



# FAIRMOUNT

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# FAIRMOUNT FLYER

**MARCH/APRIL 2015**

## Core Values

authentic, generous,  
inclusive, innovative,  
and relevant

## 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.

## Office Hours

Monday:

8:30am - 4:00pm

Tuesday through

Thursday:

8:30am - 5:00pm

Friday:

8:30am - 4:00pm

## Worship Hours

8:30am Sunday

Mornings in the chapel,  
with communion.

11:00am Sunday

Mornings in the  
sanctuary, with  
communion on the first  
Sunday of the month.

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## Note:

The Session has called a congregational meeting for Sunday, March 8th, 2015, following the 11:00am worship service to vote on changes to Pastors' Terms of Call.



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## God's Story ~ Our Story April 10th & 11th In-Town Retreat

All are invited to attend Fairmount's First Annual All-Church Retreat. This is a retreat designed for Fairmount members and friends of all ages, with opportunities for intergenerational conversations as well as age appropriate opportunities for reflection and spiritual nurture and renewal.



This will be an In-Town Retreat, which means activities will take place at Fairmount and in the surrounding community. While we hope everyone will sign up and participate in the whole weekend, we are designing this experience in such a way that you can come on Saturday morning and not miss the spiritual meat being offered. The Friday night components will be re-creational in ways that strengthen our ties to one another as the Body of Christ in this particular place.

Saturday will feature keynote speaker, Ashley Ann Masters, who is an author originally from Greenville, SC, who now lives and works in Chicago, IL, as a chaplain in a children's hospital. Ashley has experience leading retreats for conference centers and churches all over the country, and brings with her a wealth of material that will nourish our souls and challenge our minds as we discuss together God's AMAZING Story and how it connects and shapes the story of our life together and our individual lives.

## Tentative Schedule

### Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup>

6:00 p.m. - Dinner at the church

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. - Fellowship ending in a "campfire" in Andersen Hall\* (childcare provided)

*\*depending on the weather, we might be able to be outside on the side lawn or in the Garth.*

### Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup>

8:30 a.m. - Coffee and Morning Prayers

9:00 a.m. - Registration, Coffee and munchies

9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. - Keynote/Community Building (childcare provided)

11:00 a.m.-11:45 a.m. - Interact- Small Group conversations that follow-up on keynotes

12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m. - Lunch

1:00 p.m.-2:45 p.m. - Break-Out workshops with Ashley Ann Masters and FPC Staff (childcare provided)

2:45 p.m.-3:00 p.m. - Afternoon Prayers

### Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup>

Worship at 8:30 a.m. or 11:00 a.m. with Faith Formation activities at 10:00 a.m.

Ashley Ann Masters preaches at both services.

# The Seasons of Lent - A Journey to the Cross

As we continue our journey to the cross and the empty tomb, we will continue to look at some of the more troubling and challenging passages from both the Old and New Testament.

- **Sunday, March 8th** - What does it mean that the message of the cross is foolishness? Are we following a fool? (1 Corinthians 1:18-25)
- **Sunday, March 15th** - What can we learn from the odd story of Moses placing a snake on a pole, and promising that everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live? (Numbers 21:4-9)
- **Sunday, March 22nd** - What does it really mean that a grain must die before it bears fruit? Is Jesus talking about us, or only himself? (John 12:20-26)

During Holy Week there will be several opportunities for you to experience the transformative power of the story of Jesus' death and resurrection.

- **Sunday, March 29th** - Palm Sunday Celebration and the collection of the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering.
- **Thursday, April 2nd** - Maundy Thursday worship at 7:00pm in the chapel.
- **Friday, April 3rd** - Ecumenical Good Friday service at nearby St. Paul's Episcopal Church from 12:00pm to 3:00pm.
- **Sunday, April 5th** - Three Easter Worship opportunities (no Faith Formation classes).
  - Sunrise service in garth patio at 7:04am
  - 9:00am Worship in the sanctuary
  - 11:00am Worship in the sanctuary



**Friday, April 11th- Sunday, April 13th** - Easter is a season, not a day, and we will celebrate and reflect on our identity as an Easter people at the in-town retreat at the church the first weekend of Easter-tide.

## One Great Hour of Sharing Offering Sunday, March 29th

### Purpose

The One Great Hour of Sharing is an offering that makes the love of Christ real for individuals and communities around the world who suffer the effects of disaster, conflict, or severe economic hardship, and for those who serve them through gifts of money and time. Today, projects are underway in more than 100 countries, including the United States and Canada. While specific allocations differ in each denomination, all use their One Great Hour of Sharing funds to make possible disaster relief, refugee assistance, development aid and more.

### History

Since its beginning in 1949, One Great Hour of Sharing has been an ecumenical effort. Currently, the One Great Hour of Sharing committee officially comprises nine Christian denominations: American Baptist Churches USA, African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, Church of the Brethren, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), Reformed Church in America, United Church of Christ, and Church World Service. In various ways, all work in cooperation with Church World Service, the relief, development and refugee assistance arm of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A.

Contributions to One Great Hour of Sharing make a difference in the lives of people. Church World Service, a division of the National Council of Churches, with overseas partner churches and church councils, is often the first on the scene following a disaster of natural or human origin. Local church leaders identify the needs of their people. Priorities are set to bring long-term solutions that will improve the quality of life for individuals and communities around the world. Please consider making a special offering during worship on Sunday, March 29th, or via the online giving page on our website at any time.



## Session Update

Your Session has been busy over the past two months! In addition to their regularly scheduled meeting on the first Wednesday in February, on Saturday, January 24th, at the Church of the Covenant in University Circle, the elders had a visioning retreat, where in addition to learning more about one another, they also agreed upon a new vision statement for our congregation that will be unveiled in the Spring. This new vision statement, along with our core values, will shape our congregation's ministry and mission in the years to come. At the retreat the Session also set goals for the coming year. They are:

- To formulate a plan for the building and grounds that supports the church's new vision for ministry and mission.
- To communicate with the congregation regarding the new governance structure and its implications.
- To grow the church's mission programs.
- To plan Fairmount's 100-Year Anniversary celebrations for the Fall of 2016.

Please keep your called and elected leaders in your prayers as they continue to discern God's will for our community. Also, be on the lookout for more opportunities to participate in the new governance structure through the ministries of the Care, Faith Formation, and Serve councils.

Saying goodbye to a staff member is never easy. At a special Session meeting in February the elders concurred with the personnel committee's recommendation that we terminate Anthony Sorace as our Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries. The reason for Anthony's dismissal is simply that he failed to reach the stated benchmarks for performance that were identified as necessary to ensure the vitality of our youth and young adult ministry programs. Anthony's love for the youth and passion for God were evident from day one, but it was discerned that a change was needed. Session will continue to pray for Anthony's transition and for the future of our youth and young adult programs, and they ask that you do the same. The foundation is strong and the potential is great for a dynamic, vital youth and young adult ministry at the church, and your leadership is already in discussions about what's next for these two important groups.

See you in church!

Pastor Derek

### Budget Update:

Dear Fairmount Friends and Members,

I'd like to take an opportunity to share some news about our 2015 Operating Budget. We continue to refine and adjust our budgeting process to better reflect the diverse and dynamic life of the church. Our goal to create an accurate, easy-to-understand, and thoughtful budget, is being realized more and more. The Session has approved a 2015 Operating Budget, and I would like to point out a few of the features that were included. A detailed budget can be found on-line at [www.fairmountchurch.org](http://www.fairmountchurch.org), under the link 'session resources.'

**Expense Budget Groupings:** We have realigned our expense groupings based on the new governance structure. To the extent possible, budget lines will be owned by the Council that controls those expenses. This should help our new Councils to collaborate and communicate more efficiently about results of operations. These groups are: Administration, Personnel, Care, Faith Formation, Faith Formation – Music, Serve, and Session.

**Critical Cuts:** Our overall expense budget *decreased* from 2014, based on the staffing changes and greater efficiencies in our Administration costs. This is noteworthy, in consideration of...

**Values Based Increases:** From 2014 to 2015, we have *increased our Serve budget by over 80%* (from \$31,200 to \$56,550)! This amount represents 4.2% of our total expenses in 2015, as we move closer to Session's goal of 10% of the annual expense budget being allocated for mission. In addition, we have made targeted, incremental increases in the areas of Care and Faith Formation, which represent our commitment to supporting the well-being of our Fairmount community.

**Current Year Funding:** This year, we chose to simplify our revenue prediction into a "Current Year Operating Income" item. Our goal for this amount will be based on our non-operating income (e.g. – the recommended Endowment draws) less our anticipated expenses. Based on this method, we require \$900,000 in total operating funds for 2015. Rather than refer to this as our "deficit," we hope that discussing a single, transparent funding goal will help us to challenge ourselves to fund our current needs in the current year.

This is a budget that reflects who we are as a congregation, and it builds on the hopes of where we would like to go. We are committed to living into the values that our leadership has defined. By recognizing all of the ways that you contribute to the life of the church and challenging ourselves to meet our calling, we can see our church flourish. I am excited about the opportunity to be a part of the process, and I hope you are too!

Sincerely, Luke Crawford, FPC Treasurer



## Service Opportunities

Last year Fairmount's Serve Council adopted a new mission theme to help our community engage in mission efforts that were coordinated and focused. That theme is **EMPOWERING GOD'S CHILDREN**.

We didn't choose Serving God's Children or Caring for God's Children; we chose Empowering God's Children because we believe Fairmount is called to come alongside differing communities to identify and address issues that negatively impact the lives of children to create change that helps children and their families become stronger and more confident, especially in controlling their lives and claiming their rights. We feel called to this ethos of mission because we feel called to the work of reconciliation that restores all people to live as those who are God's image-bearers in the world.

With this in mind, the SERVE Council, through its ministry teams, has developed some exciting opportunities for service together in God's name.



### Volunteers Needed for "Apostle's Build"

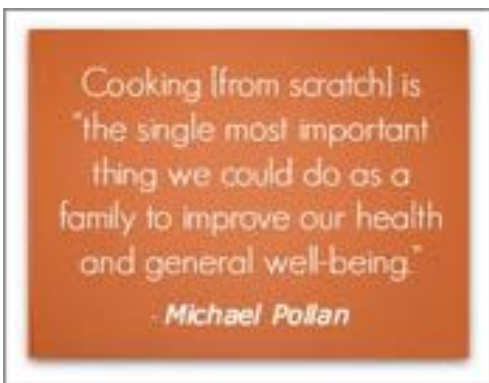
This year Fairmount will be participating in an APOSTLE'S BUILD with Habitat for Humanity and up to 11 other churches to rebuild a home with a homeowner.

Participating in this Apostle's Build will provide Fairmount members many benefits:

- This is a tangible way to put our faith into action in our community with opportunities for service for our members of all ages.
- Habitat has a proven track record of empowering their Partner Families who become homeowners. Partner Families receive training in home construction/rehabilitation, basic home maintenance, finances and budgeting. They also volunteer to help other families.
- The project has a definite beginning and an end.

This Apostle's Build with Habitat for Humanity will take place in the Stockyards Neighborhood, which is between West 50th and West 52nd Streets and between Storer and Denison Avenue, which is a largely-Hispanic neighborhood.

Members Cindy Barker and Charlie Forsberg have agreed to be Fairmount's Team Coordinators for this project. We are still in the planning stages for this marvelous opportunity to serve together, but it's not too early to indicate your interest. There is an interest form on the Serve Council bulletin board or you can call the church office to indicate your interest. May this Apostle's Build be an opportunity for you to take a step down the yellow brick road of service.



### Volunteers Needed for "Scratch"

The following is the Minute for Mission 18-year old Will Brant delivered in worship on February 8th. Please read this amazing witness and consider how you might be able to help with this new mission effort.

Will Brant is a senior at Chagrin Falls High School, and a member of the Fairmount Youth Group.

"I love to cook. When I was eleven years old, I founded and still own a BBQ catering company called Over the Moon BBQ. Cooking has opened many doors and given me many things, the most important is the confidence in myself to create.

I learned the way to learn to cook BBQ because an amazing father and son team gave me the opportunity to learn the art of cooking. I want to do the same thing for other kids, to share my experience and help other 11-year-olds gain experience and confidence in themselves to create; that is why I am here today.

In partnership with the SERVE Council I have created a little cooking movement over at the Heights Youth Club called SCRATCH. It is inspired by how cooks that are comfortable in the kitchen, got that way. By cooking, by tasting, by trying, by tinkering and by having a place to grow into smarter, happier and better cooks.

My brother, Jimmy, and I will be leading an eight week session with each class lasting about an hour. Each student will make something for themselves during the class.

The dishes and our delivery system are styled after a home kitchen and designed to be like bicycles. You can modify the color, the seat and the wheels but the basics are there. They can grow more complicated, more specific and more refined as time, skills and confidence grow.

The reality is you can't make modifications if you don't know the parts of a bike, how to get on it or how to ride it. With the right skills, the right path and the members of Fairmount there to support them there is no telling how far these kids can go.

The pace and the vibe will be styled after a home kitchen and we are going to need member volunteers to come and offer the type of guidance that kids need when they are learning to do anything: people to coach them, to congratulate them, to show them what to do when mistakes happen (and we all know they do), to help them find their patience, to value practice, and the good feeling that comes out of making something from "nothing".

I am here to ask for volunteers. You don't have to know how to cook to help with SCRATCH, all you need is a willingness to support and cheer for a young person learning to cook.

I think we all know it is so important to help get kids well fed and reconnected to lost skills.

We will need volunteers to be in the space during the classes, to help organize the weeks lessons and kits that each student will work from, to shop or pick up food and materials for our lessons and deliver them to the Heights Youth Club. Eventually, we will need help when we expand into field trips to local farms, grocery stores, and restaurants, so they can see how they fit into the equation, and how they can take what we give them and make it their own thing.

If we give these kids confidence and a goal it could change everything for them. If you are interested in learning more or in volunteering, please let Pastor Eric know and he will get you connected.

Thank you for listening and for your support."

Will Brant

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## College Student Care Packages

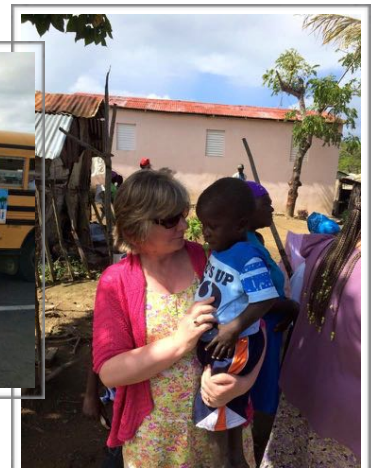


As we prepare for God's Good News on Easter morning, we want to make sure we are sharing the love of this community with our college students who are away from home, but never far from our hearts. The Care Council is asking you to bring treats, snacks, delicious yumminess and/or fun items to the church office by Sunday, March 22nd. These should be items that will travel well in care packages for our youth.

If you are the parent of a college student, please email your student's name and correct school address to Pastor Eric Dillenbeck by Sunday, March 14th, at [edillenbeck@fairmountchurch.org](mailto:edillenbeck@fairmountchurch.org).

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## Photos from our Dominican Republic mission trip



## Adult Faith Formation

### Adult Education, Sundays at 10:00am

Adult Education begins a new series for March and April every Sunday at 10:00 in the Ganson Room. It is called *Animate: Practices*. This is an engaging introduction to the central practices of the Christian faith, why they are important, and how we can take part in them today. Each session will watch a video featuring a leading voice from the Christian faith, spend time on personal reflection and journaling and share ideas with the group. We will have journaling materials available, but if you would like to purchase the journal created for this study we will have them for \$15 each. This study will run through the season of Lent and is a great way to center us.



### Bible Study

Whether or not you consider yourself someone who “knows the Bible,” your faith will grow through participation in one of our pastor-led Bible studies. While Eric and Derek's approaches are different, each uses humor, questions, and lively debate to get at, not only what the Bible has to say, but also how we are to read the ancient stories. Pastor Derek's study of Matthew is at 9:00am on Thursday morning in the Ganson Room and Pastor Eric's study of Luke is at 6:00pm on Thursday evenings in room 105.

### Wednesdays at Noon Book Study

Amy Kim Kyremes-Parks, Director of Spiritual Formation, started a new book study on Wednesdays at noon in the Upper Room. We started with *Messy Spirituality* by Mike Yaconelli. The books will be available for purchase on Sundays in Amy Kim's office for \$10. *Messy Spirituality* is a strong antidote for the spiritual perfectionism in us all. Questions? Contact Amy Kim at amykim@fairmountchurch.org.

### Fairmount Theology Book Group

The Fairmount Theology Book Group meets the last Wednesday of the month. Our next meeting will take place on Wednesday, February 25th at 7:00pm. This month's book is *Zealot: The Life and Times of Jesus Christ* by Reza Aslan. It is sure to be an interesting conversation on a controversial book. For more information about Fairmount Theology Book Group, please contact Nicole Bush by email nbush@stege-law.com or by phone 216-406-9089.

### Lenten Spirituality Centers

There are “spirituality centers” placed around the church that will pop up during Lent. These centers are self-guided opportunities for you to take a breath and a moment to connect to how God is speaking to you this season. They are placed throughout the church. There will be a sign by each entrance directing you on where to find them. Each center could take 2 to 30 minutes; you get to decide how much time to spend. Most centers can be experienced with people of all ages, and we encourage you to bring children around to experience these spaces.

The hope is that you will find an opportunity on Sunday or anytime the church is open to make your way through the centers. Each week one or two centers will be added, so be on the lookout for new opportunities to simply be.

While Lent is a time for penitence, ultimately it is an opportunity for us to recognize our beloved-ness and the irrational love that God has poured out on us so freely. We pray that you sense this love, and that it may be palpable in your life.



### Easter Egg Hunt Helpers Needed Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday, April 4th at 10:00am

Easter is just around the corner and Fairmount will be hosting an Easter Egg Hunt Saturday April 4th at 10:00am. We would LOVE your help getting all the eggs prepared. So, starting on Sunday, March 8th, during coffee hours we will have bags of empty eggs for you to take home fill and return by Sunday, March 22nd.

We are also having a Good Friday Night Egg hunt for our youth and will have eggs for this event as well. Both of these egg hunts are perfect opportunities for you to invite friends and neighbors to engage with Fairmount.

Our hope is that these events will be an opportunity for us to not only reach out to those in our community but also to those who do not regularly attend Fairmount.



## Family and Children's Ministries

### **All Church Game Time**

Join us on Saturday, March 28th, from 4:00pm to 6:00pm for an afternoon of games with our Fairmount community in Andersen Hall. We will have games for all ages, nursery care and snacks. Feel free to bring your favorite game to share.

### **Worship Workshop**

This is your chance for the whole family to learn about worship, the symbolism, the order, and how you are a part of this important time each week. Amy Kim and our pastors will be here Saturday, March 28th from 3:00pm-4:00pm, and hope you will join us.

## Music at Fairmount Presents...

### ***A Technicolor Promise***

*A Spring Musical by Allen Pote and Carole McCann*

*Performance on Sunday, May 17th at 11:00am*

*A Technicolor Promise* retells the well-known story of Noah and the ark in a new way. The rainbow is a wonder of creation and reminds us of God's overwhelming love and grace

Director, Barb Lang

Asst. Director and Props, Stephanie Bosler

Music Director, Robert Moncrief

#### **Auditions for 3rd to 12th Grade:**

Sunday, March 1st, 12:15pm to 1:30pm in the chapel.  
Bring a lunch!

#### **Rehearsals for specific scenes/actors will be held on:**

- Thursday evenings from 6:45pm to 7:30pm
- Sunday afternoons from 12:30pm to 2:00pm beginning in April

#### **Dress Rehearsal for All:**

- Saturday, May 16th from 9:00am to 11:30am



Fairmount Children's Choir, ***The Joyful Noise***, performs on the first Sunday of the month and is part of the Children's Musical. The Joyful Noise meets on Thursday evenings from 5:15pm - 6:45pm as part of the Music and Ministry Program and includes dinner. The group is under the direction of Barbara Lang.

The schedule on Thursdays is as follows:

5:15 - 5:45 - choir rehearsal

5:45 - 6:10 - dinner

6:10 - 6:45 - instrumental activities and games

If your child is interested in joining this group or you would like more information, please contact Barb Lang at [barbsuzlang@gmail.com](mailto:barbsuzlang@gmail.com).

## Youth Ministries

During this time of staff transition in Youth Ministry, Pastor Derek, Pastor Eric, Amy Kim and fantastic Volunteers will be doing their best to help plan and lead youth ministry programming. If you have any questions or would like to help, please let us know.

### Confirmation

#### Confirmation Class - 7th and 8th Graders

**10:00am - 10:45am on Sunday mornings, Youth Room**

We will continue our conversations each week as we learn more about our faith and discern what being part of the church means to each of us. Things will get even more interesting now that our mentors are involved, giving us a broader set of experience to talk from.

### Breakfast Club

Sunday School for those not involved in Confirmation. In March we will start a screening and discussion on Napoleon Dynamite. If we get more than five we will start bringing breakfast. After Easter we will be reading through and talking about articles from "This I Believe" which are essays on personal philosophies like: I Believe in disrupting my personal comfort zone, I believe Goodness doesn't just happen.....who knows, maybe you will share your own personal philosophies.

## Youth Ministry Moving Forward

### March

#### Sunday, March 1st, 12:30pm-1:00pm

##### Youth Room

Youth, parents and other adults who LOVE Youth Ministry are invited to join us for an important meeting about what Youth Ministry will look like during this transition. Come hear about monthly activities, summer trips to Baltimore and Montreat, and how you can help us! Lunch will be served and the meeting should finish by 2:00pm. Parents, please bring your calendars.

#### JAMMIE SUNDAY! Sunday March 8th

Daylight savings ends and we will be springing forward which results in one less hour of sleep. SO...why not wear jammies to church? All children and youth are invited to wear community appropriate jammies to church this Sunday!

#### Sunday, March 8th

**ALL YOUTH** meet at the church from 5:00pm-7:00 pm for dinner, community building and conversation about how we can do some "springing forward" in our faith, relationships, and life, all while supporting one another.

#### Sunday, March 22nd

**HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH** will meet for dinner, community building, and walking through the Lent stations around the church. We are also going to talk about what kinds of activities you want to do this spring and into the summer.

#### Friday, March 13th

#### Bethany Hot Meals Ministry

##### ALL YOUTH are

invited to join us as we help Bethany Presbyterian with their hot meals ministry. The shuttle leaves Fairmount's parking lot at 5:00pm for the west side where we'll help prepare and serve a hot meal for some of our neighbors in need. After we clean up, we'll head back east, getting back around 7:30pm. As long as weather permits we will be going night sledding so dress warm and bring a sled if you have it. Bring \$10 for dinner.



#### Saturday March 28th

**ALL YOUTH** are invited to join the Fairmount Family for games in Andersen Hall from 4:00pm-6:00 pm. Bring a friend or a favorite game if you have one. Snacks and great company will be provided.



## Youth Ministries

### April

**Good Friday April 3rd ALL YOUTH** are invited to meet at the church from 7:00pm-10:00pm for pizza and an easter egg hunt in the DARK! Bring a friend and get ready for some fun!

**Saturday April 4th ALL YOUTH** are welcome. Come and help us hide eggs for the egg hunt. Meet in Andersen hall at 9:00am to help set up for the brunch and to hide eggs for the kids.

**Friday April 10th ALL YOUTH** and friends are invited to join us as we help Bethany Presbyterian with their hot meals ministry. The shuttle leaves Fairmount's parking lot at 5:00pm for the west side, where we'll help prepare and serve a hot meal for some of our neighbors in need. After we clean up, we'll head back east, getting back around 7:30pm. **THERE WILL BE NO FRIDAY NIGHT ACTIVITY.**

**Saturday April 11th ALL YOUTH** and their families are invited to spend the day at the church for our **ALL CHURCH RETREAT** for all ages. See the front page of this newsletter for details.

**Sunday April 19th ALL YOUTH** meet at the church from 5:00pm-7:00 pm for dinner, community building and conversation.

### **Sunday April 26th**

**HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH** meet at the church from 5:00pm-7:00pm for dinner, community building and conversation around how to navigate the ever changing relationship with your parents. How to make it better and how our faith comes into play.

## Summer Opportunities for Youth

### **Youth Mission Trip**

**The Center, Baltimore, Maryland,  
June 13th-20th**

There are still a few spots left for our youth mission trip to The Center in Baltimore this summer. **ALL YOUTH ARE INVITED TO ATTEND!** We'll be working with Faith Presbyterian, helping to run their summer learning camp. The mission booklet, which has the registration form at the back, can be found online at <http://bit.ly/1ILpXGZ>. Get your registration in quick!

### **Montreat Youth Conference** **Montreat, North Carolina, July 19th-25th**

If you will have just finished 8th-12th grades this summer, you don't want to miss the opportunity to go to Montreat! It's a week of fellowship, worship, small groups, recreation and more, all in the beautiful mountains of North Carolina. Registration will stay open through April 12<sup>th</sup> but let us know if you are interested ASAP. Check out their website at: <http://www.montreat.org/event/2015-youth-4/>. Amy Kim and Eric LOVE to talk about Montreat so hit them up for details.



## 20s/30s

### **Theology on Tap**

Join us for Theology on Tap which includes good food and drink, better company, and great discussion. Each month we will email you a news story to get a discussion started on how our faith plays out in the complex world around us. Please email [amykim@fairmountchurch.org](mailto:amykim@fairmountchurch.org) to be added to the email list.

- March 11th we will meet at DEWEY'S PIZZA 7:00 pm (2194 Lee Road Cleveland Heights, OH 44118)
- April 8th we will meet at THE FAIRMOUNT 7:00pm (2448 Fairmount Blvd. Cleveland Heights, OH 44106)

Sunday Brunch's will not be happening "officially" but unofficially, we hope you will gather to break bread and invite others in.

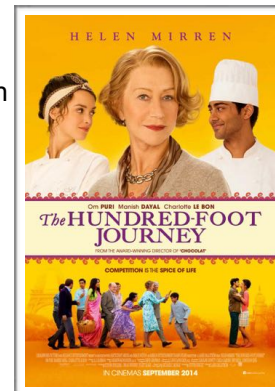
## Church Life

### Faithful Lives Film Series

A monthly gathering to watch movies and discuss contemporary themes. Open for all to attend. The Faithful Lives Film Series meets in the Ganson Room the second Friday of January through May at 6:30pm. Free will offering. This year's theme: "Love Thy Neighbor - Who Is Thy Neighbor?" PIZZA - POPCORN - BEVERAGES. Call Bryan Seekely at 440.461.4264 for more information. Please call the church office to reserve child care by March 9th.

**FRIDAY March 13th** - "12 Years a Slave" (R)  
134 min. K. McKenzie/ Reuben Harris

**FRIDAY April 10th** - "The Hundred-Foot Journey" (PG)  
122 min. Dr. Carl Robson



### A Note from Stewardship...

The Stewardship Committee is proud to report that we are nicely in line with our goals for 2015 pledges. To date we have received 274 pledge units totaling around \$700,000. This included 45 new pledge units versus last year. But we are not done yet! We continue to follow up with each and every Fairmouter to highlight how your contributions matter deeply to this church. Please help us build a solid financial foundation from which to launch the many programs that touch each of our lives, this community, and the greater world in which we live. If you are still looking to make a pledge, please visit <http://www.fairmountchurch.org/#/giving> to pledge online, or contact the church office for a pledge card. Beyond pledges of "treasure," stewardship involves pledging time and talent too. There are many wonderful ways you can give back to our community and our world through Fairmount. Join your fellow Fairmouters in serving and caring for others, or in the faith formation activities at the church. This edition of the flyer will highlight a few of those opportunities. Thank you for all of the ways you make a difference.

Thank you,  
Peggy Roberts, Moderator of the Stewardship Task Force

### Fairmount was re-certified for the fourth time as a PCUSA Earth Care Congregation!

We initially met all program requirements in the fall of 2010. To maintain certification, Earth Care Congregations must take fresh steps each year in Education, Worship, Buildings and Outreach in caring for God's creation. In 2014, Fairmount started recycling of plastics and metals, adding to the paper recycling our church has done for many years. Church staff also installed on-demand hot water heating, and new, more energy efficient kitchen appliances, and participated in a church-wide lighting survey.

Every blessing,  
Elder Keith Mills

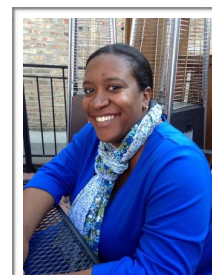


### Being Good Neighbors

Fairmount Presbyterian Church is proud to be a part of the Cleveland Heights Community. As stewards of the neighborhood, we seek to welcome all our neighbors. Please note there is a **no parking zone** on Scarborough road in front of our church, due to traffic turning from Coventry and Fairmount onto Scarborough. Please use the parking lot just across the street or the lot in the rear of the church. Thank you.

### Terra Winston Update

A few months ago Terra Winston, a Candidate under Care of our congregation passed her final assessment by this Presbytery's Committee on Preparation. For the past five years Terra has been discerning her call to ministry as she has continued her studies and worked for a Christian Peacemaking organization in Chicago. She has passed all the exams required by the Presbyterian Church USA for ordination and is now ready to begin the process of searching for a Call as a Teaching Elder (pastor). We celebrate with Terra as she continues this process of discernment and hold her in our prayers.



# MUSIC AT FAIRMOUNT

## Spring Events, 2015



**Saturday, March 7, 7:30 p.m. Alexander Ghindin, Concert Pianist**  
 Russian pianist Alexander Ghindin has won prizes in the International Tchaikovsky Competition, the Queen Elisabeth Music Competition, the Cleveland International Piano Competition, and the International Competition of Santa Catarina Brazil. He has played with the Moscow Philharmonic, the St. Petersburg Philharmonic, the Russian National Orchestra, and the Tchaikovsky Symphony Orchestra. Tickets are \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door. For ticket sales information, call 216.346.9790. Fairmounters may receive free tickets through the church office in advance (not at the door).



**Sunday, March 15, 4:00 p.m. Margaret Brouwer and *Blue Streak***  
 The Blue Streak Ensemble performs throughout the Eastern U.S. but was originally formed by composer Margaret Brouwer to give summer concerts along the shores of Lake Erie. Always juxtaposing old and new music in exciting and expressive ways, this concert will feature Margaret Brouwer's Sonata for Horn and Piano, with Cleveland Orchestra hornist Richard King and pianist Randy Fusco.



**Thursday, April 2, 7:00 p.m.**

**Holy Week Services**

**Sunday, April 5, 9:00am & 11:00am Easter Services**

**Maundy Thursday:** The poignant Service of Shadows, with Communion and the Fairmount Choir.

**Easter Morning:** Festival Services with Youth Choirs, Fairmount Choir, brass quartet, and tympani.



**Friday, April 17, 8:00 p.m.**

**Apollo's Fire and Vivaldi's *Four Seasons***

**Saturday, April 25, 8:00 p.m.**

Apollo's Fire shakes the dust off these beloved pieces. Discover what Jeannette Sorrell calls the "rock 'n' roll" qualities of Vivaldi's music. The Four Seasons feature dynamic violinist. Olivier Brault and the colorful sonorities of plucked instruments. Tickets required.



**Sunday, April 26, 4:00 p.m. Robert Moncrief, Organist, in Recital**

Fairmount's resident organist for 14 years will demonstrate the amazing power of the 100-rank Schantz organ in featured works of Reger, Bach, Franck, and Paine, as well as other aural treats.



**Sunday, May 17th, 11:00am**

**A Technicolor Promise**

A Spring Musical by Allen Pote and Carole McCann. A Technicolor Promise retells the well-known story of Noah and the ark in a new way.



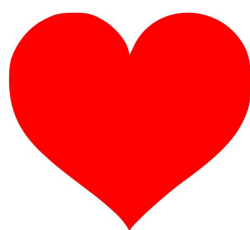
# Birthdays and Anniversaries



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

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| Sally    | Barnes  | 3/3  |
| Richard  | Moore   | 3/5  |
| Virginia | Greggor | 3/5  |
| Doris    | Evans   | 3/9  |
| Martha   | Lee     | 3/16 |
| Jeffrey  | Hillyer | 3/17 |
| Frances  | Bayless | 3/18 |
| William  | Shapard | 3/19 |
| Russell  | Shaw    | 3/19 |
| O'Dessa  | Sumpter | 3/20 |

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|-----------|-----------|------|-----------|-----------|------|
| Catherine | Herrick   | 3/20 | Amy       | Byrne     | 4/9  |
| Carol     | Scism     | 3/21 | Sarah     | Donnem    | 4/10 |
| Harold    | Whitmore  | 3/24 | Patricia  | Forsberg  | 4/10 |
| Joan      | Wilharm   | 3/24 | Deborah   | Nash      | 4/10 |
| Claudia   | Boatright | 3/24 | Gordon    | Long      | 4/11 |
| Fred      | Ball      | 3/25 | Elizabeth | Lord      | 4/14 |
| Robert    | Gillespie | 3/26 | Kay       | Bassett   | 4/15 |
| John      | Zitzner   | 3/26 | Alice     | Cronquist | 4/16 |
| Theodore  | Jones     | 3/28 | Janet     | Brumbaugh | 4/17 |
| William   | Castle    | 3/29 | Katherine | Ingersoll | 4/18 |
| William   | Witt      | 3/29 | Gregory   | Hall      | 4/19 |
| Nancy     | Hukill    | 3/31 | Stephen   | Martis    | 4/21 |
| Richard   | Garretson | 4/2  | Elizabeth | Mortimer  | 4/21 |
| Linda     | Macklin   | 4/2  | Stephanie | Washlock  | 4/21 |
| Raymond   | Vasvari   | 4/3  | Jody      | LeFort    | 4/21 |
| Priscilla | Garretson | 4/4  | Ok-Sim    | Kim       | 4/22 |
| Reita     | Bayman    | 4/6  | John      | Schulze   | 4/23 |
| Richard   | Stamm     | 4/6  | Steven    | Reger     | 4/23 |
| Reuben    | Harris    | 4/6  | Mary      | Carey     | 4/27 |
| Ulrich    | Hopfer    | 4/7  | Cheryl    | Davis     | 4/29 |
| E. Joseph | Mosbrook  | 4/9  | Amy       | Redwine   | 4/29 |
| Susan     | Cargile   | 4/9  | Kevin     | Hensel    | 4/30 |



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

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| Nan & Bob Pfeifer         | 3/22 |
| Richard & Kathryn Albaugh | 3/31 |
| Lincoln & Erin Gisel      | 4/8  |
| Richard & Suzanne Kowicki | 4/16 |
| Brett & Kathryn Meals     | 4/28 |

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