Centennial Flyer
Celebrating 100 Years of God’s Faithfulness
1916-2016

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Celebrate Sunday: September 11th
One service at 11:00am. Sunday School Kick-Off at 9:50am
All are invited to the Celebrate Sunday luncheon on September 11th, immediately after 11:00am worship. The church will provide the main dish, side and ice cream! Bring fruit or dessert to share if you wish. See folks you missed over the summer. Help your children meet those who will be in their classes! Make new friends! Volunteers are needed to help set up, serve and clean up. Please sign up in Andersen Hall.

Congregational Picture
Join us on Sunday, September 25th at 10:45am for a Congregational Picture.
We will meet in Andersen Hall.
#fpccle

As part of our anniversary celebrations, we are encouraging everyone who participates in a service project, a fellowship gathering, a small group discussion, a choir rehearsal, or a caring ministry to take a picture of the people with you and then post it to Facebook, Twitter, Instagram or your favorite social media platform with the hashtag #fpccle. This will ensure that we can all follow the exciting things God is doing in and through the ministries and mission of the church during our Centennial Celebrations. Tagging your photos with #fpccle will help us gather them for the slideshow that we will display at the Centennial anniversary reception on Sunday, Oct 23rd.
An excerpt from the Introduction of the book One Hundred Years of Christian Service, 1916-2016 by Fran B. Bayless, Archivist FPC.

The more I learn about Fairmount’s first one hundred years one scripture passage keeps coming to mind, Ecclesiastes 1:9, ‘What has been is what will be, and what has been done is what will be done; there is nothing new under the sun.’ When the writer of Ecclesiastes penned the words, she was lamenting the futility of humankind’s favorite pursuits: work, knowledge and pleasure. In contrast to these ultimately unsatisfying goals, she advises her students to enjoy the company of others and the good gifts that God gives, because despite all that we accomplish, there really is nothing new under the sun. While the culture and context that shape and inform the mission and ministries of the church have changed dramatically over the past 100 years, much of what defines us as a church has remained the same. Whether we were riding waves of exponential church growth or fighting currents of diminishing cultural influence, our church’s history is full of patterns that repeat themselves time and time again.

From our very first gathering on the corner of Scarborough and Fairmount, children, women, youth and men have dealt with many of the same things we deal with today. The people of Fairmount’s past made hard choices that pleased some and upset others. They struggled to strike a good church-life balance, sometimes taking themselves too seriously, other times not taking themselves seriously enough. They fought for justice, even when it disrupted the status quo, and sometimes missed an opportunity to do some real good. They sought to be generous, even as they paid their bills and invested in their family’s future. They made compromises, took risks, caused pain to others, and accomplished great things. In short, they did the best they could with what they had, and yet here we are, one hundred years later, still engaged in vital ministry and mission.

The more things change, the more they stay the same. This axiom may sound like a sad commentary, but in the context of shared ministry, it is the one thing we can count on. There has never been a more faithful generation than another. Every generation makes huge mistakes and hits home runs. Every generation gets a lot of things right and a lot of things wrong, and yet by God’s grace, we continue to move forward into the future God has in store.

We are still here on the corner of Scarborough and Fairmount, following Christ, growing in faith, serving together, and caring for all because one thing has never changed: the faithfulness of the God we worship and serve. The pages of this book do not document our faithfulness or our greatness; they document the faithfulness and greatness of the God we worship and serve.

Pastor Derek

Our centennial history book, that was compiled and written by Church Archivist Fran Bayless with contributions from others and funded by the Memorial Committee, will be available to members of Fairmount near the end of October. In addition to providing a detailed history of our first 100 years, the book pages contain pictures, sermons, and messages from former pastors and clerks of session, all that speak to God’s enduring faithfulness. If you would like to make a donation of at least $30 to secure your copy, please contact the church office.

There is nothing new under the sun. God always gives us what we need to be faithful and brave. As you learn more about our first 100 years through the Centennial Celebrations and our documented history, may that pattern inspire you, as it has inspired countless generations of disciples who have called Fairmount their spiritual home.
Serve Sunday

September 18th, 9:00am

On Sunday, September 18th, our Serve Sunday will begin at 9:00am with a short devotional service in Andersen Hall, where you will be able to pick up your Serve Sunday t-shirts. At 9:30am, members and friends of Fairmount of all ages will then participate in a service project offsite or service/education events at the church. Families with young children are being asked to attend events together, and youth participants must be paired with at least one parent or guardian. There will be no childcare offered.

You can find the Serve Sunday registration form with event descriptions in your Sunday bulletin, around the church, and online at http://www.fairmountchurch.org/#/events. You will also be able to sign up for a Serve Sunday activity during the Celebrate Sunday picnic. Registration is strongly encouraged! This will allow for proper planning and logistics. The options are:

1. Braille Books at Fairmount
2. Bread for the World at Fairmount
3. GCC Heights Issues at Fairmount
4. Project Green Thumb at the VA Hospital/Wade Park
5. Serve at North Church at 4515 Superior Ave.
6. Heights Youth Club Outdoor Activity
7. Heights Youth Club Indoor Activity
8. Prison Ministry - Edwin’s Restaurant
9. Hunger Drive at Fairmount
10. Doughbe River School at Fairmount
11. Tour First Unitarian Church’s Solar Energy Installation and Gardens
12. Doan Brook Stream Sweep
13. Worship Service at Judson Park
14. Bridges to Bateys at Fairmount

If you have any questions, call the church office or email your questions to serve@fairmountchurch.org.

Stepping out of the church to serve our community will not only make a difference, it will also expand our understanding of all the ways God is at work in and through the mission of the church!

Hunger Drive for the Cleveland Foodbank

September 18th

As part of Serve Sunday activities, Fairmount youth, led by Morgan Fowler, will receive non-perishable items for the Cleveland Foodbank. We hope all Serve Day volunteers will donate food. The most needed food items are: peanut butter, canned tuna, cereal, canned vegetables, beef stew, and canned soup. If you prefer to donate non-food the Foodbank requests: deodorant, laundry detergent, shampoo, toilet paper, soap, toothbrushes and toothpaste. The Cleveland Foodbank provides food and other items to 127 hot meal agencies, 224 pantries and 147 mobile pantries. They need and deserve our support. To learn more visit www.greaterclevelandfoodbank.org.
Care Sunday

September 25th

Come join us on Sunday, September 25th, as we celebrate both caring for others and caring for ourselves. Both 8:30am and 11:00am worship will center on caring for others. There will be educational opportunities at 9:50am for all ages. Children and youth will look at how we reach out and care for others. Adults will have two choices:

“How Much Longer Can I Do This?”
Mary Giffin will perform a dramatic monologue of a highly stressed family caregiver sharing her struggles in taking care of an elderly woman who is entering the final months of her life. After the presentation we will discuss the issues of caregiving. Helping us address these issues will be Stephanie Yeaglin, who has her MSW and works for the Hospice of the Western Reserve. The presenter, Mary Giffin, is an experienced family caregiver, professional actor and playwright. She teaches in the English Department at Walsh University in North Canton, Ohio.

Healthy Families led by Gretchen Hess
Balance is tough with full time jobs, busy kids and family life in general. Keeping up is easier with a healthy lifestyle. How can we keep ourselves and families healthy and on-the-go? This is a wellness class based on the work of Dr. Bill Sears. The combo of Lifestyle, Exercise, Attitude and Nutrition (L.E.A.N.) helps us be our best at home, with our families and friends, at church and at work, all while taking good care of ourselves. Learn about Traffic Light Eating, the impact of food choices such as fats and sugars and the importance of play at any age!

We hope you will come at 9:50am, but you NEED TO COME at 10:45am when we will gather in Andersen Hall for the all-ages congregational picture! We will head directly into worship from Andersen Hall.

To learn more about our Care Council (ministries of compassion, care, and fellowship activities), email care@fairmountchurch.org.
Starting on Monday, September 26, you have a daily opportunity to reflect on how God has moved through the lives of our church family by reading our six-week Centennial Devotional Guide. The template for this devotional is the Brief Statement of Faith of the Presbyterian Church (USA). Each author has been assigned a phrase on which to write a personal reflection. This combined with images and prayers will be yours to utilize as a guide for six weeks. This guide will be printed in small quantities but available through our website beginning September 26th. Read and be filled.

Weave, weave, weave us together,
Weave us together, in unity and love.

We are many textures, we are many colors,
Each one diff'rent from the other.
But we are entwined in one another in one great tapestry.

This is an old Girl Scout song written by Rosemary Crow. While it was written to reflect on the relationship of girls in scouting I can’t help to think about how it reflects who we are as a church. We are one great tapestry bringing beauty and detail to the Kingdom of God.

As we celebrate the centennial of our church, we reflect on what has been done and cast visions for how God will work in and through us in the future.

We will be creating a tapestry together beginning on September 25th through October 16th. An art station will be set up in Andersen Hall each Sunday morning during the coffee hours for you to write a prayer of thanksgiving or a prayer for the future of our church on a strip of fabric. These strips will then be woven into a large tapestry that will be displayed in Andersen hall for the rest of the year. Happy to be woven to you through Christ and the community of Fairmount. –Amy Kim Kyremes-Parks

During the month of October, we will be celebrating our Centennial in Adult Education with Rocking Chair Conversations. We have invited members of our church family to share stories of God’s faithfulness through the years.

During the Education hour (9:50-10:50) we will gather in the chapel to hear stories from:
Joyce Pope / Brian Seekley on October 2nd
Mia & Rob Faxon / Megan Bennett on October 9th
Bonnie Lindberg / Wrean Fiebig on October 16th
These stories will literally be spoken from a rocking chair from our chapel porch as we listen for how God has moved through this church throughout the years. Please join us.
Frederick Swann, Concert Organist

**Sunday, October 2nd at 3:00pm**

The Cleveland Chapter of The American Guild of Organists joins in presenting one of America’s best-known organists, recalling his concert in Fairmount's Inaugural Recital Series of the 100-rank Schantz organ twenty years ago. Swann is the well-known former organist of The Riverside Church in New York City and of the Crystal Cathedral in California, where he appeared worldwide on Robert Shuller’s “Hour of Power.” This fabled organist’s concert at Fairmount is co-sponsored by the Cleveland Chapter of the American Guild of Organists.

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**Faizourt’s 100th Anniversary**

**All-Church Worship Service**

**Sunday, October 23rd at 11:00am**

Morning worship includes a newly commissioned centennial anthem by Gwyneth Walker and a competition-winning centennial hymn by Jayne Southwick Cool. October worship also features other works commissioned by Fairmount in recent years.

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**The William Birkett Williams Lecture Concert:**

**The Marian Andersen String Quartet**

**Saturday, November 12th at 7:00pm**

Winners of the Cleveland International String Quartet Competition 25 years ago, the Quartet plays and speaks about Songs of Freedom and the Underground Railroad. The Quartet’s mission to create new and diverse audiences for American chamber music has taken them from soup kitchens to Alice Tully Hall in New York and the Library of Congress.
Anniversary Weekend

CENTURY
Celebrating Fairmount’s 100th
with the entire congregation

Join us for a fun night of:

• Learning about our church’s history!
• Connecting with Fairmounters!!
• View excerpts from our 100th Anniversary video.
• Music!
• Food!
• Games such as Kahoot! and trivia.
• Paint Zone, a digital art wall and photo booth!

Centennial Sunday

Sunday, October 23rd, beginning at 11:00am

Please mark your calendars for Sunday, October 23, for the culmination of our Centennial Season with Centennial Sunday. There will be one all-church worship service at 11:00 with Derek Star Redwine preaching and the unveiling of an Anthem and Hymn commissioned for Fairmount Presbyterian Church’s Centennial. There will be a reception following the service in Andersen Hall and the Ganson room including light refreshments where we will also view the pictures taken during our Centennial Season and share our Fairmount stories.