



Sunday, August 23, 2026

10:00am Worship in the Sanctuary and Online

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.

Parking Lot Repaving & Closure

As part of the ongoing work of our Buildings & Grounds committee, and as we prepare our church for the new program year, we are undertaking an important parking lot maintenance project. Surface Engineering will be completing crack sealing, asphalt sealcoating, and line striping on **Thursday, August 27**, weather permitting. Please note that the adjacent parking lot and several building entrances will be unavailable during this work and while the surface cures.

What to expect:

- **Wednesday, August 26:** Cones will be delivered. After the final car leaves that evening, Rich will block all entrances to the parking lot in preparation for the work.
- **Thursday, August 27:** Work will take place throughout the day, weather permitting. **There will be no vehicle access to the parking lot all day.**
- **Friday, August 28:** The newly treated lot will need approximately 24 hours to cure. **Please do not drive or park on the lot until Friday evening**, when access will reopen for the AA meeting.

Full information on parking lot and building access can be found by scanning the QR code. Thank you for your patience and cooperation as we complete this important maintenance project and get our church grounds ready to welcome everyone back for a new program year. Please plan ahead and allow a little extra time when visiting the church on Thursday and Friday. If the project is rescheduled due to weather, we will communicate the new dates with all building users as soon as possible.



Save The Dates!

Mark your calendars for two special opportunities to gather, celebrate, and enjoy fellowship time together as a church family!

- **Celebrate Sunday on Sunday, September 13th** with worship at 10:00am, then celebration and lunch from 11:00am to 1:00pm.
- **The 2026 All Church Retreat on Saturday, October 3rd**, from 9:30am to 1:00pm. - A morning for a meaningful and fun time of connection, reflection and community.

More details on both events are coming soon!

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.

A Little Cart is Making a Big Difference!

Our small recycling cart is proving that little efforts can add up to something wonderful! Thanks to the generosity and participation of our church, we have already collected and recycled: 69 ink cartridges, 52 batteries, 44 prescription bottles, 14 pairs of eyeglasses to be reused through the Lions Club and a large bucket of crayons for Staples to recycle into new crayons for children's hospitals. What a joyful reminder that caring for God's creation can be as simple as saving one small item from the trash. Please keep the recycling coming!

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.