Sunday, November 15 , 2026

8:30am Worship in the Chapel
9:00am Fairmount Bell Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
11:00am Worship in the Sanctuary and Online
12:00pm Death Penalty in Ohio Conversation in Chapel (see below)
1:30pm Reducing Costs and Pollution, a Solar Power Discussion (see below)

After 11:00am worship, join us in the Chapel for a discussion around the death penalty in Ohio. Michael J. Benza, Professor of Practice at Case Western Reserve University School of Law, will discuss what justice looks like when someone's life is at stake. 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.

At 1:30pm this afternoon, 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.

Declaration of Interdependence Day, This 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.

Music Ministries

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

The **Heights Chamber Orchestra** will be in concert at Fairmount next **Sunday, November 22 at 3:30 pm**.

The Spiritual Project
We are nearing the end of our year long Spirituals Project, a social justice initiative of reparations to our enslaved siblings. The Negro Spiritual was orally passed through the generations. Since that time countless composers/arrangers have taken these pieces to create their own arrangements which have been sold to churches, schools, and community organizations. These arrangers receive royalties from every copy of music sold. Since there were no copyrights on these spirituals, the arrangers collect the royalties in full. The Spirituals Project aims to increase awareness about this music that is an important part of our American heritage, will collect funds each quarter as a reparation, and will share those funds to local organizations supporting black musicians. Fourth quarter donations support the Cleveland School of the Arts.

Save the Dates for December Music Events:
- Thursday, December 10th, 7:30pm, CityMusic Cleveland Chamber Orchestra in concert.
- Saturday, December 12th, 7:30pm, Les Delices: Concertos for Christmas. Tickets online at www.lesdelices.org or at the door.
- Sunday, December 20th, 11:00am, The Fairmount Choir offering an array of Christmas music for strings, harp, and organ including Gerald Finzi, "In Terra Pax." This service is made possible by the Eleanor R. Baird Music Fund.

Community Events

Holiday Angels
Holiday Angels is a ministry of the Heights Interfaith Council that collects holiday gifts for the children of the clients served by the Heights Emergency Food Center (HEFC). You will find a table in Andersen Hall with information about the child (age 16 and younger) you will be providing a gift for. Please spend no more than $40.00, and please no gift cards. If purchasing clothes or shoes, please included a gift receipt. The wrapped gifts, with the provided name tag securely affixed, need to be returned to FPC by Friday, December 4th. If you have questions, please email Steph Washlock at bonnett11@hotmail.com.

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. **On Sunday, November 22nd, we invite you to bring your donations to the sanctuary for worship.**

Suggested donation items include: cereal, 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!

Community Collections
Scan the QR code to learn about collections for the Justice Center and the Ronald McDonald House.

Host an International Student This Winter!
United Protestant Campus Ministries (UPCaM) is seeking welcoming homes for international students during winter break (December 16–January 7). Many students are unable to travel home and face expensive campus housing and limited meal options. Hosting is a meaningful way to offer hospitality, friendship, and a sense of belonging! Homes near Case Western Reserve University are especially helpful, and assistance with food expenses is available. Interested in hosting? Send Kate McFadden an email at kate@fpccle.org