rapidly approaching! We are blessed and thankful to be associated with an amazingly wonderful church! We hope that you prayerfully consider your financial commitment to Fairmont Presbyterian Church and pledge accordingly.

Blessings,
Ken Ginader & Jeff Adam
Stewardship Elders

Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wed	
Communion Sunday 10:30am Worship (stream starts at 10:15am) 11:45am Kidz Korner (online) 1:30pm PYC (in-person)	4		5	11:00am Fit 4 You (fh) 7:00pm Team Meetings (online)	6	7:00pm Conne (online)	
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Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
		7:30pm Bible Study (online)	1	11:00am Fit 4 You (fh)	2		3
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				8:00pm Women, Word, and Wine (online)			
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2 & 3 (fh)	21	7:30pm Bible Study (online)	22	11:00am Fit 4 You (fh)	23		24
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MISSION BEYOND THE CONGREGATION

Helping Hands, Helping Hearts



“Fairmont, did you know that we support Choices Group Home Ministry? Pre-pandemic, Fairmont volunteers met monthly with 6 lovely ladies, aged 55-65 years with a variety of disabilities, to make crafts and share time together. Since COVID19, we have had to suspend these get-togethers. The Mission Team would like to connect with this group of ladies, since they have been so isolated. We know that they love getting letters in the mail, so a little card shower would bring them great joy. We will be collecting cards at the Fairmont church office during the week of October 11th, which will then be hand delivered to the Choices Group Home. Here are some suggestions, should you decide to participate in our Group Home Card Shower Mission:

1. The Group Home ladies may not understand humorous cards. They do love glittery cards, or cards with animals or flowers on them. They would also appreciate handmade cards if you wish to go that route.
2. Inside the card, please address it to “My Friend” or “Dear Friend.”
3. Please PRINT your message. Some of the ladies are able to read print, but not cursive writing.
4. Please include “a friend from Fairmont Church” with the signature line. The ladies recognize “Fairmont Church” and associate that with our visits with them.
5. Do not write anything on the outside of the envelope. We will make sure that each of the 6 ladies gets an equal number of cards, so blank envelopes will enable us to sort cards and assign a name to each.
6. If you are able, please drop your cards off at the Fairmont church office. If you would like to mail them to Fairmont in a separate envelope, that is also an option.

Thank you so much for helping with our mission to brighten the lives of our Choices Group Home Ladies! Your Mission Team”

Thank you for your heartfelt notes!

In August, Fairmont members very enthusiastically responded to Mission Team’s Third Sunday Mission project of mailing notes to our school-aged children with back to school wishes. For weeks afterward, families and kids alike complimented the wonderful messages, with families making special posts on social media celebrating how the whole family was

touched by their letter. Fairmont’s team and leadership meetings were also abuzz in late August and early September with families sharing the impact that the notes had on their children as they began their school year.

How wonderful that we are able to connect with each other despite these interesting times! Know that your prayers and well wishes made a difference for the youngest of your Fairmont family.

WOMEN OF FAIRMONT

We had a wonderful Zoom Gathering on Saturday with around 30 participants! Rev. Dr. Lisa M. Hess shared a little more about herself as she helped us think more deeply about the concepts of lament, hope, our feelings, and learning to listen to others and cope with our differences. We had a lot of great discussion and very positive feedback about our first online Gathering. Please let me know if you'd like the YouTube link or written reflections of Lisa's talk.

During this strange time of pandemic and zoom meetings when we are unable to gather, serve, learn, grow and fellowship together the way that we are most comfortable with, Jan Runkle, Donna Ginader, the Coordinating Team, and I have come up with a plan to help us best serve the Women of Fairmont in this season. I am going to continue to serve you as Moderator and Jan Runkle will continue on as Vice Moderator during this time of pandemic and separation until it is decided that we can safely meet again in person or until the Coordinating Team feels it is time to transition.

The reasons for this unprecedented action are that without our major fundraisers and group activities like the Boxed Meals, Cookie Walk, and in-person Gatherings, there is less for some of our team members to do and report at meetings. For example, the Kitchen Team is currently unable to serve in the way that they had planned. We also feel it is prudent to hold fewer Coordinating Team meetings and instead focus on intentional ways of caring for one another. We encourage WOF members to find ways to connect with and support each other and to devise more personal ways to serve, pray, and fellowship outside of our traditions.

Our Circles are continuing to find ways to meet, so make sure you follow up with your Circle leader to find the plans. As always, thank you for your support and encouragement!

Blessings,
Lisa Shearer

Our next Coordinating Team meeting will be on November 2nd at 7:30pm via Zoom and the following meeting will be held in January.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FAIRMONT'S 75TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION PICNIC

Fairmont Presbyterian Church is celebrating its 75th anniversary this fall and YOU are invited to celebrate with us! Join us on Sunday, October 25th at 12:30 p.m. for an **Outdoor Parking Lot Tailgate Picnic** as we celebrate God's gracious love shown through 75 years of ministry at Fairmont. We will observe all COVID-safe practices (social distancing, cleansing of hands, masks) as we tailgate every-other parking spot in the lower and the upper parking lots of the church. Staff and Session Team volunteers will be on hand to maintain safe practices in this time of social distancing.

The church will be providing a boxed lunch for everyone who RSVPs with the church at jmason@fairmontchurch.org or by calling (937) 299-3539. We **MUST** have an RSVP for each person who is planning to attend so that we can order the boxed lunches. Even if you do not want to eat or if you want to bring your own lunch **PLEASE** RSVP by October 20th so that we can plan accordingly.

Join us for a wonderful time outdoors on Sunday, October 25th as we celebrate the 75th anniversary of Fairmont Presbyterian Church! Remember to RSVP at jmason@fairmontchurch.org or (937) 299-3539 and let us know if you are coming and if you want a boxed lunch.

WOMEN, WORD, AND WINE

All women of Fairmont church are invited to "Women, Word, and Wine" on **Friday, October 9, 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.

WOMEN'S WRITING CIRCLE *Sitting with Our Suffragette Ancestors: A Writing Circle*

*[in Holy Shift, LLC & Women Writing for (a)
Change, Central Ohio]*

This year marks the Centennial of the ratification of the 19th Amendment, so shall we gather by this River? Join a circle to encounter the wisdom of suffragette ancestors in poetry and word, to deepen your own citizenship in the practices of community in today's fragile democracy, ultimately to open our hearts to one another in the civic and faith struggles we are facing today. Open to women and men of Fairmont Church, ages 16 and older.

When: Monday, October 12, 7-9 p.m.

Where: A quiet, confidential space in your own home, Zoom link sent to those who RSVP

Led By: Rev. Dr. Lisa Magdalena Hess and Rev. Marcy Bain

RSVP: Reserve your space in the circle by emailing womenwriting.centralohio@gmail.com or text/call (937) 269-3024 (leave your name and email)

FOURTH FRIDAY FAMILY PIZZA

Mark your calendar for **October 23rd 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.

THE FAIRMONT MEN'S GROUP

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

WITHIN THE FELLOWSHIP

We would like to say **THANK YOU** for all the prayers, delicious meals, and beautiful cards you have sent to us since my fall and surgery to repair my hip. You are a loving congregation. Dee and Mike Harvey.

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Pastor/Head of Staff: Brian Maguire
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Children's Ministry Coordinator: Lorelei Harding
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Organist: Judy Bede
Praise & Worship Leader: Jerry Mahn

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

October Birthdays

Lynne Hibbs	10/01	Sue Wildasinn	10/01	Pam Ridings	10/16
Raymond Johnson	10/02	Sam Bowden	10/12	Mark Anderson	10/18
Barbara Shinn	10/02	David Calvin	10/12	Mindy Ellis	10/16
Lennox Harper Adam	10/04	Allison Ross	10/12	Doris Williamson	10/21
Becky Ross	10/04	Dawson Sennet	10/12	Kevin Stewart	10/22
Althea Harper	10/05	Jacki Susnik	10/12	Robert Wunder	10/22
Joseph Bausman	10/07	Jean D. Webster	10/13	Lauren Grieco	10/23
Christina Harper	10/08	Harry Bradbury	10/14	Auden Gill	10/27
Charles Ross	10/08	Caroline Buchheit	10/14	William Bergstresser	10/28
Donald Specht	10/08	Katherine Gonzalez	10/14	Jerry Mahn	10/28
Pat Goss	10/10	Richard Prichard	10/14	Esther Kremer	10/29
Ashley Bowden	10/10	Jane Davis	10/15	Emily Bruzzese	10/30
Taylor Kabacinski	10/11	Jean Barlett	10/16	Judy Dunlope	10/30



DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT CALL

The deadline for the next Call is Friday, October 23, 2020.

Please submit articles to: jmason@fairmontchurch.org.