



Newsletter

Fall 2022

COME, LORD JESUS

A season of waiting in expectant hope.

"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace" (Isaiah 9:6, NIV). These words, first written by Isaiah, announce the birth of Jesus. Advent is that time in the church year when we wait with expectation for that birth. It seems strange to be waiting for something that has already happened. It is strange. But now we are awaiting Jesus' return on Judgement Day. Often our prayer as we suffer in this world is, "Come, Lord Jesus." Advent reminds us that God keeps his promises, in his own time and in his own way. I wonder how many "sons" were thought to be the one of which Isaiah had written. I wonder how many people were disappointed, that the "son" they thought was "Wonderful and Counselor", was not. Yet God had a perfect plan to bring his Son into the world to be our Savior.

Our culture has turned Advent into a shopping season. Our shopping season is a bit longer than Advent on our church calendars. We all look forward to seeing loved ones open our gifts, and if we are honest, we like opening them ourselves. Gifts were given as a reminder of God's gift to us in his Son and as a reminder of the gifts brought from the Eastern Kings who had followed the star to see this child.

Advent is a time when we would like you to consider a gift to Fairmount Ministries. Late Fall and early Winter are times when we don't have fundraisers, and we depend upon those who support this ministry to do what they can to give Gifts. Perhaps you know



someone who has everything and is hard to shop for. Consider making a Gift to Fairmount in that person's name. We also have Gift Cards available that make great stocking stuffers. Some of you may wish to purchase an item on our needs list (which we can provide you). Right now, a \$5,000 dishwasher is at the top of our (barista) wish list. If someone is looking for an organization to give a \$50,000 gift, we could use that to finish our parking lot.

Advent reminds us that God keeps his promises. We live in trust and faith that Fairmount Ministries is a part of God's plan, and God always has and always will provide. May God bless you and your family in this season of hope and joy.

Pastor Rocky Mease

Transitional Executive Director

CAMPUS MINISTRY

We have been learning about spiritual gifts in our Tuesday night College Group. Did you know that all believers in Christ are gifted by the Holy Spirit for ministry? God has given each of us individual gifts to work together as a body to fulfill the Great Commission right now and right here on earth! During our first week, We spent time delving into what spiritual gifts are, including some common misconceptions about spiritual gifts, and discussed what we thought our spiritual gifts might be. In weeks 2 and 3, we dug deeper into spiritual gifts, taking an inventory to narrow down on how God has gifted us, and reading about how individuals used their gifts throughout the Bible. On our last week of the study, we discussed how we can use our gifts within our own ministry context, whether that be at work, school, church, Fairmount Ministries, or wherever the Lord has us each and every day! We have been excited to see how our community is already putting their gifts into action for ministry this semester, shown in the pictures to the right.

Young Adults: Our Young Adults have had a great time gathering in community. Currently, they are studying the book of Daniel on Sundays at 5:30pm. If you are a young adult (recent college graduate, graduate student, or young professional) and would like to get connected, visit our website for more information: www.fairmountministries.org/ya.

Theology on Tap is back again and going strong. It meets most 4th Sundays at Old School Tap House in Kechi from 6-8pm for fellowship and a theological or spiritual discussion! We will take a break in December, and look forward to gathering again in January. Visit our website at www.fairmountministries.org/theology-on-tap or keep an eye on social media for updates!



*Savannah & Nellie
Leading Music*



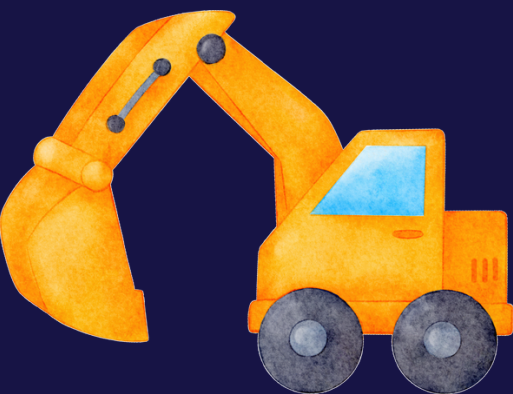
*Clara Sharing About
Mexico Mission Trip*

FAIRMOUNT COFFEE CO.

This past August, we celebrated five years of coffee and community. We are beyond grateful for the opportunities for outreach that the coffee shop has presented over the past five years. We give all thanks and glory to God as He has sustained this ministry thus far. Also, we are grateful that it continues to be a space where people are encouraged to read their bibles, have spiritual conversations, and grow in faith and community. Things will slow down a little bit for us over the winter months, so if you've been waiting to come in, it's a great time to visit. Our Winter Break hours will be from December 19-January 17 (M-F: 7am-8pm, Sat: 8am-6pm). We are selling soup again during the winter months! We also have plenty of merchandise options for the coffee lovers in your family, including new 16 oz. navy travel mugs! Gift cards are also an excellent and practical option and a great stocking stuffer! Thank you for your ongoing prayers and support of this outreach to our community!

Neighborhood Under Construction

Each time you come to Fairmount Ministries & Coffee Co., you might notice something different around our building. We are in the middle of a construction zone as our neighbors prepare to build apartments (primarily for students) and a parking lot to the West and South of our facility. While we expect the current impact to be minimal to our business, we are excited for the future and looking forward to reaching out to our new neighbors as they move in and begin or continue their classes at WSU this fall!



MAKE AN ETERNAL IMPACT

This ministry is successful because of your prayers and support, and generous gifts of time, talent, and treasures! When you share your gifts, you are making an eternal impact to help us accomplish the mission that God has entrusted to us of sharing the Good News of Christ with the university and community!

Give Online: Visit our website to give one time or recurring gifts electronically at www.fairmountministries.org/give

- or -

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

Please designate fund in memo line (ex: General, Debt Reduction)



Other Ways to Support:

Amazon Smile, Dillons Community Rewards, Thrivent Choice Dollars, Thrivent Action Teams. **Visit our website:** <https://www.fairmountministries.org/other-gifts> to learn more.



*Karen Thurnau
Council Member*

Volunteer Spotlight

Name: Karen Thurnau (pictured with husband, Dan)

Role/Title at Fairmount: Council member, Fundraising & The Gathering Co-Chair

Where do you go to church?: Risen Savior

Go-to Bible verse: Psalm 37:5. It is my confirmation verse and has always been what I go back to.

What is God teaching you right now?: Patience and to take time to relax and be thankful for each day

How are you connected to Fairmount?: I have been involved with Fairmount for many years, beginning when it was known as the Lutheran Student Center for Wichita State. Campus ministry has always been important to me. I was active in one when I attended the University of Missouri in Columbia. I see how vital it is to students and the community to have a place to come to study, pray, and have fellowship.

What does Fairmount mean to you?

Fairmount is community! It gives me the opportunity to be involved in multi-generational ministry both in formal roles as a council member and committee co-chairs, but also as a participant and patron.

How has God worked through you in your time at Fairmount?: He has worked on that patience that I mentioned earlier as well as giving me an opportunity to use my spiritual gifts.

Favorite Fairmount menu item(s): Chai Latte, Hot ham and cheese, Reese's cookie.

We are so grateful for the dedication of our many volunteers, like Karen, 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.

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Are you Alumni?

We want to keep in touch! We consider you alumni if you ever participated or were active in the ministry and community of the ULC, LSC, or Fairmount Ministries! This includes former students, young adults, baristas, and more! We want to keep track of our alumni, so if you haven't connected in awhile, give us a call. We'd love to catch up!



Get in touch!

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