



PEACE CONNECTION

5/17/23

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener." (John 15:1 NIV)

LAST DAY OF
SUNDAY SCHOOL

PLAY CLE

38525 Chester Rd, Avon, OH 44011

SUNDAY
MAY 21
12:30- 2:30PM

Sign up here:



Children's tickets provided by
POP Christian Education

Wednesday May 17th
7:00 pm Engagement Committee

Thursday May 18th
Sexton's Day Off
3:00 pm Organ Practice
7:30 pm Choir Practice

Friday May 19th
Pastor Charlie's Day Off
7:00 pm El Salvador Fund Raiser

Saturday May 20th
Car Show! 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm
2:00 pm Organ Practice

Sunday May 21st
In Person Worship 9 & 11 am
10:00 am Christian Education
11:00 am Gabriel Gross Baptism
7:00 pm Council Meeting

Monday May 22nd
10:00 am Staff Meeting
2:00 pm Organ Practice
7:0 pm SOAP Bible Study

Tuesday May 23rd
7:00 pm CrossFire Rehearsal

Wednesday May 24th
2:00 pm Book and Bible Study

Thursday May 25th
Sexton's Day Off
3:00 pm Communion Ministry Team
Meeting
3:00 pm Organ Practice
7:30 Choir Practice

Friday May 26th
12:30 Young at Heart Lunch

Saturday May 27th
2:00 pm Organ Practice
6:30 pm Open Mic Night

Sunday May 28th
In Person Worship 9 & 11 am
10:00 am Christian Education
10:00 am Adult Gospel Study

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

Major Robert Skufca Memorial Car & Motorcycle Show

Saturday May 20, Noon - 4pm (Rain Date Sunday May 21)



Please plan on stopping by this outreach event where we will be honoring Major Skufca and all of our veterans. For those who are unfamiliar with Major Skufca, he was a beloved member of our church who left us two years ago at the age of 102. He was a regular at the 9am service and shared his experiences of flying a fighter plane in the Pacific theater in WW2. Bob baked cookies for delivery to first time visitors. He also loved fishing and fast cars! He took part in a number of the Westlake July 4th parades. To honor his memory and the service of all veterans, we are making this an annual event in support of hunger relief. This year we are working with the Second Harvest Food Bank located in Lorain, Ohio. No cost to attend the show, just donate some cash or non- perishable food items. To increase our cash support, our General Endowment will match 100% of the cash donations up to \$2,000!



PASTA

Dinner



FRIDAY MAY 19TH

7PM FELLOWSHIP HALL

ADULTS \$15

CHILDREN 10 AND UNDER \$8

HELP US GET TO EL SALVADOR!

Join us for a chef made meal where 100% of the proceeds support the cultural immersion trip to El Salvador!

BUT WAIT, THERE'S MORE

10 raffle baskets including: CLE Sports, Wine'd Down, Pamper Yourself, Kids Fun, handmade quilts, and 5 special Latin American baskets! 50/50 drawing and music at the event!

SEE HILARY FOR DINNER TICKETS

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)

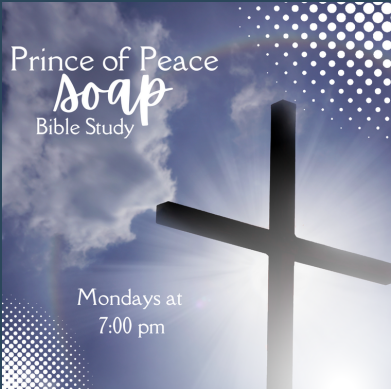
Donations of youth-teen clothing of all sizes.
Jeans, shorts, t-shirts, sweatshirts, and hoodies.
Please bring them to the donation stations.
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SOAP Bible Study

Future schedule of readings:

- 5/22: Acts 16 & 17 (prelude to Philippians)
- 5/29: Memorial Day holiday
- 6/5: Philippians 1
- 6/12: Philippians 2
- 6/19: Philippians 3
- 6/26: Philippians 4



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!



Giving Data

<u>Operating Giving Report</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>AVG/Week</u>
Total Giving as of March 31:	\$138,104	\$10,623
% of Annual 2023 Budget Received to Date:	31%	
Remaining Giving Required to Meet 2023 Budget:	\$308,396	\$7,908
Remaining Giving Required to Meet 2023 Stretch Goal (i.e. Cover Cost Budget):	\$326,396	\$8,369



THE HOLY LAND

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Nazareth
Cana
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Sea of Galilee
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Bethlehem
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Evan Saunders

THIS WEEK'S MEMBER PROFILE

Evan was born in Burnsville, Minnesota. He grew up in North Olmsted with a brother, Lee (age 33), and sister Emily (age 36). His parents Dave and Jan are long time members of Prince of Peace. After graduating high school, he studied at the University of Cincinnati majoring in Electrical Engineering Technology and minoring in Business Administration.

He has been working as an account manager at Beckett Thermal Solutions (formerly Beckett Gas, Inc.) since he graduated in 2018. In this role, he works with a number of large HVAC manufacturers. Evan has helped implement several softwares, is a member of their social media team, manages and recruits for their co-op program, along with many other responsibilities. Prior to Beckett, he co-oped for iHeartRadio in Cincinnati, Ridge Tool (RIGID) in Elyria, and Matrix Technologies in Toledo.

The Saunders family had moved from Minnesota to Ohio at Christmastime in 1997 when Evan was 3 years old. He was baptized shortly after his family joined POP the following year, where he grew up and became a member. Evan has been involved in many groups and missions within our congregation and the community. He devotes much time and energy as a member of church council, a member of the Peace Pavilion (outdoor worship area) committee, an audio/visual technician, a backup sound board operator. Other areas of service include an occasional backup musician for the Crossfire praise band, Adult Interact Class, Buds n Suds, and previously helped run the Agape Feast coffeehouse service and the Wrestling With The Faith (WWTF) podcast. Evan was a member of the Call Committee that brought Pastor Charlie to POP. Wow, that is the definition of engagement!

In his free time his interests include his love for music, through playing instruments (guitar, bass, and drums) and collecting records. He plays various sports, such as golf, soccer, and bowling. Whether at home or with family and friends, Evan enjoys cooking, baking, collecting (and enjoying) whiskeys, and making fun cocktails. He is also a big fan of Star Wars, Lord of the Rings, Marvel, and many other sci-fi and fantasy properties through books, movies, and video games.

People may not know that Evan has built two electric guitars. Merging his love of music and his engineering background, these experiences were so much fun for him. He has several more ideas in his head that he is excited to build at some point. Feel free to ask him about them - he's always happy to talk about them! Every week we learn the story of another member's Faith Journey. Evan has shown his actions and service are a reflection of Christ and how He Loves! You will find him at the contemporary service contributing each week, have a cup of coffee afterwards and make a new friend.

By Tom Robinholt : Profile Reporter

PASTOR CHARLIE'S BLOG



May 17th, 2023

Acts 17:22-31

22 Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. 23 For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. 24 The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, 25 nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. 26 From one ancestor[a] he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, 27 so that they would search for God[b] and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. 28 For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said,

‘For we too are his offspring.’

29 Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. 30 While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, 31 because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

Christ is Risen!

He is Risen, Indeed! Alleluia!

My dad passed away 15 years ago. Today would have been his 99th birthday. But if he were here, he would tell you that he would be celebrating his 197th and 198th birthday this weekend. When Dad was born, the hospital in Philadelphia never changed their clocks when daylight savings time started each year. So inside the hospital it was May 17th. Outside the hospital the date was May 18th.

Happy Birthdays, Dad!

My father was named Frederick Francis Woodward. A family name passed down that always skipped a generation. His grandfather, and great-great grandfather had the same name. When my brothers and I started having kids, he strongly discouraged us passing that name on to our kids – the middle name “Francis” was a cause for teasing and grief.

There is something special about a name. A name sets apart from the crowd. It is unique, identifying, and special. So often, last names tell us about a person’s heritage, nationality, family and so on. And some of the names parents pick for their children come from their past, or maybe it is the only name they could both agree on.

Sometimes names can be embarrassing. Like my dad’s name.

PASTOR CHARLIE'S BLOG



Blog, continued:

I remember meeting with a young boy in my first church several years ago. We worked together on a Boy Scout project called “God and Me.” Together we worked through the program, completed the workbook and then made plans to have him receive his badge for completing the project.

There was a form we needed to fill out so he could receive a certificate. So I asked to tell me his full name. I said, “I know your first name is Nate. Your full name is – Nathaniel, right?”

“That’s right,” he said.

“And your last name is Williams*, correct?”

“Yep.”

I asked, “So what is your middle name?”

“I’m not gonna tell you?”

“Why not?” I asked.

“Because I don’t like it!” he replied.

I said, “Well I don’t like mine. It can’t be as bad as mine.”

“I bet it is!” he said adamantly.

So I told him, “My middle name is Ashley.”

He replied, “So’s mine!”

I will never forget that day! We agreed NOT to include his middle name!

What is important is that names set us apart.

God calls US by name. God names us and claims us as beloved.

And just as important and wonderful that God knows you and me is that we have a God who we can call by name.

Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

This is not an unknown god, who is unattainable and distant.

This is THE God who comes to us in bodily form in Jesus Christ. It is Jesus who invites us to pray to Abba God, Father. It is Jesus Christ who reassures us that the Holy Spirit comes to us. It is Jesus Christ who came to bring us back to right relationship with God and with others.

Yes, names set us apart. To know someone’s name is to be able to call them, to get their attention, to speak directly to them. It is the foundation of a personal relationship.

Call upon God. For God knows you by name, no matter what it is.

Let us pray:

Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, help us to know you, as we are fully known by you. We pray this in your beloved name. Amen.

**- the last name was changed to protect the innocent. Several years after this incident happened, Nate came to worship at the church I was serving some 15 years later. I didn’t recognize him at first, but when he told me his first name, I remembered, and I called him by name. All three of them. I think I embarrassed him that day too!*

Prayer LIST

Sunday, May 14, 2023

Prayer Request - Long Term

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

Charlotte	Great granddaughter of Jan Schoch
Ren	Granddaughter of Linda Baumbach
James Arrigo	
Stephanie Bailey	Niece of Mary Sue Claus
Tony Cacciatore	Father of Chrissy Cacciatore Frey
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	
Howard Ricke	Father of Cindy Zinram
Pam Rotella	
Bill Sweeny	Friend of Kathy and Dave McCollum
Robert Sieving	Brother of Chuck Sieving
Al Tielke	

Recent prayer requests received within the past 2 weeks:

April 30	Al Tielke Diane Fortuna Dan Schoch (Jan Schoch's son)
May 7	Cindy Olen (Terry MacKenzie's sister-in-law) Deion Williams
May 14	Jan Schoch Priscilla Woll (Pastor Charlie's Aunt)

Happy Birthday

<u>Date</u>	<u>Online</u>	<u>In Person</u>	<u>Total</u>
05/14/2023	17	153	170
05/07/2023	28	133	161
04/30/2023	36	129	165
04/23/2023	37	156	193

05/01 Dineen Terstage
05/01 Jim Lappin
05/02 Abbie Gleespen
05/02 Lillian Franz
05/03 Brian Drobnak
05/03 Grant Commick
05/05 Ellen Oster
05/06 Lois Smilor
05/07 Ben Blakeslee
05/07 Lillian Fortuna
05/08 Dave Saunders
05/09 Josh Dragony
05/12 Diane Karp
05/12 Joyce Wood

05/12 Margaret Bailey
05/14 Cassandra Frey
05/14 Gloria McClellan
05/14 Jason Franz
05/15 Brianna Lehman
05/16 Hailey Vitko
05/18 Stephanie Pogachar
05/19 Blake Beard
05/22 Ron Filkill
05/24 Addison Kovach
05/27 Robert Mayer
05/28 Craig Jagels
05/29 Jerry Karp
05/31 Jeff Babinski
05/31 Logan Vitko

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

05/10 Dennis & Terry MacKenzie
05/13 Jeff & Chrissy Frey
05/16 Dale & Monica Dragony
05/18 Diane & Pat Fortuna
05/20 Steve & Kellie Duktig
05/20 Keith & Jane Wyant
05/25 Kristi & Bob Draper
05/29 Tracy & Tom Biller
05/31 David & Kathy McCollum

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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.