

THE MESSENGER

Consider the Honey Bee

“As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them.”

— John F. Kennedy

The other day I read an article that seemed absolutely unbelievable. The article focused on honey bees, and it offered some astonishing facts. The article stated that the average honey bee, in its *entire lifetime*, makes approximately 1/12 of a teaspoon of honey.

Imagine that! Just 1/12 of a teaspoon! Even

someone like me who gets lost in the kitchen knows that 1/12 of a teaspoon is not very much. But yet, if we walk into grocery stores, we see several shelves of many different sized jars of honey. Obviously, several hives of bees were willing to work as diligently as possible in order to produce the countless jars of honey that we see in the stores.

Then I thought about how much the church can accomplish

when everyone works together for a common purpose. When we have a goal, when we have a vision, when we have a mission to achieve, we bond in unity and fellowship in order to fulfill our calling as the church of Jesus Christ. Like those honey bees,

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all of us contribute to the best of our ability, regardless of what it may be, so that we may achieve the desired goal. Indeed, all of us are valuable in God's eyes, all of us are needed in God's kingdom, and all of us have a gift to share that can be used to glorify God.

Throughout the month of November, we will be blessed with opportunities to glorify with our resources in gratitude for all that God has done for us. Not only will we dedicate our
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pledges of time, talents, and financial resources in November, but we will also make a difference in the lives of our fellow human beings, as our Mission Committee is coordinating another book fair and exploring ways to serve the Afghan refugees coming to our area. Similarly our Fellowship Committee is arranging for a Ladies' Luncheon as well as a Christmas party at the beginning of December... our Facilities Committee is doing great work in improving our building... and our Worship Committee is awaiting word for how we may collaborate with another congregation during the seasons of Advent and Christmas. Being

grateful for the fellowship we share through Jesus Christ, we truly have much to anticipate, and to be grateful for, in this extension of the Body of Christ that meets at 1587 W. Exchange Street.

As the Lord continues to inspire us, let us consider how we may offer our gifts to glorify God, to support the work of the church, and to serve our brothers and sisters in the world. Our Lord has bestowed upon us an abundance of blessings, and in sharing them for God's work, all people will have opportunity to taste and see that the Lord is good.

Blessings,
tom

MINUTE FOR MISSIONS

Fall and Winter is a very busy time for the Missions of our church, and this year is no exception. We have several ways in which you can contribute to our special and ongoing missions.

Portage Path Book Fair

Our Portage Path Book Fair is going on now and we need donations from our congregation to help cover the cost of books purchased from Barnes & Noble. The books range in price from \$3-5/each. Please be sure to put "book fair" on the check memo line. Thank you for all your generous donations. *(Minute continued on page 3)*



DST

It's almost time to "fall back." Daylight Savings Time ends at 2:00 a.m. November 7th this year.

In 1916, Germany became the first country to officially adopt DST. It was born out of an effort to conserve coal during World War I. Britain and other European nations quickly followed suit. In 1918 the idea spread to the U.S. A year after entering the war, Americans practiced DST as an electricity-saving measure.



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Christmas Baskets

We have begun receiving donations for our annual Christmas Basket delivery, thanks in part to Sunday's appeal from Pastor Tom. As in the past, the cost is \$45/basket. But, in lieu of physically delivering baskets, on December 18th, we will distribute gift cards, because the Acme cannot accommodate us this year.

Afghan Refugee Resettlement

With the refugee resettlement from Afghanistan happening now and in the future, we will be contributing monetarily and with our gifts. Because we have already received donations from our generous congregation, the Mission Committee has begun to explore how we can support the Afghan resettlement project.

The committee is investigating how to help a local Army veteran assist the family of the interpreter they worked with in Afghanistan, and a collection project through Church World Services.

- Margie Frlich



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30

5:00-6:00 P.M.

IN OUR PARKING LOT

After the event,
participants will gather for dinner at the
Mustard Seed in Highland Square.

OCTOBER 31ST

WE WORSHIP WITH

**ALLENSIDE
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

**410 REXFORD ST.
10:30 A.M.**

AKRON INTERFAITH IMMIGRATION ADVOCATES AIIA ANNUAL CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

Once again, AIIA is focusing on the immigrant families in the North Hill area. But, this year the goal is to focus on the essentials. So, AIIA is asking for donations of \$10 gift cards to Dollar General, Dollar Tree, Marc's, Target, Walmart, or a VISA gift card. If you would prefer you can make a donation by cash/check. Any monetary donation can be dropped off at the office (or in the drop box near the door) before 11/30. Please make checks out to AIIA with North Hill Immigrants in the memo line. Organizers will use those donations to buy items like paper towels, disinfectants... in bulk. If you have mittens, scarves, hats... that you planned to donate, there will be a box in Fellowship Hall. **All donations are needed by 11/30.**

Tuesday, November 2
NCCC will serve the
community as a
polling location.

Don't forget to
VOTE.



**NEW OFFICE
HOURS:**

Mon.—Thurs.

8:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.



How Grant Money Will be Spent in Akron

Mayor Horrigan and City Council leadership will host two informational sessions for the public to hear how the city plans to spend \$145 million in federal stimulus from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). A Zoom town hall will be held Thursday, October 28th at 6:00 p.m. Residents and stakeholders can register for the [6:00 p.m. session](https://bit.ly/3mNxS3q) at <https://bit.ly/3mNxS3q>. To use the call-in option contact the Clerk of Council at 330-375-2256. The events will also be livestreamed at youtube.com/akroncitycouncil. The one-hour session will include a presentation and time for questions for anyone participating via Zoom.



Christmas Party with White Elephant Gift Exchange

Mark your calendar. This year's Christmas party is being planned for Saturday, December 4th. Appetizers will be served at 5:30 p. m. followed by dinner and dessert and the famous gift exchange. Each individual needs to bring a wrapped "white elephant," as in an item from your house that you do not want. (There's a knack to this, which Nancy Clem can explain.) Following the somewhat hilarious gift exchange, we will attempt to sing Christmas carols, led by Ken Heischman on guitar.

Please sign the sheet on the hall table indicating your attendance and what side you will bring. Suggestions include salad, vegetable casserole, a starch, dessert (Christmas cookies would be nice!). The Fellowship Committee will provide appetizers, punch, coffee. A freewill offering will be taken. Bring a mask.



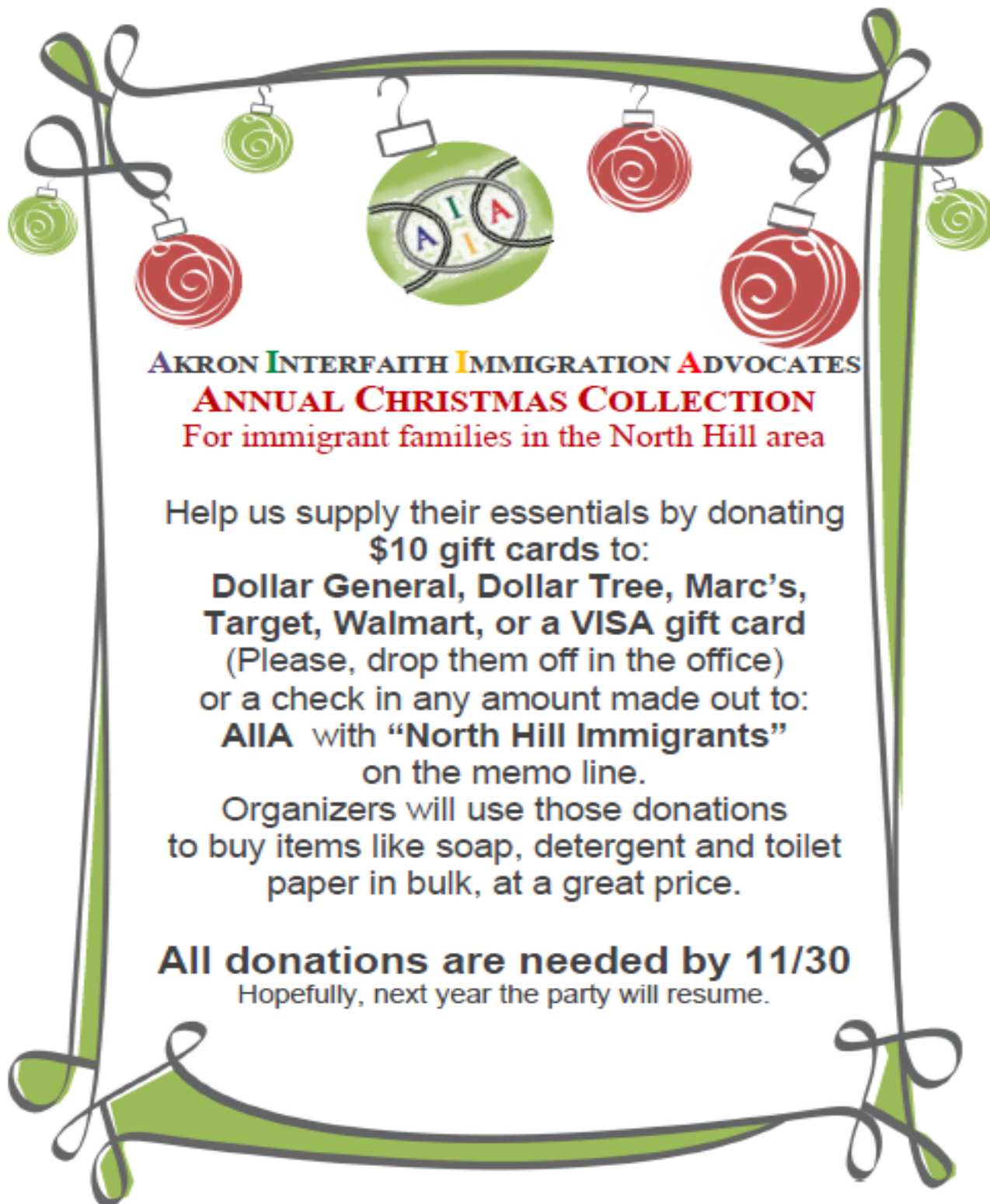
LADIES' LUNCHEON

The Fellowship Committee has planned another ladies' lunch.

Tuesday, November 9, 11:30 a.m., we'll meet at D'Agnese's at White Pond. Please, sign the sheet on the hall table, if you plan to attend.

A BRIEF MEETING

Fellowship Committee members please stay after service Sunday, Nov. 14, to go over some Christmas party details.



AKRON INTERFAITH IMMIGRATION ADVOCATES
ANNUAL CHRISTMAS COLLECTION
 For immigrant families in the North Hill area

Help us supply their essentials by donating
\$10 gift cards to:

**Dollar General, Dollar Tree, Marc's,
 Target, Walmart, or a VISA gift card**
 (Please, drop them off in the office)

or a check in any amount made out to:

AIIA with "North Hill Immigrants"
 on the memo line.

Organizers will use those donations
 to buy items like soap, detergent and toilet
 paper in bulk, at a great price.

All donations are needed by 11/30
 Hopefully, next year the party will resume.



AAIC Meeting

The next AAIC meeting will be Tuesday, November 2 from noon-1:15. The hybrid meeting style allows participants to attend in-person at Church of Our Savior, 471 Crosby St., or via Zoom (Meeting ID is 863 5070 6831 - Passcode is 906431).