



PEACE CONNECTIONS

August 4, 2021

COVID Directions – The Next Steps

The good news is that things are getting better! Numbers of new cases are falling, and restrictions are being lifted in our communities, and we hope and pray things will get back to normal soon. An update from the H&S committee will be coming soon including what comes next, and what can each of us be doing to help.

At Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, our two main principles guide us:

- To proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ in Word and Sacrament and carry out God's mission as God leads.
- To be mindful of the health and safety of all.

As we move forward to provide a safe environment for all, here is an updated guideline from the Health and Safety team, effective immediately.

- We encourage all who are not vaccinated to please wear a mask. This message will replace the 'Masks Required' signs
- We invite children forward for children's sermons and to play instruments with the same guidelines. We encourage parents to have their unvaccinated children use hand sanitizer after playing the instruments.
- We will return bulletins back to the 9 am and 11 am worship services.
- We will return the attendance pads, hymnals, and bibles back to the pews.
- We will take down the large COVID banners at the entrance.
- We will live stream the 9 am (contemporary) and 11 am (traditional) services. These services will be available on our YouTube page afterwards as well.
- Communion will be offered at the altar by Pastor Charlie and a communion assistant, both who are fully vaccinated. Directions on how this will flow will be made available in a video as well as morning announcements at worship.
- We will continue to offer individual pre-packaged cups for those who wish to commune using these.
- For groups meeting at the church, we encourage those who are not vaccinated to still wear masks.

Once again, the concern is not just for ourselves, but for our brothers and sisters in Christ.



Communion instructions at Prince of Peace

Please view [Pr. Charlie's video](#) for the new communion instructions at Prince of Peace.

Sunday Livestream Worship Services at 9 am & 11 am



This Sunday, worship with us online! **You Tube**

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



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](#)

Second Harvest Food Bank

For the month of **July-Sept**, requested items are **peanut butter and canned meats**. The collection containers are located as you enter the Education Wing. Thank you.

July, 8th Donation: POP collected **263lbs** of food, which equates to **220 meals**!



School Supplies for Scranton Elementary

Back to school season is here! We will be collecting school supplies again to support Scranton School in Cleveland.

Please consider donating the following items identified by Scranton School teachers as items of need: Crayons, Pencils, Glue Sticks, Dry-Erase Markers, Loose Leaf Notebook Paper, Disinfectant Wipes, Hand Sanitizer, Hand Soap, School Scissors, Book Bags, and Kleenex, Deodorant, and Wrapped Sanitary Pads.

Donations can be left in bags by the Donation Station in the Administration Wing. Please return by Sunday, August 29th for delivery the following week.

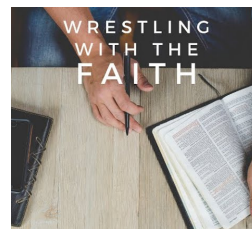
Any questions, please contact Diane Merhaut at teachmeabc123@aol.com



"Wrestling with the Faith"

Check out the latest episode of the [Wrestling with the Faith](#) podcast coming out Thursday, Aug 5th! This episode, we discuss Ephesians 4:25-5:2 "Not Giving Into Anger". We were joined this week by PoP member, Mark Givens.

Join us in our discussion and let us know your thoughts in the comments section! You can watch on YouTube, Spotify, Apple or Google!



August 4-15, 2021

Wednesday, August 4

9:00 am Organ Practice

2:00 pm Pr. Charlie's Bible Study/CR

Thursday, August 5

Sexton Day Off

Friday, August 6

Pr. Charlie's Day Off

Saturday, August 7

9:00 am Organ Practice

Sunday, August 8

9am & 11 am Livestream Worship

9:00 am Contemporary Worship

11:00 am Traditional Worship

6:00 pm Council Meeting

Monday, August 9

10:00 am Staff Meeting

7 pm Bible Study - All are welcome!

Tuesday, August 10

10:00 am Discovery Group/Library

7:00 pm CrossFire Rehearsal

Wednesday, August 11

9:00 am Organ Practice

2:00 pm Pr. Charlie's Bible Study/CR

Thursday, August 12

Sexton Day Off

6:30 pm Pastoral Partners

Friday, August 13

Pr. Charlie's Day Off

Saturday, August 14

9:00 am Organ Practice

Sunday, August 15

9:00 am Pancake Project

9:00 am Contemporary Worship

11:00 am Traditional Worship

Thank you to all who came out to Sunday's "I'll Be Home for Christmas"!



Worship Volunteer Survey

Dear Prince of Peace Members,

It is difficult to believe that we are heading into the Fall, the summer seems to fly by so quickly. As we prepare for Fall worship, we are in need of volunteers to help our services run smoothly. If you are willing and able to serve our congregation in this capacity, please complete the survey hyperlinked below. Our next volunteer schedule will begin in September, so please complete ASAP.

Current Volunteers

Please also respond to the survey to verify that you are willing to continue to serve and in which capacity.

New Volunteers

Please do not be intimidated by a role you are feeling called to do, you will be given guidance in the role(s) you select. If you find it doesn't work, no worries you can be removed from the list at any time. When scheduling we survey to learn dates that don't work and typically assign for a few months at a time. We try to send reminders the week of serving. For most positions you will be assigned about once every month or two, depending on the number of volunteers.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration! [Worship Volunteer Survey](#)

Altar Guild Rummage Sale! This Saturday, August 7th from 9am-2 pm.

Prince of Peace Altar Guild will be holding their annual Rummage Sale this Saturday!

We will be collecting your donated "treasures" through Friday, August 6th.

Set-Up Week - 9:30am - Noon (August 2nd - 6th)



Rummage Sale Help Needed!

Altar Guild is requesting your assistance in making our sale a success. We need help with on collection evenings/days, set up week and assistance on sale day assisting shoppers and clean up.

Sign up on the clipboard in the lower narthex or sign up using the online Google form by [clicking here](#).

Homecoming Outdoor Worship Service & The Installation of Pr. Charlie

Sunday, August 29th at 10:00 am

Please join us for the installation service of Pr. Charlie. It will take place at Prince of Peace on Sunday, August 29 at 10am The Rev. Mitch Phillips, Assistant to the Bishop, will preach and preside at this special occasion, taking place during the congregation's Sunday service.

- 10 am Outdoor service - bring your own lawn chairs
- Installation of Pastor Charlie
- Outdoor Lunch
 - Bring your own food
 - Bring your own tailgate equipment
 - Prince of Peace will provide dessert
- Wear your favorite team's colors

HOMECOMING OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE!

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10:00 am**



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bring your own food - if you would like to bring food to share with the congregation, you can!
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Pancake Project



Our next Pancake Project scheduled for August 15, has been CANCELED.
Stay tuned for new date!

Christian Education and Youth are seeking your unused grocery bags and cardboard shipping boxes. These will be used for the Pancake Project and food donation collection to more easily transport items for distribution. Please drop off to Christian Education Office. Thank you!



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For more information, visit our website: www.princeofpeacewestlake.org/youth

Bible Study with Pr. Charlie ~ Wednesdays at 2:00 pm



On Wednesday afternoons at 2:00 pm, come and join Pastor Charlie for an hour long Bible Study focusing on the Bible readings for the upcoming Sunday.

ALL are welcome! Bring your Bible. All other materials will be provided.
We will meet in the Charter Room.

Women's Re-Entry

There is a great need for umbrellas, along with socks, toiletries, hygiene products and underwear. Items can be dropped off at the donation station. Sorry, but we are not accepting other clothing donations at this time. Thank you! Questions, please contact Jan Filkill 440/871-6673.

Bluz Over Africa Annual Fundraiser!

Sunday, October 10, 2021 from 5-9:00 pm at St. Clarence Pavilion,
30106 Lorain Rd in North Olmsted.

Be a part of OMNI's biggest annual fundraiser! *More info to follow.*

For more info on Orphan Medical Network International,
go to: OMNI



In Memory of POP Member Bob Skufca

(Originally published September 18, 2019)



The story of Bob Skufca is a wonderful story, and I can only capture a small portion in this brief profile. Bob turns 100 on October 6, 2019. I invite everyone to help celebrate that milestone with Bob.

Bob was born and grew up in Cleveland. He had one sister, Eleanor, who currently is living at St. Mary's of the Woods in Avon, Ohio. He attended John Marshall High School and graduated in 1941.

World War II was ramping up in those days, and Bob worked for only a short time before being drafted into the Army in May of that year. After he joined the service, and before he shipped out, he was married to his high school sweetheart, Catharine.

He was in the 4th Armored Division in New York when he found out they had a Cadet Exam for Flight School. He had always wanted to fly, and decided to take the exam. Bob finished 2nd, ahead of many college grads. He was sent to Alabama in the Army Air Core for initial training. He had further training in Georgia and graduated; he requested fighter planes.

He was assigned to fly the P47 Thunderbolt, which carries only the pilot. (See the photo of the Model P47 that Bob built). Eventually he was transferred to Richmond, Virginia, and was there for 20 months as an Instructor and Section Commander. From there he was transferred into a fighter group based on the Pacific Island of I.E. Shima which lies a few kilometers off the Motobu Peninsula on Okinawa.

He and the other pilots in the group would fly missions up to Japan and over to Shanghai and other islands. The missions included, dive bombing, and strafing runs. At one point his wing man lost an engine and bailed out.

Fortunately, he was located in the ocean by a PBY Search Aircraft. Unfortunately, the rescue crew crashed trying to save him. Both crews were, however, picked up by an American Submarine. Bob said that his plane was also hit at one point by a shell through the cowling, which covers the plane's engine, but he was able to keep flying. With two extra wing mounted gas tanks, the P47 was able to carry up to 1000 gallons of fuel, which allowed them to stay aloft for close to eight hours at a time. He was equipped with 50 caliber machine guns and four rockets.

Bob was married to Catharine for 45 years; they had two children. Their son, Robert, who is 76, lives in Westlake. He graduated from Kent State University, and has now retired from a construction company. Their daughter, Barbara, who graduated from Hiram College, lives in New England. Catharine was diabetic, and eventually lost both legs to amputation. Bob's second marriage to Joy lasted 17 years. Sadly, Joy died from pancreatic cancer about 17 years ago.

After his active duty, Bob stayed active in an Air Force Group, and he became an Air Traffic Controller, initially working out of Hopkins Airport. When they opened the regional Air Traffic Control Location in Oberlin, Bob transferred there. As with many Air Traffic Controllers, high stress was one of the reasons for stepping aside.

Bob loves to read, often getting 12 books at a time from the used book store, and then selling them back when he wants more. He reads history and military books as well as mysteries. He also likes to make and paint model air planes. Up until eight years ago he had a 24-foot fishing boat and loved to fish. Although he has recently stopped, he baked cookies for years for the welcome bags given to Prince of Peace visitors.

When asked what he would like to say to the congregation as he approached 100 years, he stated. "God bless all the folks at Prince of Peace". What a great story, and what a wonderful man.

Dick Hardy
Profile Reporter

Prayer Concerns

Please join us in praying for members and friends with recent needs: Maddi Gaier (friend of Megan Harber), Dennis MacKenzie, Susan Prebish (sister of Beverly Braun), Bill Vorobej, Marilyn Wingfield.

Also, we pray for chronic, long-term care needs: Charlotte (gr. granddaughter of Jan Schoch), Ren (granddaughter of Linda Baumbach), Stephanie Bailey (niece of Mary Sue Claus), Cathy Blitz (sister-in-law of Jann Daniels), Joanne & Tony Cacciatore, Don Chismar, Marcia Drysdale (friend of Jane Dillon), Matthew Gilbride, Denny Giza (friend of Ellie Sanow), Chris Henry (nephew of Lisa Arrigo), Dawn Higgins (neighbor of Fran Molnar), Gale Johnson (friend of Kathy Kettler), Gail Jones, Deanne Lahner (niece of Mary Sue Claus), Angela Missig (daughter of Gloria Starr), Steve Park (cousin of Deb Gibbons), Jenn Pitts (daughter of Judy Kazak), Lois Reichert, Katy Rolik (daughter of Dolph and Judy), Greg Rolitsky (friend of Mary Sue and Ron Claus), Pam Rotella, Karla Sexton (friend of Pat Sprague).

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. In Death: Bob Skufca

Giving Report

Operating Giving through June 30, 2021	\$170,764
Percent of Annual Budget Received	49%
Remaining Goal	\$179,236

Attendance at Prince of Peace

Date	Online	In Person	Total
08/01/2021 Outdoor Service		160	160
07/25/2021	35	121	156
07/18/2021	37	128	165
07/11/2021	35	126	161

August 8, 2021 Sunday Readings:

First Reading: 2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33 and Psalm 130

Second Reading: Ephesians 4:25-5:2

Gospel Reading: John 6:35, 41-51

Happy Birthday

08/05 Chip Bailey	08/09 Bill Borobej
08/06 Dale Dragony	08/11 Joey Frey
08/06 Sharon Olson	08/14 Tom Drobnak
08/09 David McCollum	08/14 Addy Lipschutz

Happy Anniversary!

08/04 Charlie & Lisa Woodward
08/04 Brad & Bethany Pearce
08/07 Brent & Daniea Beard
08/10 Doug and Carol Leavens
08/12 Paul & Jean Winslow
08/13 Christine & Al Tielke
08/15 Joseph & Christina Billings
08/15 Joseph & Mary Olah

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Office Hours

During the Covid-19 crisis, we have limited office hours:
Monday and Friday 10 am-3 pm; Sunday 8:30-11:30 am

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Sunday Worship Services

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

[Livestream](#)

Christian Education - Sundays online

Child Care - Currently suspended due to Covid.

