

More Important than the House

The Orchard Terrace Cottages represent more than the addition of new homes to Fairmount's campus. They represent new friendships waiting to be formed, new opportunities to serve, and new chapters beginning for the residents who will soon call one of these lovely cottages their home.

Two couples, both very eager for their new Orchard Terrace home to be completed, share what led them to Fairmount and what they hope this next season of life will bring.

A Long Journey Home

Steven and Linda Southwick's move will begin over 470 miles away in Standish, Maine. After more than three decades there, they are returning to Pennsylvania with excitement for what lies ahead.

"As we think about the future, a continuing care community makes sense for us in the long term," Steven shares. Linda adds, "It is wonderful to be returning to Pennsylvania. Maine has been a



great place to live for the past 31 years, but I am a Pennsylvanian at heart."

Their first visit to Fairmount in 2024 confirmed they were looking in the right place. The beauty of the campus, the thoughtful layout of living spaces, and the welcoming atmosphere all left a lasting impression. But it was Fairmount's Christ-centered foundation that stood out most. "We were drawn to Fairmount's church affiliation," Steven explains.

Having worked in senior living, Linda recognizes the value of Fairmount's continuing care model and appreciates the opportunity to move into a newly constructed cottage without a lengthy wait. They look forward to spending less time maintaining a home and more time reconnecting with family and friends, exploring Pennsylvania, and becoming involved in campus life.

A Familiar Place

For John and Joann Herr, the move to Orchard Terrace will be a much shorter distance but equally meaningful. After living in the same home for 55 years, they are eager to embrace a new chapter of life. The Herrs were aware of Fairmount for many years and



Incoming Orchard Terrace resident Steven Southwick reviews the plans during a recent construction walk-through.

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Growing Our Campus for the Future

The President's Perspective

Here at Fairmount, growth is more than adding buildings—it is about faithfully and prayerfully responding to the needs of older adults today while doing all we can to make sure our mission is viable for generations to come. The addition of the Orchard Terrace Cottages is an important step in strategically growing our campus to serve more seniors seeking a vibrant, Christ-centered community.

Scripture reminds us, “And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds” (Hebrews 10:24, NIV). Growth allows us to continue creating opportunities for residents to live purposefully and in community. Our core biblical values of Community, Compassion, Dignity, Integrity, Quality, Teamwork and Trust guide every decision we make. They ensure that expansion is not simply about increasing capacity but about enhancing the quality of life for residents and honoring the resources entrusted to us.

The need for continued growth is clear. Research from Ziegler and NIC MAP® shows that demand for senior living continues to outpace new development. Independent Living occupancy in Life Plan Communities reached 91% in 2025, reflecting strong consumer demand. Additionally, senior housing occupancy nationwide reached record

levels in 2025, while construction activity remained at its lowest point in more than a decade. These trends indicate a growing need for additional housing options for older adults.

The Orchard Terrace Cottages are being built as a response to that need. They provide desirable, cottage-style living options that today's seniors increasingly seek while positioning Fairmount to meet future demand for residential living accommodations.

Author John C. Maxwell wisely said, “Change is inevitable. Growth is optional.” At Fairmount, we choose growth—strategically, thoughtfully, prayerfully and faithfully—so that we can continue serving seniors with excellence for many years to come.

If you desire a retirement living atmosphere rooted in Christ's love and Mennonite values, reach out to our Marketing Team for more information. We would love for you to be a part of the Fairmount family!

Jerry D. Lile
President/CEO



Save the Date: Faithful Give

Fairmount is excited to once again take part in the Faithful Give, a three-day online giving event supporting local faith-based nonprofits. This year's event will run from Sunday, October 18, through Tuesday, October 20. To participate, simply visit faithfulgive.org during the three-day event, select “Fairmount” from the list of organizations and make your donation online. Thank you for your faithful support!



Building Homes, Building Community

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watched friends move here. While the new cottages offer features they were looking for, including a two-car garage and basement, it was the people who make up Fairmount who made the greatest impression.

“We chose Orchard Terrace because we already know so many residents here and share the values of the community,” John reflects.

The Herrs look forward to returning to old hobbies, welcoming family into their new home, and enjoying the fellowship of neighbors who share similar values.

Growing More Than Our Campus

Although the Southwicks and the Herrs arrived at the choice to move to Fairmount from different contexts, their stories share a common thread. Both couples were looking beyond house amenities or floor plans. They were searching for a place where faith is lived out, neighbors become friends, and community is built through everyday fellowship. Fairmount residents and staff can assure them they will not be disappointed in what they find when they arrive.



Excitement is building! Incoming Orchard Terrace residents John and Joann Herr recently toured the construction of their future home with Director of Marketing and Communications Mitchell Hanna and Vice President of Operations Kent Richard.

Orchard Terrace Fun Facts

- 16 beautiful new cottages
- 27 new neighbors joining the Fairmount family
- Average incoming resident age: 78
- 2 sets of siblings will now be neighbors
- 1 mother/daughter moving across the street from each other
- Closest move: <1 mile
- Farthest move: >470 miles
- Combined moving distance: >728 miles

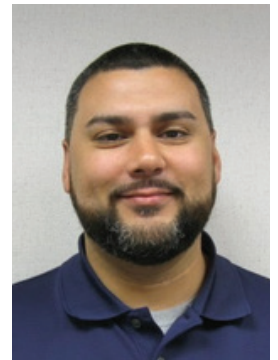
37th Annual Benefit Auction & BBQ

Mark your calendars for this year's event which will be Saturday, September 12! The day begins with breakfast at 6:30am and the Auction starting at 9:00am. Enjoy delicious food, a lively flea market, children's activities and hundreds of auction items. Donations are needed for theme baskets, big-ticket items, Dining for Dollars meals, and handmade crafts. Bring items to donate to the Wheat Ridge front desk or call Kevin Nofgizer, Director of Development, at 717.354.1814.



Welcome to our New Director of Dining Services

In May, Austin Leinbach, was promoted to his new position of Director of Dining Services. Austin joined the Fairmount team in June 2025 as our Dining Manager. Since then, he has shown a sincere commitment to strengthening the dining experience, supporting the growth of our culinary team, and assisting wherever help is needed to serve the department and the Fairmount community. Please join us in warmly welcoming Austin into his new role. We are grateful for his leadership and innovative approach, and we look forward to the positive impact he will continue to have!





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Items of Interest

Blood Drive

On Thursday, August 13, the Central PA Blood Bank will hold a blood drive in the Farm Crest Community Room from 11:30am - 6:30pm. Donors may call the blood bank for an appointment at 800.771.0059 or visit www.cpbb.org.

Outdoor Concert

Enjoy an evening of toe-tapping bluegrass music this August at Fairmount. Tru-Vintage, a local favorite, will perform on Tuesday, August 18, at 6:30pm on the Farm Crest side of campus. The rain date for this event is Thursday, August 20, at 6:30pm. The concert is free and open to the public—just bring your lawn chairs and enjoy the program! For weather-related updates, visit FairmountHomes.org.

You're Invited to Fairmount's Explore Retirement Living Open House



Fairmount, along with 16 other local Continuing Care Retirement Communities, will participate in the 14th Annual Explore Retirement Living Open House on Saturday, October 17, from 10:00am - 3:00pm.

You are invited to stop by and discover the benefits of cottage and apartment living at Fairmount. For more information, contact our Marketing Department at 717.354.1811 or visit FairmountHomes.org.

