



# Christmas Giving Campaign

December 3rd through January 14th

Goal: \$350,000

"For God so loved the world, He gave ..." This is the season for giving. As many of you know, for a number of years now, Fairmount has utilized the Christmas season to address the need for debt retirement, and to pay it off in a time frame that will not be a long-term burden to our congregation. The elders have a desire to retire our debt on the Worship Center in five years. We continue to feel it is imperative that we rid ourselves of this obligation as soon as it is reasonable and practical. The elders and staff would ask that you give this matter serious prayerful consideration and follow the leading of the Holy Spirit as to an amount of your special Christmas offering. At their last meeting, our elders prayerfully approved a goal of \$350,000.

Please make your gift by using one of the Christmas envelopes or green Onward envelopes available at church. Please memo your check "Onward Christmas". You may also give on our website at [www.fairmountcc.org/giving](http://www.fairmountcc.org/giving). If you choose to give through the transfer of stock or other investments, please contact RW McDowell or Veronica Brewster in the office at 804-559-8070.

As charged in Scripture, we tithe a portion of the gifted amount to one of our Impact Partners to support them in their ministry. This year, we will tithe a portion to two of our mission partners: Good News Productions International and International Disaster Emergency Services (IDES).

Thank you for your generosity. The elders and staff wish you and your family a very blessed Christmas season and ask that you will join them in considering a special gift to support Fairmount's ongoing mission and vision.



## Christmas Events Still to Come!

- \* **Scrooge: The Musical** continues December 7th & 8th at 7pm and 9th & 10th at 3pm
- \* **The Christmas Card Post Office** is open on Sundays through December 24th
- \* **Mountain Mission Gifts** due December 10th
- \* **Poinsettia Orders** due December 10th - [fccsignups.info/flowers](http://fccsignups.info/flowers)
- \* **FCYM Middle & High School Caroling & Cook Out** - December 10th from 6-8pm
- \* **Gingerbread House Decorating Party** - December 15th from 4-6pm - [fccsignups.info/gingerbread](http://fccsignups.info/gingerbread)
- \* **A Quiet Winter's Night Concert** - December 17th at 6pm in the Worship Center
- \* **Children's Christmas Celebration** - December 21st at 6:30pm - [fccsignups.info/celebrate](http://fccsignups.info/celebrate)
- \* **Christmas Eve Morning Worship** at 9:30am & 11am and **Christmas Eve Services** at 3pm & 5pm

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Real Hope for Real People

By Seth Wortman



A new year provides real opportunities to take that first step toward becoming more like Jesus in every way. The following are a few ministries at Fairmount focused on providing support and encouragement.

#### Grief Share

Grief Share is a safe, welcoming place where people understand the difficult emotions of grief caused by the loss of a loved one. Grief Share meets weekly to help you face these challenges and move toward rebuilding your life. Grief Share 13-week small group starts January 28<sup>th</sup> from 2-4pm in the Fairmount Music Suite. For more information, contact Charlie Udriet at [cwudriet@hanovercounty.gov](mailto:cwudriet@hanovercounty.gov).

#### Fresh Hope

Fresh Hope provides support to those struggling with mental health challenges in their life or in the lives of their loved ones. Fresh Hope group is open to all and is based upon Christian principles, focusing on positive ways to overcome mental health challenge. Fresh Hope meets every Tuesday evening from 7-8:30pm in the Fairmount Music Suite. Contact Sandy Thomas at [freshhope@fairmountcc.org](mailto:freshhope@fairmountcc.org) for details.

#### Cancer Support

A Jesus centered support ministry for those going through cancer and for their caregivers. This group provides a safe and supportive place to find spiritual strength amongst others who have experiences with cancer. For more information contact [cancersupportgroup@fairmountcc.org](mailto:cancersupportgroup@fairmountcc.org)

#### Refit

REFIT is a fitness concept that focuses on keeping bodies, mind, and souls in shape. Participants will discover easy-to-learn movements, inspiring music, and a family-friendly environment for all age groups. REFIT meets on Mondays from 6:30–8:30pm in the Fairmount Family Life Center. Contact Marti Barrett at [marti.jo.barrett@gmail.com](mailto:marti.jo.barrett@gmail.com) for more information.

#### Financial Peace University

FPU is a life-changing 10-week course that includes practical lessons to help you eliminate debt, build wealth, and give like never before! Each lesson, taught by Dave Ramsey and his team of financial experts, is based on biblical wisdom and common sense. The next Financial Peace will occur January 21 – March 24. To reserve your seat contact Jim and Carol Webb [jimewebb@comcast.net](mailto:jimewebb@comcast.net).

#### First Responders

Jedediah's Porch is a Jesus centered men's group for those in the uniformed services. The group is designed to support those in the military, law enforcement, fire, EMS, emergency communications, hospital ER department, and corrections communities dealing with moral and spiritual wounds from critical incidents. Jedediah's Porch meets every other Sunday from 12:30-1:30pm in the Fairmount Library. Contact Joshua Barrett at [jedediahsporch@gmail.com](mailto:jedediahsporch@gmail.com) for details.

If you need support in other areas, please contact the main office at **804-559-8070** for additional resources.



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**Night to Shine** is an unforgettable prom night experience, centered on God's love, designed for people with special needs ages 14 and older. Fairmount is thrilled to be one of over 1,000 host locations for this year's event, happening all over the world on **Friday, February 9th**. We can't wait to honor and celebrate our guests! In order to make this a fun and successful event, we will need hundreds of volunteers. Guests and volunteers should BOTH register at [www.nighttoshineva.com](http://www.nighttoshineva.com). Watch for more details as the event gets closer. We are so excited for this incredible night!



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### Baby Pictures Needed for Babies Born in 2023!

Please visit [fccsignups.info/babyday](https://fccsignups.info/babyday) by **January 15th** to submit your baby's current photo, along with his/her full name, birth date, service you will attend, and names of any grandparents or great-grandparents you wish to be recognized. Photos can also be brought to the church office to be scanned and returned. *Please provide a photo and information even if you know you will not be able to attend on so that your child can be included in the keepsake publication.*



**Sunday, January 7th  
5:30-7:30pm at Ashland Skateland**

Join the Fairmount family at our annual Skate Night!  
Admission is a non-perishable food item.  
Rent skates for \$4. Hotdog combos including a hotdog, chips, and drink will also be available for \$2.



**JANUARY 27, 2024  
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM**

**FAIRMOUNT CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

Ladies, join WPER and Encouragement Café for an encouragement-filled day of worship, inspiring speakers, prayer, and vendor shopping on **January 27, 2024 9am – 3pm**. Tickets are just \$30 each at [wper.org/women](https://wper.org/women).

**Featuring:** Worship Artist and Speaker **Natasha Owens**, Your Encouraging WPER's Midday Host and Speaker **Theresa Mills**, Stage Painter **Noelle Okolowicz**, Speaker and Encourager **Stephanie Davis**, and Keynote Speaker, **Lisa Kratz Thomas** Wherever you are in life, this event is designed to encourage you, any age, any stage. Expect a day of spiritual refreshment, lots of laughter, encouragement, prayer, and worship.

### Fairmount Staff Update



Fairmount's very own, **Lauren Haake**, will be joining our staff as the new Associate Children's Ministry Director. In addition to overseeing our early childhood ministries, Lauren will also be overseeing our ministries related to children's worship and music. Her gifts and her passions will make her a great fit with our staff team and with our entire Children's Ministry team.

Lauren, who grew up at Fairmount, returns with seven years of experience with Children's Ministry at Compass Christian Church. We are excited to welcome Lauren, her husband, Larry, and their children, Virginia, Charlie, and Carson, back to Fairmount!





## Gingerbread House Decorating Party

**December 15<sup>th</sup>**  
**6:00-8:00pm**



**Sign Up at**  
**[fccsignups.info/gingerbread](http://fccsignups.info/gingerbread)**

Mark your calendar for this fun holiday event! Cost \$2 per person for pizza and dessert plus \$5 per gingerbread kit. Bring additional icing and candy if you desire. Choose to have your house judged in the following categories: Most Colorful, Most Creative, Most Festive, and Silliest!

## Journey to Jesus



**Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Preschoolers** will participate in Journey to Jesus during the **10:15 hour** with a special snack, Christmas lesson, craft, and a visit from Mary, Joseph, and Baby Jesus.

**Elementary** children will journey through time from **10:15am-12:15pm** to see Christmas Past, Christmas Present, and Christmas Future. They will learn the importance of sharing the Good News of Jesus! Please plan to stay for both hours so you don't miss any stops.

## ELEMENTARY TACKY LIGHT TOUR AND CAROLING

**Dec 21 | 6:30pm**

**PRESCHOOL CHRISTMAS  
WORSHIP & CRAFT  
NIGHT**



Enjoy this fun festive night of celebration. Elementary kids will leave promptly at 6:30 to go off site to see tacky lights and Christmas carol. Preschoolers will enjoy a night of worship, make a craft, and eat a delicious snack. A parent or guardian must remain with preschoolers. Sign up by December 18<sup>th</sup> at **[fccsignups.info/celebrate](http://fccsignups.info/celebrate)**

## Candy Bar



Join us on Friday, January 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in Room 132 for a fun night of BINGO! Please bring a full size candy bar for each person in your family that will be playing. Additional snacks will be provided. Sign up at **[fccsignups.info/BINGO](http://fccsignups.info/BINGO)**

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## SuperStart

**Friday Night & Saturday Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
**for 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, & 6<sup>th</sup> Graders**

SuperStart is a high-energy event intentionally crafted for preteens to hear the gospel, learn Biblical truths, and be called to a life of Kingdom Work. This year's SuperStart features a trick shot game! In the same way that trick shots use everyday items to perform extraordinary feats, preteens will discover their unique gifts and talents and how they can use them to make a big impact for the Kingdom. **The cost is \$65 by January 21st; \$75 January 22nd and later.**

**Sign up at [fccsignups.info/superstart](http://fccsignups.info/superstart)**

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# COMMUNITY

CommUNITY is our Sunday morning bible study for 6th-12th grade. We are committed to studying God's word together to reveal scriptural truth into the lives of our teens. We meet from 10-11am in the Gym.

# CONNECTION

FCYM CONNECTION is an opportunity for students to connect to the body of Christ through a variety of events such as service projects, fun events at church, and off-site fellowship opportunities. We meet on Sunday nights.

## COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS PARTY

Sunday Morning - December 17th - 10am - Gym

Special Devotion - Fun Snacks - Wear Your Crazy Christmas Attire

Bring a \$5-10 Gift Card for a Game!

### Upcoming CONNECTION Calendar

Jan 7	MS & HS	Family Skate Night at Ashland Skateland 5:30-7:30pm
Jan 14	MS & HS	CONNECTION Kick Off at Sky Zone 5-8pm (meet at church)
Jan 21	MS	Nerf War 6-7:30pm in the Gym (ammo provided)
	HS	Quadball 6-7:30pm Outside at Church
Jan 28	MS	Worm Olympics 6-7:30pm in the Gym
	HS	Aldi Shopping Challenge for MCEF 6-7:30pm (meet at church)
Feb 4	MS	Fast Food Progressive Dinner 6-7:30pm (meet at church)
	HS	Hawaiian Night



### CONNECTION Kick Off at Sky Zone

Sunday, January 14th from 5-8pm

Middle and high schoolers are invited to kick off the 2024 CONNECTION season with a big event at Sky Zone Trampoline Park in Glen Allen. Meet in the gym at 5pm for a pizza dinner. We'll head to Sky Zone at 5:30 for 90 minutes of fun and return to church for pick up at 8pm.

Sign up is REQUIRED at [fccsignups.info/skyzone](https://fccsignups.info/skyzone)

Cost \$20 per child



Turkey Bowling



Game Night Jenga



Middle School BINGO



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## Join us on Christmas Eve

**Two Morning Worship Services: 9:30am** in the Sanctuary and **11am** in the Worship Center. Nursery for children 2 and under and Preschool Elevate during both services. Elementary children and teens worship with their families.

**Two Christmas Eve Services: 3pm** in the Sanctuary and **5pm** in the Worship Center. Nursery for children 3 and under available during both services.

## 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](http://fairmountcc.org)