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MINISTRY IN THE MIDST OF A PANDEMIC

What does campus ministry look like one year into the pandemic...

One year ago, most of life as we knew it came to a crashing halt with the start of the pandemic...even campus ministry. Looking back at the start of the pandemic, along with the rest of life, we were forced to pivot the way we did ministry. In ways, the past year has felt like the longest year ever! In other ways, the past year has been filled with some of the richest connections and memories. We've learned some great lessons and are excited to reflect with you.

At the beginning of the shutdown, for a ministry that is so community-focused, we asked the question, "how do we form community during the midst of a pandemic?" Programs and events could be put on hold, but human connection and relationships are vital to building community.

Some of our activities were easy to shift to online, such as our weekly college Bible study. At the time, we were walking through the book of *James* using a video series. With the handy "Share my screen" feature on Zoom, it was a fairly easy switch.

...Ministry after a pandemic



Other activities were not as simple to make the switch to online. We walked with our community through the grief that was experienced at the loss of milestone events in their lives - graduations, weddings, birthdays, celebrations, proms, senior traditions. Covid impacted each and every person around us, and in one way we feel that as we were all walking through similar struggles, it brought people closer together.

Even though we were not able to meet regularly in person during the shutdown, we were still able to keep in touch through text messages and phone calls, as well as the occasional Zoom Group Hangout!



We felt led to find new ways to connect to our community, so we started a blog and began to branch out into virtual forms of encouragement through video and written devotionals. Many members of the Fairmount Family, near and far, banded around us to pitch in with this project. We covered a variety of themes such as peace, rest, hope, courage, waiting, patience & more!

Once the shutdown ended in May, we were thankful to open back up a bit for events outdoors. Over the summer, we hosted an outdoor "Chill & Chat" Discussion Group for college students & young adults, where we listened to and discussed podcasts through a Christian lens.

We currently have weekly Bible study, book club, and multiple ways to connect in fellowship each month. To read this full article, to learn how Fairmount Coffee is doing, and to see all of our fun pictures, visit our website at www.fairmountministries.org/blog



FACILITIES UPDATE

Roofing & A/C Projects begin soon

We recently shared in our e-news that we were nearing our fundraising goal to move forward in our roof and A/C repairs. We were about \$6,000 shy of our \$30,000 goal.

We are absolutely thrilled to share that we have reached and surpassed the \$30,000! This gives us a little "wiggle room" if we come up against additional unexpected costs once they get into the roof. We are ready to get this project underway later this month or in May, weather permitting.

FACES & STORIES OF FAIRMOUNT

Meet members of the Fairmount Family and hear our stories

Each month, in addition to our monthly e-news (*Three Things You Need to Know*) we send a short email introducing a Fairmount Family member or share a Fairmount Story.

Over the past few months we have introduced one of our active Students, one of our Baristas/Marketing Assistant, some amazing Volunteers, and we shared a couple of stories.

We have them all out on our blog, so make sure to visit it to meet some of our amazing family members and to hear stories about how God is moving through and amongst us!

Today, we'd like to introduce you to Sabrina! She is a sophomore at Wichita State, studying Computer Science, raised in Wichita, KS, and a daughter of Risen Savior Lutheran Church. You'll often find her hanging out at Fairmount with friends, studying, volunteering, leading a small group, or reading her Bible.

Join us for a virtual sit-down with Sabrina and get to know her! We asked her some fun questions, like, "What is the craziest meal you've thrown together during the pandemic?" and some meatier ones too, like, "What has God taught you through your time in college thus far?"

To read Sabrina's story, visit www.fairmountministries.org/post/faces-of-fairmount-sabrina

And to see all of the faces and stories of Fairmount, visit www.fairmountministries.org/blog

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Faces & Stories of Fairmount, Three Things You Need to Know, and volunteer/service opportunities.

<http://eepurl.com/dMjN5c>



"God has taught me how important the relationships in my life are. I have made new friendships since coming to college that are far deeper than anything I have ever experienced, and I am so grateful for the people He has placed in my life."

WEDNESDAY WHYS

Discovering why people love Fairmount

With the help of our Marketing Assistant, Carley, we have been collecting reasons why our community loves Fairmount Ministries & Coffee Co. Each Wednesday, we are highlighting some of the 112 responses we've received out on social media. It has been a fun experience to hear why others feel Fairmount is a special place!

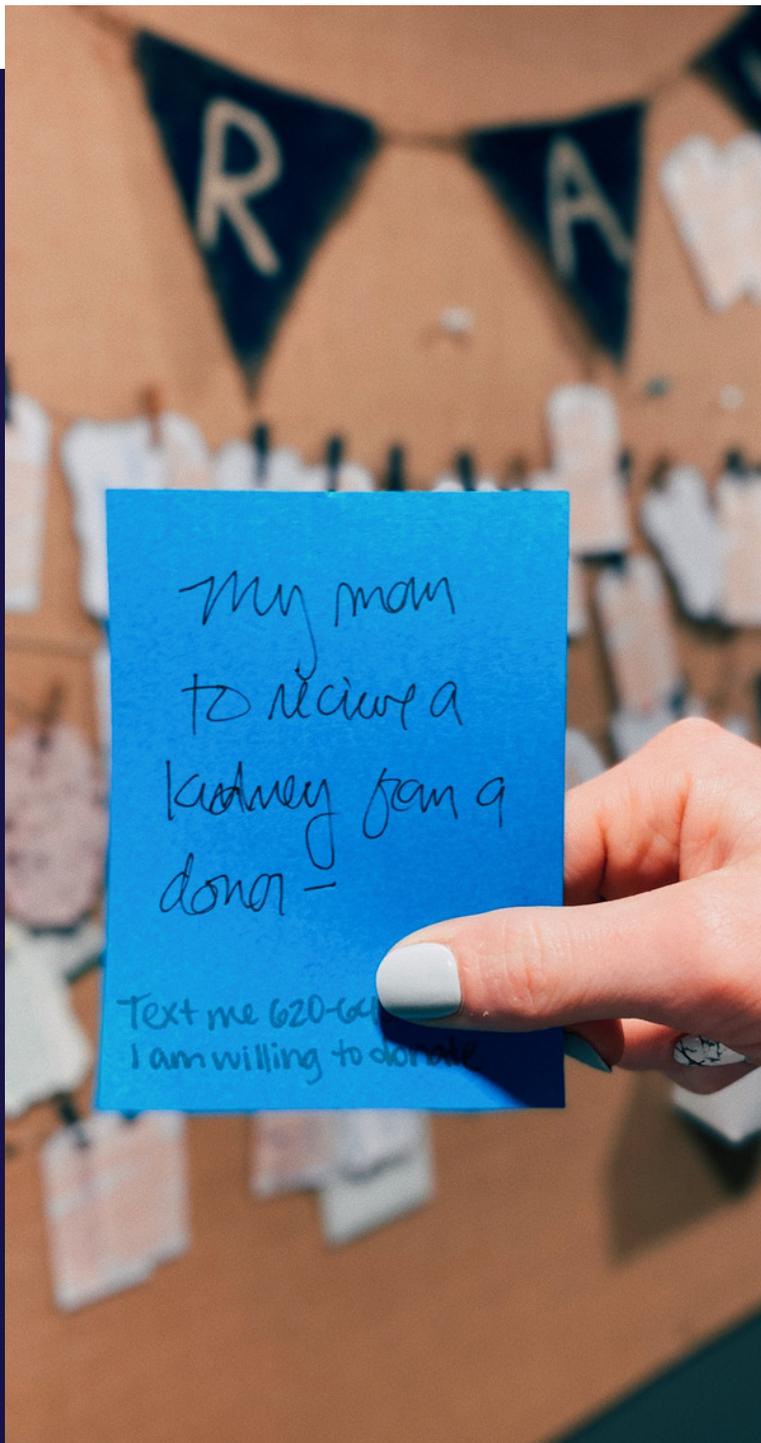
Make sure to follow us on Instagram & Facebook to see more of the Wednesday Whys:

@FairmountCoffee

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What's not to love? The space is beautiful, all my friends hang out here, and I love getting to support a place so saturated in love for Jesus!

-Nora



My mom
to receive a
kidney from a
donor -

Text me 620-641-1111
I am willing to donate

LOVE AND A PRAYER

a selfless act of love

You've likely seen the prayer wall in the hallway at Fairmount Ministries & Coffee Co. It's a wonderful space to leave a prayer card or take one to pray over yourself.

Recently, we came across a prayer request from an adult child asking for prayers that a kidney donor be found for their mother. At the bottom, written in a different hand, a Fairmount guest wrote a reply.

Fittingly, April is Organ & Tissue Donor awareness month.

Keep in mind, a lot of things need to fall into place for this to happen. One being we have to be able to connect these two. We reached out to the number on the card, and it just so happens the potential donor is one of our Students, but we have absolutely no idea who left the request!

Would you cover this in prayer? If you are on social, would you also please share our posts about connecting these two people?

To the person who left this request, please reach out to us if you see this!

We can be reached by email at fairmountministries@gmail.com, or call us at 316-684-5224 x2.

To read this full story, please visit our blog.

WAYS TO SUPPORT FAIRMOUNT MINISTRIES & COFFEE COMPANY

Different ways that you can help your favorite campus ministry and coffeehouse!

Would you please prayerfully consider supporting our ministry, whether through a one-time gift or by becoming a monthly sustaining partner? With our tremendous growth in ministry as well as recovering from a pandemic and its economic consequences, we still need your support now more than ever before!

Your support would bless students like Sabrina, Nora, and so many others by equipping our ministry with the resources we vitally need to provide opportunities to foster relationships, encourage community, and promote dialogue about faith and life, for the university and the community in order to bring people closer to Jesus Christ.

Monthly or one time gifts can be sent electronically:
<https://fairmountministries.churchcenter.com/giving>

or

Mail to: Fairmount Ministries, 3815 E. 17th St. N., Wichita, KS 67208

THANKSGIVINGS & BLESSINGS!

We can't say thank you enough for all of your love, prayers, and support!

Even though 2020 came with a lot of new challenges, we were beyond blessed by our Fairmount Family, near and far. **We want to take a moment to thank the following people, organizations, and congregations who blessed our ministry last year.** Your support was a tremendous blessing and we continue to be in awe of how the Lord takes care of us!

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