



The monthly  
newsletter of  
**FAIRMOUNT**  
Presbyterian Church

# FAIRMOUNT Flyer

**2011**  
December

### Our Mission

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.

### Our 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.

### HOURS OF OPERATION

The hours of church operation are:

**Sunday:** 8:00 – 2:00pm  
(approximately, and adjusted as scheduled)

**Monday:** 8:30am - 5:00pm

**Tues – Thurs:** 8:30 - 9:00pm  
(later on Thursdays for choir)

**Friday:** 8:30am - 4:00pm

**Saturday:** by arrangement.



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## Dear Fairmount Friends:

### *From the interim pastor:*

Many of you know that I sing with The Singers' Club of Cleveland. Being a preacher, the words of choral music are always important to me, and through the years I have collected a small sampling of texts that truly move me, both on their own merit and by virtue of their musical settings.

At our December 10th and 11th concerts (see me for tickets!), we're singing a piece by Canadian composer Diane Loomer:

*Light with the burning log of oak the  
darkness of thy care,*

*Deck with the scarlet berried bough  
the temple of the fair.*

*Spread pure white linen for a feast,  
perchance some guest may share.*

*Give forth thy gold and silver coins  
for they were lent to thee;*

*Put out to usury thy dross, one talent  
gaineth three.*

*Perchance the hungered and the poor  
may pray to God for thee.*

*Once a pale star rose in the east for  
wandering herds to see.*

*To Beth'lem came a child so weak,  
and came strength to Galilee!*

*Perchance if thou dost keep thy trust  
a star may rise for thee.*

The words are attributed to "anonymous," who invites us to build a fire under our ability to care for others on the chance "some guest" will enter our lives. If that guest is hungry or poor, and we share our feast with him or her, our impoverished guest might pray God's blessing upon us. If we keep faith ("trust") with the One whose birth in Bethlehem gave strength to a poor and powerless land, his star just might rise upon us.

(I'm not sure what the line "put out to usury thy dross" means - I'd welcome any help you can offer!)

The point of the poem for me is that when we include the poor and the needy in our Christmas plans we keep the kind of faith that Jesus' birth-star shines upon and around the world. Our actions toward others produce a spiritual blessing that comes from a source beyond the power of anything we do. Giving and blessing meet, and the Christ is born. Again.

A very Merry and Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

Interim Pastor Dean Myers, on behalf of the entire Fairmount staff!

## Birthdays\*

December 2011

- 1 Carol Flack
- 2 Betty Olson
- 3 Ellie McBride
- 6 Kitty Borchert
- 8 Marcine Pensiero
- 9 Nana Landgraf
- 18 Susan Mears
- Chris McCracken
- 19 Geoff Powers
- 21 Frandelia Stith
- 21 Carol Mock
- 22 Willa Jordan
- Bonnie Lau
- 24 Marjorie Thompson
- 24 Carl Doershuk
- 26 Tink Veale
- 26 Connie Calvert
- 29 Olive McLaughlin
- 30 Marge Carlson
- 31 Jane Harris
- 31 Ruth Joldersma

Turning 21 in December

- 7 CC Licina
- Claire Licina
- Matt Licina
- 13 Greg Eisele

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

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

## Anniversaries\*

- 12/26 Ben and Jane Thomas (58 years)
- 12/27 Alex and Lillian Mark (64 years)

## In Memoriam

**Harvey E. Neville**, died on **November 1, 2011**. A Service of Witness to the Resurrection was held on November 7, Rev. Martha Shiverick presiding.

## THE FAIRMOUNT CHURCH LEGACY CIRCLE

### Legacy Gifts Support the Future of Fairmount Church

On November 13th, the Planned Giving Committee announced the restart of the Legacy Circle of Fairmount Church. Realizing that planned gifts build our church endowment and guarantee the future of Fairmount, this emphasis is crucial to us as we look forward to what God will call this church to be in its second century.

Fairmount Church is YOUR church. It defines, in part, who you are, who your family is, and what you stand for. Fairmount Presbyterian Church is also OUR church. This special statement speaks to our relationship with our church – the impact it has on who we are and what we hold as dear to us. Whether we were brought up here, married here, had our children baptized here, or volunteer our time to the ministries that matter to us, Fairmount holds a special and central place in our life. We find Christ's love here and hope that in many ways we are able to share that love with others. We are defined by our church as it represents our best ethics, our best

elves, and what we hold dearest; our relationship with God.

And in our death, we have the opportunity to continue to be defined by our church. Through Legacy Giving, we are able to designate a portion of what we have acquired while living to our church. Just as our families have witnessed our faith and dedication to Fairmount Presbyterian Church while we are living, in death, our relationship with the church does not stop. And most importantly, legacy gifts ensure that future generations at Fairmount will always be defined, be nurtured, and find a relationship with Christ as we have. Through Legacy Giving, we are able to ensure that programs that have meant the most to us will continue into the future.

If you would like to learn more about Fairmount's Legacy Circle and the many ways you can give planned or deferred gifts to our endowment, please contact Pastor Missy Shiverick or anyone on the Planned Giving Committee.

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### FAIRMOUNT COMMUNICATION DEADLINES

**FLYER ARTICLES:** The 12<sup>th</sup> of EACH month

**BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Wednesday of every week

**ET ARTICLES:** NOON on Monday of every week

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## Program & Support Staff

- Every Member—Minister
- Rev. Dr. Dean Myers—Interim Senior Pastor & Head of Staff
- Rev. Eric R. Dillenbeck – Associate Pastor for Congregational Life and Faith Formation
- Rev. Martha (Missy) Shiverick – Congregational Care and Outreach
- Betsy Wooster – Director of Children's and Family Ministries
- Anthony Sorace - Interim Director of Youth & 20s30s Ministries
- Robert L. Moncrief – Minister of Music
- Maribeth Crawford – Angel Choir Director
- Amy Carlson – Handbell Director
- Nancy Cochrane – Church Administrator
- Susanne Knauer – Financial Secretary
- Michael Ervin, Leeron Hines, Antonio Bohannon – Custodians
- Sharon Gay – Housekeeping
- Elisha Hooks and Magella Roserie - Toddler and Infant Care
- Shawn Miller – Technical & Creative Services

# Worship: the Life of the Church

## Worship/Preaching Schedule:

### 12/4 Second Sunday of Advent

Communion at both services;  
**BLUE** service at 8:30

**Dean Myers** preaching: **Restoring**

Isaiah 61:1-4, Psalm 126,  
and 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

#### Music:

Cantate Choir: Hopson—Dance and Sing  
Fairmount Choir: Holst—Let All Mortal Flesh  
Keep Silence

### 12/11 Third Sunday of Advent

Christmas portion (part I) of Handel's Messiah;  
Fairmount Choir with orchestra at the 11:00  
service

**Dean Myers** preaching: **Singing** (8:30)

Isaiah 40:1-11 and Mark 1:1-8

### 12/18 Fourth Sunday of Advent

"**Calling All Angels**" Christmas musical at  
the 11:00 service

**Dean Myers** preaching: **Incarnating**

2 Samuel 7:1-11 and Luke 1:26-38

#### Music:

Angel, Junior, Cantate Choirs: Helen Kemp's

**Calling All Angels**

Fairmount Choir: Nelson—Nowell We Sing

### 12/24 Christmas Eve (Saturday)

Fairmount offers four worship services on  
Christmas Eve:

**11:00 am** At **Judson Park** – Communion, Carols, and  
the reading of the Christmas Story

**4:30 pm** **Christmas Eve Family Worship Service**  
(Sanctuary)

### 7:30 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

(Sanctuary)

**Music:** Junior and Cantate Choirs:

Chilcott—The Time of Snow  
Berg—Ding Dong Merrily on High  
Hopson—The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy  
White—What Star is This?  
Edelmann—From a Distant Land

### 11:00 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

(Sanctuary)

**Music:** *Prelude Music starting at 10:40*

Fairmount Choir:

Wetzler—Bring a Torch  
Rutter—Shepherd's Pipe Carol  
Huston—What Is this Fragrance?  
White—Star in the East  
Lauridsen—O Magnum Mysterium

### 12/25 Christmas Day

A service filled with Christmas carols and  
storytelling! **One service only at 11:00 in  
the Sanctuary** (no communion)

**Missy Shiverick** is the story teller.

*No Education Hour*

### 1/1/12 Epiphany Sunday

**One service only at 11:00 in the Chapel,**  
with communion

**Dean Myers** preaching: **Ruling**

Psalm 72:1-7 and Matthew 2:1-12

*No Education Hour*

**1/8/12** We will resume our normal Sunday morning  
schedule. The Lord's Supper will be celebrated  
at both services.

**Music:** Fairmount Choir:

How—Arise! Shine  
White—Star in the East

Members of the Fairmount Church Legacy Circle (as of November 17, 2011):



Marilyn Bachman

Jim Bonebrake

Sally Bonebrake

Gina Brian

Jim Dakin

Karen Dakin

Dr. Doris Evans

Judith M. Forward

Carol Fricke

Carol Reaser Giltz

Mark Hicks

Kay Ingersoll

Walter Kalberer

Susan Kent

Gordon Landefeld

Robert Moncrief

Betty Olson

Bob Olson

Rosemary Paul

Bob Pfeifer

Nan Pfeifer

Georgiana T. Roberts

Lee Sealfon

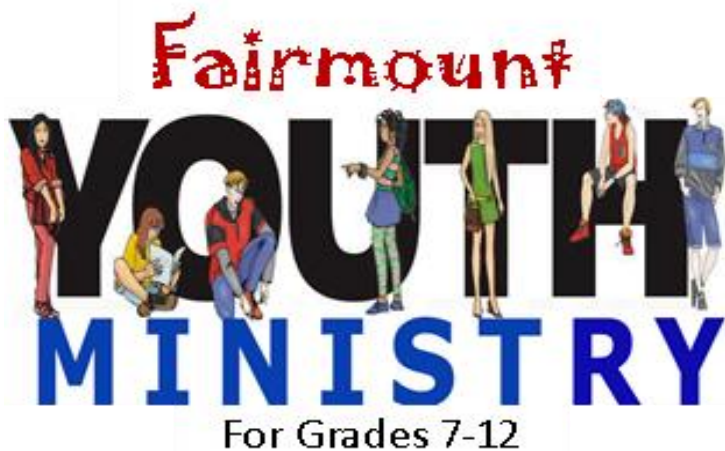
Julia Owen Sutton

John Zitzner

Kurt Zitzner

Peg Zitzner





### Dominican Republic

**June 16-24, 2012**

If you're not yet signed up for our Dominican Republic trip, do so now! It's a really wonderful trip where you'll do a lot of much-needed work and play as hard as you work. We do a variety of work, mostly different types of construction and a roving medical clinic - no experience or special skills needed. It's a safe bet that this **will** be the best thing you do all summer.

For more information on the trip, contact **Anthony Sorace** (anthony@fairmountchurch.org, 216.236.8370).

### Bethany Community Meal

**Friday, December 9, 4:45pm**

On the second Friday of every month, our Senior High students head down to Bethany Church on the west side to help them prepare and serve a meal to members of the community in need. We meet at church at 4:45,

head over in the van, help with last-minute preparations (the food's mostly already taken care of), serve, and clean up. It's a great project and the folks we're serving are very appreciative.

We get back to church around 7:45pm and will get some dinner and then have our annual Christmas party! Bring a gift (under \$10, wrapped) to trade in our White Elephant game. We'll wrap up around 10pm. If your schedule doesn't let you join us for Bethany at 4:45, come by church after 7:45 and join in on the fun!

### Senior High Sunday Brunch

**Sunday, December 18, 12:30pm**

After the 11:00 service, we'll head out to brunch. Bring some cash for food and we'll take the van to some place local (First Watch is always popular).

### SHiFT

**Sundays at 9:45am in the Youth Room**

On Sunday mornings, join us for discussions on our faith and how it relates to our lives today. We'll be continuing our series looking at music and movies you're likely familiar with and connecting them to the lessons in the Bible. We'll provide some light snacks (doughnuts or the like).

There will be no SHiFT on Christmas morning.

### Breakfast Club

**Sundays at 9:45am in Room 207**

On Sunday mornings, join us for discussions on our faith and the stories in the Bible. Swing by the Youth Room to grab a snack or drink and head down to Room 207 for some good discussion.

There will be no Breakfast Club on Christmas morning.

## Fellowship & Growth Group News

### Faithful Lives Film Series

A monthly gathering to watch movies and discuss contemporary themes. Open for all to attend. Second Friday's, January - May. This year's theme is: Courage in the Face of Hardship.

Jan. 13 - **Bucket List** - Leader: Bryan Seekely

Feb. 10 - **Facing Forward** - Leader: TBA

Mar. 9 - **The Kids Are Alright** - Leader: Missy Shiverick

Apr. 13 - **Sarah's Key** - Leader: Kay McKenzie

May 11 - **The Help** - Leaders: Dr. Doris Evans and Ann Kent

More in the January Flyer and on the web.

### Fairmount Guild of Presbyterian Women

#### December 6

9:30 Annual "**Christmas Cookie Bake**"  
12:30 Luncheon

#### December 13

11:30 CHRISTMAS CANDLELIGHT LUNCHEON  
"Christmas Wishes From the Fairmount Staff"  
12:30 Luncheon

From December 20 through January 31, 2011 the Fairmount Guild of Presbyterians Women will be on Vacation. See you on February 7th!

# Mission—Demonstrating the Love of Jesus

## CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING

A cherished Presbyterian tradition since the 1930's, the Christmas Joy offering is one of the four special offerings designated by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA). On December 18th Presbyterians throughout our country participate in the Christmas Joy offering. This offering helps ministers of the Presbyterian Church (USA) and their families in times of unusual need through the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions. It also goes to provide scholarship assistance to hundreds of minority students who would be otherwise unable to access the educational benefits of the racial ethnic schools and colleges of the PC(USA).

On December 18th you can participate in this offering by using the designated envelopes in the pew racks. Monies raised from the offering are split evenly between the ministers' emergency fund and the racial ethnic schools. Last year \$3,648,492 was able to be given to these causes.

## FAMILY PROMISE (FORMERLY IHN)

Family Promise is one of Fairmount's hands on mission programs. We participate with other churches in the Cleveland area in hosting homeless families in transition for a week at a time in our church buildings. We had been hosting them in the Manse, but will host our families for the first time in our church building for the week of December 11th. It takes many hands to host our guests and there are many tasks to do. Whether you provide a dessert for a dinner or spend the night with the families, there is certainly a ministry in which everyone can participate. Make volunteering for our Family Promise Week one of your holiday traditions this year.

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The Outreach Mission Council of the Church wants to involve you in the mission work of our church. If you are interested in serving on the Council or getting involved in any one of these programs, please contact [Missy Shiverick](#) at 216-321-5800.

## Blue Christmas

Have you heard the expression "Blue Christmas"? It is the acknowledgement that this holiday season which starts at Thanksgiving and lasts until the New Year celebrations are over, is not an easy time for most of us. It produces stress. It produces anxiety. It feels lonely and produces depression for some people. (And the retail industry is pushing us into this frenzy beginning sometime after Halloween! AGH!)

But we are our own worst enemies when it comes to creating the anxiety in our lives. We need to put reasonable expectations on ourselves and on others during the Advent and Christmas seasons. The portrait of happy families sitting around dinner tables and Christmas trees filled with packages containing every person's Christmas wish just cannot be the reality in every person's life every year. Families are not always together, families do not always sit at the table together without conflict, and too many families feel the pressure of financial burdens in creating a Christmas that they cannot afford. And for people who have lost loved ones this year, the idea of getting through the December Christmas holiday without their deceased husband, wife, relative, or friend seems overwhelming.

As a church family we need to be aware of this reality. We need to reach out to our brothers and sisters as a family knowing that there are those among us who are feeling stressed and burdened this holiday. In a very busy season, we need to spend that extra moment checking how people are. We need to be a caring companions in Christ with others.



And if you are a person who is feeling blue this holiday season there are things you can do too. Besides having realistic expectations for the holiday, you can volunteer to help another person. Helping others is a great way to step outside your unhappiness for a moment. Family Promise (IHN) will have guests staying at our church during the second week in December and volunteers are needed for many tasks! Also, push yourself to come to functions. Come to the "Feast of Carols and Pudding" and to other church related events. And come to worship. Worshipping our God and the Birth of our Messiah over the holidays puts "the reason back into the season". And if you are feeling the need to walk this holiday with someone, there are Stephen Ministers available who will meet with you and talk with you. You are not alone!

May God's Blessing of this season live in your hearts!

– Missy Shiverick

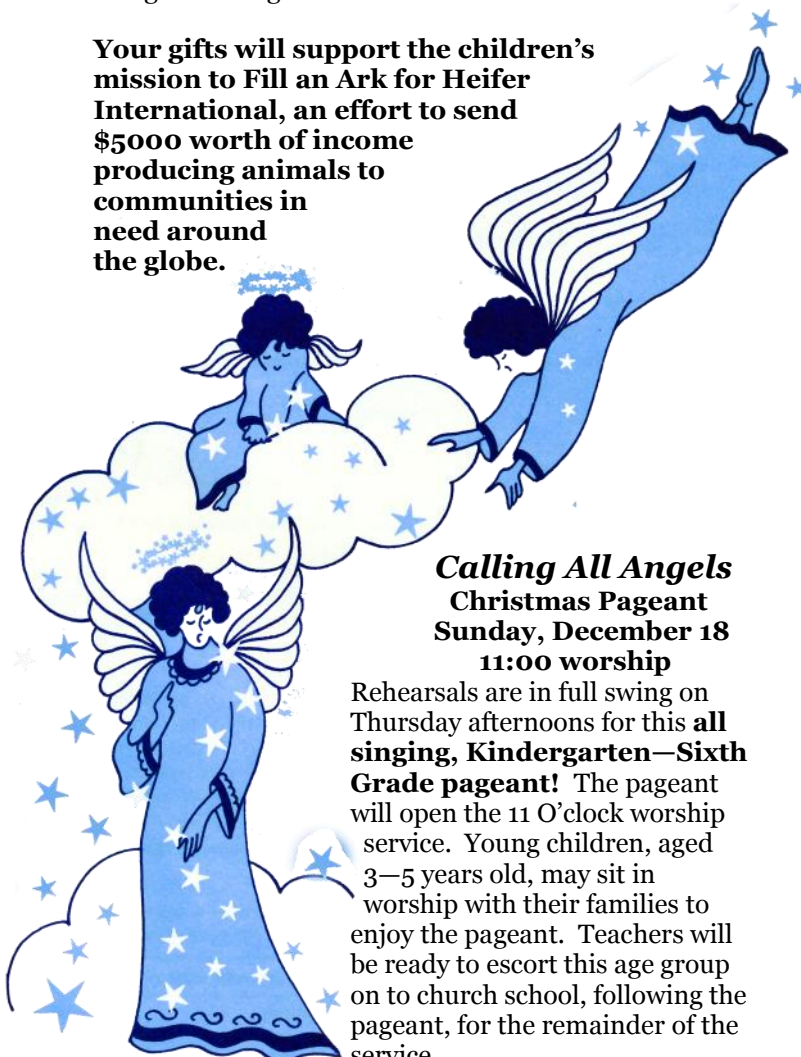
**On December 4, Our Children & Family Ministry Committee, together with the Preschool – Sixth Grade church school children, present the Heifer Gift Market!**

**For the holidays this year, give your loved ones and the world, a present!**

On Sunday, **December 4**, 9:30 am – 1:00 pm, browse our festive Heifer Market and donate income producing animals like pigs, bees, chicks and heifers in honor of friends and loved ones. The animals go to hungry rural families to improve their lives. For each donation you make, you will receive a gift card to give to those you have honored. We'll have an ornament making station for children and adults to give a handmade gift along with the gift card!



**Your gifts will support the children's mission to Fill an Ark for Heifer International, an effort to send \$5000 worth of income producing animals to communities in need around the globe.**



**Calling All Angels  
Christmas Pageant  
Sunday, December 18  
11:00 worship**

Rehearsals are in full swing on Thursday afternoons for this **all singing, Kindergarten–Sixth Grade pageant!** The pageant will open the 11 O'clock worship service. Young children, aged 3–5 years old, may sit in worship with their families to enjoy the pageant. Teachers will be ready to escort this age group on to church school, following the pageant, for the remainder of the service.

*Children ages 3–5 years old will have a separate opportunity to be in the Family Christmas Eve pageant.*

**Family Christmas Caroling**

Wednesday, **December 21**

5:00 - 7:00 pm

5:00 Pizza at the Faxons: 2323 Stillman Road

6:15 Christmas Caroling in the neighborhood

7:00 Hot Cocoa at the Faxons

**RSVP BY December 19** for Pizza

Church office: 216-321-5800.



**Family Christmas Eve Service  
The Innkeeper's Tale**

**December 24**, 4:30 pm in the Sanctuary  
As children arrive at the service, they may choose a costume. "Angels, shepherds and manger animals" come forward as the pageant unfolds during worship. Led by Pastor Eric Dillenbeck and Children & Family Ministry director, Betsy Wooster. Nursery care available during this service.

**Holiday Collection Drive**

Joint Mission for Children and Youth

**Christmas Glove, Sock & Hat Tree**

**December 4th-24th**

Bring in gloves, knit caps and wool socks for ADULTS to the Christmas tree on the stage in Andersen Hall.

*All holiday gifts given to homeless women and men of Cleveland.*

**Third Grade Bibles Presented  
& Bible Curriculum Begin the New Year!**

**January 8, 2012**

Each third grade student will receive a complete NRSV Children's Bible at the 11:00 worship service on **January 8, 2012.** (Please let us know if your family attends the 8:30 service.)

**Also on January 8, our 3rd & 4th graders begin a Bible unit, through February 19, in their church school class.** Students will learn the nuts and bolts of using the Bible, increasing their knowledge about Christianity's most sacred text, it's library of books, it's rich history and timeline, and the amazing stories that fill it!





# FAIRMOUNT MUSIC SERIES 2011 - 2012



**Wednesday, December 7, 7:30 PM, Sanctuary**  
**CityMusic Cleveland Concert**

Conductor Joel Smirnoff, soloist Joan Kwuon, and the orchestra present Corelli's Christmas Concerto (Grosso) Op.6, no.8, Dvorak's Serenade for Strings and Bernstein's Serenade.

**Sunday, December 11, 11:00 AM, Sanctuary**  
**Handel's MESSIAH, Part One**

The Fairmount Choir, soloists, and orchestra present the Advent and Christmas portions of Handel's beloved oratorio during morning worship.

**Sunday, December 18, 11:00 AM, Sanctuary**

Angel, Junior, Cantate Choirs present Helen Kemp's CALLING ALL ANGELS



**Sunday, December 18, 4:00 PM, Andersen Hall**  
**Feast of Carols and Pudding**

The Fairmount tradition returns, with musical and dramatic revelry, a court wizard, audience caroling, and delicious holiday dessert. Tickets required.

**Christmas Eve Lessons and Carols**

4:30 - Family Service

7:30 - Handbell, Junior and Cantate Choirs

11:00 - Fairmount Choir

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### Advent and Christmas at Fairmount Church

December 11 | 11am  
Handel's Messiah Pt.1  
Choir and Orchestra

December 18 | 4pm  
Feast of Carols and Pudding  
Music, revelry, dessert  
\$5 tickets required

Christmas Eve | December 24  
4:30pm: Christmas Eve Family Worship  
7:30 & 11pm: Traditional Christmas Eve  
Candlelight and Choirs

Christmas | December 25 | 11am  
A Service of Carols and Storytelling



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