



# Newsletter

Spring 2022

## AT THE TABLE

*All are welcome here!*

Fairmount is full of many tables of different sizes, but one table, centrally located in the coffee shop stands out: the Community Table. There's a lot that happens around this table. Plan on spending a few hours at Fairmount? Pull up a seat at the Community Table and watch God work.

I (Paige, Director of Outreach) love to sit at the Community Table first thing in the morning and read my Bible while I enjoy my first cup of coffee for the day. Often times, someone else is seated with me, reading their Bible as well. Sometimes we will chat about what we are reading, and other times we sit in silence, resting in the presence of God, and the silence of each other's company as we read together or separate. Some days, entire groups of friends are here reading their Bible together. Thank you, Jesus, that this is a space where people are comfortable, and encouraged, to do so!

While it's nice to have an office space at Fairmount, I love to sit out in the coffee shop when time allows. Now, I have worked here for several years, and definitely have my favorite spots to sit in the shop. Sometimes I pick where I sit depending on my mood, how busy it is, or the time of day (as our windows provide excellent sunlight). Where I sit also depends on what I am working on, or how much my computer is charged.

One of my favorite places to sit is at the community table. This is for many reasons. The Community Table invites more people to sit down with me, and it's not as awkward as some may think. Whether I am sitting



at the table with a friend or a stranger (that usually becomes a friend), I've had many conversations at the Community Table over the years. Sometimes it's a "Hi, Hello, or How are you?" exchange. Other times, I make new friends, as other people sitting with me have friends join the group. Sometimes, the conversations are casual, and other times, the conversations go deeper, into topics about faith, life, theology, and the world... You never know what God has in store at this table, and I love it!

That's the nature of the Christian life together. We were not meant to walk through this world alone. God invites each and every one of us to have a seat at the table and to sit together. While yes, there are times when God invites us into solitude, he also invites us into community and relationship with each other.

So I invite you, to consider joining us at Fairmount. There's a spot here for you at our table, and we can't wait to walk with you!

# STAFFING CHANGES

Last Fall, Fairmount's Executive Director, Kent Hoyer, announced his plan for retirement. At that time, a staffing committee was formed to search for his replacement. We are thrilled to announce that Pastor Rocky Mease has accepted a call to be our Executive Director, beginning April 4. We are thankful for the leadership and direction Kent has provided our ministry over the past four years! We look forward to welcoming Pastor Mease into the Fairmount Family and the guidance he will provide our team as he walks with us into a new season.

## *A Note from Kent Hoyer*

God continues to bless Fairmount Ministries in amazing ways. I am excited to be able to begin working with Pastor Rocky Mease as he takes on the role of Executive Director. In December 2017, I was blessed when the Council hired me to assist with this ministry in the role of bookkeeper. Having been a college student in the late 70's, learning under Pastor Crane's leadership, I realized the value of campus ministry, especially when I think about how little I took advantage of this wonderful opportunity that was then known as the Lutheran Student Center. Campus ministry is vital to the faith foundations of the college students that come through our doors, as this is a major transition time in their lives. Although my time as an employee is ending, I am thankful that God has used me to help further His kingdom, and look forward to new ways in which I can assist in the future.

## *You're Invited!*



*The Rev. Rocky Mease  
Executive Director*

**Installation Service**  
Sunday, May 22, 2pm  
Fairmount Coffee Co.

# VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



*Debby Wilson  
Council Member*

**Name:** Debby Wilson

**Role/Title at Fairmount:** Council Member

**Go-to Bible Verse:** Proverbs 3:4-5 - Trusting the Lord in ALL things and not leaning on yourself is comforting and challenging. We don't always see His care for us in the moment.

**How are you connected to Fairmount?:** My history starts with time spent in Paige's office dreaming about a new ministry at the LSC. I spent many Mondays writing grants with Paige. I attended many meetings observing the council wrestle with the idea of a coffee shop and the renovation of the LSC into a coffee shop. I believe in Fairmount Ministries and the ministry it shares to the college students and the coffee shops impact to the Fairmount neighborhood.

**What inspired you to get involved at Fairmount?:**

The need to have a ministry for our young adults, especially college aged.

**What does Fairmount mean to you?**

Fairmount is a beautiful testimony to having a dream, praying Gods will and being blown away from His providence. This ministry and coffee shop has survived a pandemic and the challenges of convincing people this can work as a ministry with a coffee shop.

**How has God worked through you in your time at Fairmount?**

God has shown me He has a plan and to trust him in all things.

**We are so grateful for the dedication of our many volunteers, like Debby, that work alongside our staff to make this ministry happen! We cannot do it without you! To get involved, visit our website at [www.fairmountministries.org/volunteer](http://www.fairmountministries.org/volunteer).**

# KENTUCKY SERVANT EVENT

In January, nine students and volunteers embarked on a ten hour drive to Kentucky to serve and love the communities that had been affected by the tragic tornadoes that affected Mayfield, Kentucky and surrounding areas. We worked with an organization called Eight Days of Hope, a non-profit organization working hard to bring hope to the hopeless, especially in times of tragedy or destruction.

We joined hundreds of other individuals to serve the community in the Mayfield/Hardin area. Our team was placed to serve a family that lived in the country on the outskirts of Benton. During the tornado, this family lost a large portion of their roof which was then followed by rainfall that damaged the interior of their entire home. While they lost mostly everything inside their home, the frame still stood, which will allow them to rebuild.

Due to the water damage, the work we did was called "mucking out" the home, which is not common for tornado disasters (usually there is not enough left to muck out). This work involved removing everything from the house, furniture, fixtures, etc. Most items were completely damaged, but there were a handful of items and fixtures that were able to be salvaged. There was a lot to reflect on as we sorted through items that were still left behind, picking what was salvageable and not, and considering our own belongings and the difficulty of going through such a tragedy.

We also had some time to visit with the homeowner throughout the process, especially as we wrapped up the project. We were able to present him with a Bible, that we had written messages in, along with some gifts inside from the team at Eight Days of Hope. We also took some time to pray with him, for him and his family, as they rebuild and move forward.

One of the last tasks we were able to do during our time of service was to write Bible verses on the posts of the house. We loved the opportunity to be able to share the love and hope in God's Word with the homeowner and his family in this tangible way. We pray that these words were encouraging to their family and that they will find the hope and peace they have in Jesus in the midst of this storm they have been experiencing.

Thank you to those that served on this trip, and those that prayed for our team and supported us to get there! While we have the chance to impact the lives of others through trips like this, it is often the case that the lives of those who serve are equally as impacted. We look forward to our next opportunity to respond to the call to serve!

*To read more about the experience, visit our Blog:  
[www.fairmountministries.org/blog](http://www.fairmountministries.org/blog)*



The Fairmount Crew



Making Friends



Tearing Up Flooring



Lunch Stop at Lamberts

## BIEROCK FUNDRAISER UPDATE!

**As our 2nd Annual Bierock Fundraiser has ended, we are excited to announce the results. First, we want to say a big THANK YOU to all who supported the event by planning, volunteering, and pre-ordering bierocks! We are happy to announce that we sold a total of 415 dozen bierocks (395 in pre-orders, plus an additional 20 dozen at the Ash Wednesday dinner at Holy Cross). We raised over \$10,000 after expenses. These funds are a huge blessing to our ministry!**

# CAMPUS MINISTRY

It's been a great semester so far with our campus ministry. We've had many successful events, such as Waffle Night (build your own waffle bar), and Bowling Night at Shocker Sports Grill on Campus. We've been enjoying discussions over Ephesians and 1&2 Timothy this semester. With the end of the semester in sight, we are looking forward to Finals Week activities and are already making plans for the Summer & Fall. If you know a college age student or an incoming student in the Wichita area, we'd love to connect with them!

We're also looking for volunteers to serve as Campus Ministry Adult Leaders for the 2022-23 School Year. Visit our website to learn more!



Waffle Night

# YOUNG ADULTS

Our Young Adults have had a great time gathering in community again. Currently, they are going through a 6 week study of Ecclesiastes on Sundays at 5:30pm. If you are a young adult (recent college graduate, graduate student, young professional) and would like to get connected, visit our website for more information: [www.fairmountministries.org/ya](http://www.fairmountministries.org/ya).



Bowling Night



It's been an exciting season at Fairmount Coffee Co. Among continued growth, we are beginning to have live events again. As we are nearing our 5th anniversary, we are thankful for the continued support of our Fairmount family. While the ongoing increase in traffic is a good problem to have, we are facing increasing spacing issues both indoors and in our parking lot. We have decided to suspend reservations for of the living room for outside groups so that we can accommodate our own Fairmount Ministries and Coffee Co. needs. The Conference Room is still available for reservation and comfortably seats 10-12 people. A parking lot expansion is in the future, so stay tuned on how you can help with that. We are working on a Private Label custom blend that we can offer at Fairmount, as well to our partner congregations and anyone else that wants to support our ministry. One of our partner congregations has already been serving our coffee during their Sunday morning coffee hour, and it's been a hit! In addition to bulk coffee, our Catering Services are ramping up again, and we happy to accommodate small to medium sized events! For all the latest information, be sure to visit our website at [www.fairmountcoffee.com](http://www.fairmountcoffee.com) and follow us on Social Media (@FairmountCoffee).

**Please Note that we have new email addresses for general contacts as well as staff!**

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Information