

the FORECASTER

AT FAIRMOUNT CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Poland Mission Trip Report

Chris Santasiere

Fairmount traveled to Poland June 20th-July 2nd. The team consisted of 8 people: Chris Santasiere, Holly Santasiere, Hayden Santasiere, Jimmy Fadool, Sherri Fadool, Chuck Rogers, Michelle Rogers and George Koger. I'm excited to share a little bit about how our team served during our time in Poland.

Over the years, Fairmount has made many friends throughout Poland. While most of our trip was in Lublin, we were able to spend some time in Warsaw. While in Warsaw, we had dinner with Adam and Klaudia Dulinski. Adam and Klaudia serve with the Warsaw West church. We worked with them for a few days last year when we were in Poland and then they came to the US and shared at Fairmount last August.



Chris and Zosia at the Centrum Church

We spent a week in Lublin serving with the Centrum Church, led by Marek and Zosia Charis. On Sunday, we attended two worship services with the Centrum Church. I preached at both services. Michelle Rogers gave a powerful testimony at the first service.



Holly with one of the Ukrainian children

Ministry to Ukrainian refugees continues to be an emphasis for the church and was the focus of our trip. On Sunday evening, we attended a cookout at the Ukraine refugee house that the church operates. There were roughly 30 people in attendance. For two days during the week, we assembled Life Boxes. A Life Box contains a 2-week supply of food and toiletries for a family of 4.

These boxes are shipped to families in Ukraine. We purchased the supplies and assembled 50 boxes each day. The entire process took about 6 hours each day. In addition, on one day we unloaded a truck of medical supplies that had come from the US and will be taken to Ukraine. We spent one day working on two mini VBS programs for Ukrainian refugee children. Each VBS had 30 children. The goal was to not only minister to the children but to also strengthen the relationships with Ukrainian mothers and grandmothers.



Life Box supplies



Dressed up for a VBS Skit

Please continue to pray for the churches in Poland. We are thankful for the work of Polish Christian Ministries, the Centrum Church in Lublin, and the leadership of Marek and Zosia.

Congratulations and Best Wishes, Janet!



Janet Gill has blessed our Fairmount congregation with her beautiful organ music for over 30 years. We recently honored Janet in our traditional services and celebrated her retirement from playing the organ. We appreciate Janet and wish her all the best!

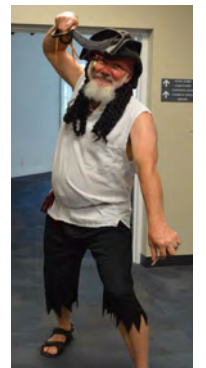
Celebration SUNDAY

Sunday, August 27th at 10am

Come together to celebrate Fairmount's 120 years as well as the launch of Local Christian Church.

All services will be combined for ONE Celebration Service at 10am.

More information to follow regarding Bible School and Children's Programming.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vacation Bible School was a huge success! We averaged **510** people each night, which included children and teens, adults, and volunteers. **Over \$10,000** was generously donated for Ukrainian refugee relief through Polish Christian Ministries. Our kids' nights were filled with special lessons, crafts, encouraging speakers, worship, and fun activities. Middle schoolers competed in crazy water games, dodgeball, and color wars. Our adults enjoyed fellowship over dinner, followed by music and biblical musings each evening. We culminated the week with Family Fun Night out in the field. Thank you to everyone who helped make the week so amazing! Go out and make waves - what you do today can change the world around you!



JUNE ATTENDANCE

In Person Average	896
Online Average	275
Total Worship Average	1,171
Bible School Average	428

JUNE OFFERING

	Actual	Budget
General Fund	\$246,535	\$212,159
Onward	\$43,321	\$18,302

Fairmount Christian Church Budget ~ Proposed Fiscal 2024

	Proposed Fiscal 2024	Budget Fiscal 2023		Proposed Fiscal 2024	Budget Fiscal 2023
SALARY EXPENSE			WORSHIP MINISTRY (Tracy Thomas)		
Ministerial Compensation	\$ 725,431	\$ 613,039	Worship Choir	\$ 3,250	\$ 3,250
Administrative Compensation	\$ 668,953	\$ 715,920	Equipment	\$ 3,250	\$ 3,250
	\$ 1,394,384	\$ 1,328,959	Forever Young	\$ 400	\$ 400
			Bell Choir	\$ 100	\$ 100
TRAVEL/CONVENTIONS/SEMINARS			Praise Team	\$ 200	\$ 200
Ministerial Reimbursements	\$ 25,500	\$ 25,500	Orchestra	\$ 300	\$ 300
Administrative Reimbursements	\$ 8,400	\$ 8,400	Drama	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
	\$ 33,900	\$ 33,900	Worship	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000
				\$ 15,500	\$ 15,500
DISCIPLESHIP/CARE MINISTRY (Seth Wortman)			BUSINESS MINISTRY (Chris Santasiere)		
Benevolence	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	Buildings & Grounds		
Bereavement	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	Repairs & Improvements	\$ 35,000	\$ 30,000
Discipleship Materials	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,200	Maintenance Contracts	\$ 72,000	\$ 70,455
Evangelism	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	General Maintenance	\$ 22,000	\$ 22,840
Health Ministry	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	Custodian Supplies	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000
Helping Hands	\$ 750	\$ 750	Lease - Trailers	\$ 12,900	\$ 10,140
Life Groups/Bible Studies	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	Custodial Services	\$ 80,000	\$ 77,280
Mental Health Ministry	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	Electricity	\$ 107,000	\$ 101,200
	\$ 22,450	\$ 22,450	Propane Gas	\$ 38,464	\$ 43,464
EARLY CHILDHOOD MINISTRY			County Water	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
Materials	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	Kitchen	\$ 4,800	\$ 4,800
Activities	\$ 450	\$ 450	Grounds	\$ 33,320	\$ 34,520
Leader/Volunteer Support	\$ 800	\$ 800	Transportation	\$ 6,500	\$ 6,500
Music	\$ 750	\$ 750		\$ 426,984	\$ 416,199
	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000			
CHILDREN'S MINISTRY (Ashley Sears)			Other		
Shares Store	\$ 2,400	\$ 2,400	Christian Education Assistance	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000
Materials	\$ 6,400	\$ 6,400	Church Socials	\$ 6,000	\$ 4,000
Activities/Events	\$ 3,600	\$ 3,600	General Insurance	\$ 55,318	\$ 52,150
Leader/Volunteer Support	\$ 2,350	\$ 2,350	Miscellaneous	\$ 16,500	\$ 16,500
Music	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	OPERATIONAL FEES	\$ 10,340	\$ 37,340
Fall Family Festival	\$ 3,350	\$ 3,350	Professional Services	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500
Vacation Bible School	\$ 10,250	\$ 12,250	Publicity/Communications	\$ 10,000	\$ 18,000
	\$ 29,850	\$ 31,850	Technology	\$ 24,000	\$ 23,750
			Telephone	\$ 16,500	\$ 16,000
INVOLVEMENT MINISTRY (Chris Santasiere)			Onsite Officers	\$ 16,000	\$ 15,230
Athletics	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	Safety	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500
First Impressions	\$ 15,000	\$ 20,000	VEHICLE RESERVE	\$ -	\$ 7,400
Library	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000		\$ 179,658	\$ 215,370
Men's Ministry	\$ 4,500	\$ 4,500	SUPPORT MINISTRY (Veronica Brewster)		
IMPACT	\$ 402,000	\$ 399,106	Accounting Supplies	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
New Members Ministry	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	Church Supplies	\$ 5,000	\$ 10,000
OUTREACH EVENTS	\$ -	\$ 15,000	Communion Supplies	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500
Volunteer Ministry	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	Computer Expense / Support and Supplies	\$ 12,000	\$ 10,000
Women's Ministry	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500	Flowers	\$ 2,300	\$ 2,300
	\$ 429,500	\$ 446,606	Office Equipment	\$ -	\$ 2,000
TEEN MINISTRY (Davis Ellenberger)			Office Equipment Lease	\$ 45,300	\$ 37,500
Supplies	\$ 6,000	\$ 3,500	Office Supplies	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
Events	\$ 5,500	\$ 5,500	Postage	\$ 7,500	\$ 12,500
Leadership	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	Printing	\$ 30,000	\$ 28,000
Community	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500		\$ 113,600	\$ 113,800
Connection & Core	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	OPERATING BUDGET	\$ 2,675,326	\$ 2,654,634
Summer Intern	\$ -	\$ 3,000	CAPITAL BUDGET	\$ -	\$ 100,000
	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,500	TOTAL OPERATING/CAPITAL BUDGET	\$ 2,675,326	\$ 2,754,634
YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY					
College Student Aid	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	Weekly Contributions Needed	\$ 51,449	\$ 52,974
Young Adults	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500			
	\$ 4,500	\$ 4,500	ONWARD (Worship Center Loan)	\$ 219,624	\$ 219,624
			Monthly Onward Contributions Needed	\$ 18,302	\$ 18,302

See Budget Notes on Back

Fairmount Christian Church Budget ~ Proposed Fiscal 2024

Budget Notes:

1. **Salary expense** includes filling open positions and salary adjustments. Our plan includes adding a full-time Family Minister and converting the Early Childhood Director to a full-time position.
2. **Impact Ministry** is maintained as 15% of the operating budget. As our expenses for the operation of the church increases, we also increase our giving to others.
3. **The Outreach Event** expense line has been reduced because it is already fully funded for this upcoming year.
4. **Operational fees** reduction is due to change in vendor for on-line giving and interest earned on bank accounts.
5. **Capital expense and vehicle reserve** will be funded by generous estate gifts the church has received over the last few years and not included in the operating budget this year.

Elder & Deacon Selection

One of the responsibilities of the Elders is to prayerfully consider men who show the Biblical traits of an Elder or a Deacon and nominate such persons for that position. At the annual meeting, the nomination of Elders and Deacons is made to the congregation. The congregation then has the responsibility to inform the Elders of any Biblical reason that might prevent any of the nominees from serving as an Elder or Deacon. If the Elders find that the reasoning is sound, the nomination will be rescinded. If, however, the Elders find the reasons brought forth are unfounded, the nominee will be ordained as an Elder or Deacon. This entire process reflects instructions from Scripture and will always be handled with privacy and confidentiality.

The Budget

The proposed 2024 budget was developed by the staff and Elders. The Elders approved the budget shown on the front of this page to be submitted to the congregation.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Wednesday, August 9th in the Family Life Center
Dinner Served 5:30-6:30pm - Meeting 6:30pm
Sign up at fccsignups.info/dinner

August 2023



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Tues, August 1	7-8:30pm 7-8:30pm 7-8pm	Fins & Fangs, Room 152 Fresh Hope, Music Suite TACOS for Young Adults, Activity Center
Wed, August 2	6-8:30pm	Children's Ministry Volunteer Dinner
Sat, August 5	8:30pm	Local Christian Church Dive In at Carter Pool in Ashland
Sun, August 6	8am-12:30pm 6-7:30pm	MANNA SUNDAY Sunday Services & Bible School FCYM Senior Send Off Bonfire
Mon, August 7	9-12pm 7-8:30pm	Caring Hearts & Hands, Room 132 Rockin' Refit, FLC
Tues, August 8	11:30am 7-8:30pm 7-8pm	Morning Friendship Circle Lunch Outing Fresh Hope, Music Suite TACOS for Young Adults, Activity Center
Wed, August 9	5:30-6:30pm 6:30pm	CONGREGATIONAL DINNER & MEETING Dinner Meeting
Sun, August 13	8am-12:30pm 5-8pm	SCRIP TABLE OPEN Sunday Services & Bible School Family Camp Night at Oak Hill Camp
Mon, August 14	9-12pm 7-8:30pm	Caring Hearts & Hands, Room 132 Rockin' Refit, FLC
Mon, August 14- Fri, August 18		Child Care Closed

Tues, August 15	7-8:30pm 7-8pm	Fresh Hope, Music Suite TACOS for Young Adults, Activity Center
Fri, August 18	6-8pm	Children's Ministry Summer Reading Celebration
Sun, August 20	8am-12:30pm	PROMOTION SUNDAY Sunday Services & Bible School
Mon, August 21	9-12pm 6pm 7-8:30pm	Caring Hearts & Hands, Room 132 Elder Meeting, Room 132 Rockin' Refit, FLC
Tues, August 22	7-8:30pm 7-8pm	Fresh Hope, Music Suite TACOS for Young Adults, Activity Center
Wed, August 23	10am	Forever Young Outing to Riverside Theater
Sat, August 26		Moments of Hope Saturday Serving
Sun, August 27	10:00am	CELEBRATION SUNDAY One Worship Service in the Worship Center Nursery for 3 and Under
Mon, August 28	9-12pm 7-8:30pm	Caring Hearts & Hands, Room 132 Rockin' Refit, FLC
Tues, August 29	7-8:30pm 7-8pm	Fresh Hope, Music Suite TACOS for Young Adults, Activity Center

The Church Office will close at 12:00pm on Fridays through August 18th.

August Daily Bible Readings

Tue, Aug. 1	God Loves the World	John 3:10-21
Wed, Aug. 2	Take Up Your Cross	Matthew 16:21-28
Thu, Aug. 3	God Sweeps Away Our Sins	Isaiah 44:21-28
Fri, Aug. 4	God's Spirit and Words Remain	Isaiah 59:1-8, 16-21
Sat, Aug. 5	Rebirth and Renewal Through the Spirit	Titus 3:1-8
Sun, Aug. 6	Called to Freedom	Galatians 5:13-26
Mon, Aug. 7	God Guards the Paths of Justice	Proverbs 2:1-11
Tue, Aug. 8	Hunger and Thirst for Righteousness	Matthew 5:3-12
Wed, Aug. 9	Righteousness in God's Kingdom	Matthew 5:13-20
Thu, Aug. 10	God Keeps the Steadfast in Peace	Isaiah 26:1-11
Fri, Aug. 11	Rejoice in God's Word	Nehemiah 7:73-8:3, 5-6, 9-12
Sat, Aug. 12	Rejoice in Hope	Romans 12:9-21
Sun, Aug. 13	Righteousness, Peace, and Joy	Romans 14:10-23
Mon, Aug. 14	Fear Not; God Is with You	Isaiah 41:1-14
Tue, Aug. 15	No More Condemnation	Romans 8:1-15
Wed, Aug. 16	Wait for Redemption with Patience	Romans 8:16-25
Thu, Aug. 17	The Spirit Helps in Our Weakness	Romans 8:26-39
Fri, Aug. 18	Rescue the Weak and Needy	Psalms 82
Sat, Aug. 19	Stewards of God's Mysteries	1 Corinthians 4:1-6
Sun, Aug. 20	God's Power Exhibited in Weakness	1 Corinthians 4:7-21
Mon, Aug. 21	Earth Is Full of God's Glory	Isaiah 6:1-8
Tue, Aug. 22	In Him We Have Our Being	Acts 17:22-31
Wed, Aug. 23	Many Will Go to God's House	Micah 4:1-7
Thu, Aug. 24	Jesus Is Able to Save Forever	Hebrews 7:11-25
Fri, Aug. 25	Awake and Sing for Joy!	Isaiah 26:12-21
Sat, Aug. 26	The Most Important Message	1 Corinthians 15:1-14
Sun, Aug. 27	The Firstfruits of the Dead	1 Corinthians 15:15-28

Coming Events

Note: All dates and events are subject to change.

September 2023

3 ~ Manna Sunday
10 - Fall Kickoff for Kids & Teens
4 ~ Labor Day - Office Closed, No Church Activities
15 ~ Fearless Conference

October 2023

1 ~ Manna Sunday
14 ~ Impact Day
21 ~ Fall Festival
23 ~ Operation Christmas Child Packing
TBD ~ Elementary Retreat

November 2023

4 ~ The Fix Gala
5 ~ Manna Sunday
11 ~ **Veteran's Day**
28-30 ~ OCC Processing Center Trip
30 ~ Scrooge Musical Begins

Support Groups



Weekly Peer Support Group
Tuesdays from 7-8:30pm
For those with a mental health diagnosis
as well as their caregivers

Confidential Email: freshhope@fairmountcc.org



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**Fairmount Family Camp Night
 at Oak Hill Christian Camp**
 8451 Oak Hill Camp Road, Mechanicsville, VA 23111
Sunday, August 13th
*Everyone is invited to camp for a summer night of
 swimming, music, food, and campfire fun!*
 Please RSVP to fccsignups.info/campnight
 5pm - Pool Opens
 6pm - Hotdogs and Music
 7pm - Campfire Devotion & S'mores
TRAIL Guide
 I & II THESSALONIANS
 Bring your own chair!

Single Service Streaming
 Beginning **September 10**, we will live
 stream **one** worship service on Sunday
 mornings.
 The **9:00 Contemporary Service** will be
 available on our website.


SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

8:00am	Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary	10:15am*	Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary Adult & Children's Bible School Classes
9:00am*	Contemporary Worship in the Worship Center Adult Bible School Classes Children's Worship	11:15am*	Modern Worship in the Worship Center Children's Worship
10:00am	6-12th Grade FCYM community	*Worship service live-streamed at fairmountcc.org	