

Dear Members and Friends of Fairmont,

Children are back in school. College students have or will soon head back to college. Teachers are getting back into the groove and football has, again, taken over the sports page. Yay! It must be September...the New Year of the autumn. It's certainly a New Year at Fairmont Church.

We begin the New Year with two new staff members to guide our children's and youth ministries. Our Session called **Lisa Shearer** to be our part-time **Interim Children's Ministry Coordinator** through December 2011. Lisa is no stranger to Fairmont having been a member for several years, served on Session, preached and regularly sharing a children's message by expounding on an object pulled out of a bag. Lisa brings professional experience as a Christian Educator in other Presbyterian Churches, a deep love for children and a passion for children's ministry. Lisa is excited about leading Fairmont's children's ministry for many reasons but two of those reasons are her own children, *Cassie and Cameron*, who attend Fairmont's Sunday School.



Rev. Bob Wade
Senior Pastor

Our Session has also called **Ashley Ross** to be our part-time **Youth Ministry Coordinator**. Ashley is an exuberant, talented, people oriented young adult who loves to work with youth. She comes to us from Northminster Presbyterian Church in Cincinnati where she has served as adult leader of a large and vibrant youth ministry. Ashley also brings a love for music having graduated with a Bachelor of Sacred Music degree from Westminster Choir College in Princeton, NJ. Ashley is excited about growing Fairmont's youth ministry through reaching out to our young people and their families. I am delighted to have Lisa and Ashley on staff and believe God has gifted us through them. You can read more about them in this [Call](#) and you can hear more from them at our *Sloppy Joe luncheon* following worship on September 11.

Fairmont's New Year officially begins on **September 11** with a **10:00 a.m. combined worship service**. I am glad our church family will be together in one worship service on this significant day in history. During worship we will briefly remember 9/11, give thanks for God's providential care, and reflect on how God would have us move into the future as people of faith, hope and peace. I trust our worship and our fellowship luncheon will bring God's particular blessing to you and help Fairmont start the New Year with a burst of enthusiasm.

I look forward to being with you in worship and serving alongside you as, together, we seek to "make all things new" at Fairmont, in Kettering and around the world through the grace, love and mercy of Jesus Christ. To God be the glory!

Giving thanks with you,

Bob

Fairmont Presbyterian
THE CALL



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Worship and Music at Fairmont

“Eternal God, you call us to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen” (Book of Common Prayer) Come to worship and renew your faith through sacrament, praise, prayer and the Word of our Lord. Come, let us worship Almighty God!

Communion Sunday, September 4

12th Sunday after Pentecost

Rev. Denise Ingram will be preaching and the sacrament of *Holy Communion* will be celebrated.

Sunday, September 11

13th Sunday after Pentecost

We will gather on this 10th anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks for a **single combined service at 10:00 a.m.** During worship we will remember 9/11 with appropriate prayers and scripture and then transition into visioning a world filled with God’s grace and peace. Music will be led by both our *Praise Band* under the direction of **Jerry Mahn** and *Chancel Choir* under the direction of **Hank Dahlman**. It’s interesting that the lectionary gospel reading for this nodal day in history is on forgiveness. That passage is **Matthew 18:21-35**. **Rev. Wade’s** sermon is *“Forgiving Seventy Times Seven? Paaaallease!”*

Following worship come and enjoy a **Sloppy Joe Luncheon which will be served by our youth and the PYC Boosters. If you are able, please bring a side dish or dessert to share. You will also meet and hear from our new Youth and Interim Children’s Ministry coordinators: **Ashley Ross** and **Lisa Shearer****



Sunday, September 18

14th Sunday after Pentecost

We will be celebrating the sacrament of *Baptism* for **Andrew Michael**, son of **Kristine** and **Brian Warner** during our 10:30 Traditional worship. As you read the story of the laborers in the vineyard from **Matthew 20:1-16** you will see just how “unfair” grace can seem at times. **Rev. Wade’s** sermon is *“Go Figure.”*

Sunday, September 25

15th Sunday after Pentecost

The “parable of the two sons” gives us an interesting example of “talking the talk vs. walking the walk.” You’ll find this story in **Matthew 21:28-32**. **Rev. Wade’s** sermon is *“Actions Speak Louder Than Words.”*

World Communion Sunday, October 2

16th Sunday after Pentecost

This is the Sunday we are reminded that we are a global church as Christians around the world make a point to celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion on this day. Preaching from **Philippians 3:4b-14**, **Rev. Wade’s** sermon is *“The Greatest Gift in the World.”*

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All Are Invited to Sing With Our Chancel Choir!

Come one, come all! All you need is the desire to sing and to have a great time making music. **Chancel Choir rehearsals begin Thursday, September 1 at 7:30 p.m.** in the Choir Room. First Sunday back will be the combined worship service on September 11. For more information please contact **Hank Dahlman** at hank.dahlman@gmail.com



Christian Education

Welcome, Ashley Ross!

Top 10 Things You Will Hear Your New Youth Coordinator Say



10. If you give a student a cookie ...

Who doesn't love a cookie? I'm always eager to be in the kitchen baking for, and with you.

9. "It takes a village"

Because my childhood

was rooted so deeply within the church, I felt love and encouragement not just from my mom, but from many older brothers and sisters in Christ.

8. "For I know the plans I have for you..." - Jeremiah 29:11

All my life I have known that the church would be where I would serve. This past year through my exposure to students as a Volunteer Youth Leader, I have felt a calling to serve with youth.

7. Music makes everything better!

I went to Westminster Choir College in Princeton, New Jersey as a Sacred Music Major. No matter how stressful life became with juries, finals, and assignments, music always brought me peace.

6. Always have a parachute handy.

I love playing games so I will play games until I fall over! Parachute games are my favorites and I carry a parachute in the trunk of my car!

5. Let's pray about it

Whenever faced with adversity or trouble, I always find the best first response is prayer. Students lives today are so busy and crammed with issues, I would hope that prayer could become a first response for them as well.

4. Meet them where they are

You've got to love youth for who they are. Right then.

3. Tell me when and where and I'll be there!

I want to be active in the lives of the youth, which means I want to cheer for you at sporting events, listen to your concerts, appreciate your art and applaud your achievements.

2. Life's short. Serve Passionately!

Jesus repeatedly teaches the importance of serving others. In our PYC, I hope that our students are eager to get out there and serve with me.

1. How can I get you involved with PYC?

It doesn't matter if you are 22 or 42 or 82. If you enjoy young people, this ministry needs you!

Introducing Lisa Shearer – Interim Children's Ministry Coordinator

Hi! I am happy to introduce myself to you as your new Interim Children's Ministry Coordinator. You may recognize my face or name since my husband, Chris, and I have been coming to Fairmont Presbyterian Church for over four years. Since joining in 2008, I have been actively involved in the life of Fairmont. I have worked with Sunday school, Vacation Bible School, GIFT, PYC as a table parent, and as a PYC leader for the Montreat Trip. I am excited about the relationships I continue with our students as a College



Mentor. I have been on Session since 2009 and I am currently the Chair of the CE Team. In worship I have assisted with Baptisms, prayed through Liturgical Dance, preached a sermon (March 2011), and I enjoy my time with the children and our "Mystery Bag Messages" and prayer. We have participated in Lenten studies, Advent and Easter events, the Family Christmas Eve Service, and been grateful to share our blessings through Mission projects. Now, I feel called by God to serve along with you in this interim staff position. In 1993 I graduated from Westminster College (New Wilmington, PA) with a BA in Religion and a BA and Honors in Psychology. In 1996 I graduated from Malone

University (Canton, OH) with a Master of Arts in Christian Ministries (concentration in Family and Youth Ministry.) Professionally, I have worked in four different PCUSA churches in various staff positions – Director of Christian Education, Youth Ministry, Children’s Ministry and as a Preschool teacher.

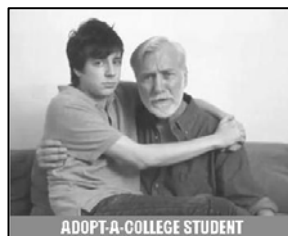
Ten years ago, my ministry became strictly volunteer as we moved around the country for Chris’s Air Force career and started our family. I was privileged to stay home with my children, Cassie (4th grade) and Cameron (1st grade.) Now that Cameron will be in school full-time, I have more freedom to offer you some of the gifts with which God has blessed me. My prayer is that we work together towards an intentional and sustainable Children’s Ministry where we connect the children and their families to God, each other, and our community, inside and outside of FPC. I believe it is crucial that we honor our Baptismal vows and we focus on the Spiritual formation of our children as they grow, question, worship, and begin to establish a real faith relationship with God. This is not my ministry. This is not even your ministry. This is God’s ministry and it is only through the Holy Spirit working *through us*, that we will be a significant blessing to the youngest people in the body of Christ. I am also looking forward to working with Ashley Ross, our new Youth Ministry Coordinator, as she begins her ministry here, and together we focus on the importance of intergenerational mentoring.

~ Lisa

Attention College Student Sponsors:

There will be a College Ministries meeting on Sunday, September 25. The meeting will take place in the parlor at 9:30 a.m.

You will receive information about your adopted college student at that time. Please plan to attend. If you are unable to attend, please



call or e-mail Julie Boden or one of other College Ministries representatives.

Thank you for volunteering to be a part of this important ministry. May you be richly blessed for stepping up to be God’s steady hand in the life of one of Fairmont’s young adults.

College Ministries representatives: **Will Lewis** (723-9748), **Julie Boden** (299-3082), or **Linda Yoder** (426-6542) .

Evangelism & Member Care Team

Greeters needed!

Please sign up to be a greeter! Visitors and members alike appreciate a welcoming smile and handshake as they enter Fairmont. We need greeters at both services every week, at various entrances to the church. Consider signing up for several Sundays or for a full month. Sign-up sheets are posted on the bulletin board outside the Parlor. Being a greeter is a simple yet wonderful way to help your church. Here’s all it takes: Arrive Early. Put on a name tag. Welcome everyone to Fairmont.

~Your Evangelism and Member Care Team

MEDICARE CRITICAL--ENROLLMENT AND RE-ENROLLMENT DATES HAVE CHANGED!!!

Medicare has changed the open enrollment period this year. **The new dates are October 15 to December 7.** This includes those who wish to change their enrollment (for example, Medicare Part D Drug enrollment) or to sign up for the first time. Please note that if you are due to sign up for the first time and miss your enrollment date, you

will have a **penalty attached to your premiums for the rest of your life.**

If you do not change your Medicare Part D Drug enrollment before the Dec. 7 deadline, you will not be able to do so for another year. This can make a big difference in your drug costs, especially if your drugs have changed or the drug coverage has changed. It is critical that all seniors are aware of these new dates. We will be hosting a talk on this (date and time to be announced). If you know a senior please pass this information along. For residents of Kettering, you may call **Vicki Carraher** at 296-3330.

Spiritual Caregivers Training
Saturday, Sept. 4, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

A Spiritual Caregivers Training session will be held Saturday, Sept. 4 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Room 109. Anyone interested in developing listening skills is welcome to attend. Please let **Rev. Denise Ingram** know if you plan to attend.

Women of Fairmont News

An Invitation to all of the
WOMEN of FAIRMONT CHURCH
Fall 2011 Gathering

On **Saturday morning, September 10, at 10 am in Fellowship Hall**, we will share a brunch, conduct a bit of business, and hear **Rev Denise Ingram** present the Overview of the 2011 Horizon Bible Study, *“Confessing the Beatitudes”* by **Margaret Aymer**.

This gathering will include the 1st chapter of the study, as well, “Greatly Honored are the Poor”

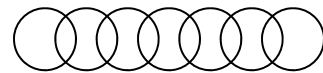


The Fall Gathering has traditionally been our **Circle Kick-off** with time given to organizing each circle’s plans for the year.

The Bible study book will be available for purchase at that time

Call **Karan Bowden** (299-1949) or **Connie Wade** (436-0306) with your reservation for the brunch, We hope to see you there and begin our wonderful work for the mission of the women.

Watch the Sunday worship bulletins for further details of the Women of Fairmont!



CIRCLE MEETINGS – Women of Fairmont circles provide friendship, caring and sharing along with Bible Study and mission projects. Circles meet at various times and on various days so that every woman can find a meeting that will suit her schedule. The September circle meetings will all be held on Saturday, September 10, 2011, which is the date of the Fall Gathering. Please come and begin your year in a circle.

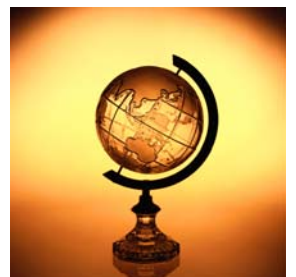
Budget & Stewardship Team

Music Enhancement Fund Update

To date, the Music Enhancement Fund Campaign has received about \$13,500. This will go help to insure that the music at Fairmont continues at a high level. We love our music at Fairmont and this money will help the choir to continue to inspire us in worship and will continue to support the special music programs we enjoy so much. Thank you to everybody who has supported this special campaign.

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The Stewardship and Budget Team would also like to thank the family of Marguerite Bowden for generously electing to give all the money that was donated to the church in Marguerite's name to the Music Enhancement Fund. We all know how much Marguerite loved her music. What a wonderful way to keep her spirit and memory alive!

For those who have not yet given to the campaign, it is not too late! Simply send your check to the Church office. Write in the memo line "Music Enhancement Fund." Let's keep the quality of music at Fairmont at the highest level!

~ Budget and Stewardship Team

Financial Highlights

Our financial situation has been very good through this summer. The following are some of the highlights:

Our pledge giving is \$23,185 over budget through the end of July. This means members are staying current on their pledge giving.

Our expenses are \$3,295 under budget through the end of July. This has a lot to do with the fact we have been running the office with 1 full-time and 1 part-time employee and we have not had a youth director since the end of April.

We have \$38,000 more in our General Fund than we did at this time last year. At this time last year, the General Fund was minus (\$15,033) versus now we have a surplus of \$23,905.

Keeping expenses down and staying current on pledge giving has helped our church begin the fall in a very positive way. Thank you for your faithful giving!

Discipleship & Small Groups

Wednesday Night Bible Study - Summer Break

The Wednesday Night Bible Study will be taking a Summer Break from June 1 – August 31. The group will resume meeting on September 7. Have a great summer!

Join Fairmont's Small Group Ministry: "Dinners For Eight" - Oct. 2011 - Jan. 2012

Fun, fellowship, new and old friends are found in these once a month gatherings. We share meals, conversation, recipes and laughter.

Your group may decide to host dinners in your home or go out to a local restaurant. Singles are encouraged to participate and will be paired with other singles whenever possible.

Sign up for the next "Dinners For Eight" will be held on Sept. 11 and Sept. 18 in Fellowship Hall after both services. For more information call **Pam Lowry** at 434-3957 or e-mail lowrys75@gmail.com.

Fairmont Missions

As we approach fall we wanted to extend a very big **THANK YOU** to the congregation for all of your support. We have disbursed money and received a thank you for our support for the following missions:

Mercy Manor
Daybreak
Homefull (The Other Place)
The Gospel Mission
House of Bread
Kettering BackPack

Dayton Urban Ministries
Friends of the Castle
Good Works
Habitat for Humanity
Holt Street Miracle
Operation Rebirth
Honduras Scholarships
Kirkmont Center
FISH (Southminster Food Pantry)

We also continue to support most of the above with our time and talents as well. Thank you and keep up your great work.

Our 5th Sunday mission collections for Oak Tree Corner and TJ's Place of Hope have resulted in collections that have exceeded last year and we are very thankful for your continued support for all of these endeavors. If any of you become aware of additional agencies that might need our help please let the Mission Team know.

We are beginning our planning for next year and are looking at the possibility of an intergenerational mission trip in support of Good Works. Our first attempt to get Laura Barahona (Donna Lydia's daughter- Honduras) to visit in August did not work out; we will try again for September/October when the flights are better.

With the success of our efforts on behalf of the Kettering Backpack program and our involvement for many years with school supplies for J F Kennedy elementary, we are formulating plans to adopt a Kettering elementary school and supplement what the PTO at that school is trying to get done. We will look at several elementary schools in Kettering and talk to their PTO's about providing assistance.

Get ready to support the shoebox ministry of The Samaritan's Purse and our local Christmas undertaking for Jeremiah's letter. Mark your calendars for **November 5** as this year's date for the **Alternative Gift Market** which is held at Southminster Presbyterian Church

Thank you and continue to pray and provide assistance to the many mission opportunities our church provides.

~ The Mission Team

"Go Green for the Mission Team"



Recycling of aluminum cans continues at Fairmont. Place clean, dry cans in the Go Green canisters located at the double door entrance, in the Fellowship Hall and beside the elevator.

Proceeds from the cans support the Honduras Education fund providing books and school uniforms to students in need.

Farmer's Markets September 18 in Fellowship Hall

The final Farmer's Market of the year will be held Sept. 18 in the Fellowship Hall following both services. Be sure to browse through the summer produce, herbs, jams and jellies, home-canned items, baked goods, crafts and jewelry that will be available for purchase. Proceeds help our Honduran missionary, Dona Lydia, feed the hungry.



Session Highlights

Session Highlights for the August meeting:

Two staff positions were approved by Session: Ashley Ross met with Session and will become the new Youth Ministry Coordinator. She began her work on August 22; Elder Lisa Shearer will fill the position of Interim Children's Ministry Coordinator for the next four months.

The search for a part-time Information Specialist will begin immediately.

Plans are already being formulated for our Stewardship Campaign which will take place this fall.

~ Jean Webster
Clerk of Session

Expressions of Gratitude

We would like to thank our Fairmont family for the prayers, words of encouragement and the beautiful cards you sent our way following the death of Connie's father, Leo R. Bill, on August 17. Leo, who was 91 years old, died peacefully at home in Fullerton, California, with his wife Deloris and many family members at his side. Bob co-officiated a memorial service celebrating Leo's life and the hope of resurrection at Temple Baptist Church in Fullerton on August 23. Thank you for being such a caring people!

With sincere appreciation,
Connie and Bob Wade



I want to extend a sincere thank you for the showering of cards, well wishes and prayers from everyone. I appreciated them greatly, and they brought a smile to my face as I read each of them. I am looking forward to getting back to serving you through my music at Fairmont.

In Christ,
Judy Bede

Within the Fellowship

NOTE: With the departure of our Membership Secretary, Norma Grillot, the office is seeking volunteer assistance in gathering information once a month for the "Within the Fellowship" section of the CALL. If you would like to help continue providing this information to our members, please contact the church office. Thank you for your prayerful consideration!

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Phone: (740) 277-7383

LOWRY, Bill & Pam
lowrys75@gmail.com

Please pick up a new directory at the Welcome Desk for a more complete list of addresses, phone numbers, and e-mail addresses.

Marriages:

Will Runkle, son of **Jim and Jan Runkle**, married Katie Warren in Los Angeles on July 30. Katie's father, an Episcopal minister, performed the ceremony which took place in the USC Rose Garden. **Jenny Runkle** served as a bridesmaid and **Matt and Ben Runkle** as groomsmen.



Holy Land Tour - May 2012

Rev. Bob and Connie Wade will be leading a tour of the land where Jesus walked and they would love to have your company. The 10 day tour will be in early May 2012 and will be sponsored by *Educational Opportunities* which has specialized in tours of the Holy Land since 1974. Bob and Connie will host an informational meeting at Fairmont Church on **Thursday, September 15, at 7:00 p.m.** Come and learn the details about this journey of faith and meet others who are exploring this possibility. You can learn more by going directly to the *Educational Opportunities* website at www.eot.travel. If you have questions feel free to call **Connie** or **Bob** at 436-0306. Brochures are also available in the Church Office or at the Welcome Center.

Home Communion:

If you are unable to attend worship and would like to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion in

your home please contact **Rev. Bob Wade** at 299-3539 or via e-mail at bwade@fairmontchurch.org.

Upcoming Events

Sloppy Joe Luncheon **Sunday, September 11, following** **the combined 10:00 worship service**

Luncheon will be served by the youth of the church. Donations will be received for our youth ministry.

You are invited to bring a side dish or dessert to share. You will also have the opportunity to hear from our newly called Youth Ministry coordinator, **Ashley Ross**, and Interim Children's Ministry coordinator, **Lisa Shearer**. Come with your friends to worship and stay for lunch. What a wonderful way to give thanks for God's providential care over the last ten years and to kick-off Fairmont's new program year



Generations In Fellowship Together (GIFT) **September 14, 6 p.m. in Fellowship Hall**

GIFT is a monthly potluck where members of all ages gather together to share a meal and our joys and concerns with each other. This fellowship event is held the second Wednesday of every month and offers a great opportunity to get to know other members of the congregation who we may not have met before. **Please bring a dish to share that will serve between 10-12**



people (enough to feed yourself and your family PLUS something to share with others). We can't wait to enjoy dinner and fellowship with you! For more information, you may contact **Julie Boden** at 299-3082.

Fairmont Men's Group Activities

The Fairmont men's group will meet for breakfast at the Bob Evans restaurant, 7115 Far Hills Avenue, (just south of Southminster Presbyterian Church) on **Wednesday, September 21, at 8:00 a.m.** All the men of the church and their guests are invited. **Sign "breakfast" on the attendance pads, or call the church office by Tuesday noon, September 20.**



MEMORY VERSE for the month:

The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever; he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us. As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him.

~ Psalm 103: 8-13

Goodbye Summer!



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DEADLINE FOR NEXT CALL

Submission deadline for *The Call* is **the third Monday of each month**. You may submit articles much as you did before, either by placing them in the CALL mailbox (located in the coat room next to the church office), sending them to the office, or e-mailing them directly to Karen Eizenga at KarenE73@woh.rr.com.

September 2011

October *Call* deadline:
Monday, September 19



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