

THE CALL

(Quarantine Edition)

Fairmont Presbyterian Church

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THOUGHTS FROM BRIAN

I would like to invite you to our big fall kickoff worship service and our church picnic. I would like to welcome you back to all our gatherings, circles, classes, and groups. I would like to, but I cannot. Not this year. Last March, no one imagined that these restrictions would go on so long. But they have. I hope and pray for speedy, safe, and effective vaccine, but none has arrived. So, we do what God's people have always done. We get by and try to live into Christ. The work for us to do is more important than ever. Everyone I know, myself included, suffers from low grade depression. Everyone I know, myself included, laments the temporary suspension of the future. There is a lot of pain all around us right now, pain from illness and exhaustion, pain from unemployment and anxiety, and the ever-present pain of loneliness and isolation. That pain, if left untreated, turns into anger and despair. Our work of sharing Christ's belonging and love is not on the other side of the world, it is right in front of us. Pandemics do not shut us down; they ramp us up. And we do not do it separately and apart, we share Christ's love and invitation together. Every week we have so many ways for you to safely connect, take advantage of them and share them with others. But most of all, take care of yourself. Be gentle with yourself because right now the world will not be gentle with you. Whatever you do that brings you a bit of joy or peace, do more of that and then share it with others. This is our time to heal the world.

WORDS FROM KELLEY

Joyful Beginnings

As we begin the new church year, in the midst of this pandemic, I celebrate and lift up to you two new beginnings for which I give thanks to God!

First is the absolute joy of welcoming and working with our new Children's Director, Lorelei Harding! I had already witnessed the gifts Lorelei brought to our ministry at Fairmont last year as I listened to the children's choir singing and had seen the leadership and love which Lorelei brought to our children. I had also witnessed her gifts of music as I heard her voice behind me in worship as one of our professional soloists in Fairmont's chancel choir. And this summer, I saw Lorelei's energy and focus as she hosted our virtual Vacation Bible School. I have also had the joy of witnessing her excellent gifts in technology and worship production these past few weeks and am in awe of how quickly Lorelei learned the "ins and outs" of our live-cast worship. Lorelei will be a great gift to Fairmont and to the children and families of our church. I will have the privilege of working with Lorelei in the area of Christian Formation and give thanks to God for bringing Lorelei to us for such a time as this.

Secondly, I have the absolute joy of taking on a more active role in the leadership of our Youth Ministry at Fairmont. My original call and job description as Associate Pastor included supervisory oversight of the Youth Ministry at Fairmont, working in support of our previous Youth Directors. I now have a direct

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role in the leadership of our Youth Ministry and am honored to share in this ministry at Fairmont. I have come to know and love the Fairmont youth and their families in my short time as Associate Pastor and look forward with much excitement to sharing in this ministry with our youth and their families.

Thanks be to God for these joyful beginnings!

With love,

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.

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September 6: 14th Sunday after Pentecost/
Holy Communion, 10:30am
Lesson: Exodus 1:8-2:10
Sermon: The Providence of Fear

September 13: 15th Sunday after Pentecost, 10:30am
Lesson: Exodus 3:1-15
Sermon: Middle Management and the Revelation of God

September 20: 16th Sunday after Pentecost, 10:30am
Lesson: Exodus 12:1-14
Sermon: The First Passover

September 27: 17th Sunday after Pentecost, 10:30am
Lesson: Exodus 14:19-15:11
Sermon: The Death of Evil

CONNECTIONS RETURN

Healing Our Pain

Starting on Wednesday, September 9 at 7:00 on Zoom, join us for our new Connections class, Healing our Pain--trauma, bodies, and race. Over the past several months our nation has entered into a new conversation about race in America. At the foundation of that conversation is pain--the pain of people of color, the pain of white people, and the pain of law enforcement officers. The Session and the Christian For-

mation Team recognized that Fairmont's role in this conversation is to nurture and equip people to go deeper into understanding, self-awareness, and compassion. On Wednesday nights on Zoom we will be sharing together in Resmaa Menakem's work on trauma and race. Each class will include video presentations and discussion. If you want to go deeper, copies of Menakem's companion book, *My Grandmother's Hands*, are available for purchase in the church office for \$16.00. Additional copies are available for borrowing in the church library. Please join us for this important work so that we can all be a part of the healing. This class will meet for six consecutive Wednesday nights at 7:00 p.m. starting on September 9. Login information will be available through our online newsletters.

ONLINE MINISTRIES

Kidz Korner Online: Tuesdays, 10:30am
Zoom Meeting Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83927499525>
Zoom Meeting ID: 839-2749-9525

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: Monday, 7:00pm
Zoom Meeting Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/93128963106>

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/>

MUSIC NOTES

As I write, members of the Chancel Choir are submitting recordings for the second Virtual Choir performance which will air on August 30. The Bell Choir has recorded two performances and will soon be ready to record again. Over the past several months, we have heard from the Praise Band, a newly formed Jazz Trio, and several soloists, both live-streamed and recorded. We are looking for new participants in the joy of praising God through music. Singers and instrumentalists are welcome to participate! Please contact me at vramga@fairmontchurch.org with any questions you have about joining us. You do not have to commit to being a regular member of any of our groups to have a go at participating in our next endeavor.

Music for Meditation

We Are Not Alone by Pepper Choplin

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?reload=9&v=OviilwuJVtE>

O Love by Elaine Hagenberg

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U2cqblTDR8w>

Into the Sea (It's Going Be OK) by Tasha Layton and Keith Smith

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8HznXBBCdBE>

For a conversation about the song from Tasha:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8gBHEHWFKFY>

The selections (above) hold some important reminders for us during this time of isolation. I hope you enjoy them!

Blessings!

Vicki

MISSION BEYOND THE CONGREGATION

Helping Hands, Helping Hearts



3rd Sunday Mission Project – On Sept. 20, we invite you to write notes of Love and Encouragement to folks who are restricted in getting out due to COVID. Look through your directory for names of those who could use attention and love.

How Else Can You Serve as a Disciple? – We will continue to collect various items once we return to in-person worship. Remember to save these items: Soda Can Pull-tabs (Ronald McDonald House), BoxTops for Education (J.F. Kennedy Elementary), and One-Pound jars of peanut butter and men's belts (House of Bread). Remember to bring non-perishable food for the FISH/South Dayton Food Pantry!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
		10:30am: Kidz Korner (online) 11:00am: Fit 4 You 7:00pm: Team Meetings (online)	
Communion Sunday 10:30am: Worship (stream starts at 10:15am)	Labor Day (office closed)	10:30am: Kidz Korner (online) 11:00am: Fit 4 You 7:00pm: Trustees (online) B&G, Finance (online)	7:00pm: Connection
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		5:00pm: Theology on Tap (online) 8:00pm: Women, Word, and	
9	7:30pm: Bible Study (online)	11:00am: Fit 4 You	12:00pm: WoF Fall Gathering (online)
16	7:30pm: Bible Study (online)	11:00am: Fit 4 You	19
		5:00pm: Theology on Tap (online)	
23	7:30pm: Bible Study (online)	11:00am: Fit 4 You	26
		6:00pm: Fourth Friday Family Pizza Dinner (online)	
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THANK YOU from Artemis! In late May, several Mission Team members donned masks and gloves to put together care packages for children. Each package included a snack, some crayons, and something to draw. Artemis requested the care packages as the courts began to open back up in May so that children would have something to do and while they wait for their parent or guardian to receive legal help at the courthouse. Our team assembled dozens of baggies in just over an hour, all while carefully observing social distancing guidelines, of course.

Artemis sent a thank you note, and Jane Keiffer the Executive Director wrote the following on the letter by hand, "Wow! Thank you for your continued generosity. We sincerely appreciate your ongoing support in helping us serve our clients and their children." What a privilege to be able to help brighten a child's day in these interesting times!

WITHIN THE FELLOWSHIP

THANK YOU

Dear Church Family,

I am so humbled by the outpouring of love and support I have received from all of you. Thank you so much to all who made my last week at Fairmont so incredibly special and meaningful. Thank you to everyone who came to drive by and bid me farewell - it was such a joy to see you all in person and to have brief but sacred moments of conversation and connection with each of you.

Thank you for the cards, gifts, baked goods, well wishes, and financial and emotional support. As I begin this new adventure, I will hold you all in prayer and in my heart. Thank you for raising me. Thank you for sending me off so beautifully. Thank you for loving me.

Love Always,

Rachel

Rachel Boden's New Address:

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WOMEN OF FAIRMONT

Lament into Hope, Feelings into Healing

The Women of Fairmont will be gathering for our **VIRTUAL** kick-off celebration over **ZOOM** on **September 12th at 12pm (NOON!)** **Feel free to enjoy your lunch while we "meet!"**

The speaker will be our own Rev. Dr. Lisa Magdalena Hess, Professor of Practical Theology at United Seminary and longtime partner of Pastor Brian Maguire. She will be speaking into the themes of the PW study, *Into the Light*, by P. Lynn Miller, as well as her own journey into a companionable way so necessary for the challenges facing us today.

Our *manner* of gathering will be different, of course, threefold, so to reach everyone who desires to participate. Those who so choose will gather by Zoom, with anticipation of a video presentation, some small-group conversations (like around tables), and then a return to the large group for more discussion. Those who cannot gather by Zoom will have access to the YouTube video-link, to watch as desired. Third, a paper-hardcopy of the presentation can be mailed to those who choose not to join our Zoom room at all. You will be invited to sit with reflection questions, perhaps even writing a letter to Dr. Hess, who would be delighted to correspond with anyone in that fashion.

Christian wisdom traditions offer the practices of lament, visible in our Psalms, scripture and beyond, opening hearts to the gifts of hope hidden within. Awakening to our visceral responses to everything that is happening today also has gifts deep within us. Join us as we listen for Spirit's invitations and blessed assurance!

We will send out the ZOOM link closer to the event. If you'd like the paper version of Lisa's talk please let us know.

The next Women of Fairmont Coordinating Team meeting after the Gathering will be on October 5th!

Our Circle leaders are in touch with each Circle to determine how/when they will meet during these strange times. They are also working with their Circles to determine what study they will focus on for this year. More details will follow next month.

If you are interested in joining a Circle, please contact Jan Runkle or me and we can help you figure it out! All are welcome! I'm looking forward to "seeing" you on our September 12th ZOOM Gathering!!

Blessings, Lisa Shearer

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WOMEN, WORD, AND WINE

All women of Fairmont church are invited to "Women, Word, and Wine" on **Friday, September 4, 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.

PYC "PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH CONNECTION"

Fairmont Youth Ministry (grades 6th-12th) will begin again this Fall as an online ministry program. We will begin meeting again the week of September 14th with a midweek evening to be determined with input from youth and parents. **Be watching for an email from Pastor Kelley about possible PYC time slots which will work best for the youth and their families.** PYC will share in a time of online 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.

FOURTH FRIDAY FAMILY PIZZA DINNER

Mark your calendar for **September 25 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 September. Watch the Call, Emails, and Bulletin for when we can safely meet again.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO GET FAIRMONT'S NEWSLETTERS?

Would you or someone you know like to receive our twice-weekly email newsletter? In addition to our monthly Call newsletter, every Tuesday we send out *Besides Still Waters* with brief devotions by the staff and members along with invitations upcoming ministry events. Every Friday we send out *Fridays from Fairmont* with reflections on that Sunday's Bible lesson and information about weekend programs. If you or someone you know would like to receive these emails please send your email address to Jennifer Mason at jmason@fairmontchurch.org. As always you can opt out at any time.

PRESCHOOL CORNER

Preschool started in person on August 17th following all safety, health and sanitizing procedures. Danielle Kern is our new Teacher's Aide. She is a Registered Nurse and currently has 3 children in our program. We appreciate her knowledge of healthy habits and sanitizing procedures to help us navigate through this school year.



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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

September Birthdays

Martha Keil	09/01	Dorothy Harner	09/18	Tom Gunlock	09/24
Tracy Landgren	09/03	Donna Ginader	09/19	Virene MacCagno	09/24
Andrew Ludwig	09/08	Cassandra Shearer	09/19	Kit MacKenzie	09/24
Martha Hibbs	09/08	Harrison Johnson	09/20	Ken MacKenzie	09/25
Evi Fromm	09/09	Betty Brown	09/21	Cindy Youngerman	09/25
Allison Ludwig	09/11	David Cohen	09/21	Anne Johnson	09/27
Jorge Gonzalez	09/12	Robert Kaskocsak	09/21	Margaret Bergstresser	09/28
William Ross	09/12	Sally Kaskocsak	09/21	Mike Favro	09/28
Lillie Harris	09/16	Lynn Shepard	09/21	Paul Lamberger	09/28
Helen Madole	09/16	Drew Fiden	09/22	Robert Williams	09/28
Marilyn George	09/17	Isabel Glueckert	09/23	Carol Bussey	09/29
Hannah Johnson	09/17	Abigail Lewis	09/23	Bonnie Grieco	09/30
Elizabeth Specht	09/17	Amy Jordan	09/23		



DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT CALL

The deadline for the next Call is Friday, September 18, 2020.

Please submit articles to: jmason@fairmontchurch.org.