



First Presbyterian Church

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Dear Friends,

October 2 will be World Communion Sunday. We share the Lord's Supper on the first Sunday in October every year, mindful that people all around the world have been invited to the joyful banquet of the Kingdom of God.

World Communion Sunday is also the day when we receive the Peacemaking Offering, one of the four special offerings of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Half of the contributions received are used to support the denomination's Peacemaking Program. A quarter of the money supports peacemaking efforts on the presbytery and synod level. Within Eastminster Presbytery, those funds have been used recently to support Goodness Grows, an agricultural mission project of the Common Ground Church Community in North Lima, and the Open M, an agency that helps the needy in Akron.

The remaining quarter of the Peacemaking Offering stays with the local congregation. For the third year, we will be setting aside our local portion for the development of our Peace/Prayer Garden on the northwest corner of our property.

On Sunday, October 2 at 9:45 a.m. we will hold a brief service of dedication for the Garden. Please gather at the northwest corner of our "big back yard" (by Third Street) as we ask God's blessing on this project. It is our hope that this space will become a place of prayer where we can experience the peace of God which passes all human understanding.

May the peace of Christ be with you always.

The Mission Interpretation and Stewardship Committee

Rev. Dr. Meta S. Cramer, Pastor

Please Note – Peacemaking Offering envelopes are located in the Sanctuary Pew Racks.