Sunday, November 1, 2026

9:00am Fairmount Bell Choir Rehearsal in the Undercroft
9:30am Fairmount Youth: High School Small Group
10:15am Intergenerational Pop Up Choir Rehearsal in Sanctuary
11:00am Breaking Bread Worship in the Sanctuary and Online
12:00pm Breaking Bread Meal
12:15pm Youth Ensemble Rehearsal in Undercroft
12:30pm Explore Fairmount in Room 214
12:30pm Club 4/5 Fun
4:00pm Poll Peacemakers Training

This Sunday is an important one in the life of our church. We mark All Saints' Day, by remembering those who have gone faithfully before us. We have set up a space for reflection and prayer in the columbarium. You are invited to take a few minutes at any point on Sunday to stop by to pause, light a candle, and remember. We celebrate Gratitude Sunday, making our pledges for next year. It's also a Breaking Bread Sunday...potluck edition!

And we'll introduce this month's chapter in our yearlong spiritual focus...*Table for One*. This month, we explore questions about our relationships--to ourselves, one another, and God. If nothing can separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ, why do we so often feel alienated—from God, from our true selves, and from one another? And how does believing the lie of separation lead us to shame ourselves, judge others, and build systems that reinforce the very alienation we long to overcome?

This Morning - Explore Fairmount
Are you interested in learning more about Fairmount and what being a "member" really means? Join us for a **no-obligation conversation** after worship. **We promise there won't be a time-share presentation.** Anyone interested in learning more about the Presbyterian spiritual tradition and Fairmount's mission and ministries is invited to join us for an informal presentation and conversation starting around 12:30pm in Room 214/the WE Room on the second floor.

This Afternoon -Poll Peacemakers Training, 4:00pm to 6:00pm
Fairmount is partnering with the National Association of Latino Evangelical Churches and other faith leaders to prepare volunteers to serve as a peaceful, nonpartisan presence at local polling places on Election Day. Participants will learn how to de-escalate potential conflicts, offer support to voters, and help create an atmosphere of peace and dignity. Clergy and lay leaders are welcome. Volunteers will be invited to serve 2–3 hour shifts on Tuesday, November 3rd. Scan the QR code for more information.

<u>Music Ministries</u>

Next Sunday, November 8th at 11:00am, music for harp, cello, organ, and choir made possible by the Eleanor R. Baird Music Fund.

Community Sing ("It's yoga for the voice") on **Tuesday, November 10th at 7:00pm** at **Plymouth Church, UCC, Shaker Heights**. 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.

N**ovember Rush Hour Concert, Tuesday, Nov 17 at 5:30pm. *Fairmount Has Talent*** featuring The Chamber Singers, Tyler Young, saxophone, Stephanie Sant'Ambrogio, violin and Jack Naglick and Jim Riggs, accompanists.

Spirituals Project 4th Quarter Update
To date we have raised $4,700.00 for three organizations that support black musicians in The Arts. For the fourth quarter your donations will support The Cleveland School of the Arts, the region's only comprehensive performing and visual and creative arts public high school. The bulletin board outside the sanctuary contains complete details about this ongoing project. Scan the QR code to make a donation.

Fairmount Happenings

Death Penalty Forum with Michael Benza | Sunday, November 15th at Noon
What does justice look like when someone's life is at stake? Join us after the 11:00am service for a conversation with **Michael J. Benza**, Professor of Practice at Case Western Reserve University School of Law, about the death penalty in Ohio. The Presbyterian Church (USA) has long opposed capital punishment, and Fairmount members are exploring how we might become more involved in efforts to end it. Whether you agree, disagree, or are still discerning your position, you're welcome to join this important conversation.

Declaration of Interdependence Day | Thursday, November 19th, at Fairmount
Fairmount has been selected to host Ohio's stop on the **Interdependence Relay**, a nationwide celebration of community, connection, and our shared responsibility for one another. Join us for a joyful evening of food, fellowship, creativity, and conversation as we celebrate a simple but profound truth: **We belong to one another, and we need one another.** This family-friendly gathering is open to the entire community. Invite your neighbors and friends! Scan the green QR. code to learn more.

Fairmount's Little Food Pantry – Thanksgiving Donation Drive
Fairmount's Little Food Pantry continues to serve many families in our community and we need YOUR help! During this season of Thanksgiving, let's come together and live into communion by supporting our community through donations to our Little Food Pantry. Throughout the month of **November**, we will be collecting **non-perishable food** and **personal care items**. Please place all donation items in the bins located on the stage in Andersen Hall. **Suggested donation items include: c**ereal, boxed milk, canned vegetables and fruit, peanut butter, jelly, soups, shampoo, deodorant, and diapers. Your kindness and generosity help make a real difference. Thank you for your continued support!
Scan the QR code to learn about collections for the Justice Center and the Ronald McDonald House.

Community Events

IGAH Book Discussion, Sunday, November 8th, 2:00pm
The Interfaith Group Against Hate will host a book discussion at Heights Christian Church, 2860 Coventry Road. *Some Kind of Hate* by Sarah Darer Littman is a young adult novel about youth radicalization. It is a story of an ordinary teen who gets radicalized into white nationalism. The book is an unflinching exploration of the destruction of hate, the power of fear, and the hope of redemption.

The Next Spirituality in Nature Walk
Please join Nikie Monah and Alycia Ashburn at Lower Shaker Lake on Saturday, November 14th, at 9:30am as we explore nature and Spirit in late autumn. Dress for the weather. We will meet by the bridge at the west end of the lake. Please RSVP to ashburnlrc@gmail.com

Save the Date! Reducing Costs and Pollution: Moving to Solar and Minimizing Electricity Usage
Sunday, November 15th, 1:30pm to 3:30pm at Fairmount
The Earth Stewards will hold a discussion about solar panel installations throughout Northeast Ohio. Mike Foley, Administrator of Cuyahoga County Green Energy, will share his extensive experience with solar panels and micro-grids throughout the region. Others from Cleveland Owns, Fairmount, and St. Dominic's will also discuss their solar panel installation projects. Fairmount will present their 15-year project to reduce electricity use, costs, and carbon emissions. Join us for an afternoon to learn about the progress being made in Northeast Ohio around environmental and economic stewardship.