Sunday, October 11, 2026
8:30am Worship in the Chapel
9:00am Fairmount Bell Choir Rehearsal in the Undercroft
10:00am Club 4/5
10:00am Earth Stewards Meeting
11:00am Worship in the Sanctuary and Online
12:15pm Joyful Noise Rehearsal in Undercroft
3:00pm Interfaith Alliance Bus Stop (see below!)

Music Notes for 11:00am Worship
Arranger Kyle Pederson, writes, "When I sang this spiritual growing up, I was struck by both the withering sorrow and expectant hope throughout. When approaching my own arrangement, I hoped to honor the voice of the original writers and their experience of slavery, and I also sought to extend a voice to people today who are suffering from oppression and discrimination." Composed not long after George Floyd was killed in Minneapolis, MN, on May 25, 2020, the piece includes spoken word as a means to challenge us to work together.

Children are invited to Come to the Table at 8:30am
As part of our spiritual focus this year, we are working to make certain that Fairmount is offering everyone an invitation to the table. As a first step in this process, a Prayground has been added to the chapel. A Prayground is a space designated for young children to play quietly while they engage in worship in age appropriate ways. Stop by and take a look!

This Afternoon from 3:00pm-6:00pm, you're invited to welcome the Interfaith Alliance to Cleveland, as they make a stop here on their cross-country "The Vote is Sacred" bus tour. Together we will participate in a communal art project centered on "Building a Beloved Cleveland." Pastor Ryan will be co-hosting the event in Playhouse Square Plaza with Ricky Smith, comedian, social entrepreneur, and founder of Something Good Social Kitchen.

We want to see YOUR table!
As we begin this next chapter in this year's series, we need your help - please email or bring pictures of your table to Pastor Lindsay (lindsay@fpccle.org). That might be a beautifully spread Christmas dinner table, or your dining room table covered in art supplies and yesterday's water glasses! Maybe it's a picnic table you often sit at, or your kitchen table, or maybe your table at your favorite restaurant. We want them all! We will be creating a display in the welcome center and want to make sure your table is a part of it!

Explore Fairmount
Are you interested in learning more about Fairmount and what being a "member" really means? Join us for a **no-obligation conversation** on Sunday, November 1, after worship. **We promise there won't be a time-share presentation.** Scan the QR code to learn more and let us know you are interested.

Music Ministries

Our next **Rush Hour Concert** is on **Tuesday, October 27th at 5:30 pm** with the Cleveland Winds, Birch Browning, conductor.

Spirituals Project 4th Quarter Update
Thanks to everyone who has donated so far to this project. 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

Fairmount on the scoreboard!
What better way to practice being in community with our neighbors than to come to a Heights vs. Shaker football game on October 23rd! The game begins at 7:00pm at Heights High. You can get tickets by scanning the QR code. And as a bonus, thanks to a generous donation, you'll get to see Fairmount's name in lights on the scoreboard, along with a video inviting people to learn more about Fairmount! Plus, who doesn't also love cheering on a marching band, especially when we have Fairmount kids in them! You don't want to miss it!

Faith-Based Suicide Prevention Trainings
Over the summer, Lisa Nester became a certified trainer for the *Soul Shop Movement*, a faith based program that helps equip church members and leaders with the skills necessary to minister to those affected by suicidal desperation. She will be leading two training workshops in the coming months and all are invited to attend - mark your calendars.

- Sunday October 18th from 9:00am-10:30am - "Soul Shop for Congregations", a brief overview of the *Soul Shop* content for all church goers.
- Saturday, November 7th from 8:30am-4:00pm - *Soul Shop* for Church Leaders, a full day training designed for those in positions of leadership in the church but open to all. FREE, but registration is required. Scan the QR code to register.

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. All are welcome. For more information, please contact Frank Socha or Pete McWilliams, peteandgreet51@gmail.com.

September Solar Success!
Our solar panels had another fantastic month! In September, they generated 5,630 kWh of electricity, saving us $859. Our 2026 avoided electricity costs have now reached $7,368 to date. Additionally, Fairmount's solar panels have helped avoid nearly 75,000 pounds of carbon dioxide emissions. Cheers to more sunshine, more savings, and more clean energy!

Community Events

Dougbe River School of Liberia Gala
Please join us at the 2026 Gala supporting the Dougbe River School of Liberia, founded by our very own Isaac Monah! The Gala will be held on **Sunday, October 18th** Sat 4:30pm at the Banquet Center at St. Noel in Willoughby Hills. The Gala will include heavy hors d'oeuvres, dessert, dancing and drumming by the Djabo Cultural Arts Institute, a silent auction, and the chance to learn about and support the school. Learn more and purchase tickets by scanning the QR code.