

THE CONNECTION

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ALLENSIDE & FIRESTONE PARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCHES

But, what if.. What if someone wants to come for a walkthrough of the church building. What if someone comes in and causes a scene. What if someone comes in and they end up stealing something. But what if someone comes in and we respond with grace, compassion and love. What if that was the only positive interaction the person had all day. What if we touched their lives in a way that saved them?



In my moment of need you accepted me #Jesus

*In Faith and Fellowship,
Pastor Lisa*

PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING 2025

Submitted by Kim Birk

Pursue what makes for peace. ROMANS 14:19

On World Communion Sunday, we celebrate that Christ's peace extends throughout all creation. Whenever the church gathers for worship, we are assured of Christ's peace. We celebrate that we are connected, we are loved, and we are not alone. We worship together and are fed from Scripture and at Christ's table of peace. Extending the peace of Christ is part of an active, engaged faith – a witness to what it means for us to be the Church, together. Through participation in the Peace & Global Witness Offering, our church is extending Christ's peace throughout our community and our world.

Allenside and Firestone Park are donating their 25% to South Street Ministries to assist Chris Usner in the Bike Ministry. 25% with mid councils to unite congregations to support peacemaking in their regions, and the remaining 50% supports the work for peace and reconciliation being done by Presbyterians across the globe.

The Peace & Global Witness Offering will be received from now until World Communion Sunday, October 5.

When we all give a little, it adds up to a lot!

PER CAPITA 2025

Submitted by Kim Birk

Per Capita is a way in which all the nearly 10,000 congregations and mid councils of the Presbyterian Church connect, participate and share in the work of the wider church. Per Capita is the primary source of funding for the Office of the General Assembly and is how Presbyterians mutually share the costs of coming together to discern the Spirit's leading for the future. The Per Capita amount for 2025 is \$33.00. \$10.84 goes to the General Assembly PCUSA, \$3.40 to the Synod of the Covenant and \$18.76 to Eastminster Presbytery. Thank you to those who have already donated. Contributions will be received until the end of the year.

THANK YOU!

COMMUNITY BLESSING BOX

Submitted by Jona Rohrs

Our Community Blessing Box continues to be a blessing. As much as our neighbors take, our neighbors leave.

This past summer, I had the opportunity to speak with folks either dropping off food or picking up food. Everyone I speak with is so appreciative of our ministry.

As we enter into the fall/winter months, the blessing box could use the soups, crackers, baked beans, peanut butter, jelly, spaghetti noodles and sauce, applesauce and canned fruit. Hygiene products such as hand and bar soap and toilet paper is needed as well.

While out shopping over the next few weeks, please consider picking up an item or two. Or, if you wish, you can use the below **QR code** to our "Blessing Box Wish List" on Amazon. Thanks to Preston and Kurt Cunningham, owners of the Firestone United Network/Little Adventures Academy, for the creation of the code.



LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS – BACK TO SCHOOL AND DATE NIGHT

Submitted by Jona Rohrs

Firestone United Networking Village (Little Adventurers Academy Childcare Center) is hosting a **"Back To School and Date Night"** for the community to support their "It Takes a Village" parental support initiative and FPPC's mission through donations for the Blessing Box.

Kurt and Preston have designed this event to engage the community and raise awareness about the Blessing Box. The cost of the event is \$25 but is discounted to \$15 per child with the donation of (10) non-perishable food items.

Kurt and Preston are looking for volunteers to help with story time, arts-n-craft or other activities with the kids. The event will be **Saturday October 18th from 1:00-5:00 p.m.**

If this event is successful, they would love to make this an ongoing initiative to maintain momentum in community engagement, mission and service, and consistently reintroduce families to the church

If you are interested in volunteering, please let Jona Rohrs or Pastor Lisa know as soon as possible.

EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE

Here's the September - November Sunday worship schedule for you to clip and save:

All services are at 10:30 AM, alternating between the Allenside Presbyterian and Firestone Park Presbyterian buildings.

- **September 7th – Allenside**
- **September 14th – Firestone Park**
- **September 21st – Allenside**
- **September 28th – Firestone Park**
- **October 5th – Allenside (Communion)**
- **October 12th – Firestone Park**
- **October 19th – Allenside**
- **October 26th – World Communion Sunday - Goodyear Heights @ 10:30a**
- **November 2nd - Allenside**
- **November 9th – Firestone Park**
- **November 16th – Allenside**
- **November 23rd – Firestone Park (Communion)**
- **November 30th – Firestone Park**

To join our services by computer/tablet/smartphone, click this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5118335841?pwd=Z3VFQktHYUINa1RoTEhGU2p2WTErdz09>

To join via phone:

Phone number: 1-646-558-8656 (this is a New York number– note it is not toll-free)

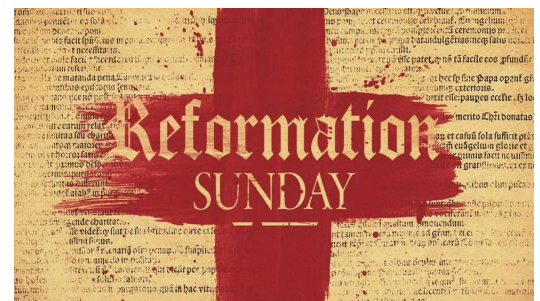
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AKRON-WIDE REFORMATION SUNDAY SERVICE COMBINED CHOIR

Submitted by Rob Phillips, Goodyear Heights Presbyterian Church

There will be a combined choir on Reformation Sunday, October 26 at 10:30am at Goodyear Heights Presbyterian. Rehearsal will be Thursday, October 23 at 7:00pm. If you cannot make the rehearsal, there will be a run through of the music prior to service at 9:45 a.m. The choir will be performing “I Sing The Mighty Power of God” (10094538 Supplier ID: 50-0550UPC: 688670505508). It can be purchased through JW Pepper at 800-345-6296. Choir robes are not required.



THE CONNECTION PUBLICATION SCHEDULE

The Connection will now be a bi-monthly publication of the Allenside and Firestone Park Presbyterian Churches. Members can expect to receive the newsletter every other month. The next edition will be the November/December edition. Please contact the church office with any questions.

ALLENSIDE WOMEN'S GUILD FEATURED

Submitted by Pastor Lisa Zimmerman

The Allenside Women's Guild was recently featured on the Giving Catalog's Facebook page. This page reaches Presbyterian's all over the world! See below.



Giving Catalog

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This [#ThankfulThursday](#), we're SEW excited to celebrate [Allenside Presbyterian Church](#) in Akron, OH.

Allenside Presbyterian Church has an extraordinary Women's Guild known as "The 12 Disciples," which has been active in the church community for nearly 70 years! These dedicated leaders focus on providing warmth to people in their community by giving their handmade hats and blankets out when and where needed. These women also provide gifts through the Giving Catalog by giving items that benefit other women around the globe.

We hope you'll join us in thanking the Women's Guild of Allenside Presbyterian, as well as the entire congregation, which has come together time and again for their community and for women everywhere.

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[#GivingCatalog](#)
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Eastminster Presbytery



CEASELESS PRAYER UPDATE

Submitted by Kari Philipps

Has Ceaseless Prayer changed your life? Are you finding yourself not only thinking of someone but taking a brief moment to say a prayer for the person? Do you take the order of worship home and leave it on your end table or night stand and pray for the families listed each week? Have you turned a concern tugging at your heart into a prayer asking God to help?

These brief little prayers are all part of our Ceaseless Prayer Initiative. It's not always easy to pray or to know exactly what to pray for. A simple, "Dear God, please be with them today" is perfect. God hears our prayers!

To streamline our initiative of requesting prayer, members of both churches should please contact Cindy Dugan at 330-745-2072 (home) or 234-738-8776 (cell) or by email: cdugan8@neo.rr.com. Pastor Lisa can also be reached at (330-697-4287) or by email: pastorlisa.pcusa@gmail.com.

THANK YOU FROM ALICIA – TO APC WOMEN'S GUILD

Submitted by Barb Graham, APC

Thank you so much for the laundry bag and beautiful embroidered towels, they will not only be extremely useful in college but will also serve as a reminder of the kindness shown to me by my 25 grandmothers back at home.

THANK YOU FROM ALICIA – TO APC AND FPPC CONGREGATIONS

Submitted by Barb Graham, APC

Thank you so much for your extreme kindness and generosity. I am so incredibly grateful for your gift as I am heading into college. Even more so, thank you for all your kindness and support you have shown me in the last few years.

Our small but mighty congregations have reminded us once again that when we all give a little, it adds up to a lot.

APC SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

September Birthdays

8 – Kim Birk

10 – Larry Miller

18 – Nathan Fast

October Birthdays

10 – John Bartlett

11 – Wendy Waecliff

20 – Jeannie Bartlett

22 – Evelyn Mitchell

September Anniversaries

19 – Paul and Kim Birk

27 – Wendy and Shelley Waecliff

No October Anniversaries.

We are working on creating and updating a birthday and anniversary list for Firestone Park. If you would like to share your birthdays/anniversaries, please email the church office at fppchurch@gmail.com.

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