

# FAIRMOUNT

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February 2010

## Fairmount's Diversity Statement:

As beloved children of God, we welcome all persons to join our family of faith as full participants, regardless of age, race or ethnicity, national origin, gender, marital status, sexual orientation, mental or physical ability, economic status, differences of thought and expression, or any other human condition. We celebrate and find strength in our diversity.

## Fairmount's Mission Statement:

Our mission is to worship God, to seek the way of Christ, to grow as an inviting, caring and challenging community of adults, youth and children, in response to God's unconditional love that transcends all human distinctions and summons us to make a difference in the world.



**FAIRMOUNT**  
Presbyterian Church

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## From Your Pastor

**I**t's a tiny change. . . but one that speaks volumes.

Notice the staff listing on the bulletin cover or on our website. You'll see a new entry: *Ministers. . . All Church Members*. What??!!

You??!! Yes! YOU are a minister! Reformed theology teaches that all Christians are called to ministry in their baptism. Ordination of Ministers of Word and Sacrament, Elders, and Deacons simply emphasizes a particular set of tasks to which some Christians are called. But ALL Christians are called to ministry, to serve in Christ's name.

That's the theological foundation for the new campaign, *Every Member a Minister*. During the six-week season of Lent, every member of Fairmount will be invited to choose a particular ministry of service and outreach beyond our church doors. This could be direct service involvement (like working at a soup kitchen or tutoring an urban student), a particular project (building with Habitat for Humanity or cleaning up a littered vacant lot), or a fund-raising effort for a philanthropic organization (participating in the Hunger Walk). It could be volunteer effort you're already doing. It could be helping Fairmount organize advocacy efforts for justice in Cleveland or the world. It could be as simple as making a commitment to pray intentionally for justice and peace for all God's children. The questionnaires you filled out a year ago indicate that Fairmount is deeply involved in the rebuilding of our beleaguered City. We want to integrate that involvement into the mission of our church. We want to connect our spirituality and faith to actions that "make a difference."

Traditionally a time for reflection and renewal, the season of Lent will allow each of us time to consider how we might minister. All over the church you'll find "commitment cards" to record your particular ministry. This can be a one-time effort or an ongoing action; you might join together with some of your fellow Fairmount families to work on a project. Your particular project might be completed during this Spring, or you may just get started. Beginning in September, we'll feature one of these ministries every Sunday and learn about the ways we've made a difference. . . and the ways we ourselves have changed.

On Lenten Sundays, some Fairmount ministries will have representatives at coffee hours to "prime the pump"— give you a snapshot of ministry needs and how you can get involved. Heights Youth Club, E Prep School, Interfaith Hospitality Network, Northeast Ohio Alliance for Hope, North Presbyterian Church, Burten Bell Carr Community Development Corporation (working with Anton Grdina School in the Garden Valley neighborhood) are a few of the established Fairmount ministries from which to choose. Be creative! The only criterion is that the ministry take you outside the church into the world God loved and sent Jesus to save. As Jesus' disciples, we are called to follow in his footsteps: love the people he loved, serve the people he served. Our service to others draws us closer to God. I believe we'll experience a growing, vital faith, and a joy beyond anything we've known before. I can't wait to see what God will do through Fairmount!

Yours in faith,

Pastor Louise Westfall

# MEMBER NEWS

Please let us know if you are moving, having children or grandchildren, getting married, etc. Contact the church office ([information@fairmountchurch.org](mailto:information@fairmountchurch.org) or 216.321.5800) with updated information. Please allow us to stay connected to you!

## Birthdays

### February 2010

- 2/1 Lindsey Jeavons
- 2/2 Blanche Winston
- 2/4 Jeanette Hoagland  
John Murphy
- 2/5 Stan Young
- 2/7 Harriet Hoover  
Corky Carl
- 2/8 Bob Hart  
Byron Hoogwerf
- 2/9 Jeff Biggar
- 2/10 Ginny Bruch  
Ann Jackson  
Chuck Skinner
- 2/11 Bob Wright  
Rosemary Paul  
Richard Schreck
- 2/12 Natalie Kittredge  
Patricia Silverthorne
- 2/16 Richard Covington
- 2/19 Lee Sealfon
- 2/20 Leann Rayburn
- 2/21 Bill Lehr
- 2/23 Cara Stirn
- 2/27 Ethel Brundage
- 2/28 Tommy Thompson  
Don Gype  
Washburn Hawley



*Birthdays* are listed every five years, beginning with the 40th and then every year, beginning with the 70th.

## Anniversaries

- ♥ 2/5 Jim and Sally Bonebrake (55 years)

*Anniversaries* are listed every five years until the 50th, when they are listed every year.



## In Memoriam

**Keith Russell** died January 10, 2010. A service of Witness to the Resurrection was held on January 23, 2010 by **Rev. Martha Shiverick**.

**Dick Bull** died January 10, 2010. Services were held on January 19, 2010 by **Pastor Louise Westfall**.

**Barbara Nash** died January 15, 2010. Services were held on January 23 by **Pastor Louise Westfall**.



## Church Administrator to Retire!

**Eugene Smith** has served admirably as our Church Administrator since 2004. A life-long Presbyterian, member, and elder of John Knox Presbyterian Church in North Olmsted, Gene came highly recommended by former Fairmount associate pastor **Dave Van Arsdale**. Gene approaches his complex position with patience and faith. During his tenure, medical benefits and retirement accounts were improved for support staff; he oversaw the Chapel renovation/Ruggles Organ installation, and energy-and cost-efficient measures put into place.

Gene and wife Pat became first-time grandparents in September, and one visit to hold their granddaughter was all it took. They decided to retire to give themselves more time to spend with Eve (and her mom and dad), and to pursue volunteer and leisure time activities.

The search is underway for Gene's replacement, via committee headed by **Rob Hilton**, and including **Kevin Petru, Tom Bennett, Kenyon Mau, Laurie Roulston, and Stephanie Jackson**. Gene's last day with us will be February 26; be sure to thank him and wish him well as he departs. Gene, thank you and Godspeed!

## Turning 20

- 2/01 Sam Newman
- 2/25 Jack Desmond

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## Program & Support Staff

- All Church Members - Ministers
- Rev. Dr. Louise F. Westfall – Pastor/Head of Staff
- Rev. Eric R. Dillenbeck – Associate Pastor for Congregational Life and Faith Formation
- Rev. Dr. Richard D. Clewell – Parish Associate – Adult Education & Church Growth
- Rev. Martha (Missy) Shiverick – Parish Associate – Congregational Care
- Betsy Wooster – Director of Children's and Family Ministries
- Kurt Zitzner – Youth Director
- Robert L. Moncrief – Minister of Music
- Amy Carlson – Handbell Director
- Laura Ross – Music Intern
- Angelia Martin—20s/30s Coordinator
- Eugene L. Smith – Church Administrator
- Susanne Knauer – Financial Secretary
- Shawn Miller – Technical Services & Printing
- Donna Evans – Pastor's Assistant
- Kerri Chapman – Office Manager
- Michael Ervin, Leeron Hines, Antonio Bohannon – Custodians
- Sharon Gay – Housekeeping
- Elisha Hooks and Jamie Dreger - Toddler and Infant Care

## February Worship Highlights

### Sunday Worship at 8:30 & 11

- February 7** COMMUNION Eric Dillenbeck preaching
- February 14** Louise Westfall preaching "Perceiving Glory Every Day," based on Luke 9:28-45
- February 21** LENT 1 Missy Shiverick preaching
- February 28** LENT 2 Louise Westfall preaching Church and City (I): Common Lament: based on Luke 13:31-35

### Ash Wednesday

Lent begins with ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP February 17 7 pm in the Chapel. Special music, Louise Westfall preaching "Starting with Ashes," and optional imposition of ashes.

### Evening Prayer with Taizé Music

**Wednesday, February 3** EVENING PRAYER in the candlelit chapel, with Taize music, Scripture reading, and prayers for healing/wholeness, optional labyrinth walking meditation.

### Worship at Judson

Worship with our members who are residents of Judson Park on the third Sunday of each month (February 21) at 11 am, led by **Logan Skelly**, candidate for ministry, **Nana Landgraf** as musician, and our Deacons.

Communion is celebrated for Judson residents on the fourth Monday of each month (February 22), led by the **Rev. Missy Shiverick**.

### Come, Celebrate!

We celebrate **Lois Rogers** and her more than 25 years' service as a volunteer receptionist at Fairmount. Nearly every week since 1985, Lois has served in the Main Office, answering phones, relaying messages, and being a welcoming presence to staff and members and visitors. A reception honoring Lois will be held February 4, 1 pm—where else? in the Main Office!



About "The Church and the City" Sermon Series in Lent

*...seek the welfare of the city. . . pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.*

*Jeremiah 29:7*

God's word to the people in exile links personal well-being with the community's well-being; individuals thrive when the region in which they live thrives. During Lent, Pastor Louise will explore the relationship between Church and City, between faith that animates our individual souls and the soul of our region, between personal spiritual growth and community restoration. She'll use the lectionary gospel readings to help us lament wrong, cultivate new growth, reconcile family relationships, and find a reason to celebrate, with theology to chew on and actions to practice.

### Faithful Lives Film Series

*Celebrating our 14th Year!*

A monthly gathering to watch movies and discuss contemporary themes, the Faithful Lives Film Series meets in the Upper Room, the second Friday of January through May at 6:45 P.M.

Our second movie, coming up on Friday, February 12 at 6:45 pm, is **A RIVER RUNS THROUGH IT**, the true story of two fly-fishing sons of a Presbyterian minister--one reserved, one rebellious--growing up in rural Montana.. Discussion lead by **Rob Hilton**.

PIZZA - POPCORN – BEVERAGES  
FREE WILL OFFERING

Childcare will be available with advance notice. Please call Bryan Seekely at 440.461.4264 for more information.

Future movies to be scheduled include:

- \* The Great Debaters
- \* One Night with the King -The story of Ester
- \* The Soloist

## Faith Matters

This adult education group meets on Sunday at 9:30 am in the Chapel and is open to all. Its focus is on current issues which challenge Christians to be faithful and respond in meaningful ways. We provide various perspectives on issues from newspapers, periodicals and informed speakers.

📖 Sunday, February 7– Discussion of “Perfect Love Casts Out Fear – Are Scare Tactics the Best Tools in Our Work against Climate Change” by Janet L. Parker (*Sojourners*, December, 2009)

📖 Sunday, February 14 – Fairmount Earthkeepers report and discussion of Environmental Issues

📖 Sunday, February 21 – Lenten study begins on Abraham the Patriarch and his importance to the major religions of Judaism, Islam and Christianity. This is based on Bruce Feiler’s “Abraham” Part 1. The Rock of Abraham: Home

📖 Sunday, February 28 – Part 2. The God of Abraham: Birth and Call

## New Vision Task Force

The New Vision Task Force has been working all year brainstorming and planning possibilities for our new Contemporary/Alternative worship service that is slated to begin in the fall of 2010. There is great interest among the committee to see this service happen on a Sunday morning and are currently trying to find a possible time that would work in the life of the church. If you have input you would like to share with the New Vision Task Force please feel free to talk with or email any of the members. The members of the committee are: Chris Keller, Charissa Peterson, Erik Peterson, Brian Seekely, Steve Benton and Eric Dillenbeck (staff).

## Fairmount Guild of Presbyterian Women

Welcome back Guild members. Hope you had a nice holiday and a cozy January. We begin our new year on Ground Hog’s Day, February 2nd. Come out and look for your shadow, while learning about Shipwrecks on the Great Lakes and enjoy a hot lunch with friends.

### February 2

- 9:30 Coordinating Team Meeting
- 11:00 Chapel Devotions - Jerrye Clark
- 11:30 “**Lake Erie Shipwrecks**” presented by Carrie Sowden, Archaeological Director for the Great Lakes Historical Society

### February 9

- 11:00 Field Trip – Cleveland Skating Club for a **Valentine’s Day Luncheon**

### February 16

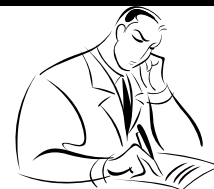
- 11:00 Chapel Devotions, Jeri Gype
- 11:30 “Mission relief for Hurricane Katrina” presented by Kurt Zitzner

### February 23

- 11:15 **CHURCH CIRCLES** Gather in Anderson Hall for Coffee & Tea

## Church Administrator’s Message

The **heating system** of the church, under the guidance of Scott Desmond, has been reviewed, some repairs made and adjustments implemented. We can now better control the heat, and the consumption of gas, and better control the heat of most spaces. More work will be scheduled as time and funds permit.



A **review of the physical building and spaces** has been made by Mary Doll and Steven Reger with an eye on making better use of storage spaces and making the church more accessible to all people.

**Interviewing for a new Church Administrator** is underway. We have received numerous resumes and have every hope of finding just the right person to serve as our new Church Administrator. This will permit me to train the new person prior to my departure at the end of February.

*Eugene Smith*

## Beyond Acceptance

This support group is for individuals and families who are dealing with issues of gender and sexual identity and the Christian church’s acceptance of gay, lesbian, bi-sexual and transgendered persons will meet on Tuesday, February 23 at 5:30 PM in Chilcote North. A DVD, “Call Me Malcolm,” will be shown and discussed. You are welcomed to explore related questions or problems in a safe place assuring confidentiality and positive Christian support. For further information, contact Dick Clewell at 216.321.5800, ext. 109.

## How I Got To Fairmount

### Janet Whitney

Sometime around my 40<sup>th</sup> birthday my mother began to worry about me. "Oh, Jannie," she'd say plaintively, "I wish you had a man to take care of you." Of course she could not have known that she, like so many women, would end up taking care of my father when they were both in their very frail 80s. I, on the other hand, was not worried about not being married. I had a career I loved and, though I loved working with children, I had no compelling interest in raising my own.

But Mother also had a plan: "Why don't you go to church?" she'd say. I guess she thought I might meet a nice man at church. I really wasn't looking for a man but one Spring morning in 1981 I decided to take Mother up on the church idea. After all, I had new Spring clothes and no place to wear them. So I got dressed up, drove up Fairmount, parked on Coventry, and walked across to St. Paul's. The choice of church was really irrelevant. I'd been baptized in the Methodist Church, but Church of the Savior was much farther down the street. I also thought all churches started at 11AM. The Episcopalians,

however, had started at 10:15 so I walked across to Fairmount. My plan was to slip unnoticed into a back pew but I was intercepted by one of the greeters. We exchanged introductions and he marched me down the center aisle to the front and introduced me to Millie Yoder and Connie Sallee. After the service they took me up to meet Hank Andersen. That was the end of life as I'd known it.

I was an active member of Fairmount until 1988 when I took a job in Miami, Florida. Although I thought finding another church would be easy, it seemed other *Fairmounts* aren't a dime a dozen. So I kept coming to Fairmount whenever I came home to Cleveland on vacation. After 18 years in Miami I retired. When people asked me where I was going I said I was going back to Cleveland. Cleveland??? Why??? Well, I'd say, "My friends are there and my church is there."

So that is my Fairmount story. Now I would like to write yours. How did you find Fairmount? What brought you here and why? I look forward to your stories.

## Fairmount Music Series: Bi-Okoto Drum & Dance Theater

ABOUT OUR VISITING DRUM AND DANCE THEATRE  
ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28, AT 3:00 pm:

**BI-OKOTO DRUM & DANCE THEATRE** was established in 1994 as a professional African dance company comprised of highly talented artists and was incorporated in August 1996 as a 501 (c) (3) non-profit multicultural performing arts organization in the state of Ohio.

Over the years, we have grown to be one of the most artistically accomplished and stable cultural institute in the Tri-state. The Company is highly regarded for its innovative repertory and programming both nationally and internationally

We envision a world where individuals, families and communities take pride in their cultural heritage while appreciating the cultural expression of others. Our mission is to preserve, promote and share the rich cultural heritage of Africa and Africans using drums, music, dance, food, languages and other arts

As we worked vigorously to expand and improve our repertoire, we have earned a reputation as one of the country's finest professional African traditional dance companies. Our company has been praised by the dance



community and the media for the works we have created and produced, and also for being the only outstanding authentic African Dance Company in the Tri-state area, (Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana).

Our organization currently tour and perform in 39 states in the US. Our artists have also toured internationally representing Nigeria in South Korea's Youth Festival, Presidential welcomes in Italy, Germany, Bulgaria and France. In 2003, 2004, and 2005, Bi-Okoto was selected by United States Armed Forces Entertainment for five-week military tours in the United Kingdom, Norway, The Netherlands, Germany and Belgium where seven of our artists performed for our troops

on American and United Nation bases, in honor of Black History Month for each of those years.

Our "E Wa Josin - Come & Worship" presentation is a delightful experience embracing cultural & spiritual similarities and bridging the gap of differences. This presentation has been carefully selected to highlight music, songs and dances of praise from various West African countries.



## 5 Great Evenings of Sharing | Lent at Fairmount

### Evening Worship Option

Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>  
Worship in the Chapel

### Weekly Schedule

#### February 24

- 6:15 Dinner  
7:00 \* Evening worship with special attention paid to your young worshipers.  
\* Book Study: Blue Like Jazz by Donald Miller  
\* Childcare

#### March 3

- 6:15- Dinner  
7:00 \* Evening worship. Children and families are encouraged to come.  
\* Adult Book Study: Blue Like Jazz by Donald Miller  
\* Childcare

#### March 10

- 6:15 Dinner  
7:00 \* Intergenerational Learning and Spiritual Growth  
\* Evening worship  
\* Book Study: Blue Like Jazz by Donald Miller  
\* Childcare

#### March 17

- 6:15 Dinner  
7:00 \* Intergenerational Learning and Spiritual Growth  
\* Evening worship  
\* Book Study: Blue Like Jazz by Donald Miller  
\* Childcare

#### March 24

- 6:15 Dinner  
7:00 \* Intergenerational Learning and Spiritual Growth  
\* Evening worship  
\* Book Study: Blue Like Jazz by Donald Miller  
\* Childcare

### Intergenerational Option

#### The Soul Care of Families

Families come in all shapes and sizes. Our Lenten intergenerational options are geared for people of all generations who create a family unit, whether that's one, four or 10 of you!

#### March 10: The Family as Spiritual Shelter: Creating Sacred Space at Home

We will explore how to create sacred space in your home to celebrate various rites of passage within the family, as well as to honor the cycle of the church liturgical year. A hands-on, interactive workshop.

#### March 17: Bearers of the Tradition: Family Prayer in the Home

For some prayer is easy, for others it can feel uncomfortable. What words do I use? Does it matter if I pray out loud? Should I talk or should I listen? In this experiential workshop, we'll practice different forms of prayer, ways to pray with children at home, and ways that children teach us to pray.

#### March 24: Storykeepers: The Family's Role in Biblical Story Telling

A night to focus on the importance of story in the Christian tradition. We will specifically play act and immerse ourselves in the story of the God's people during the Babylonian exile – an exploration of families who found new ways to experience God during difficult times.

### ADULT Option

Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>

“For anyone wondering if the Christian faith is still relevant in a postmodern culture,

For anyone thirsting for a genuine encounter with a God who is real,

For anyone yearning for a renewed sense of passion in life...

*Blue like Jazz* is a fresh and original perspective on life, love, and redemption.”

This engaging narrative about one man's journey will help all of us take a look at our own faith journey.

We hope you will join us for the conversation.



## Lent Begins with Ash Wednesday

February 17<sup>th</sup>

6:15 pm: Simple Supper

7:00 pm: Traditional Ash

Wednesday Service



## Men's Breakfast Forum

Meets the first and third Wednesday morning each month at 7:30 am in the Ganson Room for a light breakfast, fellowship and discussion of the Christian faith in response to daily living. This group is always open to new participants. Articles for discussion this month:

📖 Wednesday, February 3 – “Another Kind of Surge” - (*Christian Century*, December 29, 2009, Editorial)

📖 Wednesday, February 17  
“Smart Foreign Aid” by David Beckmann;  
“Still Hungry” by Sandra F. Joireman,  
(*Christian Century*, December 29, 2009)

Articles for discussion are posted on Fairmount's website (<http://fairmountchurch.org/mens-breakfast-forum.asp>) as well as reprints being available in the church office.

## Youth News

The youth department will be hosting a **Super Bowl Subs and Chili** sale this year which will have it's proceeds go to both our mission trip to the Dominican Republic and the Haiti relief work through the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. There is an insert in this flyer. We ask/ encourage you to please make use of this great program. The subs are delicious! The chili is awesome. The youth spend a lot of time and energy putting this event together so we ask that you please support it! The food really is top notch and something you'd be proud to serve at your Super Bowl Party for work or friends. Additionally, we've historically either run out of subs early OR had way too many left over so we are asking you to **PRE-ORDER** by Feb 5 at 2pm... you can order via fax or email.

Here is the rest of the schedule for this month.

- **Every Sunday Morning:** *The Café* (grd 7-12) in the youth room opens up at 9:00am with snacks, hot cocoa, etc. and at 9:30am *Breakfast Club* (grd 7-8), *Confirmation Class* (grd 9), and *SHiFT* (grd 10-12) will meet... except Sundays with Fundraisers: pancake breakfast, car wash, super bowl subs, etc.
- **1st and 3rd Sunday Evenings:** Our youth groups *God Squad* (grd 7-12) and *CHEER* (grd 9-12) will meet from 7:00pm-8:30pm.
- **2nd Fridays of the month:** All youth (grd 7-12) will go to Bethany Soup Kitchen to help volunteer from 5:00pm – 7:30pm
- **2nd Fridays of the month:** High School Youth (grd 9-12) will have a “Fellowship Evening” of dinner, movies, bowling, or something like that.
- **4th Sunday of the month:** Middle school (grd 7-8) and high school (grd 9-12) youth will have a brunch/ lunch at a local restaurant after church.

## Cleveland Metropolitan School District Transformation Plan and E-Prep

Don't miss this fun update!

You've heard a great deal about E Prep School. And maybe a bit about Village Prep School (a new Zealous Schools elementary school!). You've read about the new school transformation plan released by Dr. Eugene Sanders, CEO of the Cleveland Metropolitan School District. You've possibly heard of Citizens' Academy and The Intergenerational School, two excellent charter schools now collaborating with E Prep.

Now, please join us for an update on the progress and plans at E Prep and Village Prep (“Zealous Schools”) and how these schools may fit into the bold plans outlined by



Dr. Sanders. In addition, learn about the **ZFT** (Zealous Fairmount Team) that has been thinking about ways for everyone to help these students.

**Providing a quality education to urban students is the civil rights issue of our time. Please come and be informed.**

**February 10 from 5:30-7:30 p.m.** at the Fairmount Church manse (2765

Fairmount Blvd.). Wine & appetizer reception with a presentation by **John Zitzner** & school staff with Q&A afterwards.

Please R.S.V.P. to Elaine Turley, 216.373.7804 or [Elaine.turley@eprepschool.org](mailto:Elaine.turley@eprepschool.org)

## Career Transition Ministry

During the last 18 months, we have experienced one of the most difficult economies in history. It has had and will continue to have an effect on how we live our lives today and into the future. One of the most difficult aspects of this recent turn in our economic world revolves around employment or lack of. As a response to this growing and difficult issue, one of our members, Tom Johnston, offered to launch a Job Seekers program to help members of our community with issues related to identifying a new job. The goal was to provide advice, guidance and counsel in conducting a job search. The program was launched last spring and has been a great success. Many people have taken advantage of the program and it continues to evolve. One of the problems, however, was that the concept of career transition is far reaching and much more complicated. Since inception, participants have ranged from young college graduates seeking their first job to active seniors seeking their final position. There have been those that are unemployed and in an active search as well as those that are happy, but seeking something new. In addition, it was clear that this is a topic that touches everyone in our church and community. With the average job only lasting just over 3 years, it is clear that we can build on the success of the Job Seekers Program. With that in mind, we would like to announce the creation of the **Fairmount Career Transition Ministry**. The goal of this program is to support a wide variety of people, in various stages of their career, learn how to manage and develop their careers. Understanding that most people spend anywhere from 30 to 60 hours a week earning a wage, we believe this is a unique opportunity to touch everyone in a much more personal and constructive manner. Our goal is develop a unique program that will incorporate a personal touch, extensive coaching and training, and a direct approach that will achieve results. The program will have 5 primary focus groups

1. First Time Job Seekers – this group will focus on high school and college students seeking overall career direction and looking for the first job.
2. Job Seekers – This weekly program is geared towards those that are in an active job search and need training, coaching and support.
3. Mid Career – This is for those that are actively employed, but needing help in moving up in an organization or needing help in preparing to move to a new organization.

4. Encore Career – Due to many reasons, the concept of retiring is changing rapidly, forcing many seniors to seek alternative career options.
5. Entrepreneurial – Many times, after extensive counseling, it becomes clear that there is a passion to start a business. This group will focus on helping individuals move towards the freedom of owning their own business.

In addition to these groups, we will hold seminars, workshops and special topic seminars to address specific issues that may be of interest to a wider group of people.

Pastor Louise and others in the church have been meeting on this new program and have decided to launch this exciting new ministry to our church members and local community in a *Career Transition Seminar* on **March 6<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to 12 pm**. This program will be lead by church member, **Tom**

**Johnston, President and CEO of SearchPath International**, a Cleveland based search and recruiting organization. This will be a high level program outlining the basics of career management. It will present ideas and concepts that will be applicable to most everyone. Please mark your calendars for this launch of this exciting new ministry. Please pass the word and invite your friends, neighbors, coworkers, etc.

There is also going to be a meeting at the church on **February 6<sup>th</sup> at 9 am** for those that are open to help us with this new program. We are seeking people to lead these groups, offer subject matter expertise or just provide support and assistance to the program.



## 20s/30s in February

Join the 20's/30's Tuesday, February 2nd, 7pm for Theology on Tap at Brennan's Colony (at the corner of Lee and Silsby/ Essex).

Saturday, February 13th, 6:45pm Boomers vs. 20's/30's Annual *Whirley Ball* Tournament

Do you like bumper cars, basketball, or lacrosse? This is the game for you! Stay tuned for more information.

Third Sunday, February 21st, the 20's/30's will worship at Judson. Please meet in Andersen Hall at 10:00 am to join us. Following worship meet us for Third Sunday Brunch, 12:30 pm at Los Habaneros, located 20255 Van Aken Blvd, Shaker Heights.

## Clerks Corner

### Peter Gerhart, Clerk of Session

Preachers preach; we sit and receive. We serve; others receive. Preachers pray; we receive. We give; the church receives. Liturgists call to worship; we call back. All those images makes ministry look like a one-way street -- me to you; her to me, us to God. But is it?

I think we now understand that ministry is not unidirectional but multidirectional. It is not from one to another, it is from one to one's self through another, and then back again. Have you ever thought of the rich spiritual life that our pastors have because of what they receive when they give? Louise sits with families in hospitals at the most trying times of life, giving of herself, but being blessed in the process. Eric counsels a young person in doubt, and that reduces Eric's doubts and renews Eric's resolve. Missy works to support an urban church and ends up with new meaning in her life. On our behalf, Dick attends the funeral of a fallen warrior at Arlington and his life is made fuller. And how often have you understood a preacher to be preaching to himself or herself when they are ostensibly speaking to us? Our ministry to each other is not just the right thing to do because it is good for others; it is the right thing to do for ourselves.

I look at it this way. We all live in silos; trapped in a narrow slice of life by time and circumstances and our preoccupation with ourselves. When we get out of our silos we grow as individuals. And when we get out of our silos to serve others, we grow spiritually. When I volunteer through the good work of IHN to serve the temporarily homeless at the manse, I meet wonderful people, understand that the homeless are not hopeless, and see God's gifts through the eyes of someone far different from me. When I served with other Session members at North Church, I grow in my understanding of the humanity and dignity of the poor and disabled, and am touched by the possibility of making a difference in their life. I give and receive at the same time.

That is why the notion of an every member ministry is important for what it means to be a member of the Fairmount family and a disciple of Christ. We grow when we serve: as individuals, as people searching for meaning in life, as members of the Fairmount community of faith, as citizens of Cleveland, and as stewards of God's world. It appears that Christ called us to serve the poor and humble not only because it is the right thing to do for them, but because it makes us more complete human beings. The promises we make in the every member ministry keep a promise we ought to make to ourselves.

## Guild Rummage Sale

Dear Fairmount Friends,

At this time of year you are probably wondering what to do with that gift from Aunt Martha or Uncle George... **Mark your calendars**, the Guild Rummage Sale is just around the corner and we appreciate all gift/items for donation. We are gearing up for another successful sale and we need your help! **Last year's rummage netted \$7,464 for our benevolence giving which benefits women and children's charities in our community.**

**Saturday, April 24th from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm**

**Sunday, April 25th from 9:00 to 11:00 am and 12:00 to 1:00 pm**

We are **IN NEED OF ITEMS** for our spring rummage sale. Think of us while you are spring cleaning! Search your attic, basement, closets and garage for the following: **Jewelry, Never used gifts, Kitchen Items, China, Furniture (Indoor/Outdoor), Bicycles Outdoor Equipment, Tools, Toys/Puzzles/Games, Camping Gear, Art (framed), Lamps, Linens, Mugs/Glasses/Teacups, Cookware, DVD's/CD's/Records/Cassettes/Sound Equipment, WOMEN & CHILDREN'S Spring Summer Clothing (NEW, EXCELLENT and CLEAN Condition Only!)**

**We will begin accepting donations on February 1st...**

Call **Sarah Vliek, 216.397.9129** or **Barb McWilliams, 216.371.0249** if you have any questions or need assistance with delivery to the church. Small items may be left on the bench outside the church office. **Please call the church first if you are bringing in a large item or a large quantity of items. PLEASE, NO JUNK!!**



## Children's & Family Ministry News

For more information on any children's or family programs, please email Betsy Wooster at [bwooster@fairmountchurch.org](mailto:bwooster@fairmountchurch.org), or call Betsy at the church, 216.321.5800. All questions welcome!

### Children's Ministry on Sunday Mornings

#### Every Sunday Infant through Preschool Care

**Infant &, Toddler Care** provided from 8:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. each Sunday morning in our infant & toddler room just across from the main church office

**3 - 5 YEAR OLDS: Noah's Ark & Rainbow class** from 11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m., one level down from the main church office in the Children's Education Wing in Geuder Room.

#### First – Sixth Grade Church School Schedule

**First Sunday of every month** 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade children worship together with their families for the entire 11:00 a.m. service and are welcome participants in the sacrament of communion. There is no 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade church school on first Sundays.

**All other Sundays** 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade children attend the first part of congregational worship, and then are invited to leave for church school classes following the Children's Message. Upon leaving worship, teachers greet the children in Andersen Hall and walk together to their classrooms in the lower level Children's Education Wing:

**1st – 3rd GRADERS:** (Room 5)

**4th - 6th GRADERS:** (Room 7)

### Family Movie Day for Young Children & Parents!

**Saturday, February 6, 3:30 – 5:30 PM**

Chase the winter cold away by joining other families and friends for popcorn and the movie *Charlotte's Web* on the big screen in Fairmount's chapel! This 2006 version of *Charlotte's Web*, based on E.B. White's 1952 Newbery Award-winning book, mixes performances by real-life actors and animals with animated mouths, slipping gracefully into the world of the barnyard without ever doubting its magic. Whether you're new to the story or already adore the book, this movie is a special family treat and we'll have fun watching it together!

**Movie Note for Parents:** Commonsense media's website suggests that this movie is geared for children 5 years and older. Although 5+ is the ideal age for this movie, 4-year-olds should be fine, too, as long as they're able to handle the sad parts. **Child Care will be available if needed for younger siblings.**

### CLUB 426

**Sunday, February 14<sup>th</sup>**

**12:15 – 2:00**

Meet us in the dining room after worship for another fun afternoon of games and conversation. The first Club 426 was so much fun last month. We look forward to seeing all of you here in February.



### CLUB 426

Children in the 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Grades  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each Month  
12:15 – 2:00

### A New Parenting Group To Begin:

*Serenity Now!*

*Play Time for Babies, Toddlers and Parents!*

**Wednesday, February 10, 10:30 AM**

Parents are invited to join Betsy Wooster, Fairmount's Director of Children's and Family Ministries, for some down time and adult conversation! This group will meet on the second Wednesday of each month, February – May, to talk about the joys and challenges of parenting and family life. We'll meet in Fairmount's Infant and Toddler room so that babies and toddlers will have ample space to play or sleep while we visit. Come for sanity, serenity and support from other parents of young children!

### Church School Art Mural for Haiti

Our church school classes continue their work on a mural of their prayers and hopes for the people of Haiti. On Sunday, Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>, the mural will be displayed for the wider congregation. During the worship hour at 11:00, children will witness to the power of this project and invite the entire congregation to add their own prayers for Haiti to the mural.

With Hope and Love,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Betsy Wooster". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

# Calendar

# The 2009 - 2010 Fairmount Music Series

Wednesday, February 3, 7:30 PM, Sanctuary

*CityMusic*  
LEVELAND

Conductor Daniel Rachev with  
Matt Hamovitz, cello, perform  
Schubert/Webern German Dances,  
Shostakovich's Cello Concerto No. 1,  
and Mozart's Symphony No. 40 in G minor.

Sunday, February 28, 3:00 pm  
Sanctuary

## BI-OKOTO DRUM & DANCE THEATER

This professional dance company  
shares the rich cultural heritage  
and traditions of Africa through  
music, song, dance, language,  
and clothing in a  
colorfully-woven  
afternoon program.



Don't Miss: *Brahms Requiem*, Sunday March 7 at 3:00 pm in the Sanctuary. Lisa Litteral and Peter Bush, soloists.

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