



Sunday, August 16, 2026

10:00am Worship in the Sanctuary and Online

11:00am Earth Stewards Meeting

Fairmount Happenings

Alcoholics Anonymous Meetings at Fairmount on Fridays, 7:00pm–8:30pm

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) meets in Fairmount's Dining Room on Fridays from 7:00pm to 8:30pm. The meetings will focus on studying the *Big Book* and sharing member stories. Join us for fellowship and hear how experience, strength, and hope help us each day through carrying the message and practicing these principles in all our affairs. All are welcome. For more information, please contact Frank Socha or Pete McWilliams, peteandgreet51@gmail.com.

Volunteers and Staff for Our Nursery

Our most recent nursery staff graduated from college this year, and we're looking for new folks to serve in this area as part of a revolving team. Our goal is to have 2 people (volunteer and staff) in the nursery every Sunday morning during the program year from 10:00am through noon. If you are interested or know anyone who might be, please contact Pastor Lindsay at lindsay@fpccl.org.

Music Ministries

The Summer Choir sings for worship on **August 30th** with a rehearsal at **9:20am**. Shower singers and seasoned singers are welcome to join. It is not necessary but helpful to email Jim Riggs (Jim@fpccl.org) your intention to sing.

Music Ministry at Fairmount--how will you share your musical gifts this coming season? Here are a few ideas. For more information, see Jim Riggs or email him at (Jim@fpccl.org).

- **Concert Hosting** (Youth/ Adults) Welcome guests to Fairmount for an array of concerts. Contact Steve Chapman (schapman1967@gmail.com) for details.
- **The Fairmount Bell Choir** (High School/ Adults) Contact Amy Carlson (akcarlson1965@gmail.com) for details and the rehearsal schedule.
- **The Fairmount Choir** (High School/ Adults) Rehearsals on Thursdays 7:00pm-8:30pm beginning September 10th. The choir sings for 11:00am worship as well as other services throughout the year.
- **Flute Ensemble** (Youth/ Adults) An ensemble that plays for worship several times a year with usually 2 rehearsals beforehand. Contact Susan Wherley (susan.wherley@gmail.com) for details and dates.
- **Instrumentalists** (All Ages) play for worship throughout the year.
- **Intergenerational PopUp Choir** (All Ages and Stages). Sings the first Sunday of each month beginning October 4th.
- **Joyful Noise** (Grades 1-5) Sings and plays instruments. The group meets after worship (12:15pm-12:45pm) twice a month beginning on September 13th. Come check out our new rehearsal space!
- **Youth Ensemble** (Grades 6-8) A new ensemble for our middle schoolers singing, playing instruments and hand-chimes. The group will meet the first Sunday of the month from 12:15pm-12:45pm for rehearsal.

Spirituals Project 3rd Quarter Update

Thank you to all who have contributed so far to this project raising funds for the A. Grace Lee Mims Scholarship Fund and the Karamu House. Our third quarter donations will support the Djapo Cultural Arts Institute, a non-profit organization that brings people together to learn about each other through traditional dance and music. The bulletin board outside the sanctuary contains complete details about this ongoing project. Scan the QR code to make a donation.



A Message from the FPC Nominating Committee

Do you wonder if God is calling you to serve in a leadership role in this congregation? Do you know members who have the gifts to serve?

- Elders (the Session) provide spiritual leadership for the church and work with pastors, staff, councils, and members to shape and lead our church's ministry.
- Deacons serve as the hands and feet of our church's ministry of compassion, hospitality, and presence by visiting or calling members, delivering meals and flowers, and organizing church fellowship activities.
- Endowment Trustees are the stewards of our church's endowment, ensuring that the generous gifts of our congregation are invested wisely and used faithfully.
- The members of the Nominating Committee discern ministry gifts within our congregation and work together to nominate the next class of leaders for our church.



The Nominating Committee is discerning candidates for our leadership teams and will be wrapping up shortly! Scan the QR Code or contact Peg Zitzner or Susan Wherley directly with any questions or suggestions for nominations.

Shining (and Saving!) with Solar Power

We are grateful to share another encouraging update on our solar panels! From June 24th through July 26th, the solar panels at Fairmount helped us avoid \$1,323 in electricity costs! This impressive savings came despite several days of reduced sunlight due to wildfire smoke. Our solar panels not only help reduce operating costs, they also reflect Fairmount's commitment to being good stewards of God's creation, helping care for our planet and reducing our environmental impact.

Interfaith Group Against Hate Food Drive, Support our Westside Neighbors

We are a church who believes in the words of Jesus to welcome the stranger and feed the hungry. Some members of our friend Pastor Luis' westside church are homebound and/or cannot afford food. IGAH has organized a chain of periodic food drives on their behalf. Fairmount is collecting this month (**until August 20th**) foods to fulfill their specific needs. There are families/singles, totaling about 40 people, who will be using our donations.

Scan the red QR code to find the list of essential items needed. You can also find a link to make an online monetary donation. What better way is there to embody God's love than by feeding our hungry neighbors. Any questions ask Carolyn Cuff, Wrean Fiebig or Hedy Westra.



Thank You for Helping the North Church School Drive!

JoAnn Wallace, Coordinator for this event, thanks Fairmount for our participation in the North Church "WE CARE AFFAIR" School Supply Give-Away. Thanks to the generous donations, the event was a great success. The parents and children were enthusiastic about the variety of supplies they received, and everyone enjoyed the hot dogs, chips, and drinks. The final number of children served will be available soon. May God continue to bless our church.