



Sunday, August 9, 2026

10:00am Worship in the Sanctuary and Online

Fairmount Happenings

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

Beginning Friday, August 7th, Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) will meet 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.

Porch Talk for a Beloved Community at East View United Church of Christ

Saturday, August 15th, 4:30pm

This summer, the work to achieve Dr. King's vision goes on through a public event focused on the continued call toward social justice. Award-winning immigration lawyer, Margaret W. Wong, will be speaking at this porch talk. Bring a lawn chair or blanket to sit on. A light reception will follow the program. Free and open to the public. East View United Church of Christ is located at 17300 Van Aken Blvd. in Shaker Heights.

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-8:30 pm 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.



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@fpccle.org.

A Message from the FPC Nominating Committee

Do you wonder if God might be calling you to serve in one of these roles? Do you know members of our congregation who you believe 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.

In the Presbyterian Church, we say that we're a "priesthood of all believers." In essence, that means that we share leadership and we do our ministry as one body with many parts. The Nominating Committee is beginning to discern candidates for our church's leadership teams next year, and we ask you to prayerfully consider whether you or someone you know might be called to serve in one of these roles. Scan the QR code to find a nomination form and full descriptions of responsibilities of each role, 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.



Not All Heroes Wear Name Tags - Some Carry Minutes

The church tends to celebrate preachers, musicians, and mission leaders. But behind every healthy presbytery is someone quietly making sure the trains run on time, the records are accurate, and constitutional chaos remains theoretical. That someone could be you. The Presbytery of the Western Reserve is seeking a Stated Clerk who combines integrity, wisdom, and relational leadership. For more information about this role, contact Rev. Missy Shiverick, marthashiverick@gmail.com.