



It's Still Christmas!

Please join us for service on December 31st at 10:00 am for service led by the Praise Worship team!

PoP Undecorating

The Christmas garlands and trees must come down and be packed away!

- Friday, January 5, 2024, 10:30 am-noon (trees and nativity sets)
- Saturday, January 6, 2024, 10:30 am-noon (garlands and wreaths)

Please contact Dineen if you can help (text: 440-263-6759; email: dterstage@gmail.com)



Annual Budget Meeting

For those who couldn't attend the annual budget meeting but would like review the information, the powerpoint presentation slides can be found on our forms and links page of our website. Or you can click the link below to the right, the link on the left will take you to a video of the meeting! Any more questions contact Dave Covell at thecovells@gmail.com



CLICK HERE

December 29th, 2023

PEACE CONNECTION

Friday December 29th
Pastor Charlie's Day Off

Saturday December 30th
2:00 pm Organ Practice

Sunday December 31st
10:00 am It's Still Christmas Worship

Monday January 1st
Happy New Year!

Tuesday January 2nd
6:15 pm CrossFire Rehearsal

Wednesday January 3rd
2:00 pm Book and Bible Study

Thursday January 4th
Sexton's Day Off
22:00 am FLO Winter Session
3:00 pm Organ Practice
7:30 pm Choir Practice

Friday January 5th
Pastor Charlie's Day Off

Saturday January 6th
2:00 pm Organ Practice

Sunday January 7th
9 & 11 am In Person Worship
10:00 am Christian Education

Monday January 8th
10:00 am Staff Meeting
2:00 pm Organ Practice
7:00 pm SOAP Bible Study

Tuesday January 9th
6:15 pm CrossFire Rehearsal

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Live In Peace*

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- ⇒ All transfers to/from airport/hotel/pier by private coach including meeting/assistance
- ⇒ Comprehensive sightseeing by private motor coach including our finest English speaking guides

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Larry & Raluca Foore

NEW MEMBER PROFILE

Raluca was born in Romania and grew up in Fairview Park with one older brother. After high school, she began her college studies at Cleveland State University majoring in Psychology. She has pursued a career as a Real Estate Agent and an Insurance Agent. Samuel is her stepson, and recently joined POP. They enjoy the company of their 2 doggos also!

She joined POP in October with husband Larry and son Samuel. With everything out there in the world, she felt a need to associate with people that have the same beliefs. One of her interests is a love of cooking.

Larry was born in and grew up in Toledo, OH, with a younger brother. After high school, he attended John Carroll University for 2 years studying Physics. Switching his major to Electrical Engineering, Larry transferred to Cleveland State University to complete undergrad studies and serve as a research assistant with NASA. In the late 1990s, he moved to Florida to pursue a career in the booming wireless Internet access market. While in Florida, his son Samuel was born and he received his Master's from the Florida Institute of Technology. Later, he returned to the Cleveland area in 2004 and worked as a civil servant engineer with NASA until 2011. He then went on to work as Vice President of Engineering for Aclara in Solon, OH until 2018. Larry is currently the Vice President of Engineering at Cattron Global with an office at the headquarters in Warren, OH.

Larry enjoys spending time with his family (dogs included), reading, Bible studies, running, archery, and fly fishing.

Larry and Luca moved to their current Westlake residence in 2019. Samuel joined them in 2023. They decided to join POP after attending many services in the area and are very excited to be part of the family. As we gather in the Prince of Peace community, our journey together is enhanced by each other's presence. Welcome to Larry and Raluca, the Holy Spirit will guide our ever growing church family!

By Tom Robinholt : Profile Reporter



Scranton Mitten Tree

Thank you all once again for the generosity and grace you continuously show the students of Scranton School! We were pleased to deliver the gifts for all 59 of the Mitten Tree students on December 19th along with 77 coats and numerous hats, scarves, gloves, and...of course...mittens! Special thanks to James and Lisa Arrigo, Sue Stevens, Laurie Green, Jim Jaracz and Deb Gibbons for supporting the event and helping us organize the gifts. Thank you to Pastor Charlie, Terry and Dennis McKenzie, Tom Splawski, and Bob Thompson for helping load up and deliver the gifts this year. The opportunity to share the Good News and spread Christmas cheer to the students of Scranton is truly a blessing.

Thank you for all you do for the students of Scranton School and for offering them another blessed Christmas!

Diane & Shawn Merhaut



PASTOR CHARLIE'S BLOG



John 8:12-19

Jesus the Light of the World

12 Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life." 13 Then the Pharisees said to him, "You are testifying on your own behalf; your testimony is not valid." 14 Jesus answered, "Even if I testify on my own behalf, my testimony is valid because I know where I have come from and where I am going, but you do not know where I come from or where I am going. 15 You judge by human standards; I judge no one. 16 Yet even if I do judge, my judgment is valid; for it is not I alone who judge, but I and the Father who sent me. 17 In your law it is written that the testimony of two witnesses is valid. 18 I testify on my own behalf, and the Father who sent me testifies on my behalf." 19 Then they said to him, "Where is your Father?" Jesus answered, "You know neither me nor my Father. If you knew me, you would know my Father also."

So – how was 2023? Are you ready for it to be over?

What were the highlights? What are the things that brought you joy?

What were the valleys and low places? What are the things that brought sadness and despair?

Are you ready for 2024? (It's an election year – that will be fun, right?)

If you could go back to one year ago and give your 2022 self any word of advice in preparing for the year that was to come, what would it be?

As we come to the end of the year, we may look back at resolutions we made at the beginning of the year, and consider new ones for starting tomorrow.

I remember one person say, "My new year's resolution was to lose 25 pounds – I have 40 pounds to go!"

I encourage you as we come to the end of the year and look longingly to 2024, know that God is with you. God sends to us the Light of the World that NO darkness can overcome. There is hope for tomorrow, and even today, for God is with you. God is with us.

What have you learned this year about yourself? What have you learned about your relationship with God? How has worship and your faith journey changed? Of that which you have learned, what will you carry with you? What will be different? What is your hope for your home? What is your hope for the church? What is your hope for your work? What is your hope for our communities?

Know this – no matter what 2024 will bring, God's kingdom is still breaking into our world and into our lives like a light that cannot be overcome by any darkness. God is still with us. God is still with you.

Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

Happy New Year!

Let us pray: Almighty God, let your light shine! As we close the books on 2023, we longingly await the new year, full of new opportunities and maybe some old opportunities we have put aside. Bless us and our loved ones in this new year. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Women In Transition

We are accepting donations of women's toiletries, sanitary products, and umbrellas. The need is great. Please bring them to the donation station. Questions, please contact Jan Filkill, 440-871-6673.

One Step Up (West Haven)

Donations of youth-teen clothing of all sizes. Jeans, shorts, t-shirts, sweatshirts, and hoodies. Please bring them to the donation stations



Second Harvest

For November and December the requested items are cereal and Canned soup.



Giving Data

<u>Operating Giving Report</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>AVG/Week</u>
Total Giving as of Nov. 30th, 2023:	\$410,597	\$8,554.10
% of Annual 2023 Budget Received to Date:	92%	
Remaining Giving Required to Meet 2023 Budget:	\$35,903	\$8,975.75
Remaining Giving Required to Meet 2023 Stretch Goal (i.e. Cover Cost Budget):	\$53,903	\$13,475.75



Lending Closet

Are you in need of some crutches? A shower chair? Walker? Cane?

Please click on the logo on the right hand side of the page or check the website for our updated lending closet list!



Coffee with the Pastor

Coffee with the Pastor will be held the second Sunday of every month at 10 am.

We will meet in the Education Wing Second Cup of Coffee Room. Come for conversation, questions and fellowship. Bring your coffee and donut and join us.



Prayer LIST

Sunday, December 31, 2023

Prayer Request - Long Term

(All prayer requests made after Thursday at Noon will be posted the following week)

Ren	Granddaughter of Linda Baumbach
Stephanie Bailey	Niece of Mary Sue Claus
Don Chismar	
Patty Doran	Sister-in-law of Chuck Sieving
Marcia Drysdale	Friend of Jane Dillon
Dawn Higgins	Neighbor of Fran Molnar
Jayne Kramic	Friend Kathy and Dave McCollum
Deanne Lahner	Niece of Mary Sue Claus & Roseann Fekete
Donna Kucera and family	
Angela Missig	Daughter of Gloria Starr
Jenn Pitts	Daughter of Judy Kazak
Eric and Nicole Quinn	Friends of Matt Wenham
Lois Reichert	
Pam Rotella	
Bill Sweeny	
Robert Sieving	Friend of Kathy and Dave McCollum
Al Tielke	Brother of Chuck Sieving

Recent prayer requests received within the past 3 weeks:

December 17	Shirley Faleer (Ian Faleer's mother) Joan Gruber (Kathy Kettler's cousin)
December 24	Family of Christina Billings Family of Hildegard Sabo Family of Jim McDonough Emily Saunders
December 31	David Saunders Carol Mociulewski (Lisa Woodward's mother) Eunice Reynolds (Matt Wenham's grandmother) Ron Filkill

Happy Birthday

12/01 Jackson Pogachar
12/01 Taylor Reisner
12/01 Ruth Ann Whitbeck
12/02 Charlie Koch
12/02 Dolph Rolik
12/05 Landon Beard
12/06 Franklin Kraps
12/07 Craig Juhn
12/07 Nolan Gleespen
12/08 Christie Wiedt
12/09 Marge Jaracz
12/10 Laurel Covell
12/10 Lora Robinholt
12/10 Monica Dragony
12/11 Sara Burdette

12/11 Jann Daniels
12/13 Ian Cornick
12/13 Ruth Mortensen
12/16 Joe Rowe
12/18 Bud Zanders
12/18 Justice Strieter
12/18 Matthew Roman
12/21 Diane Schlegel
12/21 Matthew Wenham
12/23 Jim Dickey IV
12/24 Uwe Susemihl
12/25 Matthew Alspach
12/29 Roger Hauser
12/30 Mike Gleespen
12/31 Amy Hrouda
12/31 Russ Bauknecht

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

12/11 John & Judy Cuciak
12/12 Don & Diane Miller
12/17 Dave & Carol Novotny
12/19 Diane & Walter Diekroger
12/28 Lowell & Jane Dillon
12/29 Marge & Jim Jaracz
12/30 Robert & Mary Mayer

<u>Date</u>	<u>Online</u>	<u>In Person</u>	<u>Total</u>
12/24/2023	85		
10:00 am		78	
3:00 pm		46	
6:00 pm		147	
9:00 pm		84	
12/17/2023	43	195	238

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Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 9-3

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Sunday Worship Services

9:00 am & 11:00 am in person.

Livestream

Christian Education - Sundays 10-10:50 am

Adult supervised child care for children 5 and under is
offered for both services and during

the Christian Education hour between services.



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