

# HAPPY NEW YEAR 2023

Peace Connection  
12/28/22

*Wednesday December 28th*

*Thursday December 29th  
Sexton's Day Off  
3:00 pm Organ Practice  
7:30 Choir Practice*

*Friday December 30th  
Pastor Charlie's Day Off*

*Saturday December 31st  
HAPPY NEW YEARS EVE!  
2:00 pm organ Practice*

*Sunday January 1st  
HAPPY NEW YEAR!  
10:00 am Worship led by the  
Traditional Worship Team*

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

*Tuesday January 3rd  
Noon Bridge- Baumbach  
7:00 pm CrossFire Rehearsal*

*Wednesday January 4th  
2:00 pm Book and Bible Studies*

*Thursday January 5th  
Sexton's Day Off  
3:00 Organ Practice*

*Friday January 6th  
Pastor Charlie's Day Off*

*Saturday January 7th  
2:00 pm Organ Practice*

*Sunday January 8th  
Blood pressure screening day!  
In Person Worship 9 & 11 am  
10:00 Christian Education  
10:00 am Adult Gospel Study  
2:00 pm Praise Band Retreat  
7:00 pm Council Meeting*

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

**Please join us for New Years Day! All are welcome!**

# 2023

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Please join us for worship January 1st, 2023 at  
10 am led by the Traditional Worship Team

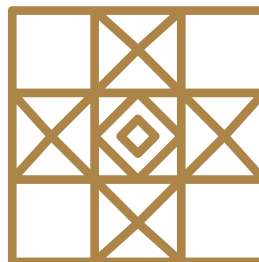
## What Goes Up...Must Come Down!

Christmas un-decorating Saturday, January 7, 2023,  
9:30 am. Altar Guild needs assistance taking down the  
Christmas garlands and putting away the trees. We  
especially need a few ladder climbers to take down the  
garlands. Please contact Dineen at  
dterstage@gmail.com if you can help. Thank you!



## Comfort Quilters

The Comfort Quilters will meet in January on the 9th  
and 23rd. Starting in February we will be back to our  
usual meeting dates, the first and third Monday  
of the month.



## Sunday Livestream Worship Services at 9 am & 11 am

Is the cold keeping you inside?

On Sundays, you can worship with us online!

Please visit our [website](#) where we will Livestream our Sunday Worship Services at 9:00 am and 11:00 am.



## SOAP Bible Study

SOAP Bible Study will be meeting Mondays at 7:00 pm.  
The meetings will be in Narthex or choir area.

All are welcome!

Group Discussion using the S.O.A.P method  
Scripture; Observation; Application; Prayer

For questions, please contact Mark Givens at  
[mpgivens@ameritech.net](mailto:mpgivens@ameritech.net)

Prince of Peace  
*Soap*  
Bible Study

Mondays at  
7:00 pm

## Second Harvest Food Donations

Thank you for your  
generosity in stocking  
our Second Harvest food  
donations!



## Travel Quest

Save the date: January 15, 2023

Event planning meeting  
10:00 am in the Narthex.

Everyone welcome. Suggestions welcome.  
Event coordinators needed.

Save the Date



# PASTOR CHARLIE'S BLOG



From PC's PC (Pastor Charlie's Personal Computer!)

## Galatians 4:4-7

4:4 *But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law,*  
4:5 *in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children.*  
4:6 *And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!"*  
4:7 *So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.*

*Merry Christmas! On the Sunday following Christmas a last year, the service focused on the Christmas Song, "The 12 Days of Christmas."*

*So a trivia question before we continue – if you took all the gifts given in this song, how many gifts would you have when you were done? The answer can be found at the end of today's devotion. There are scripture references for each day below – if you have time, read those too!*

*Legend has it that in the 16th and 17th centuries, Roman Catholic Christians in England were not allowed to practice their faith openly. During that time, someone wrote a carol as a catechism song for the young believers to sing. It has two levels of meaning, the surface meaning, plus a hidden meaning known only to members of their church. The carol is called "The Twelve Days of Christmas." Each element in the carol has a code word for a religious reality, which the young Christians could remember. We will use this teaching tool, this carol "The Twelve Days of Christmas," as the basis for our hymn sing today.*

*The song begins with these familiar words: "On the first day of Christmas my true love sent to me" and it is repeated 12 times throughout the song. "My true love" is God. Ever since the days of creation, God has had a love affair with his creation. Even when his creation turned their backs on him, he loved them none-the-less. The scriptures are a testament to that fact: John 3:16 says "For God so loved the world." God is our true love and he has given us some marvelous gifts - the first of these being on the first day of Christmas.*

*On the first day of Christmas my true love sent to me a partridge in a pear tree.*

*The First day of Christmas is of course Christmas Eve, the night of our dear savior's birth. The single bird spoken of here is to remind the young believer of Jesus Christ, the only begotten son of the father. A branch from the stem of Jesse, from the family tree of David.*

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## PASTOR CHARLIE'S BLOG



Continued:

SCRIPTURE - John 1:14

On the second day of Christmas my true love sent to me two turtledoves.

Two Turtledoves or Mourning Doves was to remind the young believer of the Old and New Testaments, The living word of God. The Bible, both Old and New Testaments, is the cradle in which we find Christ.

SCRIPTURE - John 20:30-31

On the third day of Christmas my true love sent to me three French hens.

The three stands for three treasures of the church: faith, hope and love.

SCRIPTURE - Hebrews 11:1, Romans 8:24-25 and 1 Corinthians 13:4-8a, 12-13

On the fourth day of Christmas my true love sent to me four calling birds.

The four calling birds were the four gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. Through the Gospel accounts of Jesus' life, death and resurrection, the gospel writers, through the power of the Holy Spirit, call people to faith in Jesus Christ.

SCRIPTURE - Luke 1:1-4

On the fifth day of Christmas my true love sent to me five golden rings.

The five golden rings recalled the Torah or Law which was found in the first five books of the Old Testament, the books of Moses, called the Pentateuch.

SCRIPTURE - Romans 6:14,22-23

On the sixth day of Christmas my true love sent to me six geese a-laying.

You have probably heard the question: "Which came first, the chicken or the egg?" That question deals with creation. The six geese a-laying in our song stand for the six days of creation.

SCRIPTURE - Genesis 1:31-2:1

On the seventh day of Christmas my true love sent to me seven swans a-swimming.

The seven swans a-swimming represented the sevenfold gifts of the Holy Spirit.

SCRIPTURE - Romans 12:6-8

On the eighth day of Christmas my true love sent to me eight maids a-milking.

The Eight maids a-milking were the eight beatitudes that Jesus spoke to the multitudes one day on the mountain side. Just as milk does not come from the cow on its own, but it needs help from another, so too when Jesus spoke he did not speak on his own initiative, but he relied upon another, His Heavenly Father, to help him in what he did. ("And opening His mouth" - Jesus knew that there was something to be said, but he did not know what, he did not have notes on the subject ready to pull out of his pocket, but was ready for whatever his heavenly father wanted to say. I think that is why we read in the scripture "And opening His mouth")

SCRIPTURE - Matthew 5:2-10



## PASTOR CHARLIE'S BLOG



Continued:

On the ninth day of Christmas my true love sent to me nine ladies dancing.

It takes time to learn how to dance. Dancing is not usually something one decides to do and goes out and does it. Nine ladies dancing were to remind the young Christian of the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit, fruits that took time to develop in a believer's life.

SCRIPTURE - Galatians 5:22-23

On the tenth day of Christmas my true love sent to me ten lords a-leaping.

The Ten Lords a-leaping was to remind the young believer of the Ten Commandments. The commandments were given because our "True Love," God, loves us so much. A parent tells his/her child not to play in the street, not because they don't want them to play, but because the parent loves them and they do not want their child to get hurt. So too, God has given us the Ten Commandments because he loves us so much and he does not want us to get hurt. The Ten Lords are leaping for joy because their heavenly father loves them so much.

SCRIPTURE - Exodus 20:1-17

On the eleventh day of Christmas my true love sent to me eleven pipers piping.

To "Pipe Up" is to speak up or to say something. The Eleven pipers piping stood for the eleven faithful disciples. The eleven disciples made a point to "speak up," to tell others of the Good News of Jesus Christ. As a result of the faithful eleven disciples the Good News spread from Jerusalem to the four corners of the world, and has spread clear down to us here at Epiphany Lutheran Church in 2020.

SCRIPTURE - Acts 1:12-13

On the twelfth day of Christmas my true love sent to me twelve drummers drumming.

You have probably heard the saying that "a person marches to the beat of a different drum." Well as Christians we "march to the beat of a different drum." In our carol today the last day of Christmas, called the 'Twelfth Day,' the twelve drummers drumming symbolized the twelve points of belief in the Apostles' Creed.

### THE APOSTLES' CREED

*I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,*

## PASTOR CHARLIE'S BLOG



Continued:

*and he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.*

SO, how many gifts?

Note that on the first day, there is one gift.

The second day there are THREE gifts (two doves and a partridge).

The third day, there are SIX gifts (three hens, two doves and a partridge)

By day 3 you are already up to 10 gifts!

The total for all 12 days?

364.

Enough for every day of the year, except for one. That one is the gift of Christmas, as we receive the greatest gift of all, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Merry Christmas.

Receive a benediction as the prayer for today:

*God has called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.*

*May you experience his kindness and blessings*

*and be strong in faith, in hope and in love.*



## **“Member Profile”**

### ***This Week’s Feature : Mary Sheridan***



Mary was born in Bowling Green, Ohio, the youngest of 3 girls. Her Father was a Lutheran Minister, her Mother was a Teacher. They lived in the parsonage across from the church. The family moved to Massillon when she was 6 as her father became the pastor there. She completed grade school and junior high school here. Her father was relocated to a church in Clinton, Ohio and also served a country church (2 parishes at once) in West Lebanon. Mary graduated from Northwest High School.

Upon high school graduation, Mary entered The Lutheran Hospital Nursing School in Cleveland and completed training and classes and became an RN. In those days, students could not be married and had to live in the dorms adjacent to the hospital. Passes were required to go places and the rules were strict, but she had a lot of fun throughout this experience.

She met her first husband, Marty, at a dance in her senior year. Marty was a senior at Case Western Reserve, and they married a year later. They lived in Cleveland Heights where he completed his PhD while Mary worked as an RN at University Hospital. After moving to Rocky River, they eventually had 2 sons. Mary worked part time at Lutheran Hospital. Unfortunately, they were divorced in 1977 and she remained in Rocky River to raise the two sons and worked as a nurse.

In 1995, Mary met and married a wonderful man named Jim Sheridan and they joined POP in 1996. Jim had an established career as the Comptroller of Production Tool Supply in Cleveland. They bought a home in North Ridgeville. In 2002, they split time between Ohio and Fort Myers, Florida and became “Snowbirds”. They had wonderful years playing golf, going on cruises, being on the beach, pool activities, aerobics, and lots of sunshine and enjoying time with good friends. They got involved in Zion Lutheran Church at this time.

Unfortunately, Jim passed away in 2019 from pancreatic cancer. Mary has been to Florida for the past 3 winters to be with friends, but dearly misses Jim. They had 24 years of marriage together! Prior to retiring, she had been serving at Deaconess Hospital helping contribute to one of her passions, Mental Illness for over 15 years. Another love of hers is her pets, both dogs and cats. She had the dogs certified as Pet Therapy Aides. They have visited St. John’s Westshore and nursing homes after working with Sue Hosler’s help as activity director to provide comfort that her dogs were trained for. She also loves to read with her cats as a form of relaxation.

Mary continues to live in North Ridgeville, and has recently rejoined POP as a member. She loves Pastor Charlie and the members, she is also involved in many missions here. They include: Ushering, Greeter, Lesson Reader, Wednesday Bible Study, Altar Guild, Rummage Sale and Pastoral Partners visits to shut-ins. You will always hear her offering to help when the need exists. Her devotion to family is apparent as you listen to her. Currently, she has a son in Avon and a daughter-in-law and 2 grandsons, 7 and 11, and 2 stepsons and 4 step grandchildren. One step son lives in Costa Rica, and one nearby.

One thing many may not know about Mary, she loves the Sunday donuts! As she attends Saturday night events, the service donuts are delivered from a Strongsville bakery. It takes all of her willpower to resist taking an early sample. But she waits patiently to enjoy this treat each week. I have been impressed with her gentle style and kind attitude. Please say hello to her after the service, you will see God’s Love reflected in her smile!

By Tom Robinholt : Profile Reporter



## OMNI Medical Mission Trip July 2023

OMNI is planning a medical mission trip to Zambia around July 7-20 th . OMNI has historically done these trips annually up until 2020 when the pandemic hit. They are looking for medically trained people to join them (i.e. doctors, nurses, EMT's, etc.). Karen Throckmorton, President of OMNI, will lead the team. Members of the team raise the funds to cover the trip costs. Prince of Peace has been a sponsor of people on previous trips to serve the absolute poor children and communities surrounding OMNI's school in Zambia. This will be a life changing opportunity if you are willing to go. Please contact OMNI board members Jon Wilhelm (everythingbutceramics@yahoo.com) or Charlie Koch (treasprinceofpeacewestlake@gmail.com) if you are interested.



## Online Giving

Your generous online offering allows us to preach the gospel, make disciples, and support others in our community who need help. As a community, we are grateful for one another's loving support. [ONLINE GIVING](#)

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(866) 863-5410



## 2022 Giving Report

	YTD	AVG/week
Total Giving as of November 30th:	\$371,500	\$7,740
Percent of Annual 2022 Budget Received to Date:	93%	
<u>Giving Required to Meet 2022 Projected:</u>	<u>\$41,100</u>	<u>\$10,275</u>
Remaining Giving Required to Meet 2022 Stretch:	\$73,500	\$18,375

**NEW  
UPDATE**

## Second Harvest Food Bank

For the month of December, requested items are cereal and canned soup. The collection containers are located as you enter the Education Wing. Thank you! [Learn more](#)



## PoP Choir

Choir rehearsals for the fall season are Thursdays from 7:30 - 9:00 pm in the sanctuary.

All are welcomed to join us for rehearsals, and no prior experience is required.





# Prayer Concerns

***Please join us in praying for members and friends with recent needs:*** Donna, the Lusk Family, Joan, Lori, Jane Carlson, Jann Daniel's and family, June Zweidinger, Jan Schoch, Kira Johnston, Natalie Saunders, Ali Accarino, Erika Jones, Joe Pearce, Jean Winslow, Joan Gruber, family and friends of Faye Rose, Lisa Arrigo's family, Terry and his wife Mary, Audrey Swanson, Sharon Detrich, Jean Winslow's family, and Grace Dye.

***Also, we pray for chronic, long-term care needs:*** Charlotte, Renn, James Arrigo, Stephanie Bailey, Tony Cacciatore, Don Chrismar, Patty Doran, Marcia Drysdale, Dawn Higgins, Jayne Kramic, Deanne Lahner, Angela Missig, Jenn Pitts, Eric and Nicole Quinn, Lois Reichert, Howard Ricke, Pam Rotella, Bill Sweeny, Robert Sieving, and Al Tielke.

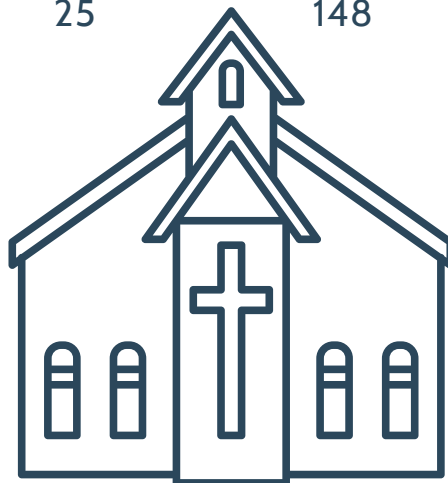
*Please notify the office of prayer concerns. These names will be shared with our prayer chain ministry & remain on our prayer list during Sunday worship for 3 weeks.*



## Attendance at Prince of Peace

<u>Date</u>	<u>Online</u>	<u>In Person</u>	<u>Total</u>
11/25/2022	32	49	81
11/24/2022	38	98	136
12/18/2022	40	147	187
12/11/2022	20	171	191
12/4/2022	25	148	173

WEDNESDAYS





# Happy Birthday

12/01 Jackson Pogachar  
 12/01 Ruth Ann Whitbeck  
 12/01 Taylor Reisner  
 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  
 12/08 Ron Claus  
 12/09 Marge Jaracz  
 12/10 Laurel Covell  
 12/10 Lora Robinholt  
 12/10 Monica Dragony  
 12/11 Jann Daniels  
 12/11 Sara Burdette

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 Matthew Wenham  
 12/21 Diane Schlegel  
 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



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

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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.