

September 29th, 2023

# PEACE CONNECTION

Friday September 29th  
12:30 pm Young at Heart Lunch

Saturday September 30th  
10:30 Altar Guild Meeting  
11:00 am SIS Service Event  
2:00 pm Organ Practice

Sunday October 1st  
9 & 11 am In Person Worship  
9:30 am First day of Sunday School  
10:00 am Blood Pressure Screening  
10:00 am Confirmation Orientation  
10:00 am Christian education  
10:00 am New Member Class  
4:00 pm Confirmation Families Event

Monday October 2nd  
10:00 am Staff Meeting  
1:00 pm Comfort Quilters  
2:00 pm Organ Practice  
7:00 pm SOAP Bible Study

Tuesday October 3rd  
6:15 CrossFire Rehearsal

Wednesday October 4th  
2:00 pm Book and Bible Study

Thursday October 5th  
Sexton's Day Off  
11:00 am FLOW  
3:00 pm Organ Practice  
7:30 pm Choir Practice

Friday October 6th  
Pastor Charlie's Day Off  
7:00 pm Travel Quest- Fleetwood Mac  
Reunion Band Concert

Saturday October 7th  
2:00 pm Organ Practice

Sunday October 8th  
9 & 11 am In Person Worship  
10:00 am First Day of Confirmation  
10:00 am Coffee with the Pastor  
10:00 am Christian Education  
3:30 pm Travel Quest Pumpkin Train  
7:00 pm Council Meeting

Monday October 9th  
10:00 am Staff Meeting  
2:00 pm Organ Practice  
7:00 pm SOAP Bible Study

Tuesday October 10th  
6:15 CrossFire Rehearsal

*Grow in Faith \* Serve In Love \*  
Live In Peace*

## Young at Heart

Please join us on Friday, September 29th at 12:30 pm. We will be enjoying good food and fellowship at Blue Sky Restaurant, located at 802 Cleveland St. in Elyria. Please note that Young at Heart Lunch will be held on the FIFTH Friday of the month for September. Please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the lower lobby. Questions, contact Kathy Kettler at (440)734-6511.



## Altar Guild Fall Meeting

Saturday, September 30, 10:30 am, Charter Room  
New members (women and men) are always welcome!

Worship plans are coming together for the fall and Christmas. We'll discuss those plans as well sign up for monthly teams for the month(s) that work best for you in 2024.

Altar Guild is a very rewarding, behind the scenes way to share your time and serve the Lord. No specific skills required. Participating is great way get to know and build lasting friendships with other members of our POP family. Interested? Just curious? Come to the meeting to see if this is something for you!! Or call Dineen Terstage with questions (440-455-9558 or 440-263-6759).

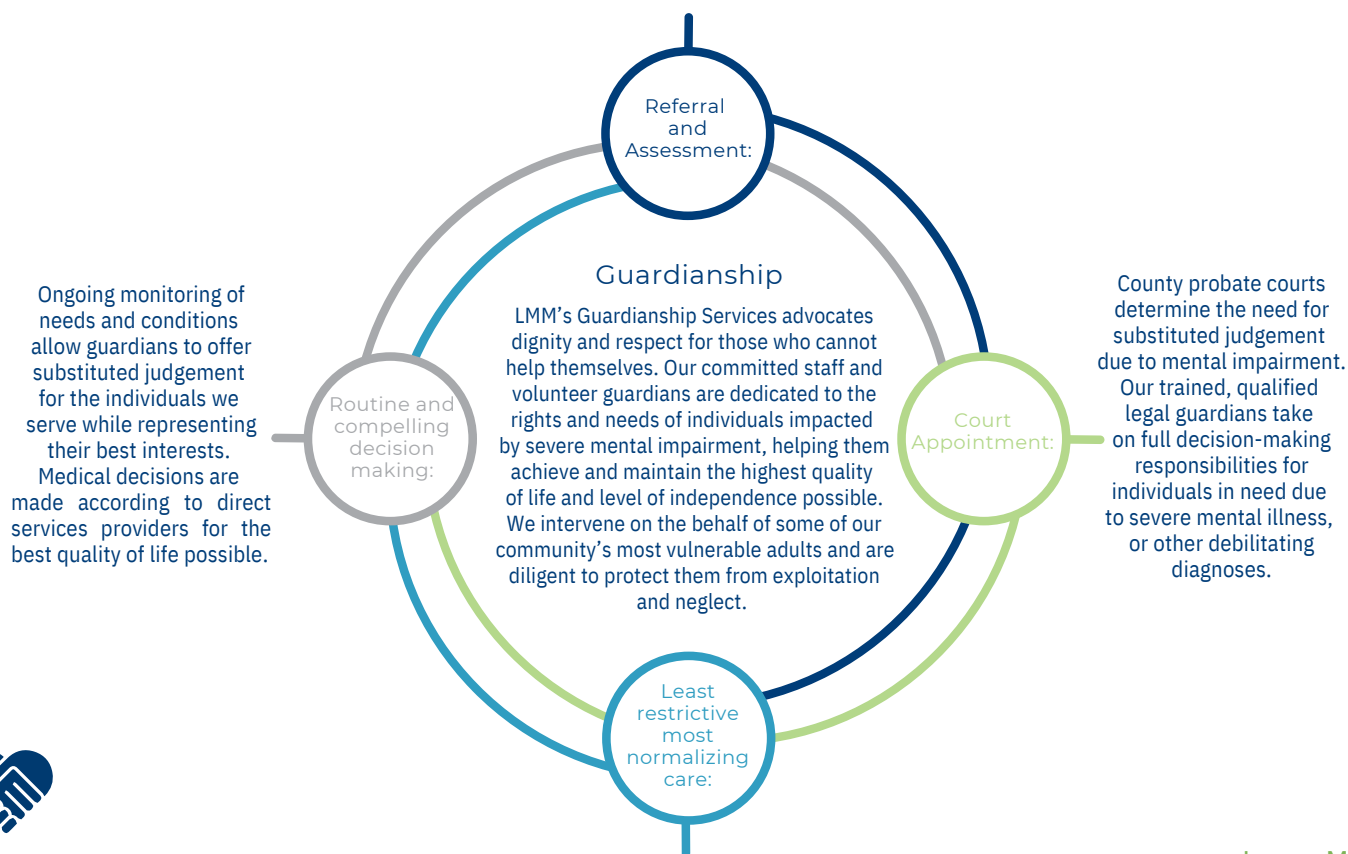


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# Helping Those Who Can't Help Themselves.

## GUARDIANSHIP SERVICES

When less restrictive alternatives to Guardianship are not available, community care teams refer to Guardianship Services for guardian appointments to Cuyahoga and Lorain county indigent residents who lack family advocacy.



### Become a Volunteer

**SUPPORT & ADVOCATE  
FOR A VULNERABLE  
ADULT NEAR YOU**

Join our team of dedicated  
volunteer guardians.

- Training and staff support provided
- First time guardians welcome
- Volunteer on your schedule and your terms

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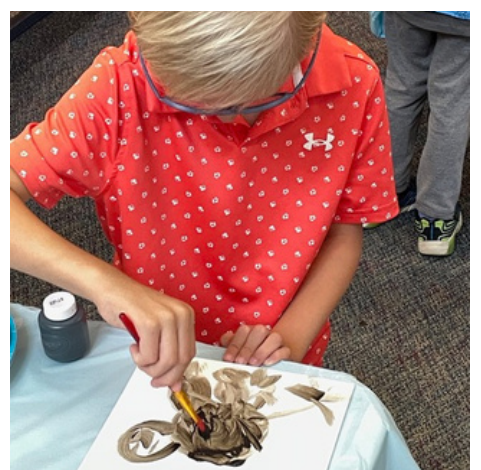
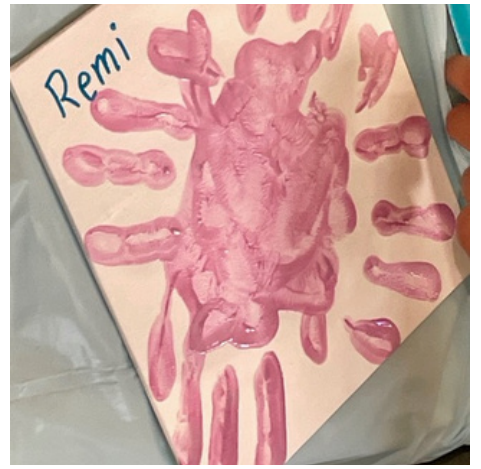
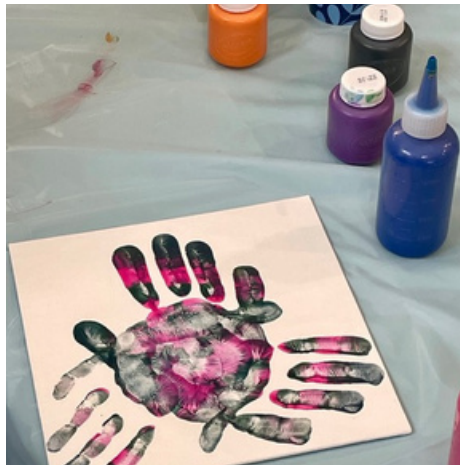
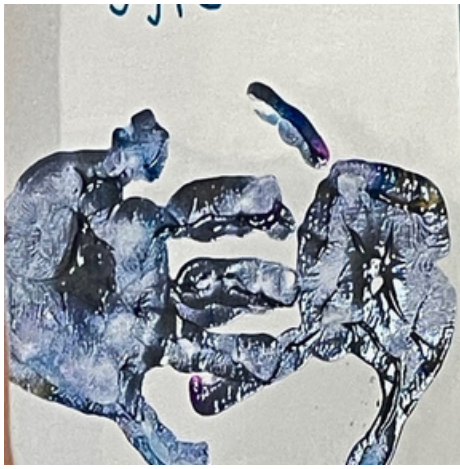
**CONTACT OUR TEAM**

**216.696.1132**

**GSVolunteer@lutheranmetro.org**

The Richard Sering Center  
4515 Superior Avenue  
Cleveland, Ohio 44103







TRAVEL QUEST  
PRESENTS:

# Rumours

## *A Fleetwood Mac Tribute Concert*



JOIN US TO CELEBRATE THIS DAY

OCT  
06

WAGNERS OF WESTLAKE

30855 CENTER RIDGE ROAD  
WESTLAKE, OHIO

7:00  
PM

TO ENSURE WE CAN ALL SIT TOGETHER, SIGN UP AND WRITE A CHECK TO  
DIANE DIEKROGER, LOCATED AT 32929 CATAWBA DRIVE, AVON, 44011, CELL  
PHONE 740-542-1786, BY THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28. FOR THOSE WHO  
WOULD LIKE TO EAT DINNER TOGETHER BEFORE THE CONCERT, LET'S MEET  
AT DON RAMON MEXICAN RESTAURANT, 30610 DETROIT ROAD, WESTLAKE,  
OHIO, AT 5:00 P.M., ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6TH.





# Robert & Della Thompson

## THIS WEEK'S MEMBER PROFILE

Bob was born in Ashland, Ohio and had two siblings Myra, who passed away in 2017, and Doug who lives in New Smyrna Beach in Florida. He attended Ashland High School. He graduated from Ashland College with a major in Business Management. Della was born in Galion, Ohio and attended Ibera High School. She received her three year nursing certificates from Mansfield General Hospital School of Nursing. She had three siblings Phylis, who passed away in 2010, Flora who passed in 2014 and Doris who lives in Galion, Ohio

Today's story is about a loving couple that met at a dance sponsored by the Mansfield Ohio School of Nursing. Della was training to be a nurse at the time. Bob and Della got married after Bob graduated from Ashland College in 1963. Bob turned out to be a job hopper. His first job was as a Production Planner at Westinghouse in Mansfield where their son Steve was born. They moved to Canton where Bob worked at Diebolt. Their son David was born in Canton. The next move was back to Mansfield Ohio, then to Danville, IL to work as a Materials Manager at Bohn Heat Transfer. He finally ended up in Cincinnati, Ohio as a Materials Manager for Keichler Mfg. During these moves Della worked at various hospitals in town and on her undergraduate degree in Nursing, and in 1996 she graduated from the University of Cincinnati.

They were married in the Lutheran church in Galion, Ohio and have raised two sons, Steve age 60 and David age 59. Steve just retired as the Executive Director for the National Center for Appropriate Technology in Butte, Mt. Dave is an Electrical Engineer for Goodyear in Akron. They had two grandchildren, Sam and Oliver. Sam died in August 2023. She was twenty nine years old. Oliver is nineteen years old and is enrolled in Akron University. Della died on June 28, 2023 at Ames Family Hospice House in Westlake. She had battled with Alzheimer's Disease for several years but the disease finally won. Bob knows she is in a much better place.

Della and Bob joined POP in 2001. They had moved to Westlake from Cincinnati and were looking for a home church. Della was a Lutheran from birth and converted Bob. They checked out several Lutheran Churches in the area but chose POP because of Pastor Bishop and his sermons.

Bob has been involved with many groups at POP. His activities include Habitat for Humanity, Church Council, preparing meals at 2100 Lakeside as part of Lutheran Metropolitan Ministries Men's Shelter. Travel Quest and Young at Heart also provide a great connection. His hobbies include growing plants from seeds in his second bedroom, line dancing, square dancing, volunteering as a Red Coat at Playhouse Square and joining hikes with the Cleveland Hiking Club.

Something that people may not know is in 1987 thru 1989 Della and Bob were in the Peace Corps in St. Lucia. Bob was facing a midlife crisis at 48 years old and needed a change. Steve was working out west and David was in the Navy. Their dog of 11 years had passed away and Bob was very dissatisfied with the company he worked at. Bob said it was a great experience. Living two years in a different culture gave him and Della an understanding that even if the culture is different America isn't the only country with nice people.

I enjoy any time I meet Bob, he has a contagious enthusiasm and is always in a positive frame of mind. He is always ready to join in and help in all his endeavors. While serving at the traditional service, you can tell that our Lord has blessed him, and he is happy to praise our Savior!

By Tom Robinholt : Profile Reporter



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September 22, 2023

Pastor Charlie Woodward

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

28455 Center Ridge Rd.

Westlake, OH 44145

Dear Pastor Charlie, and members and friends at POP,

Words can not express my gratitude for all that you have done to help the children of OMNI in Zambia through your recent efforts at the Bluz Concert. Once again your help has raised much needed funds for the children's needs through their education and food assistance program. Children like Daniel and his siblings will be fed and have peace of mind that we care for him and others who share similar needs.

Jon Wilhelm deserves a heartfelt thank you and recognition for your leadership in this event and for your dedication to provide for our children in Africa.

This year was successful in many ways, honoring the life and dedication to OMNI of Ron Claus, raising over \$37,000 for our school, and more importantly, keeping the awareness alive for these children. Because of you, impoverished children have a chance at life, education, and happiness with our support.

May God continue to bless you dear friends. We are blessed by you.

In His service,

Karen Throckmorton, RN

OMNI President



# THE CLEVELAND WEST CLUSTER

## *October 28th, 2023*

WOMEN OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN  
CHURCH IN AMERICA  
FALL GATHERING

REGISTRATION, BREAKFAST, AND  
FELLOWSHIP 8:30 AM  
MEETING & PROGRAM 9:30 AM  
LUNCH 11:30 AM

RESERVATIONS: MARY ANN FILIPOW  
440-845-6428

DIVINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH  
11877 BLOSSOM AVENUE  
PARMA HEIGHTS, OH 44130  
ENTRANCE C2- SANCTUARY







## *Coffee & Open Mic Night!*





PASTOR  
CHARLIE'S  
BLOG



Psalm 42  
Longing for God and His Help in Distress  
To the leader. A Maskil of the Korahites.  
1 As a deer longs for flowing streams,  
so my soul longs for you, O God.  
2 My soul thirsts for God,  
for the living God.  
When shall I come and behold  
the face of God?  
3 My tears have been my food  
day and night,  
while people say to me continually,  
“Where is your God?”  
4 These things I remember,  
as I pour out my soul:  
how I went with the throng,  
and led them in procession to the house of God,  
with glad shouts and songs of thanksgiving,  
a multitude keeping festival.  
5 Why are you cast down, O my soul,  
and why are you disquieted within me?  
Hope in God; for I shall again praise him,  
my help 6 and my God.  
My soul is cast down within me;  
therefore I remember you  
from the land of Jordan and of Hermon,  
from Mount Mizar.  
7 Deep calls to deep  
at the thunder of your cataracts;  
all your waves and your billows  
have gone over me.  
8 By day the Lord commands his steadfast love,  
and at night his song is with me,  
a prayer to the God of my life.  
9 I say to God, my rock,  
“Why have you forgotten me?  
Why must I walk about mournfully  
because the enemy oppresses me?”  
10 As with a deadly wound in my body,  
my adversaries taunt me,  
while they say to me continually,  
“Where is your God?”  
11 Why are you cast down, O my soul,  
and why are you disquieted within me?  
Hope in God; for I shall again praise him,  
my help and my God.

When we gather for our weekly staff meeting, we begin with a time of sharing. We each take a moment to share the highs and lows from the past week and where we have seen the hand of God in these past few days. Some of you may do this as part of your daily devotion with your family members as well.

I ask you to take a moment and reflect on where you have seen God active in the past few days in your life. Where do you see God in the beauty of creation? How have you seen God's love demonstrated by others? What has been a blessing to you for which you are thankful, knowing that God is the giver of all that is good?

Sometimes it seems as if God is hidden from sight, and the words of this psalm echo what is on our hearts – as the deer longs for streams of water, so my soul longs for you, O God.

I appreciate these words, for there is assurance in knowing that when my soul needs to be quenched and God seems far away, I am not alone in that wilderness. I am also assured that God has NOT abandoned me, even when I am longing for more. Take some time to read the words of this psalm again. Do they speak to where you are today?

Then take some time to search, even when it may be difficult to see, where God is and what God is up to in your life today.  
I love the words that end this psalm today –  
Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my help and my God.  
Be assured that God is with us. God is with you. God is always ready to hear our words of thankfulness and praise. And God is always ready to hear the times of uncertainty, longing and doubt, when our souls are thirsting and need quenched.  
God is with us. God is with you.  
Matthew 28:20 – Jesus said, “And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Let us pray: Thank you, God for all you have given. Be with me in the times my soul needs to be quenched. Remind me again and again that you are with me, and will never let me go. 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 July through September the requested items are peanut butter and canned meats.



## Giving Data

<u>Operating Giving Report</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>AVG/Week</u>
Total Giving as of August 31st, 2023:	\$305,357	\$8,724
% of Annual 2023 Budget Received to Date:	68%	
Remaining Giving Required to Meet 2023 Budget:	\$142,143	\$8,303
Remaining Giving Required to Meet 2023 Stretch Goal (i.e. Cover Cost Budget):	\$159,143	\$9,361



## 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.





# CALLING ALL TRUNKS

OCTOBER 14TH 1:30-3:30PM



**Sign up to host a  
trunk for Trunk or  
Treat!**

Seeking creative trunks  
to join us in passing  
out candy. Register  
using the code below!



# Prayer LIST

**Sunday, October 1, 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
Dave McCollum	

## **Recent prayer requests received within the past 2 weeks:**

September 17	Judy Splawski and her family Jeff Tatum (Jann Daniels' friend) Lucille Kromholz (Jann Daniels' cousin) Earl Focht (Fran and Gerry Wilhelm's brother-in-law) Jim Braun
September 24	Courtney Nerad (Barb Fronczak's daughter) Pam Rotella Donna Baker (Fran Wilhelm's friend)
October 1	Mary Meadows Family and friends of Noreen DelGiudice



# Happy Birthday

Date	Online	In Person	Total
09/24/2023	31	136	167
09/17/2023	38	147	185
09/10/2023	32	118	150
09/03/2023	59	125	184

## Prince of Peace Staff

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### Office Hours

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.

09/01 Bill Beard  
09/01 Emily Saunders  
09/02 Ben Hallowell  
09/05 Jacob Jablonski  
09/05 Tim Regan Sr.  
09/06 Tessa Comnick  
09/07 Adam Sanders  
09/08 Donna Fagerhaug  
09/09 Scott Goggin Jr.  
09/09 Joseph Arthur  
09/11 Ken Krueger  
09/12 Joan Drobnak  
09/12 William Pearce  
09/12 Caden Vinci  
09/13 Rebecca Wagoner

09/14 Sami Jablonski  
09/15 Brent Juhn  
09/15 Michelle Mixer  
09/17 Eric Fortuna  
09/17 Karen Vinci  
09/18 Dan Fronczak  
09/20 James Dickey V  
09/23 Aaron Katrincsak  
09/24 T.J. Worsencroft  
09/26 Deb Gibbons  
09/26 Rian Dillon  
09/29 Alli Walker  
09/29 Marsha Regan  
09/30 Remi Bailey

# HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

09/08 Mark & Rusty Blakeslee  
09/09 David & Stephanie Wenham  
09/09 Matthew & Lola  
09/12 Sara & Tom Vitko  
09/13 Ron & Jan Fikill Pogachar  
09/19 Richard & Sally Balch



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