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Open Doors

Thank you for the warm welcome these first few weeks of serving as your Interim Pastor. I already feel at home. You have graciously opened your doors to me, as you have done for so many others in the course of your long history as a church.

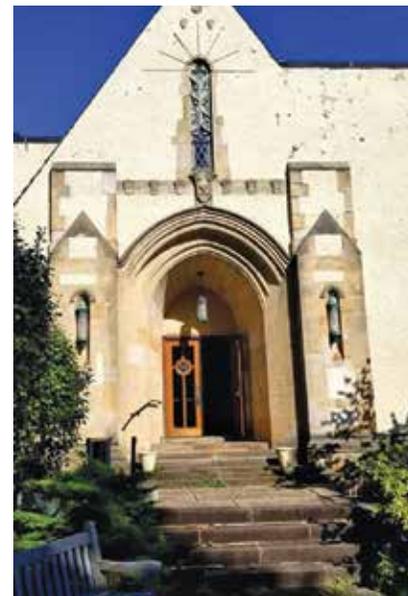
Open doors are so important as a sign of hospitality, so on September 15th, we made the decision to keep the church open for worship even though there was no power in the building due to a crazy storm which brought down trees, crushed cars and damaged homes. Many people came together to make church happen and to keep everyone safe, but my favorite moment involved Oliver. Oliver and his mom (Pastor Lindsay) spent their early morning hours activating glow sticks to line the hallway leading to the sanctuary. By 8:15 a.m., he had done quite a bit of work for his church family, and we found him resting in front of the communion table in the chapel, adorned with cloth strips symbolizing “unraveling” and a woven hula hoop reminding us how God weaves us back together. He was “like a child at home.”

Later that morning, folks gathered NEAR THE FRONT(!) OF THE SANCTUARY in order to hear better without a sound system and the choir sang the most beautiful anthem (*Do Not Be Afraid*). I looked out from the pulpit to Fairmount Blvd. through the wide-open doors at the back. And I was thankful — for all of you, for the ones who came before us, and for a God who is with us in every dark place.

A verse from the hymn, *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*, by Isaac Watts, speaks this assurance — *The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days; O may your house be my abode, and all my work be praise. There would I find a settled rest, while others go and come, no more a stranger or a guest, but like a child at home.*

Our doors are open, come and find your spiritual home. We'll even keep the lights on for you.

– Rev. Jessie MacMillan



Main entrance into the Parish Hall, 1924-1942



Glow sticks lighting the path to the sanctuary



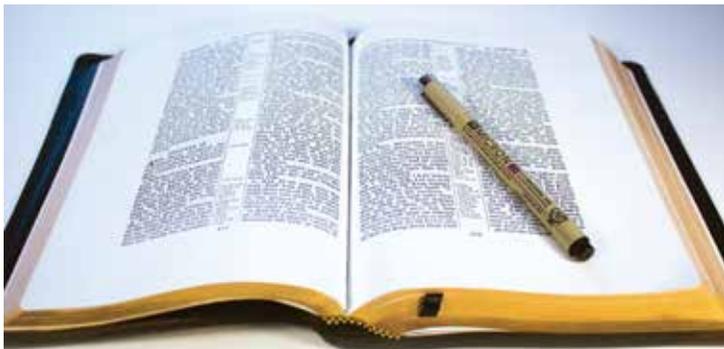
Oliver



connect

GATHERING AT 11:15 AM

Join us for **CONNECT** this fall. On the first Sundays of the month, including November 3rd, we will have intergenerational programming based on the theme of Peacemaking, with activities for all ages. On the third Sundays of the month, October 20th and November 17th, we will come together for *Breaking Bread*, our community meal in the dining room. October 20th we will kick off with chili (both meat and vegetarian)! November 17th, before *Breaking Bread*, the Fairmount Choir will be singing the Ohio premiere of the short work *Requiem* by Joshua Clausen. *Requiem* was written to honor the victims of American mass shootings, their families and friends. Stay tuned for more information about how you can be involved in these gatherings!



BIBLE STUDY

Pastor Jessie will lead a Bible study on Thursday mornings from 9:00-10:00am, beginning October 17th. Please join us if you are available.

ADVENT

Advent begins on December 1st this year, and we will celebrate together the themes of HOPE, PEACE, JOY and LOVE. Stay tuned for details on special events, including Hanging of the Greens on November 24th, a service of Lessons and Carols on December 15th, and a Longest Night Service on December 21st at 6:30pm.



We are about halfway through the “Unraveled” series on Sunday mornings but there is much more to come! We will continue to look at Old and New Testament stories where life seems to be unraveling, yet God’s grace is woven throughout.

October 13th: Acts 9:1-20

The Conversion of Saul to Paul (Discovering a New Path)

October 20th: Jeremiah 29:1-7

Encouraging Israelites in Exile to Plant Gardens and Build Houses (When Dreams Unravel)

October 27th: John 4:1-29 The Samaritan Woman at the Well (Unraveled Shame)

GRATITUDE SUNDAY

November 3rd: John 20:19-29

Doubting Thomas (When the Unimaginable Has Happened) **ALL SAINTS’ SUNDAY**

November 10th: Exodus 1:22; 2:1-0

Moses’ Mother Gives Moses Up So He Can Live (When Our Plans for Our Children Unravel)

November 17th: Job 28:12-28

Job’s Lament and Loss (Seeking Understanding When Everything Has Fallen Apart)

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November 24th: Mark 5:1-20 Jesus Heals Legion, a Man Possessed by Demons (The Unraveling of the Mind) **CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY**



RAISING WHITE KIDS

Bringing up Children in a Racially Unjust America

Join us on Tuesday, October 15th at 12:15pm, or Sunday, October 20th, at 11:30am, for a rich conversation about the book *Raising White Kids, Bringing Up Children in a Racially Unjust America* by Dr. Jennifer Harvey.

Raising White Kids can be found before the event at Loganberry Books, 13015 Larchmere Blvd, Cleveland, OH, or at Fairmount Presbyterian Church the day of the event. If you come on Tuesday, remember your bag lunch and meet us in Room 114. On Sunday you can pick up lunch from our community meal, Breaking Bread, and then meet us in Room 114 for conversation. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Lindsay at lindsayhl@fpccl.org.



Raising White Kids: Bringing Up Children in a Racially Unjust America
Saturday, October 26 at 3:00pm

Talking about race means naming the reality of white privilege and hierarchy. How do we talk about race honestly, then, without making our children feel bad about being white? Most importantly, how do we do any of this in age-appropriate ways?

While a great deal of public discussion exists in regard to the impact of race and racism on children of color, meaningful dialogue about and resources for understanding the impact of race on white children are woefully absent. *Raising White Kids* steps into that void.

Join us for an afternoon with Dr. Jennifer Harvey to talk about *Raising White Kids: Bringing up Children in a Racially Unjust America*.

Free Admission with Ticket
<http://www.fpccl.org/events>

Sponsored by the William Birkett Williams Lecture Series

Rev. Dr. Jennifer Harvey

Rev. Dr. Jennifer Harvey is a writer, speaker, and professor of religion at Drake University where she also serves as Faculty Director for the Crew Scholars Program. She has a Ph.D. in Christian Ethics from Union Theological Seminary in the City of New York. Her work focuses primarily on racial justice and white anti-racism. Dr. Harvey's most recent books include *Raising White Kids: Bringing Up Children in Racially Unjust America* (Abingdon Press) and *Dear White Christians: For Those Still Longing for Racial Reconciliation* (Wm. B. Eerdmans). Dr. Harvey has contributed to the *New York Times*, CNN and been a guest on both Iowa and National Public Radio (including NPR's "It's Been a Minute with Sam Sanders"). She is a widely sought after public speaker and is ordained in the American Baptist Churches (USA).



PIZZA AND PUMPKINS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27, 4:00-6:00pm

All are welcome to join us for an afternoon of pumpkin carving, community building and pizza.

We will provide food, drinks and the tools for carving pumpkins.

We need you to BRING A PUMPKIN to carve and a friend or two.

Please RSVP to Amy Kim Kyremes-Parks amykim@fpccle.org to help us order enough pizza.



CLUB 4/5

ALL youth in 4th & 5th grade are invited to join us for a night of community building, activities, snacks and fun with CLUB 4/5.



We will meet the 1st Friday of every month from 7-9pm at the church. Friends are always welcome! For more information contact Amy Kim at amykim@fpccle.org or 801.815.4854.

STEWARDSHIP

It is a time of new beginnings for Fairmount, with a wonderful interim Head of Staff as we prayerfully discern our leadership needs for the next chapter of our church. And meanwhile, the work of the church continues, supported by each of you. Thank you.

This time of year we begin planning for our 2020 Stewardship Campaign, and our theme for Stewardship this year is *Celebrating in Change!*

We do not anticipate the church will have increased financial needs in 2020, but our stewardship campaign for 2019 was about \$30,000 short of our goal. We hope to have more support in our 2020 campaign.

Gratitude Sunday will be October 27th, when we ask all members to prayerfully consider a pledge for donations during the 2020 calendar year. Letters and pledge cards will be mailed to your home and will also be available throughout the church. If you can't come to church in person on October 27th, don't worry! You can mail in a

pledge, or call the church office (216-321-5800), or visit the 'donate' page on our website (<https://fpccle.org/donate>) to enter your pledge or make a donation electronically.

We start the stewardship campaign in October on purpose – getting your pledges in the Fall for the next calendar year allows our staff and leadership to discern how to build the budget and goals for the next year in a fiscally prudent way.

Many members of Fairmount are generous throughout the year, with pledged and with un-planned gifts. We simply cannot thank you enough! Your gifts make a real difference to this church today and help us serve more people, through ministries and mission in our community and beyond.

Thank you!

If you have any questions about Stewardship, please call Peggy Roberts (216-268-9303).



**MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH
(YOUTH 6-8TH GRADE)**



SUNDAY THE 13TH: 11:15AM-1:00PM

We will be packing care packages for our youth who are away at college. Once we pack the boxes we will share in a baked potato bar lunch.

SATURDAY THE 26TH: 2:30-4:30PM

We need ushers and help with the Raising White Kids Event with Jennifer Harvey. Please let Amy Kim know if you can help out.

SUNDAY THE 27TH: 4:00-6:00PM

Join us for Pizza and Pumpkins. We will carve pumpkins and have a pizza dinner! This event is open to all, we just ask that you *bring your own pumpkin*. We will have everything you need to carve.



SUNDAY THE 10TH: 11:15AM-1:00PM

Your mission, should you choose to accept, it is to GIVE THANKS. Come, ready for an adventure (walking shoes and jackets). We will share in a noodle bar for lunch.

**HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH
(YOUTH 9-12TH GRADE)**



SATURDAY THE 26TH: 2:30-4:30PM

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SUNDAY THE 27TH: 4:00-6:00PM

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FRIDAY THE 1ST: 7:00-9:00PM

Come and volunteer to help out with Parents Night Out. We share in a meal and have a ton of fun with the younger members of our church family.

SUNDAY THE 17TH: 4:00-6:00PM

We will talk about cultivating thankfulness in a world where it can be hard to be thankful. Join us for community building, discussion and a pasta bar for dinner.



Parents Night Out is the First Friday of each month from 6:00-9:00pm. Children Birth-3rd Grade are welcome to join us for a night of fun at the church with our staff and volunteers.

We know life is full and we hope this night will help our kids build community while allowing parents to take a break and connect with one another. This ministry is as much for the kids as it is for the parents.

We ask families to pack a sack dinner for their children, along with a re-useable water bottle. Please go to the Events tab of www.fpccl.org to sign-up

Contact Amy Kim about this opportunity: amykim@fpccl.org

Volunteers are always welcome to contact us to sign up to help. Every volunteer must be background checked prior to helping out.

Parents Night Out Dates for the year are as follows:

November 1, December 6,
January 3, February 7, March 6,
April 3 & May 1.



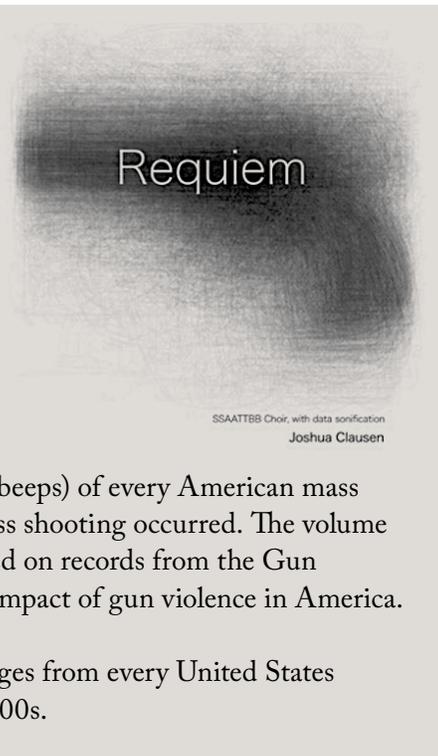
Requiem: For Victims of American Mass Shootings

NOVEMBER 17, 10 AM SERVICE
FAIRMOUNT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

On November 17, the Fairmount Choir will be singing the Ohio premiere of the short work *Requiem* by Joshua Clausen. *Requiem* was written to honor the victims of American mass shootings, their families and friends.

Underneath the a cappella choral singing is a pre-recorded *data sonification* (series of beeps) of every American mass shooting from January 2013–November 2017. Each beep represents a day when a mass shooting occurred. The volume of each beep corresponds with how many lives lost. The sonification was created based on records from the Gun Violence Archive. This ongoing project seeks to use sound as a means to convey the impact of gun violence in America.

The cover image (American Toys, Christopher Baker) was created by combining images from every United States patent containing the phrase “toy pistol.” The earliest image dates back to the mid 1800s.



SSAATTBB Choir, with data sonification
Joshua Clausen

FROM ORGANIST MATT BICKETT

This August, I got the chance to explore some historic pipe organs in France. I spent a week in three cities—Paris, Poitiers, and Toulouse—where I explored the city by day and played their fantastic instruments at night. I especially loved experiencing the capabilities of the organ in Poitiers, as both player and listener. Seated at the three-hundred-year-old organ, hearing sounds and playing the way composers from the 1700s played, I learned not only the beauty of old organ music, but also of listening to the large acoustic space to make performance decisions. A final chord at the Cathedral in Poitiers rings out for 11 seconds after the organist stops playing! Having returned home, I'm excited to share what I've learned with the Fairmount community.



Welcome Chris Fader, our new Children's Music Coordinator!

We're excited to announce the hiring of Chris Fader to the position of Children's Music Coordinator. Chris brings with her a passion for music and a love of working with kids.

Chris is a music education professional who has instructed students of all ages and specializes in working with elementary education groups. We are thrilled that Chris is leading our Crescendo Choir, participating weekly in W.E. Time on Sunday mornings, offering special workshops for CONNECT, and casting vision for what's next in music ministry for our young people! **Crescendo Choir rehearses Thursdays at 5:15 pm and is open to all kids grades K-6.** Please extend Chris a welcome at chrisfader@fpccle.org!





Welcome to our new 2019-2020 Choral Scholars!

The Fairmount Choir is excited to welcome Mary Grace Corrigan (soprano), Siyeon Kim (soprano), and Daveon Bolden (tenor) to our Choral Scholar program for this year. You might recognize Mary Grace (Baldwin Wallace Conservatory of Music, Class of 2021) and Siyeon (Cleveland Institute of Music, Class of 2020), as they were guest singers several times last year. Daveon (Cleveland Institute of Music, Class of 2020) is new to the Fairmount Choir this season. We're blessed to have them sharing their gifts and talents with our congregation!



BE INCLUDED IN OUR DIRECTORY!

With a new Program Year, we are excited to announce we will be producing a new church directory! We are looking for everyone to sign up. You can sign up for a photo sitting on the following dates:

- October 14th between 2:00pm-9:00pm
- October 15th between 2:00pm-9:00pm
- October 16th between 2:00pm-9:00pm
- October 29th between 2:00pm-9:00pm
- November 1st between 2:00pm-9:00pm

Please visit our events page, www.fpcclle.org/events, to schedule your photo sitting.

If you have any questions please contact the church office at cwinters@fpcclle.org or 216.321.5800.



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