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Feature: Christmas at Fairmount

Thanksgiving is upon us and the Christmas season is fast approaching. In this time of busy-ness, plan to be a part of the many events that take place at Fairmount during the holiday season that are designed to keep our focus on the true meaning of the holiday and remember the Savior whose birth we celebrate.



Thursday, Nov. 19th at 7pm

Friday, Nov. 20th at 7pm

Saturday, Nov. 21st at 2pm & 7pm

Sunday, Nov. 22nd at 3pm

Final Performances of "The Sound of Music" ~ Don't miss this classic musical highlighting one woman's incredible journey of faith. There are no tickets, no fees - just pick a time and come enjoy the show! Seating will begin 1 hour before each performance. The Fairmount family is also invited to make more room for our guests by attending the final dress rehearsal on Thursday, November 19th.

Sunday, November 22nd

Concert of Remembrance - 6:30pm in the Sanctuary ~ Our Remembrance Service for loved ones that have passed into eternity includes inspirational music, a pictorial presentation and encouragement for those experiencing grief. A reception will follow in Rm. 132. Nursery available.

Joyful Sound Caroling at Christian Village & Covenant Woods ~ Our 1st-6th grade choir, Joyful Sound, will share sounds of the season with the folks at Christian Village and Covenant Woods. The bus leaves church at 5:30pm and returns at 7pm. [No other children's programming will be offered on 11/22.]

High School Thanksgiving Dinner ~ Our 9-12th graders will meet at the Goodman's for a delicious meal and special time of thankfulness. Meet there or catch the bus at 5:30pm from church. Sign up to bring something at www.SignUpGenius.com/go/60B0E48ADAC22A75-high.

Wednesday, November 25th

Thanksgiving Eve Service ~ The U & I Bible School Class presents the Thanksgiving Eve Service at 6:30pm in the Sanctuary with speaker, Walker Gauling.

Sunday, November 29th

First Sunday of Advent ~ Advent comes from a Latin word meaning, "a coming". The Advent wreath and candles are used by many Christians to observe a period of prayer and fasting beginning four Sundays before Christmas. The symbolism of the candles varies among church traditions, but the purpose is always the same - to prepare our hearts and minds for the birth of our Savior.

Sunday, December 6th

Second Sunday of Advent

Mt. Mission School Gifts Due and Class Pictures for Infants - 6th Grades ~

Children will bring their gifts, place them under the Christmas tree during their Bible School time and have a class photo taken. If you don't normally come for your Bible School hour, try to come on this day so that you can be part of the photo and this fun tradition. Gifts from teens and adult classes are also due this day.

Morning Friendship Circle Annual Seniors' Luncheon - 12:30pm, R174 ~ Invitations have already been sent. For more information and to RSVP, contact Bonnie Norwood at 730-1473.

Hanging Of The Greens - 6pm, Sanctuary ~ Join the Christian Homemakers Bible School class as we fill God's house with songs of the season. **Children choirs will meet in their regular rooms at 5:30pm to warm up before performing.** Children will complete our festive decorations by hanging Chrismons on the tree. It is an evening filled with song and cheer that is sure to put you in the Christmas mood.

Sunday, December 13th

Third Sunday of Advent

Journey to Jesus - Christmas Carols: 9:30am until Noon ~ Children will journey through the building to experience a new perspective of the newborn King! K-5th grade students are encouraged to stay for the entire morning as they celebrate Christ's birth and are reminded of the real meaning of Christmas.

A Quiet Winter's Night: 6pm in the FLC ~ An evening of live Christmas music.

Sunday December 20th

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Worship Choir Musical - 6pm, FLC ~ *Light Out of the Darkness* featuring solos by Kenney Holley, Bonnie Norwood, Robin Ransom, David Rice, and Sandy Sharp.

Thursday, December 24th

Lighting of the Final Advent Candle

Christmas Eve Services - 3pm & 5pm, Sanctuary ~ The Friends Bible School invites you to remember the birth of Jesus Christ and what it means to all of us and the world. This is a great time to celebrate with your Fairmount Family before heading off to celebrate in other places.

December 27th-30th

Snowball Camp for 3rd-6th Gr. - Basic Training ~ Join Miss Ashley and your friends for campfires, lessons, missions, crafts and maybe even some snow and still be home in time to celebrate New Year's Eve with your family! Venture into Space for a close encounter with God's Word. The bus will leave Fairmount on 12/27 at 3:30pm and return around 11:30am on 12/30. Register online at camprudolph.org (\$75 until 12/1, \$90 after) and then add your name to the signup on the Kids Bulletin Board. ■



Thanksgiving Service
November 25th ~ 6:30pm
In the Sanctuary

The U & I Class presents a Thanksgiving Eve Service on Wednesday, November 25th at 6:30pm in the Sanctuary with speaker, Walker Gaulding: Walker is the Senior Minister at Rappahannock Church of Christ in Warsaw, Virginia, where he has been serving since his graduation from Cincinnati Bible College in 1987. He grew up at Fairmount and is the son of Eloise and Melvin Gaulding. Our children's choirs will perform their songs of thankfulness and the offering will benefit MCEF – Mechanicsville Churches Emergency Functions - to help replenish the food pantry which helps to meet the needs of many in our local area. We hope you and your family will join us for this service. It will surely be a blessing to your Thanksgiving holiday. ■



Christmas Card Post Office Opens November 29th

Save money on postage this year by bringing Christmas cards **ONLY FOR FOLKS WHO REGULARLY ATTEND FAIRMOUNT**. Alphabetize and rubber band your cards together and write the total number of cards on top. Our teens will organize them and have them ready for your friends to pick up from the tables in the front foyer. Card pickup will begin Dec. 6 and continue through Dec 20. **Please do not bring cards for folks who do not or cannot attend church to pick up their cards. Thank you!** ■



Sundays, Nov 29 & Dec 6 from 10:30am-12:30pm

The Reflections of Him class will be taking orders for short or long sleeve PRAY T-shirts and hooded sweatshirts. These would make great Christmas presents! The last day to order is Dec 6th. Delivery will be the following Sunday, Dec 13th. Direct any questions to Beverly Beach at 746-4584 or 572-6470. ■



Sunday Morning, Dec. 6th Mt. Mission School Gift Giving & Class Picture Day

All children are encouraged to bring a small gift for a child at Mountain Mission School for Christmas. Choose something for a child the same age and gender as you are - then you'll know just what they'd like! Bring your wrapped gifts to Bible School class on Sunday morning, 12/6. You'll put your gifts under the Christmas tree and have a class picture taken. **If you don't normally come for your Bible School hour, try to come so that you can be part of the photo and this fun tradition.**

Labeling Instructions for Mt. Mission School Gifts:

On the OUTSIDE - Place a removable label (post-its work great) with:

- a) "Boy" or "Girl" and age group
 (Bible School classes with a named child should put the child's name on the outside & inside of each gift.)
- b) Specific contents (if this is not given, gifts will have to be unwrapped by MMS before they can be given to a child)

On the INSIDE - Place a small card/label with:

- a) Name & complete address of donor.* If you'd like a thank-you note, please include a self-addressed stamped envelope in the package as well.

***If you'd prefer to use the church's address, please put your child's name and grade or class and use Fairmount Christian Church, PO Box 788, Mechanicsville, VA 23111. ■**



A New IMPACT Opportunity at Fairmount:

The Jerusalem team will be offering an ADULT ESL (English as a Second Language) class on Sunday nights from 6-7pm for folks in our community, tentatively beginning in January of 2016. **3-10 volunteer teachers are needed** - you do not have to speak any other languages or have any teaching experience. You can sign up to teach once a month or teach weekly. We will be using the *Passport to the World of English* course materials and training will be provided. Each class runs for 15 weeks and we plan to offer three classes: Beginner, Intermediate, and Advanced. To learn more, please attend the informational meeting or contact Lori McGhee at 338-3465 or lori.mcghee@mcgheeministries.net. ■



Fairmount's American Heritage Girls Troop VA2015 will be honoring veterans at a special wreath laying ceremony on December 12th.

Our goal is to have more than 300 wreaths to place at grave sites and we need your help!

Stop by the red table any Sunday in November to sponsor a wreath or visit

<http://give.wreathsacrossamerica.org/goto/VA0225P> to

sponsor online. There's also a booster campaign where you can sponsor a wreath and get a cool shirt at the same time!

<https://www.booster.com/waa-ahg-silent-night> ■



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The mission of Fairmount Christian Church:

To develop followers of Jesus who:

Love God,
Love People and
Introduce the world
to Christ



The Forecaster is
best viewed online @
fairmountchristian.org

Our Church: November 15, 2015



**A Concert of Remembrance:
Sunday, November 22nd at
6:30pm in the Sanctuary.**
Please note the time change! ■

The Church Office will be closed
on the following dates:
Thurs & Fri, November 26-27
Thurs & Fri, December 24-25
Friday, January 1, 2016

Attendance & Giving

8:15 Worship Service: 153
Children's Worship: 6
9:30 Worship Service: 493
Children's Worship: 64
11:00 Traditional Worship: 195
Contemporary Worship: 208
Children's Worship: 86

Total: 1,205

Bible School: 671

Budget Requirements: \$38,605

Budget Receipts: \$42,923



Sermon Series Continues Sunday!

Your Church Staff:

Rick Raines - Senior Minister
Chris Santasiere - Associate Minister
Mike Langley - Associate Minister
Tracy Thomas - Worship/Music Minister
Mike Campbell - Youth Minister
Ashley Sears - Children's Director
Rose Williams - Early Childhood Director
Bob Massey - Business Administrator
Veronica Brewster - Office Manager
Jef Powell - Facilities & Grounds Manager
Barry Will - Technology Director
Debra Houston - Ministerial Administrative Assistant
Chris Branch - Administrative Assistant
Carolyn Holmes - Administrative Assistant
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Morgan McMullin - Administrative Assistant
Crystal Griffin - Children's Administrative Assistant
Amber Grubbs - Children's Administrative Assistant
Krista Barnes - Youth Min. Administrative Assistant