

October 15, 2023 Announcements



HOT DOG ROAST

Thanks to the cooks—Ken W., Ken H., and Jim S—for grilling the hot dogs that we all enjoyed last Thursday. Thanks to all attendees and the delicious side dishes they contributed. While there were plenty of desserts, the special treat of the evening was seeing Mary Lindsay again.



It was a great time of fellowship, and we finished up just before the massive downpour which ushered in the colder weather.



Change of Plans

Because of Brad and Katie's commitment in the play ELF, the date of our annual Christmas Party has been changed to

Tuesday, December 5.

No specific details yet, but it will include a potluck. Start time will either be 5:00 or 5:30 p.m. Planning will occur at the November 1 Fellowship Committee meeting.

TRUNK OR TREAT **Saturday, October 28** **5:00—6:00 p.m.**

The sign-up sheet for the annual event is in the lobby in the usual spot. Bring your own candy. Dressing up/decorating your car are optional. You do not need to donate any candy if you are not participating.

Afterwards we will adjourn to the Mustard Seed in Highland Square for supper.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The committee will meet next Sunday after church, to consider openings on the Governing Board and the Nominating Committee. Please submit any suggestions to Committee Chair, Ken Williams.

ACTING STATED CLERK ISSUES CALL TO PRAYER

Bloodshed has come once again in the latest clash between Israelis and Palestinians with declarations of war and revenge coming from Israeli leaders. As hundreds lay dead and thousands injured, we grieve. We stand in shock that this long, battle-scarred conflict has taken yet another deadly turn.

We pray for those that have died, are dying, and wounded on both sides. We ask the Holy Spirit to intervene to bring calm and reason when vengeance and hatred now appear to have taken control.

We pray for our mission co-worker who must navigate this ever-changing landscape and for our partners who have placed their own safety on the line, not only seeking solutions to the ongoing crisis in the region, but also those in Gaza, at the hospitals that are overwhelmed with the dead and injured. We pray that leaders on both sides can step back and consider a peaceful and just solution that benefits all.

While these events continue to unfold, we come to you, O Lord, for your calm voice and guiding hand. Even in the midst of fire, destruction, and the cries of pain from both sides of this horrific scene, we know you are in the midst. May your Spirit dwell among them and guide them to a peaceful outcome for all.



The Rev. Bronwen Boswell
Acting Stated Clerk of the General Assembly
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)



The Rev. Dr. Diane Moffett
Executive Director/President
Presbyterian Mission Agency
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)



MISSION GARDEN UPDATE

This is the combined two week harvest, that Bev Cinovec and Betsy and Steve Davis pulled in from the garden.



5 yellow squash	3 pattypan squash
7 chili peppers	5 tomatoes
6 carrots	6 tiny beets
1 green pepper	1 bag of parsley
1 bag of collards	

Great job! Thank you MG Committee for all of your efforts!

FAITH INNOVATION TEAM MEETING

October 24—1:00 PM

Please Join Us!

FIT will meet in Fellowship Hall to discuss what has been learned during their year of discovery, and discern how to use this information to enhance our relationship with the neighborhood.

We want to hear from you! Please plan to attend and help us envision New Covenant Community Church at work in our neighborhood in 2024.

FIT is an innovative program conducted by Pittsburgh Theological Seminary to help churches determine needs and potential ministries in their neighborhoods. With the blessing of our Governing Board and Presbytery, NCCC has joined several other local Presbyterian Churches to explore new ways of being "the church". FIT members are Nancy Clem, Betsy Davis, Hal Horton, Nancy Williams, and Tom and Shelley Koutnik

AKRON INTERFAITH



IMMIGRATION ADVOCATES

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS

COLLECTION

For North Hill

Immigrant Families

Help us supply their essentials by giving

1. Long-grain white rice (large bag)
2. Black and/or Pinto Beans (large bag)

no cans please

3. Toothpaste
4. Bars of soap

or

\$25 gift cards to:

Dollar General, Aldi, or Walmart

Please, put the items into the boxes on the back pew.

If you are donating a gift card, please put it into the envelope (also on the back pew). Gifts cards will be collected each Sunday and put on Reesá's desk.

The donations will be collected starting Sunday, October 8, and running through December 3.