



Sunday, May 31, 2026 - **PRIDE** Sunday

9:00am Hand Bell Choir Rehearsal in Undercroft

10:00am Worship in the Sanctuary and Online

Fairmount Music Ministries

Music Notes: As we begin Pride Month, worship begins with "Queerly Beloved" with both music and text by Amanda Udis-Kessler. Amanda is a sociologist (PhD, Boston College, 2002), ethicist, social justice and antiracism trainer, musician, and writer. Amanda currently serves as the Transitional Pastor at Vista Grande Community Church (United Church of Christ). Worship closes with a "Trumpet Tune" by Jeremy J. Bankson who has numerous organ and choral publications. Jeremy resides in Columbus, OH with his husband, Scott, and serves as Director of Music at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Dublin, OH.

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 will sing for worship on June 21st (the first day of summer) with a rehearsal at 9:20am in the sanctuary. Shower singers and seasoned singers are welcome. See Jim Riggs or contact him for more information, jim@fpccle.org.

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

Stated Meeting of the Presbytery - Monday, June 1st at Fairmount and on Zoom

You are invited to attend the Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of the Western Reserve on Monday, June 1, 2026, hosted both in-person at Fairmount Presbyterian Church and online via Zoom.

The evening begins at 5:00pm with a shared dinner featuring both meat and meatless options. A suggested donation of \$10 per person (cash or check payable to Fairmount Presbyterian Church) will help support the meal, and all donations will be matched by an anonymous Fairmount member.

At 5:30pm, dinner entertainment will be provided by Lakeshore Sonora, the advanced treble a cappella chamber ensemble of Windsong, Cleveland's Feminist Chorus. This select ensemble is known for its musical excellence, peer mentorship, and commitment to highlighting underrepresented voices.

The meeting begins at 6:10pm with Zoom check-ins, celebrations from across the Presbytery of the Western Reserve, and a welcome for new commissioners. At 6:30pm, the Presbytery will gather for worship and the worshipful work of the church. Scan the QR code to register for the Stated Meeting.



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@fpccl.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!

Income Inequality With David Lay Williams - June 24th, 6:30pm at the Community of St. Peter

The Community of St. Peter *Informed Voter Series* continues on June 24th at 6:30pm with a presentation on income inequality by David Lay Williams of DePaul University. According to the Federal Reserve, America's top 1% held 32% of total U.S. wealth in late 2025, while the bottom 50% held just 2.5%, highlighting a dramatic decline in economic equality since 1965. Dr. Williams, author of *The Greatest of All Plagues*, will explore how economic inequality has shaped political philosophy throughout history and why it remains one of society's most pressing challenges. The event will take place at the Community of St. Peter located at 7100 Euclid Avenue, Suite 125. RSVP at communityofstpeter.org/events.

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.