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“I Could Live Here!”

Two years ago, when Ephraim and Mabel Hernley were researching continuing care retirement communities, they read in the *Perspective* that one new cottage was still available. They had checked out plenty of other retirement homes, and none felt exactly right. But they decided to take a look at Fairmount. When they saw the view from that new cottage, they knew they had found their home.

“I could live here!” Mabel remembers exclaiming as she stood in the kitchen overlooking miles of farmland below.



Ephraim and Mabel Hernley love to spend time in their backyard garden harvesting their produce.

Health Care Is a Priority

The Hernleys’ primary concern was the availability of health care. A health scare had pushed them to ask, “If we need care, what will we do?” For them, the answer was to seek a continuing-care retirement home where, if needed, they could receive excellent health care without leaving the campus. Fairmount fulfilled that requirement for them, clinching their decision to move here.

A Good Social Network

The Hernleys realized also that to build a good social network, they should move while they were still relatively young.

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Lots of Space

The Hernleys chose their favorite flooring, cabinet stain, countertops, and appliance styles for their new home. Then during the several months while their new cottage was being completed, they had time to downsize their belongings by passing things to children and grandchildren, and holding garage sales. When they moved in, there was more than enough room for everything they brought with them.

“We have so much space here—more storage than we ever thought we’d have,” Mabel says.

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Fairmount Homes Mission Statement

"Fairmount Homes is a ministry with mature adults, providing high quality services, promoting wholeness and creative living consistent with Christ-centered Mennonite Values."

Core Values

Community • Compassion
Dignity • Integrity
Quality • Teamwork
Trust

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At a recent Residential Living resident meeting, several people commented on the importance of prayer and the need for all of us to keep Fairmount in our prayers. It was a good reminder! While I do remember Fairmount daily in prayer, I was challenged to encourage all of our Fairmount team members, residents and friends to join me in praying for Fairmount. It has great power! Franklin Graham declares, "Prayer is the most powerful resource we have in this life."

Prayer is a cornerstone of Fairmount Homes and central to the core values on which we operate. Fairmount's tagline reads, "Dedicated to Faith, Family and Community." Because prayer is at the heart of our faith, God asks us to lift up every aspect of our lives in prayer, including our families and our communities. Prayer is vital to the mission of our organization as a ministry to senior adults.

Please pray for our wonderful residents who call Fairmount home. Join me in praying for our dedicated team members who provide high quality care. Pray for our family

members, visitors, and the donors and volunteers who give of their time and resources. Pray for safety in all aspects of our operations and for wisdom as decisions are made on behalf of the organization.

Philippians 4:6-7 says it well. "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

One of the beautiful hymns we sing in church is a prayer from God's children, asking Him to send his Spirit to us with love, power and grace. It expresses well our belief that through the power of prayer, God can work His wonders here in our Fairmount community.

*Lord, listen to your children praying.
Lord, send your Spirit in this place.
Lord, listen to your children praying,
send us love, send us power, and
send us grace.*

Jerry D. Lile
President/CEO

Looking Back on Heritage Day

On Saturday, June 6, Fairmount Homes held its 11th Annual Heritage Day, an event in which the community came together to celebrate its rural heritage. New



this year was a tractor procession with an impressive array of tractors circling the campus. This was also the final day of the current season for Fairmount's popular annual

Silent Auction. It culminated with the best Silent Auction week ever! A more detailed account and great pictures are posted on the Fairmount website under the Community Engagement link.

Thanks to everyone who helped to support these exciting events. All proceeds go to the Sharing Fund for the benefit of residents who have exhausted their resources.

New Sign for Fairmount Entrance

Have you noticed Fairmount's new sign at the bottom of the hill on the corner of Cat's Back and Farmersville Roads? The six new cottages will be built directly behind this new sign, and the electricity to light it will be hooked up when the new cottages are constructed.



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“Don’t wait until you have to go,” Ephraim says. “Relocate early in your retirement years and make friends. Then later when you especially need it, you will have the support of people you know. When we first came here, we joined other cottage and apartment residents for coffee hour every morning, attended a variety of activities, and soon learned to know a lot of people.”

“We Aren’t Going to Sit Around!”

Another priority for the Hernleys was to stay active. Ephraim declares emphatically, “We’re retired, but we aren’t going to sit around!”

True to their word, they have found plenty to do. Prior to their move, they made a special request to bring with them some of their berry bushes, so a typical summer day finds them picking blueberries, boysenberries or blackberries from the hardy bushes back of their cottage, or strawberries in the raised bed Ephraim built behind the deck. Soon the peppers, tomatoes, onions, potatoes and zucchini will be producing—enough to get them through the winter.

There are many additional outlets for the Hernleys’ varied interests. They both sing in the Fairmount Chorus and serve on the Residential Living Activity Committee. Ephraim also sings in a Fairmount men’s quartet and makes coffee for coffee hour one morning a week. Mabel helps to manage the Farm Crest Gift Shop, making good use of her many years of experience as a buyer and head cashier for a Christian bookstore. The couple could not be happier with their decision to enjoy Fairmount living.

New Opportunities for Cottage Living

Fairmount will begin another expansion project in the fall, with plans to build six new duplex cottages on the corner of Cat’s Back and Farmersville Roads next to the existing Country View cottages. To date, some of the cottages have been spoken for, and several are still available. This is a great time to investigate the benefits of joining the Fairmount community, especially if you would like to be the first residents to occupy a brand new cottage. Please call the Admissions Office at 717.354.1800 for more information.

Welcome to 5th Annual Open House



Welcome!

Along with 15 other local, continuing-care retirement communities, Fairmount is opening its doors for our 5th Annual Open House. Don’t miss this opportunity to come and see what cottage and apartment living here at Fairmount is all about.



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Items of Interest

Central PA Blood Drive

The Central PA Blood Bank will hold a blood drive on August 14 from 11:30 a.m.–6:30 p.m. in the Farm Crest Community Room. Walk-ins are welcome until 6:00 p.m. To make an appointment, please call the Blood Bank at 800.771.0059.

October Health Expo

Fairmount is planning a Health Expo on October 8, 8:30 a.m.–3:00 p.m. in the Farm Crest Community Room. Benefit from presentations on health issues and a flu shot clinic. Get information on topics such as hearing, vision, heart, and diabetes. The public is cordially invited.

Benefit Auction Needs

• **Theme Baskets**

Donations of theme baskets, supplies and/or money toward additional theme baskets are always welcome.

• **Dining For Dollars**

Consider hosting a Dining for Dollars event. To host a meal, please call 717.656.7810 or 717.733.2509 by August 10.

• **Auction/Flea Market Items**

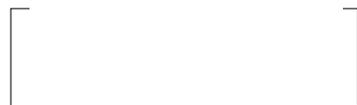
New items for auction or good used items for the flea market are always welcome.

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Benefit Auction & Barbecue

Save the date!
Saturday, September 12



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