

THE CALL

Fairmont Presbyterian Church

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As I write this, we are preparing for Trinity Sunday. Trinity is the least understood, most ignored, and at the same time most important idea that holds all of Christianity as well as our lives with God, together. Saint Augustine once quipped, “not to think on the Trinity is to risk heresy, but to think on the Trinity is to risk lunacy.” So, it becomes a vague symbol, something we know we are supposed to believe in even though it makes no sense and no difference in our life and in our world.

My teacher, Richard Rohr, wrote, “The mystery of Trinity is embedded as the code in everything that exists.” By that he meant that Trinity is the word we use to summarize the dynamic pattern that emerges and repeats itself at every level of creation, which mirrors the dynamic pattern of who God is. Creation is an icon of God and the shape of that image is relationship.

The Christian notion of Trinity suggests that God is less a noun and more a verb, a process, action, procession, and relationship, not just because of what God does, but as God really is. In the ancient church, Gregory of Nazianzus coined the Greek term *perichoresis*, literally dancing around together, to describe what God is like in Trinity. It is not that God is three people dancing together. God is the dance itself. This has three hugely important implications. First, God is relationship. God’s own nature is relational, an eternal procession of love and friendship. There is no hierarchy or ruling over in Trinity, only giving away, sharing, and letting go. Second, creation is simply the overflowing of that love and relationship taking form in matter and energy. Much like a fountain’s overflowing mist on a frigid day takes static form as ice, so to this world and our lives are merely the spun off concrete expression of God’s overabundance of love. Third, there is room in God for us. If God is a more like a circle dance, then there is always room to join. The dance only becomes larger as others join it. The pattern, which is God’s eternal character, remains constant as it sweeps up all the bits of God’s creation, including you and me, as partners. We do not become God. We join in with God.

If this all sounds rather abstract, it is as close as your deepest desire. We all want belonging. We all want connection. We all want love. The ache for this connection is the absence we feel apart from who we were meant to be in and with God. We can try to numb that ache with work, things, pleasures, and chemicals, but none will fill the absence. The hole is not merely in our hearts, but in our being and it is shaped like God who alone can fill it.

Jesus invited us into a new life and a new world on earth as it is in heaven and the way of heaven is the divine dance of Trinity. All the twisted prepositions Jesus uses—in God, with God, and through God—make perfect sense if you simply begin with the image of Trinity. He is not trying to describe a static arrangement. Jesus is trying to describe a dance. All his metaphors about being the vine and we are the branches, mutually indwelling in and with each other and God, are all expressions of this fundamental relationship stamped on the heavens and in our hearts.

Perhaps the most amazing thing about Trinity is that because we are made in its form and image, we are invited to practice it. We practice living into Trinity whenever and wherever we entangle our lives with others in self-giving, yielding, loving, and letting go. Love and friendship are not mere emotions. Love and friendship are the concrete expression in our lives of who God is. Loving and befriending others are our ways of practicing here and now what it will be like to live in God as Trinity into eternity.

May it be on earth and in our lives as it is in heaven.

Brian

WORSHIP

In-person Casual Service 8:30am

Traditional Service 10:30am

**All worship offerings will be live-streamed
online beginning at 10:15am.**

Visit www.fairmontchurch.org/worship-videos for links
to all past and upcoming live streams.

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June 6 2nd Sunday after Pentecost/Communion
Lesson: Mark 6:1-13
Sermon: Growing Up

June 13 3rd Sunday after Pentecost
Lesson: Mark 6:14-29
Sermon: The Price of Truth

June 20 4th Sunday after Pentecost
Lesson: Mark 6:30-34, 53-56
Sermon: Remembering We Are Hungry

June 27 5th Sunday after Pentecost
Lesson: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23
Sermon: From Within

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July 4 6th Sunday after Pentecost/Communion
Lesson: Mark 7:24-30
Sermon: She Was Right

July 11 7th Sunday after Pentecost
Lesson: Mark 8:27-38
Sermon: Losing for the sake of Living

July 18 8th Sunday after Pentecost
Lesson: Mark 9:33-37
Sermon: For Those Who Would Be Great

July 25 9th Sunday after Pentecost
Lesson: Mark 9:38-50
Sermon: Freedom and Accountability

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ONLINE MINISTRIES

Bible Study: Thursdays, 7:30pm

Zoom Meeting Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86422990477>

Zoom Meeting ID: 864 2299 0477

Theology on Tap: 1st & 3rd Fridays, 5:00pm

Zoom Meeting Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89247878247>

There will be a congregational meeting to elect church officers on Sunday, June 27th at 11:30am

CHILDREN & YOUTH

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Children's Sunday School Summer Break: Parents, thank you for a successful year+ of virtual activities in Children's Ministries. We are on summer break from Children's Sunday School. We will resume in the Fall. More information to come!

If you would like to receive our weekly Kidz Korner emails which contain faith-based printable activities and information regarding upcoming activities, please email Lorelei Harding at lharding@fairmontchurch.org.

FAIRMONT YOUTH MINISTRY

Fairmont Youth Ministry (grades 6th-12th) will move to a summer schedule for June, July, and August. Once-a-month the Fairmont Youth will meet for a special summer youth event.

Youth Ministry schedule for Summer 2021 (dates tentative pending parent input):

- June 9, 2021: Young's Jersey Dairy & Miniature Golf
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. (*Wednesday*)
- July 7, 2021: Columbus Zoo and Aquarium
9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. (*Wednesday*)
- August 1, 2021: Video Game Day with Pastor Brian & Pastor Kelley
3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. (*Sunday*)

Watch for a Constant Contact email from Pastor Kelley for final dates! Or contact Pastor Kelley at kshin@fairmontchurch.org.

MUSIC NOTES

On May 15, the Women of Fairmont hosted a talk about the wonder of music in worship led by choral conductor and music educator Marcia MacCagno Neel, sister of Kris Martin. Composer, conductor, and music educator, Eric Whitacre, was the special guest presenter. It was a delight to listen to both presenters talk about the impact music has on their lives and in the world.

Eric Whitacre created and produced the very first virtual choir after being inspired by a single singer who was a fan of his and posted a video of herself singing the soprano line of one of his compositions. Eric talks about this first experiment in his Ted Talk. Listen to him describe the work in his own words at:

https://www.ted.com/talks/eric_whitacre_a_virtual_choir_2_000_voices_strong

There was a hunger for several additional virtual choir productions. To listen to some of them follow the links below:

Lux Aurumque
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D7o7BrlbaDs>

Sing Gently
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=InULYfjHKI0>

Water Night
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V3rRaL-Czxw>

The first virtual choir performance, Lux Aurumque, featured 185 singers from 12 countries. The most recent performance, Sing Gently, featured 17,572 singers from 129 countries. Included in this group are three of our Fairmont Singers, Amber Voss, Sharon Kohnle, and Darryl Collier.

This amazing work blazed a trail for singers around the world to continue to make music during the pandemic. Nothing replaces singing in-person, but the virtual choir format allowed many of us to come together and continue to make musical offerings to the glory of God.

It is my heartfelt prayer that we will come together as a choir again in the fall. Time will tell. I know we will have a new appreciation for the gift of music in worship. Please consider joining us! Choirs are always stronger with many voices. There is a synergy, a miraculous blessing in singing praise to our Savior and Creator.

Peace,
Vicki

PERSONNEL

Celebrating Jerry Mahn

The Personnel Team members wish Jerry Mahn the best, as he follows his dream of working with young people. We will be recognizing him on Sunday, July 11th at 9:30 a.m.

CONNECTIONS

There will be **no** Connections during the summer months. Please check back in the August edition of The Call for updated information.

June

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 11:00am: Fit 4 You (fh) 12:00pm: AA (012) 12:00pm: OA (rc) 7:00pm: Team Meetings (online)	2 7:30pm: AA (012)	3 7:00pm: NA (012) 7:30pm: Bible Study (online)	4 11:00am: Fit 4 You (fh) 12:00pm: OA (rc) 5:00pm: Theology on Tap (online)	5 11:00am: Halfher Memorial Service (sanctuary)
6 2nd Sunday after Pentecost/ Communion 8:30am: Casual Service 10:30am: Traditional Service	7	8 11:00am: Fit 4 You (fh) 12:00pm: AA (012) 12:00pm: OA (rc) 7:00pm: Trustees, B&G, Finance (online)	9 10:00am-2:00pm: Fairmont Youth (offsite) 7:30pm: AA (012)	10 7:00pm: NA (012) 7:30pm: Bible Study (online)	11 11:00am: Fit 4 You (fh) 12:00pm: OA (rc)	12
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20 4th Sunday after Pentecost 8:30am: Casual Service 10:30am: Traditional Service	21	22 11:00am: Fit 4 You (fh) 12:00pm: AA (012) 12:00pm: OA (rc)	23 7:30pm: AA (012)	24 7:00pm: NA (012) 7:30pm: Bible Study (online)	25 11:00am: Fit 4 You (fh) 12:00pm: OA (rc)	26
27 5th Sunday after Pentecost 8:30am: Casual Service 10:30am: Traditional Service 11:30am: Congregational Meeting after worship	28	29 11:00am: Fit 4 You (fh) 12:00pm: AA (012) 12:00pm: OA (rc)	30 7:30pm: AA (012)			

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4 6th Sunday after Pentecost/ Communion 8:30am: Casual Service 10:30am: Traditional Service	5 Independence Day (Observed) Office Closed	6 11:00am: Fit 4 You (fh) 12:00pm: AA (012) 12:00pm: OA (rc) No scheduled Team Meetings	7 9:00am-6:00pm: Fairmont Youth (offsite) 7:30pm: AA (012)	8 7:00pm: NA (012) 7:30pm: Bible Study (online)	9 11:00am: Fit 4 You (fh) 12:00pm: OA (rc)	10
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WOMEN OF FAIRMONT

We still have some of Martha's Marvelous Sweet Pickles for sale in the church office! They are \$5/pint or \$9/quart, and they are delicious!!

WOF Spring Gathering Recap

On a beautiful spring day, we gathered over Zoom for a fascinating discussion on the Magic, Mystery, and Wonder of Music featuring Marcia MacCagno Neel and Eric Whitacre. We focused on a behind-the-scenes look at music composition and how the music which is created has specific intent to invoke feelings and connections for those who share in it as performers and listeners. There is an inspirational, other-worldly quality that can create a physiological response in our bodies and spirits when music can “cross that strange abyss and connect us.” (Eric Whitacre) It was amazing to hear how the technical process of music composition works and how it comes full circle to those performing or listening to the piece that can touch us so deeply. It was a wonderful time of listening and sharing and we could not be more grateful to Marcia and Eric for their time, stories, and inspiration. We were able to record the presentation over Zoom, so if you missed it, please contact Jennifer in the church office to get the link to the recording.

We also held our business meeting and installed several Women of Fairmont Coordinating Team members and welcomed Jan Runkle as our Moderator! We are still in need of a Search Team member to immediately start serving a two-year term as an important member of our team to help us fill the positions needed to successfully run Women of Fairmont. Please prayerfully consider if you can fill this position. Thank you!

Most Circles take a break for the summer months; please check with other members if you aren't sure about plans. We hope all women of the church consider joining a Circle this fall. If you aren't able to join a Circle, you are welcome to join WOF as an at-large member. We will be thrilled to welcome you!!

As well as fellowship and study, we work to provide thousands of mission dollars each year to support special causes that our members choose. I am pleased to share that thanks to the generosity of our Women of Fairmont with their pledges, and the congregation with our fundraising (especially the Cookie Drive-By), the Women of Fairmont were able to give to many wonderful local organizations to help them care for our community! Our 2021 Mission Donations were \$1000 to each of the following organizations: Femme Aid Collaborative, Gem City Market, Homefull, Shoes 4 the Shoeless, and the Victory Project. We were also able to give an additional \$500 to Hannah's Treasure Chest, With God's Grace, and to Fairmont's Coins4Kids to help with child and youth scholarships for camp and mission trips. This brings us to a grand total of \$6500 donated to serve others in our community!! Thank you, thank you, thank you to everyone who helped make this possible.

On a personal note, I would like to thank the Women of Fairmont Coordinating Team and all our members for your patience, encouragement, and support as I served as your Moderator for the past two years. We ate, laughed, cried, fellowshipped, studied Scripture, served, rejoiced, and prayed together. COVID did not make it easy on us, but your creativity and hard work still enabled us to give generously to others. You continue to amaze me with your kindness and generosity, and I am grateful for the lessons we have learned together. I am honored to have had the opportunity to serve in this way. With love, appreciation, and blessings,

Lisa Shearer, Immediate Past Moderator



MISSION BEYOND THE CONGREGATION

Helping Hands, Helping Hear 

Pet Supply Drive—continued

SICSA is the Dayton nonprofit organization the Mission Team selected to be highlighted on its 5th Sunday project for May. To support SICSA's work, the Mission Team's pet supply drive is extending to June 20. SICSA is most in need of Tidy Cats litter, Purina Pro Plan wet kitten food, paper towels, and Amazon gift cards. SICSA has a full Amazon registry at <https://a.co/0OCw69>. Please bring collected items to the coat room next to the church office or send any checks or funds to the church office.

Books for Kids

Kids haven't had in-school programming or perhaps access to library books during the pandemic. If you have any lightly used or new books at the elementary school level you could donate we will distribute them, primarily to JFK Elementary School and also to the YWCA. Please leave your donations in the coat room next to the church office.

Back-to-School Supplies

We are also starting our annual school supplies drive for Fairmont's JFK Elementary School. Needy students often have none or do not replace when their initial supply is depleted. Please leave your donations in the Black & White Narthex. We plan to distribute these items in August. Here are examples of some supplies you might donate:

Box of 24 Crayola crayons	Red pens
Various highlighters	Large glue sticks
Scissors.	Erasers
Pocket folders	Wide-ruled paper
Boxes of tissues	Clorox wipes
Gallon Ziplock bags.	Paper towels

Thank you for your support of these worthy projects.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FAIRMONT MEN'S GROUP

Our Men's Group Luncheons will meet in June and July at MCL Cafeteria. We are changing the day to Thursday's so we have a better chance of having a room to ourselves. Mark the dates of June 17th and July 15th at 11:30 am on your calendar. Lots to talk about after not meeting for a year when we met in April and May.

WOMEN, WORD, AND WINE

Women, Word, and Wine will be taking a break for the summer and will resume in the fall. Thank you for your faithful participation throughout the pandemic year.

WOMEN'S RETREAT

Mark your calendars for the twice rescheduled (due to COVID) Women's Retreat at Hueston Woods on March 18 & 19, 2022!

FOURTH FRIDAY FAMILY PIZZA

Fourth Friday Family Pizza gathering will take a break for the summer and will resume in September 2021. For questions, contact Pastor Kelley at kshin@fairmontchurch.org.

PRESCHOOL CORNER

We are currently accepting registration for the 2021-2022 school year. 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.



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Preschool Director:

Preschool Teacher: Amber Reshad

Preschool Aide: Danielle Kern

Administrative Assistant: Jennifer Mason

Bookkeeper: Martha Keil

Custodian: Louis Weyrauch

June & July Birthdays

Brench Boden	06/01	Jeff Lewis	06/21	Jane Heywood	07/20
Marilyn Dickey	06/01	Brian Maguire	06/21	Justin Miles	07/20
Sally Athmer	06/02	Lisa Shearer	06/25	Dinah Miller	07/20
Jim Webster	06/02	Paul Fiden	06/26	Michael Vickroy	07/20
Rachel Boden	06/03	Margaret Venable	06/26	Kenneth Ginader	07/22
Owen Hoskins	06/04	Lauren Luther	06/27	Jean Kirby	07/22
Kimberly Ludwig	06/04	Monica Mantia	06/28	Mike Porter	07/23
Wendy Ernst	06/07	Koneta Schneider	06/29	Jerry Draut	07/24
Jackson Bussey	06/08	Candace Kurtz	07/01	Gaynard Gross	07/24
Richard Sherwood	06/08	Janet Runkle	07/03	Lachlan Harper Adam	07/24
Ned Bruzzese	06/12	Elizabeth Lewis	07/05	Lavender Harper Adam	07/24
Jack Yoder	06/12	Richard Burnett	07/08	Pete Schilling	07/26
Charles Ellis	06/16	Lois Thomas	07/08	Verne Dodson	07/27
Aaron Fromm	06/16	Asher Favro	07/09	Jayne Hood	07/27
Michael Rothenberger	06/17	Jeff Jordan	07/09	Charles Mann	07/27
Peggy Van Deursen	06/18	David Hamilton	07/11	Charles Chamberlain	07/28
Jim Miles	06/19	Keith Bussey	07/12	Sue Daley	07/28
James Runkle	06/19	William Whitesell	07/13	Nancy Crichton	07/29
Kelli Fromm	06/20	Sally Bruggemann	07/15	Brenda Kolb	07/29
Abby Taylor	06/20	Helen Kanis	07/15	Betty Jean Schwinn	07/30
Pauline Flory	06/21	Doris Olt	07/18	William Stager	07/30
Gary Lamb	06/21	Louis Weyrauch	07/19	Thomas Rose	07/31



DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT CALL

The deadline for the next Call is Friday, July 23, 2021.

Please submit articles to: jmason@fairmontchurch.org.