

Sunday, September 20, 2026

8:30am Worship in the Chapel

9:00am Fairmount Bell Choir Rehearsal in the Undercroft

11:00am Worship in the Sanctuary and Online

Fairmount Happenings

Save The Dates for our 2026 All Church Retreat!

On Saturday, October 3rd, from 9:00am to 1:00pm. - A morning for a meaningful and fun time of connection, reflection and community. Starting at 1:00pm we will also be holding additional workshops. Come for some or all of the day's activities! Scan the QR code to learn more and register or fill out the insert in your bulletin.



2026-2027 Small Groups: *Find your people. Share your story. Discover what you have to offer.*

This fall, Fairmount is launching new Small Groups: groups of 8–10 people who will gather once a month from October through May to build relationships, share stories, and explore some of the deepest questions of our lives together. Over eight months, we'll explore belonging, purpose, potential, liberation, and what it means to become who we are—in relationship with one another. And by the end of the year, each group will also discern how the particular gifts of its members might become an offering to our church or wider community. You don't need to know everyone. You don't need to have the answers. Just come willing to know and be known. Interested? Scan the QR code or fill out the insert in your bulletin. We'll form groups based primarily on availability. All small groups are invited to an orientation on **Sunday, October 4th from 12:45pm-2pm**



Music Ministries

Community Sing on Tuesday, September 22nd at 7:00pm in the Chapel. Step away from this noisy world into a peaceful setting to sing, to reflect, and to be renewed. This 50-minute gathering will be led by music colleagues Jim Riggs and the Rev. Dillon Shipman.

"Sound the Trumpets" kicks off the 3rd season of **Rush Hour Concerts on Tuesday, September 29th at 5:30pm**. The Regis Bookshar Trumpet Ensemble along with Jim Riggs, organ, will share an array of music. This concert is in memory of Regis Bookshar. Give your mind, body, and soul a 50 minute rest from the noise of the world.

The Joyful Noise (grades 1-5) regular gatherings resume **September 27th, 12:15pm-12:45pm** in our new Undercroft space. See Jim or email him at Jim@fpccl.org for more information.

Youth Ensemble (grades 6-8) will launch on **October 4th**. If you have not registered yet, see Jim Riggs or email him at Jim@fpccl.org.

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.



Fairmount News and Opportunities

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.

Serve with Love and Share the Joy at North Church

On Sunday, October 4th, Fairmount Presbyterian Church will be providing lunch for 50 guests at North Presbyterian Church, located at 4515 Superior Ave. Please contact Jerry Parker or Donna Sens if you are interested in volunteering by providing food, serving food or both. Our menu includes beef and chicken tacos with flour tortillas, shredded lettuce, shredded cheese, sour cream, diced jalapeños, taco sauce, rice, corn, apple crisp, vanilla ice cream, bottled water, and lemonade.

Spirituality in Nature Walk - October 10th

The next Spirituality in Nature Group (SING) walk will be held on Saturday, October 10th from 9:30am to 12:00pm. Location TBD. For questions or to RSVP please contact Alycia at ashburnlrc@gmail.com.

Fairmount's Energy Savings are Adding Up!

In 2011, Fairmount was one of the first churches in Ohio to be certified as a PCUSA Earth Care Congregation. Over the 15 years since then, we've reduced church electricity use by 66%, and we've estimated that Fairmount's avoided electricity costs are now about \$20,600 per year. As part of this call to care for God's Creation, the solar panels we installed in July 2025 continue to make a meaningful difference - both environmentally and financially. This August, Fairmount saved \$928 in electricity costs thanks to the power generated by our solar panels. Fairmount has realized an impressive \$6,472 of avoided electricity costs year to date due to our solar panels! By the end of 2026, Fairmount is on track to realize \$10,000 in avoided electricity costs, and 100,000lbs of avoided carbon emissions, since our solar panels were turned on July, 2025.

Sunday Parking Reminder

As we return to our program year, with worship at **8:30am in the Chapel** and **11:00am in the Sanctuary and online**, we want to offer a friendly reminder about accessible parking on Sundays. Our adjacent parking lot includes several clearly marked accessible spaces with convenient access to the main ramp and Welcome Center. On Sundays, additional spaces are also designated for accessible parking.

If you are able to walk a little farther, please consider parking on one of the nearby side streets or in our farther parking lot. This helps keep the closest spaces available for those with limited mobility and for families with young children. Thank you for helping us make Sunday mornings welcoming and accessible for everyone.

Housekeeping Help!

We are trying to do a better job of organizing the tablecloths that are used for the many luncheons and other events that FPC hosts. The tablecloths are being hung on wood hangers with a cross bar. If you have any extra wood hangers (no plastic, please) with a crossbar and would consider donating to this cause, it would be much appreciated. Just drop the hangers off at the church office.

Community Events

Faith in an Age of Artificial Intelligence at Church of the Savior

Saturday, September 26th, 8:30am to 1:30pm.

As part of the Myers Forum, you are invited to a thoughtful conversation with AI literacy and religion researcher Elonda Clay and cybersecurity expert Chad Voller as they explore the opportunities, questions and challenges emerging in the age of AI. No technical expertise required. Just curiosity and a willingness to join the conversation. Registration is \$15 with scholarships available, and includes lunch and childcare. RSVP before September 20th by scanning the QR code. Church of the Savior is located at 2537 Lee Rd. in Cleveland Heights. The Myers Forum is a biannual event that fosters spiritual growth, discovery and discipleship.



Hope for Creation Walk of NEO - Sunday, October 11th

On Sunday, October 11, 2026, from 2:00pm to 4:00pm, you are invited to walk 2.2 miles in support of Creation Care. The walk begins at the RID-ALL Green Partnership located at 2905 E. 81st St in Cleveland, 44104. The 2.2 mile round trip walk concludes with a brief program, fellowship, and refreshments. All are welcome! Bring water, a snack, a hat, comfortable shoes and an open heart. Family, kids and friends are all welcome! For more information or mobility needs, contact Jeff Campbell at jeff.campbell@ccdocle.org.