

Sunday, April 12th

8:30am Worship with Communion in the Chapel

10:00am Earth Stewards meeting

10:15am Choir Warm Up in Sanctuary

11:00 am Worship in the Sanctuary and Online

12:15pm Photographer Anthony Rodgers discusses the *Bees, Bugs, and Butterflies* exhibit in the Chapel

Alpha and Omega: The Beginning and the End of Creation

The Big Bang Theory reveals that the universe as we know it came into existence 13.7 billion years ago from a singularity. And evolutionary theory has proven that humans are descended from ancestors that we can trace back more than 3 billion years to single-celled organisms. Over the last two centuries, advances in modern science and technology have inspired Christians to read our sacred creation stories in new ways.

This Sunday through Pentecost, we will hold our book of scripture alongside the “book of nature” as we hold creation’s past and its future in tension. Each Sunday, we’ll consider what different features of nature can teach us about God’s will for creation, and how humans fit into God’s cosmos. We’ll even dare to ask: What is the “end” of the universe and what will it look like?

Beginning today, celebrate Earth Month by visiting *Bees, Bugs & Butterflies: How Pollinators Help the Cuyahoga Region Bloom*, a photography exhibit featuring six local photographers, located in the chapel hallway and Room 114. Join us after 11:00am worship for a discussion with featured photographer Anthony Rogers. A big thank you to Earth Stewards member Martha Lee for connecting us with this amazing artistic collective!

Music Notes and Fairmount Music Ministries

The Intergenerational PopUp Choir will sing for worship on Sunday, April 19th with a rehearsal at 10:15am in the sanctuary. Seasoned singers and shower singers are welcome.

The final Rush Hour Concert of this season is Tuesday, April 21, 5:30pm with Jackson Naglick in a program of works for the piano.

The Spirituals Project--Fairmount has launched a year-long project, following in the steps of other churches, of collecting reparations for spirituals used by composers in modern day arrangements for sale to schools, churches, and community groups. Funds raised will support local black musicians. See the bulletin board outside the sanctuary for details on Quarter 1 donations raised. Today we launch Quarter 2 with funds raised supporting the **Karamu House**. Founded in 1915, it is the oldest producing African-American theater in the United States. Scanning the QR code enables you to make a donation.



Fairmount Happenings

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

There is great wisdom to learn from trees, and when we connect intimately with them, we can deepen our spiritual lives and grow in the understanding that all beings are part of the fabric of the holy. The book discussions will take place weekly at Fairmount Presbyterian Church (and virtually on Zoom) - Monday evenings 6:30 - 8:00pm on April 13, 20, 27, and May 4, 11, and 18. To get the most from this experience, participants are asked to attend at least 3 of the 6 sessions. RSVP by April 6th by scanning the green QR code. 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. On Wednesday, May 13th Fairmount Presbyterian will welcome author Leah Rampy as the William Birkett Williams lecturer.



Women's Retreat at Fairmount on May 16th

Join us on Saturday May 16th for our Women's Retreat. We will gather at Fairmount from 9:00am-4:00pm for learning, conversation, brunch, and more. There is a suggested donation of \$25, with scholarships available. Scan the QR code if you are interested in attending or would like more information. Questions - email Pastor Lindsay, lindsay@fpccl.org. Note: Suggested donation of \$25 can be made to the church office by cash or check (made out to Fairmount Presbyterian Church, with "Women's Retreat" in the memo line), or online through Realm, our secure online giving platform - <https://onrealm.org/FairmountPresby/give/womensretreat>.



Collaborative Art Project

Over the past 6 weeks Christ Episcopal, Fairmount Presbyterian, First Baptist, Shiloh Baptist, and St. Mark's Presbyterian have walked through Lent together. We have gathered each week for worship, prayer, dinner, and conversation. During these evenings participants were asked to add to a collaborative art project, responding to the prompts: "When you think of power or the Beloved Community, what comes to mind? What did you hear tonight that stands out to you?"

Each week a new piece of art was created - one for each church. Each of the pieces features a light that is lit by the cross; a light which shines in the darkness and cannot be overcome. This light is a symbol of God's power at work in us to live as the Beloved Community. While these pieces are beautiful, there is an unfinished quality to them, representing the work we are still engaged in and that God continues to do in us. While each piece is similar, no two are the same. They represent the collection of people and ideas that were present in its moment of creation and celebrate the friendships and community built between our churches. Thank you to everyone who participated in helping to create these works of art! Stop by Andersen Hall to see these works of art!

"Meeting God in Nature" Walk

On **Sunday, April 19th from 3:00pm-4:30pm**, FPC children, youth, and their adults are invited to a "Meeting God in Nature Walk" at Acacia Reservation in Beachwood led by Nikie Monah and Alycia Ashburn. Please meet in the grassy picnic area near the white shelter/parking lot, and wear clothes for exploration/getting dirty! Email ashburnlrc@gmail.com to RSVP. The rain date is Sunday, April 26th, 3:00-3:30pm.

Easter at North Church

On Easter Morning, 19 Fairmount members were faithful witnesses sharing their time and talents for the North Church Easter Lunch for 52 friends from the Men and Women Shelters. What we do matters. With gratitude we thank: Lisa and Ian Cameron, Gina, Matt, Evan and Allie Kashuk, Tuni Chilcote, Joanne Westin, Wrean Fiebig, Karen and Jim Dakin, Hedy Westra, Kathryn and Ed Akucewich, Dean Carlson, Tate Blackard, Jerry Parker, Steve Chapmen and Donna Sens. "*This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.*" John 15:12

Greater Cleveland Congregations Courtwatch Program Education Sessions

For the past 2 and one-half years, the Greater Cleveland Congregations (GCC) Courtwatch Team has been observing Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court hearings. The effort was directed at gaining a better understanding of the juvenile court and why Cuyahoga County sends more youth to adult court and adult prison than any other large urban county in Ohio when we know that children sent to adult prison are significantly more likely to reoffend than those rehabilitated in the juvenile system. They are also much more likely to be physically abused. GCC is about to release its report on this situation.



Please join us at one of six workshops to learn about our experience attending juvenile court hearings. Get a preview of our Youth Bindover final report while you learn the facts and hear stories about the children in these situations. See how we can make positive change for this county's children. Scan the red QR code to learn more about the workshops and scan the black QR code to register for one of these six educational workshops. The workshops are on April 15th, April 16th, April 25th, April 28th, and April 29th. Contact Tim Cuff (cufft@westminster.edu) or at 319-594-4374 for questions or assistance.

