

# Fairmount News

February - March - April 2017



**Following Christ. Growing in Faith. Serving Together. Caring for All.**

## Core Values: **Observing Lent Through Action**

- authentic**
- generous**
- inclusive**
- innovative**
- relevant**

The season of Lent, that begins on Wednesday, March 1, is traditionally a time of preparation when through a variety of spiritual disciplines Christians open themselves up to God's presence and power. Over the forty days of Lent that commemorate the forty days Jesus spent in the wilderness, Christians from all traditions typically give up something to remind themselves of the great sacrifice God made for us.

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And this is a faithful way to prepare for the life-altering events of Holy Week, but I wonder, with all the tension and anxiety of the present time, if we can afford to retreat in our quiet places to pray or fast, waiting for the good news of Easter morning. This Lent, as people struggle to find joy and hope in all the conflict and uncertainty, I wonder how the resurrection might take on new meaning if we chose to live these forty days with a renewed sense of hope and optimism that was grounded in the belief that God is in the business of bringing life out of the shadow of death.

**This Lent I invite you to find one way to live into hope, one way to show the world that with God all things are possible.** Volunteer at your local school or library. Write letters to your elected officials. Attend rallies for causes you believe in. Pick up trash in your neighborhood. Invite people over for dinner, even people you don't know. Write thank you notes to your friends and enemies. Buy a stranger a cup of coffee every day. This Lent commit to making a difference through tiny acts of compassion that proclaim loud and clear that we worship a God who makes all things new.

Prepare for the events of Holy Week by living into promise they proclaim. Live into hope and show the world that with God, life, and not death, always has the last word.

Blessings on the Journey,

Pastor Derek

## Special Worship Services during Lent:

### Ash Wednesday

**March 1st, 6:30-7:15pm in the Chapel. Soup and Bread Dinner at 6:00pm**

This special service that concludes with the imposition of ashes marks the beginning of the season of Lent. All are invited.

### Maundy Thursday

**April 13th, 7:00pm-8:30pm**

This service commemorates the Last Supper and marks the beginning of Jesus' passion.

### Easter Sunday

**April 16th**

**9:00am and 11:00am**

Celebrate the resurrection of Jesus with others!



# Our Fairmount Community

## Session Update

On the last Saturday of January, your Session engaged in lively conversation, faithful discernment, and meaningful fellowship at the Lodge at Geneva on the Lake. The day began with a review of the church's vision and values, with elders giving examples of how we are living into each of them, and there was much to celebrate: improved efficiency in our new governance structure, a new refugee ministry, the creation of a Bridges to Batey Ministry Team, and a successful 100th anniversary to name a few. The two values the elders found most difficult to give examples for were "authentic" and "relevant," so they pledged to discuss what living out these two values looks like in our community of faith.



View of Lake Erie from the Lodge

We then read the Parable of the Good Samaritan, noticing how the passage mirrors our values and provides context for our vision. What begins as a spiritual question addressed to Jesus turns into a command to love and serve our neighbor. Do we model the Good Samaritan's willingness to see an interruption as an opportunity, and do we fully appreciate how important personal connection is as we seek to make a difference? After lunch we discussed church growth - both in numbers and vitality - identifying different reasons why growing our community matters, from ensuring our future to becoming better equipped to meet the needs of a hurting world.

### To focus their work in 2017 the Session adopted the following priorities:

- Following the completion of the mission study that is part of an associate pastor search, identify and implement a staffing model (with the new associate pastor position) that best supports the church's vision and values.
- Identify ways to improve and adapt our worship services, both in format and practice, with consideration of multiple intelligences and the diverse needs of the congregation.
- Work to ensure clear and effective communication with the congregation (both speaking with and listening to) with the goal of creating a more vibrant and engaged community where the councils work together to energize and empower individuals and families to be more engaged in the ministries of the church.

Some of the regular business that took place at the meeting was reviewing and approving the Personnel Committee's responsibilities, assigning the two Elder representatives for the Nominating Committee, and approving the communion and worship schedule for the year.

As we begin a new year, the Session welcomes your participation at the council meetings on the third Wednesday of the month. The following members of Session, grouped by councils, can be reached with questions via each council's email.

Administration Council - Steve Ekeberg, Rick Smith, Nora Murphy - [admin@fairmountchurch.org](mailto:admin@fairmountchurch.org)

Care Council - Gina Kashuk, Jewel Williams, Hallie Stewart - [care@fairmountchurch.org](mailto:care@fairmountchurch.org)

Faith Formation Council - Laura Migneco-Frentzko, Walter Cha, Cherie Parsons - [faith@fairmountchurch.org](mailto:faith@fairmountchurch.org)

Serve Council - David Bosler, Ginger Van Wagenen, Ellen Roberts - [serve@fairmountchurch.org](mailto:serve@fairmountchurch.org)

Blessings,

Clerk LeAnn Davis

Pastor Derek Starr Redwine

## Annual Congregation Meeting, 9:50am on Sunday, May 7, 2017

Mark your calendars now for the Annual Meeting of the Congregation between the two worship services. At the meeting, we will engage in some visioning work, the Councils will share highlights, and we will receive an update on the search for a new associate pastor.



## Our Fairmount Community

### Associate Pastor Transition Update

Throughout the associate pastor transition the Session will provide updates for the congregation through a variety of platforms - the website, the bulletin, and the newsletter. At their meeting in February, the Session met with members of the Presbytery's Committee on Ministry who outlined the required steps in the search for a new pastor. One of those steps calls for creating an opportunity for congregation members to provide input and feedback. Stay tuned for more details about this opportunity! In the meantime, if you have questions or concerns about the transition, please contact Pastor Derek. His door is always open.

During the transition, the Session and the Rev. Susan Holderness have agreed to an increase in Susan's hours from fifteen to twenty hours per week. Susan's job title has changed to "Pastor for Congregational Care" from "Parish Associate for Pastoral Care." Susan's position is made possible through gifts from the estates of Mary Doll and the Tippit Family. The Session is also exploring other staffing options during the transition, including inviting guest preachers once a month to provide staffing support and to give us an opportunity to hear the Word of God shared from a variety of voices and perspectives.

### The Fairmount Columbarium

Members and friends of Fairmount, in order to maintain the dignity and reverence of the Columbarium, please do not attach any items to the front of the niches when you visit your departed loved one. Please contact Nancy Chism, our Church Administrator, for assistance displaying flowers or cards. Thank you very much for your cooperation.  
- The Memorial Committee

### 2017 Chancel Flowers

The beautiful Chancel Flowers that enhance our sanctuary and worship experience are donated by friends and members of the Fairmount Family. They are in memory or in honor of loved ones. You can reserve 2017 Chancel Flowers by signing up on the Chancel Flower chart which is located by the door of

the Welcome Center or by contacting Christine Winters at 216.321.5800 or [cwinters@fairmountchurch.org](mailto:cwinters@fairmountchurch.org).

### Update from Stewardship Committee

A hearty thank you to those of you who gave so generously in 2016 and to those of you who fulfilled your pledges for 2016. If you aren't sure if you fulfilled your pledge, call the church office or login via our new online system (*Realm*, more on that below) to check. It's never too late to fulfill that pledge.

We also sincerely appreciate the pledges made thus far for 2017. So far we have received 189 pledges for 2017! However, this is about 60 pledges shy of where we ended up last year. So don't wait if you haven't pledged yet. Please submit a pledge either through Fairmount's website ([www.fairmountchurch.org/giving](http://www.fairmountchurch.org/giving)), or in person, or by calling the office. Making a financial pledge is so important because it allows the staff and leadership of Fairmount to plan for programs and events this year. We are hoping to reach our goal of 10% of the budget directed toward mission – this will be easier to facilitate if we can count on pledges coming in.

We also wanted to remind you of the new online database for Fairmount, which you can access through the giving page. It's called "Realm" and it has up to date information on your giving and pledges, you can access historical giving statements there and make donations online. Check it out, it's very easy to use once you get set up!

Every gift you give to Fairmount, whether through your pocketbook or from your time and involvement with the church is so appreciated. Fairmount is a place of learning, a place of comfort, a place of meaning, a place of action...Fairmount is what it is, because of you. Thank you.

Peggy Roberts  
Stewardship Chair





## Growing in Vitality and Faith

### Five Tips for Achieving Lasting Change in Congregations by Edie Gross

*In each newsletter, we will share one church related article the staff and leadership have found helpful and informative, as they seek to do the work of the church in the 21st century.*

In 2013, the Union for Reform Judaism launched a movement-wide set of experiments with Communities of Practice. Each of the URJ's Communities of Practice wrote a report on their experience and included a list of "best principles" for achieving lasting, meaningful change within a congregation. Here are some of the principles identified by the URJ:

**Empower lay leaders.** Encourage your target audience, whether it be young adults, young families or both, to take ownership of the process. Establish a trusted, trained core of lay leaders who will be networking while creating the community they want to be part of. Staff can't, and shouldn't, do it all.

**Play the long game.** You may need to devote several years to an experiment before you see results, so be willing to invest time and patience. With experiments, anytime you're pushing the boundaries, you can't just do it once. You have to do it consistently to create structure.

**Don't get caught up in numbers.** Traditionally, congregations have looked at quantitative measures of success: How many people showed up to an event? Was there enough food for everyone? Did we stay within budget? All of those are fine to track, but the URJ urges congregations to develop deeper measures: Did anyone make a new friend? Are participants hanging out together outside the synagogue?

**Be authentic.** Temples seeking to attract young adults often assume -- incorrectly -- that if events are "too Jewish," young people won't participate. "What we found was interesting and fascinating. In every congregation, they didn't want anything purely social," said Lisa Lieberman Barzilai, the director of the URJ's Leadership Institute. "If they wanted something purely social, they could go to a bar."

**Take programming beyond the walls of the institution.** Engage your audience wherever they feel comfortable -- whether it's in coffee shops, offices, pumpkin patches or people's homes.

### Update on FPC and COTC Race Conversations

On Sunday, January 28, fifty participants from the Church of the Covenant and Fairmount had the first of three conversations about the sin of racism. The goals of these conversations are to:

1. Create a safe space where the Holy Spirit can work, even in our discomfort.
2. Formulate a faithful response to the sin of racism, as individuals and within our communities.
3. Articulate a theological understanding of racism as a sin.



Using the recently adopted Behlar Confession as a guide, participants broke into small groups to begin their dialogue. Prior to their second session, participants will read "Waking Up White" by Debby Irving, following the journal prompts at the end of each chapter. We invite you to join them in reading this book. Following this three-session program, leadership from both churches will take a step back to discern what's next. Please keep the participants in your prayers as they do this important work.



# Caring for All

## Care Council News

Do you have an idea how involved our Deacons and the Care Council are in sharing the love of Christ within our congregation? It is impossible for fourteen people to cover adequately all that needs to be done. We have need for short term, long term, and intermittent commitments from others in the congregation. Please email [care@fairmountchurch.org](mailto:care@fairmountchurch.org) or call Rev. Susan Holderness to volunteer or to find out more about a particular ministry.



1. **Congregational Connectors** - a group who will be intentionally welcoming folks at worship and coffee hour.
2. **Flower Delivery** - around once a month deliver flowers to a member at home or in the hospital.
3. **Hospitality** - either pick up food for coffee hour or oversee the tables during coffee hour.
4. **Note Writing** - staff the note writing table on the second Sunday of the month or commit yourself to writing a note to our sick and homebound at that time or on your own.
5. **Communion Set Up** - come to worship a bit early and help set up the communion elements. We especially need folks for 8:30am worship.
6. **Transportation** - more of our members need rides to church. If you could drive someone to and from worship once a month, that would help so much.
7. **Ushers** - a need for more ushers on Sunday morning (once a month) and memorial services.

## The Siller Deacons Fund

Have you wondered how Fairmount Church reaches out to those in need within our church family? You know that clergy and volunteers visit members at home and in the hospital, provide rides to worship, write notes of encouragement, and deliver flowers to those in need of support. But what if one of our members needs financial assistance? Sometimes there is one among us who can't make this month's rent, or has a major, unanticipated medical expense, or needs help to move to a smaller place. In cases like these we have the Siller Deacons Fund.

This special purpose fund is not replenished each year in our annual stewardship drive; it grows only when folks give directly to it. **To ensure it's long-term future, the Session has approved Care Council's request to take a special offering for the Siller Deacons Fund on Sunday, March 12th at both worship services.**

The pastors of the church have been given sole discretion to distribute the funds that are typically given to address a one-time, unexpected expense. While you will never know who your money helped, a gift to the Siller Deacons Fund will provide support and comfort to a person in need. Please give generously and designate your check or online gift to the "Deacons Fund."

## Fairmount Earth Stewards

In February, Fairmount Earth Stewards submitted our 6<sup>th</sup> PCUSA Earth Care Congregation recertification. Fairmount initially met the criteria for facilities, worship, education and outreach categories in October 2010 and was the first PCUSA church in Ohio to be certified. There are now five PCUSA Earth Care Congregations in Ohio; out of the hundreds of PCUSA churches in Ohio.

Earth Stewards organized two events for last year's Serve Sunday: a Doan Brook stream sweep with 38 people (!) and a tour of First Unitarian church's solar installation; a step to launch our own solar installation. During Advent, we upgraded the Andersen Hall chandelier lighting, replacing CFL bulbs with LED bulbs, improving the warmth and appearance of the space and reducing electricity consumption and expense. The Administration Council is in conversations with the Earth Stewards to explore even more ways to make our beloved building more energy efficient and earth friendly.



# Caring for All

## The Journey Ahead

A revised booklet, "The Journey Ahead," is now available to all. This booklet is designed to help members and friends of the church with the documents and wishes one may want to communicate to family members and the church before one's death. Even if you choose not to fill in all the pages, it will be a resource for discussion with your family about your end of life wishes. You may access it on our website under "Resources" or pick up a printed copy in the Welcome Center.

## Refugee Ministry Update

"Treat the foreigner the same as a native. Love him like one of your own. Remember that you were once foreigners in Egypt. I am God, your God."

- Lev 19:34 (Message translation)



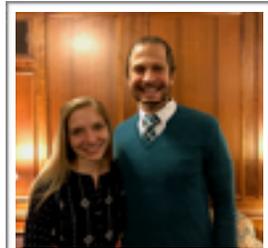
In late December, Fairmount welcomed Assa Boudwin, a refugee from the Congo, into our community of faith. Over the past month, both staff and members of his transitional support team have worked closely with Assa to offer him support as he makes this challenging transition. In working with Assa over the last several weeks, we have determined that him holding the position of Hospitality Associate at the church, is not serving to facilitate his primary goal of assimilating into our culture. Assa will remain in the church apartment as we support his transition. In the coming months church leaders will discern how to best use the resources of our church to provide Assa, and other refugees, the support they need. Please keep Assa and our new refugee ministry in your prayers.

## Welcoming New Members

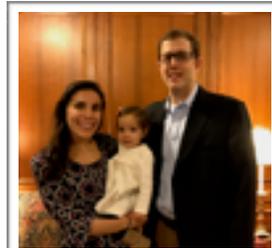
Please join us in welcoming our newest members to the Fairmount family. If you would like their contact information, we encourage you to log into REALM, our new secure online database (instructions on page 10 in this flyer). If you are interested in joining Fairmount or learning more about the church and membership, please contact any member of staff.



**Bill and Raleigh Duttweiler**



**Jake and Em Ezell**



**Jennifer and Cameron Lambert**



**Jimmy Brant**

The New Testament offers many images to describe the church. Two of those images - the "family of God" and the "body of Christ" - make it clear that Christian spirituality, by design, is to be lived out within the nitty-gritty arena of community. When the congregation gathers in Jesus' name, the scattered, "dis-membered" body of Christ unites, once again, to remember Christ. Each week individual members actively bring the body back to life.

From Reinventing Worship by Brad Berglund

### FREE Public WiFi at Fairmount!!

Just search for the network called **TWCWiFi**. No password is required! Spectrum (formerly Time Warner Cable) subscribers may use their username and password to access your content while away from home on the available **TWCWiFi-Passpoint** network.



# Faith Formation



How can it be that we are entering another Lent? Lent offers us a time to do some intentional introspection on who we are, how we show up in the world and how our call to Christian Discipleship influences both of these. Please take some time to look through this newsletter, take out your calendar and make plans to connect to Fairmount, our community and to our church family through a variety of activities.



## Adult Sunday School

**Sunday Mornings 9:50am-10:50am in the Ganson Room - Level 1**

### The Work of Peacemaking

In the Beatitudes, Jesus reminds his followers that "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God." In February, at 9:50am in the Ganson Room, Pastor Derek will hold a discussion on 'Peacemaking'. How as people of faith are we called to work for peace? What is required of us? Is peace the absence of conflict or something more? Participants will discuss the hard work of peacemaking *in* themselves, *with* those closest to them, and *in* our nation and world. All are welcome. Prior attendance is not required.



In March, we are thankful to have Rev. Maggie Jorgensen who will be facilitating discussion around the book *Slavery to Death*, by Richard Beck. "Beck blends Eastern Orthodox perspectives, biblical text, existential psychology, and contemporary theology to describe our slavery to the fear of death, a slavery rooted in the basic anxieties of self-preservation and the neurotic anxieties at the root of our self-esteem. Driven by anxiety - enslaved to the fear of death - we are revealed to be morally and spiritually vulnerable as 'the sting of death is sin.'" Beck argues that in the face of this predicament, resurrection is experienced as liberation from the slavery of death in the martyrological, eccentric, cruciform, and communal capacity to overcome fear in living fully and sacrificially for others. We believe that this will be an important addition to our Lenten Journey.

On April 9th, Palm Sunday, Pastor Derek will be teaching on **Why Resurrection?** What about the resurrection is so critical to our identity as Christians, especially in light of our observation and practice of Holy Week. There will be NO EDUCATION HOUR ON EASTER SUNDAY.

## PARENT'S NIGHT & OUT

Parents of children 10 & younger: Please make plans now for your kids to attend Parents Night

out. We have wonderful volunteers and childcare workers ready to have a blast with your kids on the second Friday night of February, March, April and May. All you need to do is go to the [www.fairmountchurch.org/events](http://www.fairmountchurch.org/events) to sign up. We provide a simple dinner and hours of entertainment.

**Parents of All Children:** Every Sunday morning at 9:50am parents of children will be meeting in room 115 (old office) for conversation and coffee. There is no official agenda other than checking in and building

community. If you have questions about this gathering please see Amy Kim Kyremes-Parks or Raleigh Duttweiler.

## Children & Youth Sunday School

We resume our Sunday School Hour each Sunday from 9:50am-10:50am in February. We are still looking for volunteers to teach and help in children's classes 1st-3rd grade, 4th/5th grade and the youth class.

Please contact Amy Kim: [amykim@fairmountchurch.org](mailto:amykim@fairmountchurch.org) or Sarah: [sarahk@fairmountchurch.org](mailto:sarahk@fairmountchurch.org) to let us know you can help.





## Faith Formation

### Young Adults:

**Theology on Tap** - New time and new people! Beginning in February, we are combining Theology on Tap with Forest Hill Presbyterian and Church of the Covenant! We'll meet on Thursdays from 5:30pm-7:30pm. Check our website and bulletins for future Theology on Tap locations.

**Lenten Meals** - The Lenten Season starts on March 1st! We'll join the whole church for a meal and worship on that day. Then on March 8th, March 22nd, and April 5th, we'll gather at a different home for a meal and fellowship. If you're interested in participating, getting involved, or hosting, contact Sarah Kok at [sarahk@fairmountchurch.org](mailto:sarahk@fairmountchurch.org)!

### **Greater Cleveland Congregations (GCC)** - by member Gail Larson

One of the reasons I joined Fairmount Presbyterian in December of 2015 was the vision of a "Community of Faith serving together." Pastor Eric helped me determine where I might serve in the established missions of the church. He suggested I come to a meeting of the Fairmount Greater Cleveland Congregations (GCC) Fairmount Core Team in January of 2016. Thus began my journey with the wonderful people who serve God and their congregations by actively striving to find resolutions for issues that impact our community.



At Forest Hill Church in February of 2016, two issues were selected by GCC as worthy of their efforts. A Housing Task Force was formed to concentrate on the Noble Neighborhoods. As I live there, I joined that Task Force. We are currently concentrating on researching all the complex reasons many houses in this area have been vacant and abandoned for years. The goal is to once again have families in these homes - to welcome new residents to our neighborhoods.

As I am a product of public schools, was a public school speech therapist and many family members are educators, including my daughter, Eric suggested the Education Task Force of GCC would be another group I could join. That group met at St. Paul's Church in May. They decided to conduct Listening Projects at Noble Elementary, Canterbury and at Heights High. Because my daughter teaches at Noble Road School and I volunteer there, I was assigned to find out what issues are impacting our families. Besides the burdensome testing, the Principal, PTA members and kids who hang out at the library stated that there are not enough activities and places to go after school and in the summer at our end of Cleveland Heights. Increasing enrichment opportunities for elementary and middle school students is a work in progress.

The assemblies at Fairmount Temple and Olivet Baptist Church gave me the opportunity to "Stand Up" and be counted as one of many who will be holding newly elected Prosecutor O'Malley accountable for the changes he promised in his campaign to make in the courts. These included bail bond reform, reducing overcharging and striving to appropriately process residents who are battling mental illness and/or addiction.

In 2017, one of my New Year's Resolutions is to continue to participate in the important work of the GCC Housing and Education Task Forces and recruit more people for the Fairmount Core Team. The Core Team hopes to keep the congregation informed of actions we are taking and make you aware of opportunities to become involved. If you want to join the Core Team, feel free to email me at: [gaillee49@yahoo.com](mailto:gaillee49@yahoo.com).



## **Club 425**

Club 425 is moving back to Fridays and Sundays for the rest of the year! All 4th and 5th graders are welcome to come for a time of friendship, encouragement, fun, and faith!

Join us on:

February 19th, 12:00pm-2:00pm

March 17th, 6:00pm-8:00pm

April 23rd, 12:00pm-2:00pm

May 26th, 6:00pm-8:00pm

## **Middle School and High School:**

**Middle School Youth Group (6th-8th Grade):** Middle School Youth Group has a new night and time: the third Sunday of each month from 5:30pm-7:30pm!

**High School Youth Group (9th-12th Grade):** Join us on the 4th Sunday of each month from 5:30pm-7:30pm.

**Bethany Hot Meals Ministry: February 10th** from 5:10pm-7:45pm. Join us as we serve as part of Bethany Presbyterian's Hot Meals Ministry. We leave from church at 5:10pm! Then stick around for dinner and games!

**Lock-In: March 10th-11th!** Save the date for a lock-in at church! Come from 7:00pm - 8:30am to spend an evening with new and old Fairmount friends!

**Bethany Hot Meals and Good Friday: April 14th** Youth Group: Serve at Bethany from 5:10pm to 7:45pm. Stay for dinner, and Youth Group as we observe Good Friday together (7:45pm to 9:30pm).

## **Bouncy House Bonanza: April 30th**

Fairmount, Church of the Covenant, and Forest Hill 6th-12th graders are welcome to join together for a night of fun and fellowship!

**Visit to Islamic Center of Cleveland:** On March 19th, all Fairmounters are welcome to join us for a visit to the Islamic Center of Cleveland. We'll have lunch together and then drive out to Parma for a visit at 2:00pm. We'll be back to Fairmount by 4:00pm. This is a great chance to learn about a rich faith tradition! Contact Sarah Kok at [sarahk@fairmountchurch.org](mailto:sarahk@fairmountchurch.org) if you're interested in coming to learn more about dress and expectations.

## **Confirmation**

Our group of sixteen Confirmands and Mentors has been having a great winter. We're exploring our faith tradition and what it means to be a part of our Fairmount congregation. Many thanks to Lara Mullen for giving us a tour of the art museum, teaching us how people have lived their faith through art and encouraging us to think how we live ours!



From February 11th-12th, we're headed on a retreat to Kalahari Water Park in Sandusky, OH! Prayers for a safe and enriching weekend.





# Opportunities to Grow and Serve

## Party of the Century Proceeds

The Serve Council, in conversation with Session, has decided to distribute the \$37,000 in proceeds generated from the 100th Anniversary Celebration to four different mission areas. \$5,000 will be given to our youth ministries to subsidize youth mission trips, with the remaining \$32,000 in funds to be divided among our Bridges to Bateys ministry in the Dominican, the Heights Youth Club, and the refugee ministries of the church. Thank you for your generosity that will change lives!



### Easter Egg Hunt

Did you know that Easter Egg Hunts trace back to Martin Luther?

The Easter Egg has long been a symbol of the empty tomb and resurrection. In this light we are going to hold our Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Morning between our two Worship Services at 10:00am. We will have a continental breakfast, the telling of the Easter Story and then a hunt.

Weather permitting we will have the hunt outdoors. In addition to the Easter Celebration, we will have a photographer at the front of the Church to take your picture. All donations for the pictures will go to support Youth Ministry Summer Opportunities. We will continue our Fairmount Tradition of the congregation filling the eggs for the hunt in the weeks leading up to Easter. Empty Eggs will be available beginning March 12th. Please take a bag and fill them with wrapped candy and return them to the church no later than April 9th. Questions? Please contact Amy Kim, amykim@fairmountchurch.org.

### Do you or someone you know need help with meal preparations?

Meals on Wheels of Cleveland Heights can help. We offer home delivery of a hot meal and a brown bag lunch to Cleveland Heights residents on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday each week. Cost to clients is kept low because our entire organization is run by volunteers! Your cost is only for food and packaging. If you are interested in having meals delivered to your home, please call the Cleveland Heights Office on Aging at 216.691.7377.

### Welcome to Realm!

**REALM** has now replaced the old online portal called Access ACS. It is our new secure single communications tool for Fairmount Presbyterian Church. **REALM** uses the *current email address* the church has on file to create an account for you. NOW is the time to make sure Fairmount has your **current email address**. You will need your full name and your current email address to log in.



If you have changed or updated your email address, please see that we have it. If you just want to make sure we have one, or merely want to update your profile in our church database (such as your birthday, anniversary or mobile phone number), you may call or send an email to the Church Administrator or call 216-321-5800, ext.124. You can log into **REALM** via the GIVING page on our website.

### What's Happening in Batey 105?!

A LOT is happening! All of the students from Batey 105 enrolled at Alianza passed English Level 2 and are doing great so far in Level 3! Our Batey 105 tutor, Molly Roach, is expanding her role in Batey 105. In addition to English classes, she will be focusing on early childhood education (her specialty) and will be assisting with school enrollment and supporting documentation. Jocelyn Campino, a Peace Corps volunteer from nearby Guaymate, just started teaching a ten class program in Batey 105 on a variety of environment related topics. Two trips to the DR are currently being planned, a planning trip this spring (dates still TBD) and a work trip starting June 10th coordinated by Brad Zitzner. Contact Brad Zitzner or Serve Council Moderator Dave Bosler for more information if interested!



# Music at Fairmount: 2016-2017

## Cleveland Heights High School A Capella Choir

Sunday, February 12th, at 3:00pm

Jesse Lange, Director

Our local high school brings its finest choral ensemble to help celebrate Fairmount's centennial year. The acclaimed group will sing music ranging from the Renaissance to Contemporary.



## Youth Musical: *Daniel* by William Anderson

Sunday, February 26th, during 11:00am worship

*The exuberant youth of Fairmount present this year's youth musical, Daniel, the tale of the lion's den.*



## Fairmount Choir: Mozart, *Requiem Mass in D minor K. 626*

Sunday, March 5th, 3:00pm

*Baird Memorial Concert*

Mysteriously commissioned by a Count to memorialize his wife's recent death, the Requiem was left uncompleted, but soon realized by a student from sketches. It became Mozart's own Requiem with his death at age 35.

## The College of Wooster Chorus

Monday, March 13th, 7:00pm

Founded in 1964, the acclaimed Wooster Chorus is comprised of undergraduate students representing all academic areas within The College of Wooster's liberal arts program. Under the direction of Lisa Wong, the choir has been praised for its high level of artistry, engaging performances, and beautiful singing.



***The COLLEGE OF WOOSTER CHORUS is singing here on Monday evening, March 13th, and we need housing and Tuesday breakfast for 70 students.***

If you are able to help, please e-mail Barb Lang at [barbsuzlang@gmail.com](mailto:barbsuzlang@gmail.com). The students are sent out as two or more (not individually). Please tell us how many you can accommodate and whether you have pets or smokers in the household. Many thanks!

## Easter Worship Services

Sunday, April 16th, 9:00am and 11:00am

Fairmount greets the Resurrection with powerful readings and spoken word, along with splendid choir music including brass, tympani, and handbells.





# Celebrating Our Congregation

## Happy Birthday!

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

Carol Boggs	2.1	Faith Osborn	2.18	Russ Shaw	3.19	Joe Mosbrook	4.9
Sarah Robecheck	2.2	Diane Welsh	2.18	Odessa Sumpter	3.20	Patty Forsberg	4.10
Blanche Winston	2.2	Lee Eckles	2.19	Lara Mullen	3.22	Helen Gelbach	4.12
John Murphy	2.4	Jud Smith	2.19	Valerie Brown	3.24	Libby Lord	4.14
Joseph Swartz	2.4	Cara Stirn	2.23	Bud Whitmore	3.24	Kay Bassett	4.15
Sally Mortimer	2.5	Janet Whitney	2.24	Joan Wilharm	3.24	Kathy Fredrick	4.15
Ann Gerhart	2.6	Jeff Chokel	2.25	Fred Ball	3.25	Susan Hill	4.15
Corky Carl	2.7	Ethel Brundage	2.27	Bob Gillespie	3.26	Gaylee McCracken	4.15
Jim Long	2.7	Don Gype	2.28	Caroline Weingart	3.28	Becky Zeigler	4.15
Jenny Olson	2.9	Washburn Hawley	2.28	Bill Castle	3.29	Brad Richer	4.16
Ann Jackson	2.10	Karen Klockner	2.28	Frances Porter	3.29	Janet Brumbaugh	4.17
Charles Skinner	2.10	Sally Barnes	3.3	Richard Garretson	4.2	Kay Ingersoll	4.18
Rosemary Paul	2.11	Dick Moore	3.5	Linda Macklin	4.2	Rick Smith	4.19
Dick Schreck	2.11	Doris Evans	3.9	Carolyn Cheverine	4.3	Stephen Martis	4.21
Elinore Evans	2.12	Kit Sawyer	3.10	Prue Garretson	4.4	Ok-Sim Kim	4.22
Natalie Kittredge	2.12	Jackie Collesi	3.11	Jane Hammond	4.4	Katherine Mortimer	4.22
Patricia Silverthorne	2.12	Greg Kanzinger	3.13	Reita Bayman	4.6	John Schulze	4.23
Virginia Beam	2.13	Fran Bayless	3.18	Scott Desmond	4.7	Carol Callaghan	4.27
Bryan Seekely	2.13	Theresa Fischer	3.19	Ulrich Hopfer	4.7	Mary Carey	4.27
Barbara Mixon	2.18	Bill Shapard	3.19	Susan Cargile	4.9		

## Happy Anniversary!

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

Mario Sinicariello and Ellen Roberts	3/14	Steve and Dolly Minter	4/08
Charlie and Patty Forsberg	3/21	Ann and James Jackson	4/27
Bob and Nan Pfeifer	3/22		

### Office Hours

Monday and Friday:  
8:30am - 4:00pm  
Tuesday - Thursday:  
8:30am - 5:00pm

### Sunday Schedule

8:30am worship in the chapel, with communion.  
9:50am-10:50am Education Hour  
11:00am Worship in the sanctuary, with communion on the first Sunday of the month.

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