

Sunday, May 17, 2026

8:30am Worship in the Chapel with Communion

9:00am Hand Bell Choir Rehearsal in Undercroft

10:15am FPC Choir Rehearsal in Sanctuary

11:00 am Worship in the Sanctuary and Online

12:15 pm Joyful Noise End of Season Party in the choir room

12:30pm Racial Wealth Gap Simulation Workshop in the Dining Room



Next Sunday! Summer Worship Begins May 24th

Starting next Sunday, **Summer Worship will be held Sundays at 10:00am** in the Sanctuary and online through September 6th. Our Program Year worship services, 8:30am and 11:00am, will return Sunday, September 13th.

Fairmount Music Ministries

Music Ministry Thank You. Today the Fairmount Choir, the Fairmount Flute Choir, and the Joyful Noise participate in worship for the last time this season. The Fairmount Handbell Choir will play on June 7th. A big thank you to these folks for their worship leadership this season. Organ Scholar, Jack Naglick completes his second year at Fairmount and he will be returning next year.

Tuesday, June 9th--An Evening of Music with Sarah James, musical artist and vocalist with a wide repertoire of rock, pop, classics, and standards. She is the winner of the Best Music Video, LGBTQ, Toronto and Los Angeles Film Festival, 2026. The event will take place on the side lawn of the church from 6:00pm-7:30pm. Bring a picnic supper to enjoy on the lawn (some outdoor seating will be available). In case of rain, the event will be held indoors.

Summer Choir--save the dates. June 21st and August 30th. 9:20am rehearsal then sing for 10:00am worship.

The Spirituals Project--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. Quarter 2 funds raised support the **Karamu House**. Founded in 1915, it is the oldest producing African-American theater in the United States. Scan the QR code to make a donation.



Fairmount Happenings

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.

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

The final book discussion will take place on Monday, May 18th at Fairmount Presbyterian Church (and virtually on Zoom). 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.

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.



Spirituality in Nature Walk

The next Spirituality in Nature Group (SING) walk will be on **Tuesday, May 26th, 6:30-8:45pm** at Acacia Reservation in Beachwood. We will meet in the picnic/grassy area on the other side of the shelter from the parking lot. Dress for the weather and bring what you'd like (that you don't mind carrying): notebook, binoculars, water bottle, camera, etc. We will be on ADA accessible trails. This is a slow, contemplative walk that is best suited for adults and teens. RSVP to Alycia at ashburnlrc@gmail.com.

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.



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. North's 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. 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.

March in Pride in the CLE with FPC on Saturday, June 6th!

God is Love... Love is Love! Stand in solidarity with the local "queerly beloved" community and join the LGBT Community Center of Greater Cleveland 2026 "Pride in the CLE" march on Saturday, June 6th at 10:00am. To register and learn more, scan the purple QR code. Kate McFadden, Director of Youth & Young Adult Faith Formation, will contact participants before the event with instructions and details. Please note, Pride in the CLE is a foot march--wheelchairs and other mobility devices are welcome. Questions? Contact kate@fpccle.org.



Save the Date for Strawberry Festival, Sunday, June 7th!

Join us after worship on June 7th for strawberries and fellowship. All are invited to attend and bring a friend to enjoy a summer kick off celebration! And yes, the Rocket Car will be there!

Fairmount Goes Greener!

Thanks to a generous grant from the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District, Fairmount Presbyterian Church has added a water bottle filling station in the chapel hallway, free aluminum water bottles, new recycling and trash bins throughout the building, and a special recycling cart for hard-to-recycle items - all to reduce waste and care for our environment. Help us make an impact by using these resources and learning what goes where. Just scan the QR code for full details and how you can participate.



Sunshine at Work

From January through April, Fairmount's solar panels helped our church avoid \$2,270 in overall electricity cost.

- From January through April 2025, Fairmount was billed \$5,945 for 30,993 Kwh.
- From January through April 2026, the solar panels generated 10,124 Kwh; most was used immediately at Fairmount, and some was sent back for a credit to the grid. First Energy billed Fairmount for a total of 24,351 Kwh used (6,642 Kwh less than in 2025).
- January through April 2026, Fairmount paid a total cost of \$3,675

Since the system was activated on July 3, 2025, Fairmount's solar panels have produced more than **38 MWh** of clean electricity — the equivalent of driving **66,900 miles on sunshine** while preventing nearly **58,900 pounds of CO₂ emissions** from entering the atmosphere. Thank you to everyone who helped make this project possible as we continue caring for both our church resources and God's Creation.