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FAIRMOUNT
Presbyterian Church

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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:

What next for Fairmount Church?

The answer is up to you... and you... and you.

During the coming month or so the Self-Study Committee will be seeking your input as it formulates answers to the "what next for Fairmount Church" question. The hopes and dreams and directions of Fairmount in the next few years will become part of a report that will be an important basis for the Pastor Nominating Committee's search for a new pastor. If there ever has been a time to speak up, this is it.

It can be hard to speak up. Speaking up makes us accountable to others for what we think and say, and for how we say it. When we are transparent and open we make ourselves vulnerable to others' judgments. We know others are smarter and more articulate than we are (because, well, someone always is), and we fear our opinion and experiences will not be valued. And someone may actually expect us to DO something regarding what we've said! So we decide to let others do the out-loud talking; maybe we'll complain if anything comes out of it all that we don't like.

I know, I'm being too hard on most of you; you are not that way. You know you can be heard because you have learned that a respectful and considerate expression of opinion and viewpoint can be heard here. (Perhaps you've also learned that arrogant

and in-your-face expressions of opinions and viewpoints also have an effect...but they leave lots of wounded in their wake.)

Some of us treat Christianity like a spectator sport. We may do that because we were once in the game and got hurt. Sadly, that can always happen. But there's no game without players, and your church needs you...your time, your thoughts, your money, your prayers...for the sake of its life. Allow the One who binds all wounds to push you from the sidelines onto the field.

Many of my efforts these days are focused on opening up channels of communication to improve our decision-making. It's a lot of "administrative" work, but I am not doing it alone. Others are joining me in seeking to increase transparency, involve more members, clarify the ways we do things, improve our employment practices, etc., to make it easier for your new Pastor and Head of Staff to serve creatively from day one. At the same time we need the input of all to plot the course and set the compass for the next leg on Fairmount's journey.

What next for Fairmount Church?

The answer is not mine or the other person's. It's ours together.

Will your church hear from you?

In Christ,

Pastor Dean

Birthdays*

January 2012

- 1 J. B. Richey
- 1 Peter Adams
- 3 Luke Case
- 3 Chuck Stephenson
- 3 Marne Hollington
- 4 William Swift
- 5 Marilyn Bachman
- 5 Barb Gordon
- 8 Ellie Lewis
- 8 Dan Reynolds
- 8 Michael Cargile
- 8 Rob Faxon
- 9 Shirley Wolf
- 9 Maryann Barnes
- 10 Millie Yoder
- 12 Randy Gordon
- 13 Laurie Laidlaw
- 15 Marias Hawley
- 15 Hugh Fiebig
- 16 Hank Andersen
- 16 Barbara Richardson
- 16 Jean Kiser
- 16 Rob Loeffler
- 18 Jim Bayman
- 19 Lorra Laven
- 20 William Jones
- 20 Gann Roberts
- 21 Betty James
- 24 Joanne Neville
- 26 Carl Withers
- 27 Edna Strnad
- 27 Bill Kiser
- 29 Judy Forward
- 30 Ruth Polster
- 30 Rem Harris
- 31 Jenny Withers
- 31 Nancy Carpenter
- 31 Judy Steehler
- 31 Maria Heckaman
- 31 Rebecca Zirm

Anniversaries*

1/29 Dick and Maurine Ruggles (67 years)



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

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

A NOTE FROM THE MINISTER OF MUSIC

I am indebted to the congregation for the wonderful recognition I received on my 10th anniversary as your Minister of Music and my 35th anniversary in music ministry (since graduate school). The flip side of the celebration was the observation that all those years of raising arms to three-manual organ consoles and of conducting took some physical wear and tear on me. After my undergoing months of physical therapy, ultrasound, and cortisone shots, my shoulder specialist deduced from an MRI that I need some right rotator cuff surgery. There is a significant tear that needs repair or I will face shoulder atrophy, pain, and more weakness. I am sorry to report that the surgery, scheduled for January 11, will keep me in a sling for 6 weeks and therefore unable to play and conduct. I know I will be chomping at the bit to be back on the bench and in front of our wonderful choirs, but I will also have to take it easy upon my return. I am certainly not looking forward to the surgery or recovery period, but I want to do it properly so that I can joyfully continue my musical service to Fairmount a good number of years.

We will have fine coverage in my absence. A CIM music intern, Jarred Sarouf, is arriving in

In Memoriam

Jenot Mills died December 4, 2011 in Centennial, Colorado. A Memorial Service will be held at a future date.

Turning 21 in January

19 Lizzie Coquillet

early January and will play the 8:30 service and take on customary intern duties. We are also fortunate beyond words to have in our choir the retired organist of Pioneer Presbyterian Church, Jerry Mason, who will bring his talents to the 11:00 services. Lisa Litteral, our soprano section leader and experienced choral conductor, will guide the Fairmount Choir, while many rehearsals will be occupied by joint practices with the Plymouth and First Baptist Choirs for the concert of American choral music on Sunday, March 4, at Plymouth. The youth choirs will not miss a beat, and “the show must go on” for Cabaret night on January 20, as Joann Li, our former music intern, presides at the piano with our outstanding soloists in “A Night at the Opera,” which will be filled with vocal fireworks and fun, as well as a delicious dinner. The Music Series also continues with the Almeda Trio and Brunch on Sunday, February 12.

When I tell family and friends around the country that I am having the surgery by the best shoulder specialist in Cleveland, I say that is no small claim, as Cleveland has the best health care anywhere. As I ask for your prayers, please know that all of you will be constantly in my thoughts, and I will return as fast as I can.

Bob Moncrief

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Faith Formation

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

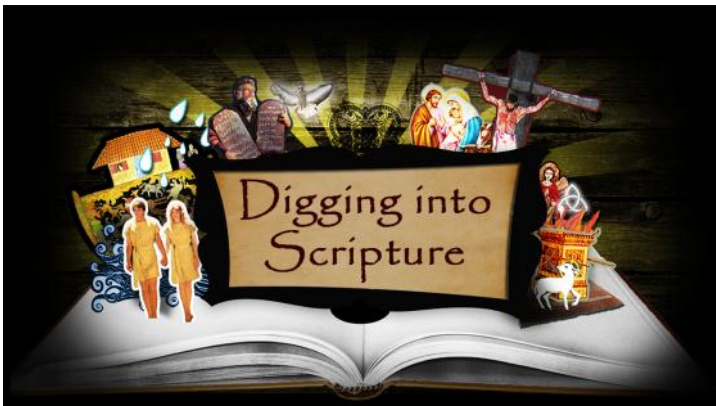
Beginning on January 8th we have 4 new classes being offered on Sunday mornings. It will be hard not to find one that is appealing to you. We offer two basic different types of classes each semester: Adult Electives and Ongoing Learning Communities.

ADULT ELECTIVE CLASSES - shorter term classes that provide a level of flexibility for schedules.

ADULT ONGOING LEARNING COMMUNITIES – Semester-Long classes whose primary goals are to help shape the faith life of participants and to help the community stay connected with one another in a learning and caring environment.

ADULT ONGOING LEARNING COMMUNITIES:

DIGGING INTO SCRIPTURE:



Teachers: **Jeri Gype, Ulrich Hopher and Hedy Westra.** In the Ganson Room.

LIVING THE QUESTIONS

Using the dynamic DVD series, **Living the Questions 2.0**, this class will engage in meaningful theological conversation about where Christianity is headed in this post-modern world in which we live. Each session will make use of a 20-minute video segment that will include conversations with leading voices of faith, sermon and lecture clips, digital stories illustrating aspects of an evolving faith, and concrete spiritual practices. The DVD clips are just the beginning of our learning. These will be used to peak our curiosity and invite us into deeper conversation with one another. We would love to have your join us.

WOMEN OF SPIRIT

Leaders: **Evelyn Hunt and Marilyn Eisele.**
In Chilcote North.

Women of Spirit is a small, diverse group open to women of all ages. We use both book studies and videos for our discussions focused on building one's spiritual maturity. Women of Spirit share and

explore our faith through reading, discussion, prayer and studying other Christian spiritual practices. Though originally started as a book study group, Women of Spirit continues to enjoy reading and sharing, but occasionally have expanded to other activities such as retreats, videos and discussions, contemplative prayer and fellowship dinners. As a group we will plan out our activities which may include participation in Faith Formation Class offerings as piques the interest of the collective group. All are welcome as we grow together in Christ. Please email **Evelyn Hunt** (bellfieldev@hotmail.com) or **Marilyn Eisele** (MarilynE@thepdgroup.com) with any questions.

ADULT ELECTIVE CLASSES

Session I (January 8th – February 19th)

WHO WE WERE, WHO WE ARE: THE CHURCH FROM JUDEO-CHRISTIAN TIMES UNTIL THE REFORMATION

Teachers: **Liz Lehfeltd and Nora Murphy.**
In the Upper Room

Why do we have something called the Nicene Creed? How exactly did Martin Luther stir up so much trouble in the sixteenth century? Where do Methodists come from? Get answers to these questions and others while we explore the history and struggles of our Christian Ancestors. Discover how their faith journeys can guide our own in the present day.

A TIME TO HEAL: FAIRMOUNT'S BEREAVEMENT GROUP (6 weeks)

Teachers: **Pastor Missy Shiverick and John Vitkus, Ph.D**

Room: Chilcote North

Have you experienced a significant loss this past year? "A Time to Heal" is a bereavement group which will provide sharing and support with others who are also grieving. Individuals who have participated in this group in the past have found it helpful to talk with others about what they are experiencing. Through discussion, listening, tears, laughter, and prayers individuals found a road to healing. Please contact Missy (mshiverick@fairmountchurch.org) if you would like to be included in the group.

Please note: This group will meet from 9-10:45am on Sunday mornings.

This class ends on Feb. 12th

Further information about all of the classes offered this winter/spring for adults can be found in the Christian Education Brochure.

Stated Clerk of Session: Ruling Elder Liz Lehfeldt

Happy New Year! As I write these words, I'm caught in the usual dilemma of preparing my column about three weeks in advance of its publication date. Christmas hasn't even happened, and yet I'm thinking about a January message.

2011 was a year of change for Fairmount. And 2012 probably will be, too. As we stand on the brink of this new year, though, I'd like to share with you some of what's happening behind the scenes as we do the work of selecting a new senior pastor.

The easiest way into the process is to describe two fundamental committees:

The Self-Study Committee: This committee, appointed by Session, helps to gather information about how the congregation sees its future. This is a critical step in selecting someone who will help us realize that vision. **Peter Gerhart** is the chair of this committee. By now, you will have received a request from this committee to respond to a survey—please return these surveys! This congregational input is vital. They will also be inviting you to participate in a visioning exercise. Please participate! It is critical that the congregation have a voice in this process. This committee will pass the information they gather on to the Pastor Nominating Committee.

The Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC): This committee, voted on by the congregation, will have the

responsibility of selecting a nominee to be our new senior pastor. They will be working hard in 2012. Please pray for them and support them as they fulfill these demanding responsibilities. The co-chairs of the PNC are **Amy Carlson** and **Hedy Westra**.

If you ever have any questions or concerns about this process, please feel free to contact me. Flag me down at coffee hour or call or write: 216.407.5335, liz491966@yahoo.com.

The wheels of Presbyterian polity sometimes grind slowly, but they do move us forward. Speed is not necessarily of the essence here. While we certainly don't want to drag our feet, the steps in the process provide the opportunity to make sure that we are moving deliberately and prayerfully, trying to discern God's will for Fairmount.

What can the rest of us do in the meantime? Continue to support the vibrant ministries and programs that are at the core of our congregational identity. Attend a Sunday school class (might I selfishly suggest the one on church history that **Nora Murphy** and I will be leading in January and February? :), help serve a community meal at Bethany, worship faithfully and regularly—whatever the outlet, find ways to express and share your faith. And pray for the bright future that I am confident awaits us.

Yours in Christ, Liz Lehfeldt

20s/30s and Other Fellowship Ministries

20s/30s Ministry at Fairmount

For those in their 20s or 30s (give or take)

20s/30s Sunday Brunch

Sunday, January 15, 12:30, Bill's Coffee Shop

Join us after the 11:00 service for our Sporadic Sunday Brunch. This month, we're headed to Bill's Coffee Shop (3954 Mayfield Road, Cleveland Heights), which, despite the name, does a great job at all your standard diner fare. If you can let Anthony know you're coming that'd be great (so we know how many to get a table for), but either way please join us for good food and great conversation.

Theology on Tap

Wednesday, January 18, 7:30pm

The Tavern Company

Come by The Tavern Company (2260 Lee Road, Cleveland Heights) as we enjoy the very good food (and decent beer selection) they provide, and the company and conversation we all provide. Anthony will bring an article each week to start off discussion and we can see where it goes from there. The article will be sent out by

email a few days ahead of time so people can review it if they like, but we'll always have copies on hand.

Theology on Tap happens on the third Wednesday of each month. If you've got suggestions or ideas for discussion, please let Anthony know at anthony@fairmountchurch.org.

BOOMERS± January Heritage Pot Luck Dinner

Saturday, January 28th at 7pm

The Home of **John and Nora Murphy**, 15915 Onaway Rd., Shaker Hts., Ohio 44120 (Directly across from the north parking lot of the high school on a one way street!)

Contact Nora at: nmurphyawp@sbcglobal.net or 216.701.1827

Please Bring: \$5 per person for beverages

Main and/or Side Dishes which represent your heritage (or adopted heritage)

Copies of your recipe(s) to share (along with any interesting information)

Youth Ministries

Happy New Year! We're starting the year off right, with a good set of events on top of our regularly scheduled service and fellowship opportunities. In particular, we have an important afternoon discussion open to Senior High students and parents, and a pair of interesting nights for our Senior High youth to prepare for this summer's trip to the Dominican Republic by playing games with our younger Fairmount neighbors. Read on!

Sunday Morning Faith Formation Options: 9:45 – 10:45 every Sunday morning

We'll provide some light food (donuts and the like) and drinks in the Youth Room, so stop by before class gets started and pick something up.

There won't be any of the regularly scheduled youth classes on New Year's Day.

Breakfast Club (7th and 8th Grades)

Join us in Room 207 for conversations about our faith and the stories in scripture.

SHiFT (Senior High Faith Talk)

Meet in the Youth Room for discussion of how faith impacts our lives today. This month we'll be mixing in some lessons from other sources with our existing series working from popular film and music.

Senior High Sunday Brunch Sunday, January 8, 12:30

Come to the 11:00 service and we'll meet afterwards and head out to brunch. We'll figure out where we're headed once we get together, but First Watch is always a popular choice. We'll have the van available to us if we get a big enough group to need it. We're usually back to church around 2:30.

Bethany Community Meal (Junior & Senior High) Friday, January 13, 4:45pm

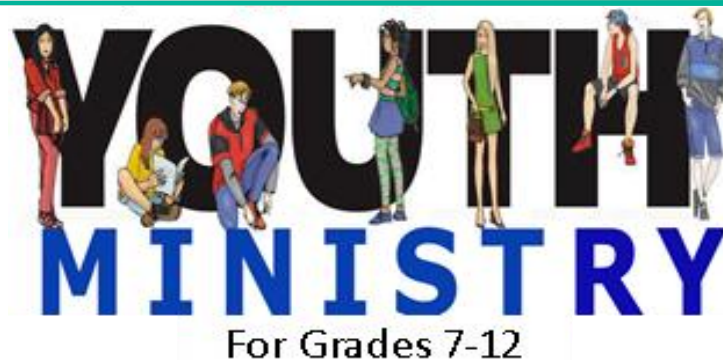
Join us as we head to Bethany Church on the west side to help them prepare and serve a meal to members of the community in need. We meet at church at 4:45, head over in the van, help with last-minute preparations (the food's mostly already taken care of), serve, and clean up. It's a great project and the folks we're serving are very appreciative. We'll be back to church by about 7:45.

We head to Bethany on the second Friday of each month.

Friday Night Fun (Junior & Senior High) Friday, January 13, 7:45pm

After we get back from Bethany, we'll grab some dinner nearby (bring a few bucks) and then hang out at church until about 10pm.

If you can't make Bethany, don't let that keep you from meeting up with us at 7:45 for the fun at church, just let Anthony know you'll be coming (in case we get dinner somewhere or are running late getting back from Bethany).



For Grades 7-12

Learn Games for Kids

Saturday, January 21, 3pm

When we're down in the Dominican Republic, we're doing a lot more than just construction - we're working with people, in their home. There's a lot of little kids running around, and we want to make sure we provide a safe environment for them, while still allowing us to do the work we're there for.

Come by on Saturday and we're going to learn some easy and entertaining games to teach and play with the kids in the bateyes. We'll spend about half an hour learning a few different games, and then head out to dinner (bring a few bucks), wrapping up around 5:30. This is a great way to decompress after exams!

Next week, we'll practice by teaching the same games to some of the younger kids here at Fairmount (and then have some dinner).

Teach Games to Kids

Saturday, January 29, 4pm

Come on out and teach some of Fairmount's younger kids the games we picked up last week. It'll be great practice for teaching the kids at the *bateyes* in the Dominican Republic, and a good time. If you couldn't make it for when we learned the games, don't let that keep you away: we can get you up to speed pretty quick, and you can still help teach the little kids.

We'll spend about an hour teaching all the games to the kids, and then share dinner (likely pizza) with them.

Help My Friend Is... Using Drugs

Sunday, January 29, 1-3pm

Russ Goodwin will be coming in to lead a discussion on what to do when a friend has a problem with drugs. Russ has a lot of experience talking with youth and their parents about addiction and related issues. This should be a very good discussion, regardless of whether you've got a particular issue or friend you're dealing with, or just want to be better informed and able to handle what can be a very difficult thing to know how to deal with.

This event is for both our High School youth and their parents. Much of the conversation will happen as a whole group, but there will also be time to break into separate groups to make sure everyone has a chance to discuss more sensitive issues.

Welcome Our Newest Members

CERTIFICATE OF TRANSFER



Elizabeth & Jerry Mason

5590 Elm Hill Drive
Solon, OH 44139 , 440.349.0385

Elizabeth is joining by letter of transfer from Pioneer Memorial Church in Solon, where she had been the handbell choir director and ringer. She is a retired school teacher. She sings in the Fairmount Choir.

Jerry is joining by letter of transfer from Pioneer Memorial Church in Solon, where he was the church organist. He is a retired quality engineer. He sings in the Fairmount Choir.



Jewel & Paul Williams

519 Thackeray Trail
Richmond Hts., OH 44143, 440.605.1811

Paul joins Fairmount by Certificate of Transfer from the Presbytery of the Western Reserve. He had been a member of First Church East Cleveland which closed last year. At First Church he served as an Elder and was involved in men's programs and was a lay leader.

Jewel joins Fairmount by Certificate of Transfer from Presbytery of the Western Reserve. She had been a member of First Church East Cleveland which closed last year. Jewel was very active at First Church, serving as an elder and a deacon as well as active in the choir and bell choir.



Blanche Winston

1476 Warrensville Center Rd. Apt. 320
Cleveland Hts. OH 44121-2667 , 216.382.0716

Blanche joins Fairmount by Certificate of Transfer from Forest Hill Presbyterian Church.

She is interested in the organ, the harpsichord, classical music, traditional classical church and sacred music.

REAFFIRMATION OF FAITH



Maribeth & Luke Crawford

3611 Harvey Road
Cleveland Hts. OH 44118, 513.560.5853

Luke is an Assurance Staff Auditor at Ernst and Young.

Maribeth is a soloist in the choir. She also is the director of the M&M music program. Luke and Maribeth recently gave birth to baby **Aubrey** two months ago.



Laura Migneco & Brian Frentzko
9 Kenilworth Mews
Cleveland Hts., OH 44106, 541.331.6642

Brian is in corporate finance with NACCO. He and Laura moved here from Washington. Brian plays the guitar.

Laura works at the library. She and Brian moved from the west coast and they have two college age children.

PROFESSION OF FAITH



Holly & Shawn Cline
3741 Northwood Rd.
University Hts., OH 44118 , 216.256.9247

Holly was in the hospitality field.

Shawn is a chef and works with Hospitality Restaurants.

They will be celebrated their fourth wedding anniversary on November 26.and have two young children **Kaitlyn Elizabeth** and **Shawn Michael Jr.**



Meredith Hellmer
2670 E 130th Street #1
Cleveland, OH 44120-1452, 216.926.3473

Meredith works as a social worker. Meredith has been active at Fairmount as a friend for several years and we are happy that she is joining the church. Among other things, Meredith helped run the Fair Trade Festival last year.



Gina Mancuso
6375 Park Pointe Ct.
Pepper Pike, OH 44124, 216.406.8190

Gina is a recruiter and works for Direct Recruiters in Solon. She and **Bobby O'Donnell** (see below) will be married next spring.

FRIEND OF FAIRMOUNT

Robert O'Donnell (Bobby)
6375 Park Pointe Ct.
Pepper Pike, OH 44124, 216.310.6233

Bobby is a sales manager at Valley Ford on Canal Road in Cleveland. He and **Gina Mancuso** (see above) will be married next spring.

Church School

Third Grade Bible Sunday & Curriculum Begin the New Year!

On **January 8, 2012**, our third grade students will receive a complete NRSV Children's Bible in the 11:00 worship service. Our 3rd & 4th graders begin an eight week Bible unit the same day. Students will learn the nuts and bolts of using their Bibles, increase their knowledge about its genres, history and timeline – all in eight weeks! Third and fourth graders: please bring your Bibles to church school from January 8 through February 19, and get ready for a fun eight weeks of interactive learning!

January 22 Thank You Luncheon for Children's Church School & Nursery Volunteers



With great appreciation for their selfless dedication to children in the first semester of the school year, our fabulous children's church school teachers and nursery volunteers are cordially invited to a luncheon on Sunday, January 22, at 12:15, p.m. in the church dining room. We'll provide everything, including the child care! We look forward to taking care of you for a special meal on this day. Teachers and nursery volunteers, please RSVP your attendance and childcare needs, to the church office, 216.321.5800, by Sunday, January 15. Thank you!

Mission

Changing the World – Two by Two!

We did it! With the congregation's generous help at our Heifer Gift Market in December, we filled an Ark for Heifer International. The cost of a Gift Ark to Heifer is \$5000. We raised \$5324 at the Market! Through their church school offerings and bake sales in the past year,

the children had already saved \$2000 toward the Ark, so by mid year we have more than surpassed our Gift Ark goal! A very special thanks to **Lisa Mortimer**, who chaired the Market and **Laura Fricke**, chair of the Children and Family Ministry Committee, who worked closely with Lisa. In addition, many parents, teachers and children gave their time and energy decorating animal booths and educating all of us about the ways animals through Heifer change lives and feed hungry people.

[See the image to the left for exactly how a Gift Ark helps families to feed themselves across the globe]

What's in a Gift Ark?

2 CAMELS to help families in Tanzania transport water and earn income

2 PIGS to help families in the Dominican Republic attain greater self-reliance

2 COWS to bring milk and income to families in Kosovo

2 TRIOS OF RABBITS to provide food and income to families in Vietnam

2 WATER BUFFALO to help families in the Philippines increase rice production through animal draft power

2 DONKEYS to supply animal draft power to families in Zimbabwe

2 TRIOS OF GUINEA PIGS to help families in Peru add protein to their diets and earn income

2 BEEHIVES to help families in Mexico earn money through the sale of honey and beeswax

2 TRIOS OF DUCKS to help families in Thailand generate income through the sale of eggs and birds

2 SHEEP to help families in the United States produce wool

2 LLAMAS/ALPACAS to improve livestock bloodlines and produce wool for families in Bolivia

2 FLOCKS OF CHICKS to help families in Cambodia improve nutrition and replenish their land

2 OXEN to families in Cameroon to help pull plows and carts

2 GOATS to help families in Poland provide milk for their children and earn extra income

2 FLOCKS OF GEESE to help families in China better their nutrition and income through the production of eggs and meat



Hallie Stewart and Lisa Mortimer



M&Ms Weekly Music & Ministry program resumes January 12

After a well deserved holiday vacation, our children's choirs and worship arts leadership program for K – 6th graders resumes on Thursday, January 12, at 5:15 p.m. Due to Bob Moncrief's recuperation from surgery, Director of Children and Family Ministries, **Betsy Wooster** and Angel Choir director, **Maribeth Crawford**, will be leading the Thursday afternoon program until Bob's return in late February. (A winter caroling visit to Bob's house is definitely in order!) Auditions for individual speaking and singing parts in this year's Spring Musical, *Moses and the Freedom Fanatics*, will be (*tentative*) Thursday, March 1st. See you on January 12! (Haven't been to M&Ms before but would like to join? We welcome you! Contact Betsy Wooster, bwooster@fairmountchurch.org, with questions.)

(Mission Continued)

We're Not Stopping Here!

Now that we've filled the Ark and had a year and a half focused on hunger across the globe, we will spend our second semester learning about hunger in our own backyard. Visits to the Cleveland food bank, hands-on food preparation for local shelters and church school offering monies given to the kitchen at North Church, and the May 12 Walk For Hunger will be some of the many ways our children will learn to be part of the solution to the tragedy of hunger.

Fellowship

Games & Movie Night January 28!

All children ages preschool and older are invited to join us on Saturday, January 28, from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. at the church. At 4:00, our Fairmount Youth will lead us in games designed for all ages and at 5:00 we'll have a pizza dinner, followed by two different movie showings, one for early childhood and another for middle elementary and higher. **Betsy Wooster, Anthony Sorace, Pastor Eric** and the Fairmount High School youth look forward to hosting you all for three hours of fun at church! To reserve a spot, please call the church office, 216-321-5800, or email Betsy, bwooster@fairmountchurch.org, by January 25.

CLUB 426

Our Monthly Youth Group type experience for our 4th, 5th, & 6th graders!

12:15 pm. Please bring \$5 for lunch.

This month we are going to take a mission minded field trip! Look for more details after the beginning of the year.

Upcoming Dates:

January 8th

February 12th

March 11th

April 8th

May 20th (This is a change from our regular 2nd Sunday due to Mother's Day)



Mission—Demonstrating the Love of Jesus

Greater Cleveland Congregations (GCC)

GCC is a non-partisan coalition of faith communities and partner organizations in Cuyahoga County working together to build people power for social justice. On Dec. 8, a delegation from FPC supported an Assembly of GCC of over 800 people at Olivet Institutional Baptist Church (http://blog.cleveland.com/metro/2011/12/more_than_800_celebrate_clevel.html). The purpose was to celebrate a tentative agreement between the leaders of the Cleveland Teachers Union and the Cleveland Metropolitan School District to reduce teachers' benefits in order to restore vital programs for Cleveland's school children.

There are currently ongoing discussions in the faith communities about actions in the areas of:

Health Care (Metro Health Medicaid Waiver, Cleveland Clinic/UH: streamlining free care process?, Cuyahoga County Health and Human Services Levy, Health Literacy);

Education (New funding sources for public schools);

Food Accessibility (Land use regulations for starting urban agriculture projects, Using food stamps at

farmer's markets, Healthy school lunches);

Criminal Justice: (Racial Profiling, Rape kit protocols, Re-entry jobs, Certificates of Rehabilitation and Employability), and

Jobs: (Directing the County Development Fund of \$100 million to be spent in specific areas, Creating new standards for County Minority Hiring, Supporting for the new worker-owned Evergreen Cooperative for ex-offenders, Push congregations, municipalities, and anchor institutions to buy local and to contract with local vendors, like the Evergreen Co-operative, Vocational Training).

We are looking for more input and involvement in the discussions and actions so that FPC has a voice in this social justice movement. Please, contact Rev. Shiverick (mshiverick@fairmountchurch.org) or Ulrich Hopfer (uhopfer@sbcglobal.net).

Proposed Calendar:

December/January Strategy Team meeting (to vet action ideas)

January 26 Issues Convention (to ratify action ideas)

Fellowship & Growth Group News

2012 Fairmount Women's Retreat

The 2012 Women's Retreat is scheduled for January 27-28, 2012 – what a perfect way to relax and de-stress from the holidays! Please note the change to Friday evening and all day Saturday. Once again, we will be at the Red Maple Inn in Burton – a stunning bed and breakfast best described as a “peaceful destination.” However, we will be adding something new – dinner Friday evening at the Welshfield Inn in Burton.

For those of you who can get to the Red Maple Inn by late afternoon in Friday, you may check in and enjoy their complimentary wine and cheese from 5 to 6:15 pm. Then, we will head over to the Welshfield Inn for dinner where we have reservations at 6:30 pm.

After dinner, Friday evening will be socializing and movie watching. Our Saturday program will focus on Mary Magdalene. In addition, there will be much fun, laughter, good food and companionship.



The cost is \$100, which includes lodging (shared room), Saturday breakfast and Saturday lunch. Dinner at the Welshfield Inn on Friday night will be at your own cost. While we are hoping that you will be able to attend for the entire retreat, we understand that some of you may only be able to get away for the day on Saturday. In that situation, the cost for Saturday only is \$35 and the program will start at 9:00 am.

You may make your reservation by sending a check made out to “Fairmount Presbyterian Church” to Carolyn Cheverine, 14807 Shaker Blvd., Shaker Heights, OH 44120 or dropping it off at the church office.

The deadline for reservations is January 15th.

If you have any questions, please contact **Denice Benton** at 216.283.5475 deniceb@sbcglobal.net or **Carolyn Cheverine** at 216.789.5427 cheverine@yahoo.com. Please let Carolyn know if you are interested in carpooling out to Burton. We hope to see you there!

Please indicate by email to Carolyn the following information:

- _____ I will attend Friday dinner at Welshfield Inn at 6:30pm
- _____ I will be staying the night at Red Maple Inn (\$100)
- _____ I will only be able to attend on Saturday (program starting at 9 am) (\$35).

Christmas Poinsettias 2011

In Memory Of...

Eleanor & John Baird by Lynn & Russ Shaw
Raymond (Bud) Barker by Sandra Davis
Lucille & Herb Bartell by Betty & Bob Olson
Dorothy & James Bell by Vicki Bell
Joan Bell by Vicki Bell
Linda C. Bendall by The Bendall Family
Mel Brenkus by Millie Brenkus
Ezra Bryan by Marion Bryan
Bob & Peggy Callander by Margaret Callander
Frank & Katherine Chokel by Pat & Jeff Chokel
Roz & Al Collesi by Jackie Collesi & Steve Ekeberg
Robert, Carol Ann & Michael Comboy by Chris & Christina Keller
Albert (Bud) Davis by Sandra Davis
Louise Aldrich Dempsey by Louise P. Dempsey
Edward & Virginia Doll by Hank & Mary Doll
Betty & Dan Elliott by Debby Elliott
Haxel & Russell Enke by The Lindberg Family
Charlotte & Vincent Fiordalis by Mr. Vincent Fiordalis
Lloyd & Dorothy Forsberg by Charlie & Patty Forsberg
Bob & Mary Fulton by Judy & Bill Steehler
Anne & Howard Gerhart by Ann & Peter Gerhart
Arthur & Eleanor Hallett by Charlie & Patty Forsberg
Peggy & Herant Hammaliak by Margit & Dick Harris
Shirley & William Harris by Margit & Dick Harris
Mr. & Mrs. Cavour H. Hauser by Chin Tai & Oksim Kim
Charles Hinckley, Jr. by Nancy Hinckley
Billy & Grace Horton by Joyce Pope & Family
Grace & Bill Horton by Ann & Peter Gerhart
Theodore Jones by Trevor & Joy Jones
Gary Keller by Chris & Christina Keller
Rev. & Mrs. Jongpil Kim by Chin Tai & Oksim Kim
Rev. Eun Tai Kim by Chin Tai & Oksim Kim
Rev. Ha Tai Kim by Chin Tai & Oksim Kim
Ruth & Cliff King by Betty & Bob Olson
Earle & Muriel Kinsman by Pat & Jeff Chokel
Charles W. Landgraf Jr., M.D., & Dona M. Landgraf
by Nana, Virginia & Victoria Landgraf
Robert "R.J." Landgraf by Nana, Virginia & Victoria Landgraf
Ann Ashford Lehfeltd by Liz Lehfeltd
Lorin & Katherine Leihgeber by Kit Leihgeber
Lois Ann & Victor Lindberg by The Lindberg Family
Elizabeth Luthke by Lisa Litteral
Ms. Hildegard Lund by Chin Tai & Oksim Kim
Noel Mallaby by Margit & Dick Harris
Ernest & Gretchen McEwen by Hank & Mary Doll
Shirley G. Miller by Shawn and Lili Miller
Dorothy O. Mills & F. Charlton Mills, Jr. by The Mills Family
Katherine S. B. Mills by The Mills Family
Margaret S. Mills & Osborne Mills by The Mills Family
Virginia Milner by Patricia Wren
Donna & Bruce Miner by Holly Miner Cline
Josephine Lincoln Morris & J. Howard Morris Jr.
by Marge & Harry Carlson
Keith E. Myers & William Moorhead by Maxine Myers
Mr. & Mrs. Kiryong Nam by Chin Tai & Oksim Kim
Dr. Gerry Near by Chin Tai & Oksim Kim
Harvey Neville by Debbie Neville
H. Wagner Newberry & Betty G. Newberry
by Nana, Virginia & Victoria Landgraf
Edith & Oscar Olson by Betty & Bob Olson
Jean & Bud Owen by The Bookshar Family
Donald H. Pfeifer by Nan & Bob Pfeifer
LTC Leon A. Pierce by Lisa Litteral
Lucia C. & Lawrence A. Pomeroy, Jr. by Louise P. Dempsey

W. Nicholas Pope by Joyce Pope & Family
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Rebeck by Lee Sealfon
Georgianna T. Roberts
by Mario Sinicariello & Ellen Roberts
James O Roberts by Georgianna Roberts
James Owen Roberts by Mario Sinicariello & Ellen Roberts
Sada & John Roberts by Georgianna Roberts
Elizabeth W. Sanborn by Nan & Bob Pfeifer
Our Parents by The Schulze Family
Arthur H. Schweitzer by Anonymous
Harold & Olivia Schwind by Harold & Conna Whitmore
Frederick J. Scism by Carol Scism
Niobe Geraty Seekely by Bryan Seekely & Family
Ruth & Clyde Shaw by Lynn & Ross Shaw
Pedro Mario Sinicariello
by Mario Sinicariello & Ellen Roberts
Helen & Robert Smith by Vicki Bell
Millie Smith by Vicki Bell
Carol Spaeder by Liz Lehfeltd
Margaret & James Spalding by Vicki Bell
Bernice & Earl Steehler by Judy & Bill Steehler
August Supan by Hedy Westra
Edna M. Swan and William M. Swan by The Swan Family
Margaret & George Tarbutton by Ann & Peter Gerhart
Wesley, Charles & Phillip by Julia Thomas
Janet Gallicchie Timler by Carolyn & Vince Cheverine
Margaret & George Timmons by Georgianna Roberts
Olga Toth by Mario Sinicariello & Ellen Roberts
Forest & Alvar Wallerstedt by Vicki Bell
Kenneth & Ursula Weaver by Joan & Jack Wilharm
B. Pieter Westra by Hedy Westra
Constance Whitehouse by Pat & Jeff Chokel
Harold & Vivian Whitmore by Harold & Conna Whitmore
Anne & John Wilharm by Joan & Jack Wilharm
Jess Yoder by Millie Yoder

In Honor Of...

Bonnie Lindberg, Deborah Nash, Vicki Bell,
Debby Scholl, Eric Carlson, and Corky Carl
by Bo and Missy Shiverick
Saints Vin, Dan & Bob
who ministered faithfully in His name
by Joyce Pope & Family
Dr. Mary Doll by The Schulze Family
Os Mills, dedicated Sunday School Teacher for many years
by Joyce, Clark & Meredith Pope
Robert L. Moncrief by Ann & Peter Gerhart
With Love to Ethel Petru by Kevin Petru
Mrs. Mildred Pierce by Lisa Litteral
Beverly Rinaldi by Lisa Litteral
Betty H. Schweitzer by Anonymous
The Fairmount Staff by The Lindberg Family
Thanks to our Church Staff & Custodians by Kevin Petru
Jacob & Alvera Stern by Mark & Leslie Walker, Ben & Anna
Carlton & Gay Walker
by Mark & Leslie Walker, Ben & Anna
Rev. Dr. Louise Westfall by The Schulze Family

And

To the Glory of God by Don Morrison



FAIRMOUNT MUSIC SERIES
2011 - 2012



2012 CABARET: DINNER AND SONG

A NIGHT AT THE OPERA

Vocal Fireworks and Fun

Friday, January 20 – 7:00pm, Andersen Hall

Our All-Star Singers: Lisa Litteral, Maribeth Crawford, Alicia Bousner, Michael Talerico, Chester Willey, Peter Bush, and John Watson, with Pianist Joanna Li

Delicious Dinner by Vicki Mentrek
Tickets on sale in Andersen Hall or in the Church Office

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Men's Breakfast Forum

The Men's Breakfast Forum will next meet at 7:30 a.m. on **Wednesday, January 11**. We will discuss what we mean by "**luck**" and by "**providence**." When things go well are we just lucky, or is there some divine providence behind them? What difference does it make which word we use?

All men of the church are invited to attend and to participate.

Fairmount Guild of Presbyterian Women

There are no Guild Meetings in January. Join us when we resume in February.

February 7

- 9:30 Coordinating Team Meeting
- 11:30 Bible Study #4 led by The Rev. Susan Holderness "Peter and Cornelius"
- 12:30 Luncheon

February 14

- 11:30 Fieldtrip - Cleveland Skating Club for a Valentine's Day Luncheon

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 years 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

