

**Sunday, May 3, 2026**

10:15am Intergenerational Pop-Up Choir Rehearsal in Sanctuary

11:00 am Breaking Bread Worship in the Sanctuary and Online

12:00pm Honor Brunch in Andersen Hall

12:00pm Breaking Bread Community Meal in the Dining Room

12:30pm Club 4/5

This morning, join us for Breaking Bread Worship at 11:00am, as we celebrate our graduating seniors and share the sacrament of Communion. Children remain in this family-friendly service designed to be accessible for kids and youth. **Following worship, our annual Honor Brunch for octogenarians, nonagenarians, and centenarians will be held in Andersen Hall.** All others are invited to the Breaking Bread community meal in the dining room. The 8:30am service returns the following week.

**Stay Refreshed, Stay Green!**

This morning, stop by the stage in Andersen Hall to pick up your free aluminum water bottle! Thanks to our recycling grant from the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District ([www.cuyahogarecycles.org](http://www.cuyahogarecycles.org)), these reusable bottles help reduce plastic waste, care for God's Creation, and keep you refreshed all spring and summer long. Fairmount Presbyterian Church now has two water bottle refilling stations – one in the back of the sanctuary and one in the chapel hallway. Bring your bottle to worship, meetings, and events, and fill up anytime. Hydrate sustainably!

**Fairmount Music Ministries**

**Heights Chamber Orchestra** in concert on Sunday, May 10th at 3:30pm in the sanctuary. Works by Gounod, Haydn, Beethoven, and Anderson, "A Trumpeter's Lullaby" with Lyle Steelman, trumpet. Freewill offering.

**CityMusic Cleveland** in concert on Thursday, May 14th, at 7:30pm in the sanctuary with Jeannette Sorrell, conductor, Diana Cohen, violin, and Roman Rabinovich, piano. Freewill offering.

**The Spirituals Project**-Funds raised will support local black musicians. See the bulletin board outside the sanctuary for details and the QR code to make a donation.

**Memorial Announcement**

Rev. Matthew Peterson, a former Associate Pastor at Fairmount, passed on March 26, 2026. His memorial service will be at The Church of the Western Reserve on Saturday, May 30th at 2:00pm.

**Fairmount Happenings****Book Study: "Discovering the Spiritual Wisdom of Trees" by Beth Norcross and Leah Rampy**

The book discussions will take place weekly at Fairmount Presbyterian Church (and virtually on Zoom) - Monday evenings 6:30pm - 8:00pm on May 4th, 11th, and 18th. Books are available in the church welcome center office for \$20.00 (cash, check or online Realm payment). Books are also available to purchase online. If you are interested in participating, email Alycia Ashburn at [ashburnlrc@gmail.com](mailto:ashburnlrc@gmail.com).

**IGAH Research & Education Committee Program**

The Interfaith Group Against Hate Research & Education Committee invites the community to an important program addressing online radicalization and the impact of hate culture on youth and families. Join us on **May 6th from 6:30pm-8:30pm at Christ Episcopal Church** for a live webinar featuring national experts and a firsthand story from a formerly radicalized young person. Learn warning signs, practical tools, and ways to help create safer digital spaces for our community. Scan the blue QR code to learn more.



### **The William Birkett Williams Lecture Series Welcomes Author Leah Rampy**

On **Wednesday, May 13th** Fairmount Presbyterian will welcome author Leah Rampy, co-author of *Discovering the Spiritual Wisdom of Trees*, as part of the William Birkett Williams Lecture Series. Reception & Book Signing - 5:30pm; Presentation Begins - 6:30pm; Q&A to Follow. Come for fellowship, thoughtful conversation, and a meaningful night of learning together. All are welcome! Scan the green QR code to let us know you are interested in attending.



### **What Women Know: Weaving Our Wisdom Through Generations**

Join us on **Saturday, May 16th (9:00am-4:00pm)** for the 2026 Fairmount Women's Retreat, a day of connection, reflection, and shared wisdom across generations. Together, we'll explore the voice of Lady Wisdom in Proverbs and consider how we are invited to trust God, slow down, listen deeply, and live with intention. Through conversation, storytelling, creative practices, and shared meals, we'll gather in community to learn from one another and reflect on the wisdom we carry. We will be guided by Rev. Dr. Elyse Berry, a multifaceted spiritual care leader whose work centers on formation, leadership, and holistic care. Learn more and register today by scanning the pink QR code.



### **The Racial Wealth Gap Learning Simulation - Sunday, May 17th, 12:30pm-3:00pm**

The Racial Wealth Gap Learning Simulation is an interactive workshop that helps people understand the connections between public policy and social practices with racial inequity leading to hunger, poverty, and wealth gaps. This learning experience is presented by the Presbytery of the Western Reserve in partnership with Forest Hill Presbyterian Church and hosted at Fairmount Presbyterian Church. A light lunch and refreshments will be provided. Registrations are required as seating is limited. Email Elaine Price at [elaineannprice@gmail.com](mailto:elaineannprice@gmail.com). Call 440.488.0206 with questions.

### **Power in Progress: 15 Years of GCC Growth**

Join Greater Cleveland Congregations as we celebrate 15 years of impact and kick off 2026 together! The celebration will take place on **Sunday, May 17th, from 3:00pm-5:00pm** at Olivet Institutional Baptist Church (8712 Qunicy Ave. Cleveland). We don't wait for change—we make it together. Come hear and honor our founding co-chairs as they reflect on GCC's power, progress, and vision for this moment. RSVP by May 10th by emailing [events@gcc-ohio.org](mailto:events@gcc-ohio.org).

### **IGAH Book Discussion - Tuesday, May 19th at 7:00pm**

The Interfaith Group Against Hate (IGAH) invites you to join us at Fairmount Presbyterian Church for a thoughtful conversation on *The Book of Unknown Americans* by Cristina Henríquez — a stunning and heartbreaking novel that explores the hopes, struggles, and resilience of a community of immigrants. Come engage in a meaningful discussion, build understanding, and connect with others through the power of the story. All are welcome. Register by scanning the orange QR code.



### **Join Fairmount on the 38th Annual Walk for Hunger and 5k Run on Saturday, May 30th**

Cleveland Metroparks Zoo (3900 Wildlife Way, Cleveland 44109) 7:15am Check In, 9:00am Walk. Your participation in the Walk for Hunger helps provide thousands of meals to families across Northeast Ohio. To join our Fairmount Team, scan the blue QR code. If you have any questions, contact Pete McWilliams at [peteandgreet51@gmail.com](mailto:peteandgreet51@gmail.com).



### **North Presbyterian Church Art Auction & Music Concert**

Join us on **Saturday, May 30, from 5:00-7:00 p.m.** for an evening supporting local artists and urban ministry. Our sanctuary will be transformed into an art gallery, music hall, and silent auction space, with proceeds benefiting the music ministries of North Presbyterian Church. Light refreshments will be served. North Church is located at 4514 Superior Ave. Cleveland, 44103.

Please RSVP at [www.northpresbyterianchurch.org](http://www.northpresbyterianchurch.org). Donations of food or paper goods are greatly appreciated, including appetizers, wraps, chips, fruit and vegetable trays, iced tea, and paper products. For questions or to coordinate a donation, please contact Melanie Alban at [melaniealban828@gmail.com](mailto:melaniealban828@gmail.com).