

the FORECASTER

AT FAIRMOUNT CHRISTIAN CHURCH



EASTER AT FAIRMOUNT

Easter Flower Orders | Due Sunday, March 26

Purchase hydrangeas for \$20 each to display at our Easter service on April 9th in memory or in honor of loved ones. Order online at fccsignups.info/flowers or visit the church office to complete a form. You may pay online or by check.

Children's Ministry Road to Resurrection | Sunday, March 26

We will "follow the yellow brick road" to learn more about Jesus' life, death, and resurrection!
Preschool: 10:15am (during their Bible School hour) Elementary: 10:15am-12:15pm (Plan to come to both hours)

Choir Musical | Sunday, April 2 at 6pm in the Sanctuary

Fairmount's Worship Choir will present their Easter musical, "The Cross of Christ" and will feature solos by Rhonda Holley, Crystal Griffin, and Dave Toppin.

Good Friday Service | Friday, April 7 at 7pm in the Sanctuary

Join us for a Tenebrae service, "A Service of Shadows" commemorating Jesus' death. Hosted by the Bill Farmer Class.

Easter | Sunday, April 9

Sunrise: 6:30am | Traditional: 8am & 10:15am | Contemporary: 9am | Modern: 11:15am

Living Cross | Sunday, April 9

Bring fresh flowers Easter morning to decorate the Living Crosses at the main entrance and the worship center entrance.



The most important day in the history of the world is the day that Jesus Christ rose from the dead. It is on that day that, as Genesis prophesied, the serpent's head was crushed – the evil one defeated. Death was vanquished. Sin was conquered. Because of that one event, we are Forever Changed. Followers of Jesus no longer have to live with shame and guilt. We no longer have to worry about dying. Jesus took care of it all. No single event – no combination of events – accomplished all that Jesus accomplished dying on the cross and walking out of the grave.

The Church has continuously celebrated the Resurrection by choosing the day that Jesus rose – the first day of the week – as the day each week we gather for worship, fellowship, and communion. The church has been doing this for almost 2000 years. And, annually, the Church takes one Sunday a year to amplify our celebration to heavenly heights. This year, Easter falls on April 9. And Fairmount will celebrate Easter in a number of meaningful ways, which are listed above.

Be sure that Resurrection Sunday is part of your spring plans this year. But make sure that is about more than one single day. Spend time reading the accounts of the week leading up to the crucifixion, the painful events of the cross, and the glorious triumph of an empty tomb. Reflect on how Jesus' sacrifice has changed your life. Like the women who found the empty tomb, go and tell someone what Jesus has meant to you. Invite a friend or two to come worship with you on Easter. The change you have experienced in your life – the change they can experience in theirs – will be change that lasts forever. Forever changed.

Rick Raines



In 1843, Charles Dickens visited the Field Lane Ragged School, one of many establishments that cared for destitute children in London. Exposed to the horrible conditions of the working poor, Dickens set out to write a pamphlet, “An Appeal to the People of England on behalf of the Poor Man’s Child.” A week later he turned the pamphlet into a story and “A Christmas Carol” was born. Released on 19th of December 1843, it sold out by Christmas Eve. Twelve more printings sold out over the next year. Though Dickens would write several more Christmas stories, it is “A Christmas Carol” that endures.

The story of Ebenezer Scrooge also serves as a vehicle for Dickens to protest other philosophies of his time. The Reverend Thomas Malthus

worried that feeding the starving would increase the world’s population to untenable levels, and so Scrooge bitinglly says the poor should go on and die, “and decrease the surplus population.” Elsewhere Marx and Engels proposed revolution; but Dickens proposed something more profound: redemption.

Though, in one sense, very much a product of its time, Dicken’s tale of the bitterness and ruin caused by selfishness and greed is timeless. “For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil,” Paul wrote Timothy. The story of one miserly and bitter old man finding new purpose in life has thrilled readers and audiences for generations. And now, Fairmount Christian Church is bringing this tale, in musical form, to our Worship Center stage the first two weekends in December.

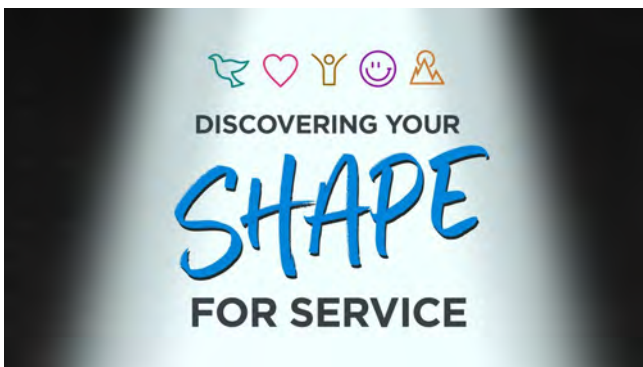
We presented “Scrooge: The Musical” in 2011, and it remains one of our most popular shows. We hope to fill our Worship Center for eight shows, **November 30th through December 3rd, and December 7th through 10th**. We certainly want all to come and enjoy the show and bring friends and family; and we also need YOUR help to bring this production to the stage.

We will be signing up people to help with performances: ushers, greeters, parking, etc. in the Fall. Right now, we need people to audition to play a role on stage and people to sign up to help backstage. There are many roles that are non-speaking, or non-singing (or both!), so this is a great way for anyone to participate in one of our biggest productions, and we need people of all ages, from grade-school to seasoned citizens.

If you are interested in participating in the production of “Scrooge: The Musical,” visit auditions.fairmountcc.org and peruse all the information about our show. If you want to help backstage, just go straight to the Sign Up Page and follow the instructions. Auditions are **May 20th**! So don’t delay!

I’m very excited about this production, and I hope you are as well. Please consider participating and join us in making this a great Christmas for us all.

God bless us, every one.
Barry Scott Will, Director



Find Your SHAPE

We are challenging our congregation to “Be The Change” in our current sermon series. With the Holy Spirit working through us, we can have a great impact and change the world through service. This month our sermons are focusing on how you can discover your SHAPE for service. SHAPE stands for: Spiritual Gifts, Heart, Abilities, Personality, and Experiences. At the end of this sermon series on April 2, a link will be made available for you to take a SHAPE assessment

to discover your overall SHAPE in these five areas. One of our church staff members or a trained volunteer will then meet with you for a coaching session to go over your results and help you find your best fit to serve. All assessment results will remain confidential. More details and instructions will be coming as we get closer to April 2. We are excited to offer this opportunity to our congregation to help you discover how God has uniquely made and “shaped” you for service.

Christ in Culture

March 21st at 6:30pm
in Room 132

How Must Christians Live in an
Increasingly Paganistic World?

CONGRATULATIONS FAIRMOUNT VOLLEYBALL TEAM



Recipient of the Hanover Christian
Volleyball League Sportsmanship Award

Ladies Salad Supper

Monday, April 17, 2023
6:30 p.m.

Join us for a wonderful evening of food and fellowship.
Our guest speaker, Barbara Smith, will share a special
message encouraging us to use our gifts to serve others.

Register at fccsignups.info/ladies-salad

Hosted by Fairmount's Morning Friendship Circle

IMPACT DAY

Saturday, March 25th

VOLUNTEER: Serve those in our church family or
with projects in the community

SUBMIT A PROJECT: If you or someone you know
needs assistance with tasks in their home, please
let us know.

Sign up to volunteer or submit a project at
fccsignups.info/ImpactDay

Please direct any questions to GW Masten at
804-994-2285 or georgethree@msn.com.

Many THANKS to our **BIG DADDY WEAVE**
concert volunteers! It was an amazing night!

An Update on the Silva Family

I had the privilege to travel with Josh Smith to Brazil from February 26 - March 4 to visit Diego and Claudia Silva and their family. The purpose of our visit was to be with the Silvas as they went before the US Consulate to gain approval of their visa so they could return to the US and begin an international campus ministry at VCU. Sadly, their visa request was denied. Please continue to pray for the Silva family and the next steps for their family and ministry. Although we did not get the news we were hoping for, our time spent together in Brazil was encouraging and uplifting.

Chris Santasiere



Diego greeting at Fairmount



The Silva Family in Brazil

April 2023



FAIRMOUNT
CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Sat, Apr 1	9am	Church Work Day
Sun, Apr 2		Palm Sunday Manna Sunday Sunday Services & Bible School Grief Share Worship Choir Easter Musical
	8am-12:30pm 2-4pm 6-7pm	
Mon, Apr 3	9-11am 6:30-7:30pm 6:30-8:30pm	Caring Hearts & Hands Refit Jerusalem IMPACT Meeting, 130
Tues, Apr 4	10am-1pm 1:15-2:15pm 7-8:30pm 7-8:30pm 7-8pm	Morning Friendship Circle Forever Young Choir Rehearsal Fresh Hope, Music Suite Fins & Fangs, 152 One17, Activity Center
Fri, Apr 7	7pm	Good Friday Service
Sun, Apr 9	6:30am 8am-12:30pm	Easter Sunday Sunrise Service Sunday Services & Bible School
Mon, Apr 10	9-11am 6:30-7:30pm	Caring Hearts & Hands Refit
Tues, Apr 11	7-8:30pm 7-8pm	Fresh Hope, Music Suite One17, Activity Center
Wed, Apr 12	10-11am	Adult Bible Study, Room 132
Thurs, Apr 13	8am-2pm	Finding Value in Your Prime
Sun, Apr 16	8am-12:30pm 12-2:30pm 4:30-5:30pm 5-6pm 6-7pm 6-7:30pm	Children's Ministry Day Sunday Services & Bible School JC Crew Orchestra Rehearsal Joyful Sound Drama Children's Choirs FCYM CONNECTION

Mon, April 17	9-11am 6:30pm 6:30pm	Caring Hearts & Hands Ladies Salad Supper Elders Meeting 132
Tues, Apr 18	10am-1pm 1:15-2:15pm 6:30-8pm 7-8:30pm 7-8pm	Forever Young Forever Young Choir Rehearsal Christ in Culture, 132 Fresh Hope, Music Suite One17, Activity Center
Wed, Apr 19	10-11am 6:30-8pm	Adult Bible Study, Room 132 World IMPACT Meeting, 130
Sat, Apr 22	9:30am	Moments of Hope Sunday Serving
Sun, Apr 23	8am-12:30pm 2-4pm 4:30-5:30pm 5-6pm 6-7pm 6-7:30pm	Sunday Services & Bible School Grief Share Orchestra Rehearsal Joyful Sound Drama Children's Choirs FCYM CONNECTION
Mon, Apr 24	9-11am 5-6:30pm 6:30-7:30pm	Caring Hearts & Hands IMPACT Leadership, 130 Refit
Tues, Apr 25	7-8:30pm 7-8pm	Fresh Hope, Music Suite One17, Activity Center
Wed, Apr 26	10-11am	Adult Bible Study, Room 132
Sun, Apr 30	8am-12:30pm 11:15am 2-4pm 4:30-5:30pm 5-6pm 6-7pm 6-7:30pm	Sunday Services & Bible School Connection 101 Music Suite Grief Share Orchestra Rehearsal Joyful Sound Drama Children's Choirs FCYM CONNECTION

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Sat, Apr. 1	Deliver Me, O Lord	Psalms 22:20-31
Sun, Apr. 2	A Surprising Encounter	Luke 24:1-12
Mon, Apr. 3	I Have Seen the Lord!	John 20:11-18
Tue, Apr. 4	Blessed Are Those Who Believe	John 20:19-31
Wed, Apr. 5	The Lord Is My Strength	Psalms 118:1-14
Thu, Apr. 6	I Shall Not Die But Live	Psalms 118:15-29
Fri, Apr. 7	Jesus Meets Two Disciples	Luke 24:13-24
Sat, Apr. 8	Jesus Opens the Disciples' Eyes	Luke 24:25-35
Sun, Apr. 9	You Are Witnesses of These Things	Luke 24:36-49
Mon, Apr. 10	Hospitality and Redemption	Luke 7:36-50
Tue, Apr. 11	Raised with Christ	1 Corinthians 15:27-31, 35-44
Wed, Apr. 12	Death Swallowed Up in Victory	1 Corinthians 15:45-58
Thu, Apr. 13	God, Hear My Morning Prayer	Psalms 5
Fri, Apr. 14	Great Is God's Faithfulness	Lamentations 3:21-36
Sat, Apr. 15	Joy Comes with the Morning	Psalms 30
Sun, Apr. 16	Jesus Appears by the Sea	John 21:1-14
Mon, Apr. 17	Jesus Brings Danger and Conflict	Matthew 10:28-42
Tue, Apr. 18	Peter Denies Jesus	John 18:13-27
Wed, Apr. 19	Repent, Turn, and Live	Ezekiel 18:13-27
Thu, Apr. 20	Godly Sorrow Produces Repentance	2 Corinthians 7:1-11
Fri, Apr. 21	Blot Out My Transgressions	Psalms 51:1-9
Sat, Apr. 22	Create in Me a Clean Heart	Psalms 51:10-19
Sun, Apr. 23	If You Love Me, Follow Me	John 21:15-25
Mon, Apr. 24	Go and Make Disciples	Matthew 28:1-10, 16-20
Tue, Apr. 25	The Day of the Lord Approaches	Joel 2:1-15
Wed, Apr. 26	The Son Sits at God's Right Hand	Hebrews 1:1-14
Thu, Apr. 27	Jesus, Our Great High Priest	Hebrews 8:1-13
Fri, Apr. 28	An Eternal Inheritance	Hebrews 9:8-22
Sat, Apr. 29	Lift Up Your Heads, O Gates!	Psalms 24
Sun, Apr. 30	You Shall Receive Power	Acts 1:1-11

ADULT BIBLE STUDIES

SUNDAYS

- ⇒ Adults: Roland Greene (804)746-0251; 6pm
- ⇒ Adults: Barry Will & Karen Smith-Will (804)916-9687; 6pm

MONDAYS

- ⇒ Young Adult Bible Study: Jacob Ward jward@fairmountcc.org 7pm, email for location

TUESDAYS

- ⇒ Christ in Culture: 3rd Tuesdays; Felix Cross (804)363-8529; 6:30-8pm, Room 132
- ⇒ Young Adult Group: One17; Jacob Ward jward@fairmountcc.org 7pm, Activity Center

WEDNESDAYS

- ⇒ Adults: Rick Raines (804)559-8070; 10am, Room 132

THURSDAYS

- ⇒ Men: Rick Raines (804)559-8070; 6am
- ⇒ Ladies: Kari Smith (804)366-6540
- ⇒ Fearless Ladies Bible Study, 6:30pm, Activity Center, email info@fearless-ministries.com
- ⇒ Men: Pointmen; Kevin Bartlett (804)932-3346; 7pm, Music Suite

FRIDAYS

- ⇒ Men: Harry Gill (804)402-6107; 6am; Cold Harbor Restaurant; Current Study—Romans

SUPPORT GROUPS

- ⇒ GriefShare: Sundays January 29th—April 30th, 2-4pm, Charlie Udriet 804-781-0750
- ⇒ Life Groups: Seth Wortman swortman@fairmountcc.org
- ⇒ Cancer Support Group: Pepa Acors (804)986-3996 or pepaacors06@yahoo.com
- ⇒ Mental Health Support Group: Fresh Hope Tuesdays; 7-8:30pm in the Music Suite; freshhope@fairmountcc.org
- ⇒ Parenting a Special Needs Child: The Unconventional Path: Monday, 6pm; Room 114; Jamie Serrechia usafff@gmail.com



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Legacy Estate Planning Seminar
 Monday, March 27th at 6:30pm in Room 132

Everyone can agree that it's important to have a plan for your savings, your home, and your children when you've gone to Heaven. But as many as 70% of us don't have an estate plan in place, or many of us have an outdated plan. We'd love to help you learn more about how to reduce taxes, save time and money for your loved ones, designate a guardian for children, and establish a Will or Living Trust for your family.

Call the church office at 804-559-8070 to RSVP



Finding Value in Your Prime
 Hanover's largest resource collaboration for seniors

Thursday, April 13th 8:30am-1pm
 Fairmount's Family Life Center

Lunch, presentations, gifts, & door prizes! Free!
 Call Hanover Parks & Recreation at **804-365-4300** to sign up.

SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

<p>8:00am Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary</p> <p>9:00am* Contemporary Worship in the Worship Center Adult Bible School Classes Children's Worship</p> <p>10:00am 6-12th Grade FCYM community</p>	<p>10:15am* Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary Adult & Children's Bible School Classes</p> <p>11:15am* Modern Worship in the Worship Center Children's Worship</p> <p style="text-align: right;">*Worship service live-streamed at fairmountcc.org</p>
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