

MARCH 8TH, 2023

PEACE CONNECTION

Wednesday March 8th
12:00 pm Lent Soup and Study

Thursday March 9th
Sexton's Day Off
11:00 am FLOW
3:00 pm Organ Practice
7:30 pm Choir Practice

Friday March 10th
Pastor Charlie's Day Off

Saturday March 11th
2:00 pm Organ Practice

Sunday March 12th
In Person Worship 9 & 11 am
10:00 am Christian Education
7:00 pm Church Council

Monday March 13th
10:00 am Staff Meeting
2:00 pm Organ Practice
7:00 pm SOAP Bible Study

Tuesday March 14th
7:00 pm CrossFire Rehearsal

Wednesday March 15th
12:00 pm Lenten Soup and Study
7:00 pm Engagement Committee

Thursday March 16th
Sexton's Day Off
11:00 am FLOW
3:00 pm Organ Practice
7:30 pm Choir Practice

Friday March 17th
Pastor Charlie's Day Off
8:00 am Life Line Screening

Saturday March 18th
2:00 pm Organ Practice
5:00 pm Agape Feast

Sunday March 19th
7:00 am Blood Drive
In Person Worship 9 & 11 am
10:00 am Christian Education
10:00 am Adult Gospel Study
10:00 am Funeral Pre-Planning Workshop
1:00 pm Blossom Hill Service

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

S.I.S. = Sisters In Spirit

Join your fellow Sisters In Spirit on Saturday April 1st at 6:00 pm in the Prince of Peace Narthex.

Please bring your favorite photo (and the story behind it) along with a snack to share. Feel free to invite a friend or two as well.

Any questions, ask Monica Dragony at mkmonica66@gmail.com

Young at Heart Lunch

Friday March 24th at 2:30 pm
Legacy Restaurant
750 Jaycox Rd.
Avon Lake, OH

A sign up Sheet has been posted in the lower lobby.



New Member Classes

Have you been thinking about becoming a member?

Please join us!

April 23rd & 30th at 10:00 am in the fellowship hall.



ALL ARE WELCOME

Lent Soup & Study

Beginning on Wednesday, March 1st, we will gather for Soup and Study at noon in the Fellowship Hall through the season of Lent.

The video series “The Way” by Adam Hamilton will be our study focus for Lent. Pastor Charlie Woodward will lead the discussions.



Funeral Pre-Planning Workshop

- Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall
- Sunday, March 19 at 10 am

What happens when you die? It may not be what you want to talk about, but it needs to be talked about.

Pastor Charlie can have the theological conversation with you about this, but what about the logistics? Who is contacted? How are funeral plans made? What are the details?

On Sunday, March 19 at 10 am, Pastor Charlie will be leading workshop on funeral pre-planning. A packet of materials will be given to each participant for guidance in making plans for funeral or memorial services and other details.

Your pre-planning of details will be a benefit to your loved ones as well as the church. Once the document is completed, a copy can be kept on file at Prince of Peace, and can be updated at any time. An additional copy can be kept with your other important document. Come join us for this information workshop.

PRINCE OF PEACE FUNERAL PRE- PLANNING WORKSHOP

SUNDAY, MARCH
19 AT 10 AM



POP
FELLOWSHIP HALL

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU DIE? IT MAY NOT BE
WHAT YOU WANT TO TALK ABOUT, BUT IT NEEDS TO
BE TALKED ABOUT.

Altar Flowers



Altar Flowers

For \$24 you can purchase an arrangement for every Sunday service to honor a family member who has passed, an anniversary, birthday, or any other event.

You can sign up in the Narthex on the sign up sheet! You can pick any date, as often as you'd like!

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

28455 Center Ridge Road, Westlake, OH

~ HOLY WEEK ~

Come and Join The Journey to The Cross and Tomb

Palm Sunday, April 2

9:00 am Contemporary † 11:00 am Traditional

Maundy Thursday, April 6

† Maundy Thursday Service 7:00 pm

Good Friday, April 7

† Good Friday Service 7:00 pm

Easter Sunday, April 9

† 6:58 am Sunrise Service at
Evergreen Cemetery

† 9:00 am Contemporary Service

† 11:00 am Traditional



Psalm 19

God's Glory in Creation and the Law To the leader. A Psalm of David.

- 1 The heavens are telling the glory of God;
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.
- 2 Day to day pours forth speech,
and night to night declares knowledge.
- 3 There is no speech, nor are there words;
their voice is not heard;
- 4 yet their voice goes out through all the earth,
and their words to the end of the world. In the heavens
he has set a tent for the sun,
- 5 which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy,
and like a strong man runs its course with joy.
- 6 Its rising is from the end of the heavens,
and its circuit to the end of them; and nothing is hid
from its heat.
- 7 The law of the Lord is perfect,
reviving the soul; the decrees of the Lord are sure, making
wise the simple;
- 8 the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart;
the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes;
- 9 the fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the Lord are true
and righteous altogether.
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold,
even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey,
and drippings of the honeycomb.
- 11 Moreover by them is your servant warned;
in keeping them there is great reward.
- 12 *But who can detect their errors?
Clear me from hidden faults.*
- 13 *Keep back your servant also from the insolent;
do not let them have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless,
and innocent of great transgression.*
- 14 *Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.*

Verse 14 is one that several pastors use as a prayer at the beginning of each sermon. I distinctly remember hearing this at the beginning of several sermons while I was in seminary. For me, it was assuring to hear that statement as the sermon began. It is a good reminder of who the audience is as we gather for worship.

Worship is an opportunity to offer thanks to God. I remember a colleague sharing with me that when a parishioner shared with him that he did not like the hymn selection for that Sunday, the pastor responded, "We weren't singing to you!" I also remember a conversation with members of my congregation who left their previous church because they felt the pastor at that church was more concerned about pleasing the congregation instead of pleasing God.

My hope and prayer as I preach is that I can speak words that God wants to be shared. I know that I am not alone, is that many of my colleagues and I hope that the spirit of God can work through us.

But we must be careful and humble. There is a story of a seminary student who went out to preach at a local church, and he stumbled through the lessons, got lost in the middle of his sermon, and somehow made it to the end of the service still intact. Afterwards a longtime member of the church came up and offered some words of encouragement. The parishioner said, "Son, that was a mighty fine sermon." To which the seminarian said, "Well it wasn't me, but it was God speaking through me." The parishioner said softly, "Son? It wasn't THAT good."

I also had a parishioner who used to tease me by saying, "Pastor, every one of your sermons is better than the next." I had to think about that one for a few minutes.

Enough about preaching. How about daily living? What if verse 14 were to be the prayer we would lift up at the beginning of every day? What if verse 14 were the prayer that we offered before we sent that email, or made that post on social media, or made that comment out loud, or that hand gesture to the person who just cut us off?

Good words to live by – yes?

Let us pray: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen

PASTOR CHARLIE'S BLOG



"Member Profile"
This week's feature:
Gerry and Fran Wilhelm



Gerry was born in Columbiana, Ohio, the home of Harvey S. Firestone. He grew up here with his sister and later moved to Columbus. He went to Capital University in Columbus, an institution affiliated with the ELCA. He finished a semester in Social Studies, then switched to Speech and Drama, then became an Art Education Major. He was on the faculty of Berea Schools for his entire career. Fran was born in Cleveland where she grew up and later in Parma Hts. Her brother is now retired and lives in Florida. She attended school at St. Cecilia's Nazareth Academy, Baldwin-Wallace College and Cleveland State University. She majored in Music Education and received a Masters in String Pedagogy. Fran developed the String Program for Berea and Westlake Schools.

They met at the Berea High School music room where they both taught. Fran and Gerry have raised 3 married children: Geoff, Jon and Jennifer. Their family has been blessed with 5 grandchildren. Becoming members at POP was a wonderful celebration on Palm Sunday of 1986. The children helped them pick Prince of Peace as they had been church shopping. They credit member Edna Semroc with her recommendation. They currently reside in North Ridgeville.

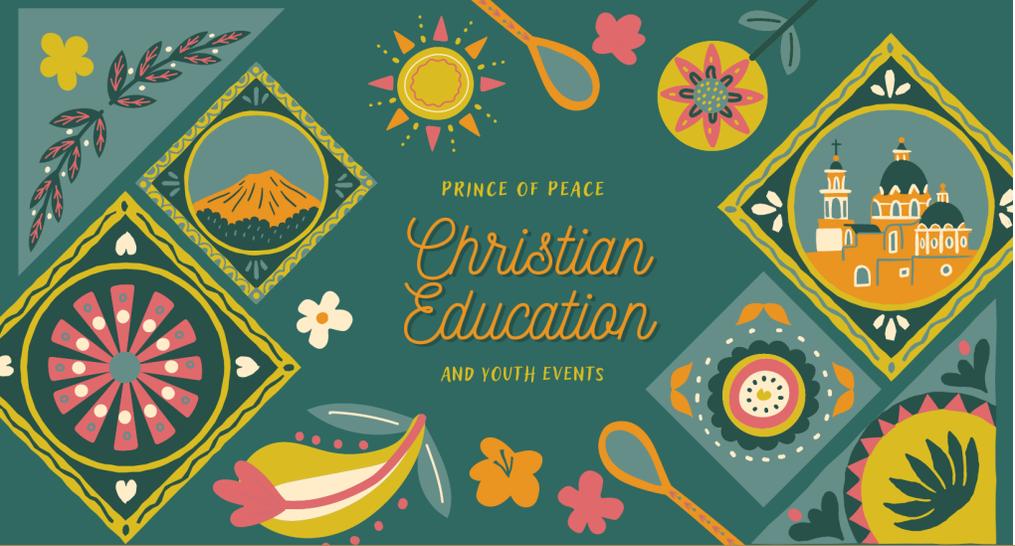
Both have been a big part of the ministry efforts at POP over the years. Fran has performed uplifting violin music at many services throughout the years. Other areas she contributed to were director of the Chancel Choir for 10 years, the Hand Bell Choir, Children's Chimes and the POP Youth Orchestra. She has been a part of the Women of the ELCA gathering. Travel Quest is another passion of hers, including serving as the church minibus driver. I don't think a CDL license is required :-). Events included a recent trip to The Cleveland Botanical Orchid Mania show. I recall a trip I took with Lora when we went to The Biltmore Estate in Asheville, North Carolina. We had games and entertainment on the tour bus with prizes along the way planned out by the Wilhelms. Gerry had coordinated parish education for 10 years, and participated in Outreach missions. As he scheduled and trained the traditional service usher teams, he ensured services ran smoothly. He often attends the Sunday Gospel Study. Working with Bob Engelbert on planning the new Sunday School Education wing, we now have a great resource to teach many about God's Love.

In his free time, Gerry enjoys gardening, art and Legos. His collection is quite impressive and took years to build. Something members may not know is in college he learned to identify all north and central Ohio tree species by their shapes. That knowledge was helpful to me a few years ago when I was purchasing shrubs as he worked at Pettiti's Garden Center.

Fran's interests include herb gardening, sewing, music and traveling. Serving in the Worship and Music Committee for 20 years, Fran had started the fundraiser campaign for a new baby grand piano on the Sunday before the stock market crash. Even with the financial downturn, members contributed to the fund to support the many talented musicians that call POP home and made that campaign a success.

What a wonderful and talented family! Fran and Gerry have incorporated the teachings of The Bible into their daily lives. You will find them attending the traditional services at church.

By Tom Robinholt : Profile Reporter



- February/March - Cleveland School of the Arts Black History Month choir performance, details TBA
- Feb - May- Guardians, Charge, and Cavs games for youth and CE - Outside events for little kids (Skyzone, Jumpyard, Play CLE, Bowling, etc.)
- June 26 - July 3rd - Cultural Immersion trip to El Salvador for upper high school and college students and graduates/young adults

General Endowment Grant

The Endowment Committee has established the General Endowment grant availability for 2023 at \$20,000. Applications will be considered from Prince of Peace members, regular visitors, or staff members. Applications received before May 1 will be held for group review and approval by the Endowment Committee. Applications received after May 1 will be reviewed for approval on a "first come first serve" basis.

Grant applications must be completely filled out and meet one or more of the "approval factors" shown on the Procedures and Guidelines for the General Endowment Funds. Both can be found on the church website under "Resources" and then "Endowment".

INTERNATIONAL DINNER SERIES



CAMBODIAN DINNER
THURSDAY APRIL 27TH
AT 6PM

27080 Lorain Rd, North Olmsted, OH 44070



Please text Hilary to sign up 216.258.1639
 All are welcome

Easter Garden Plant Sale--March 5 - March 26

Altar Guild is looking forward to arranging our traditional spring garden for Easter--with your help by providing the plants! Easter lilies, tulips, hyacinths and hydrangea plants will be ordered from Dean's Greenhouse. Take your plant(s) home after the Easter Sunday service. Place your completed order form and check/cash for flowers for our Easter Sunday Garden in the basket at the high table in the narthex. Order forms are available at the order table. We can take your order through Sunday, March 26. Questions? See Dineen Terstage.



Prayer Concerns for the week of February 15th

Please join us in praying for members and friends with recent needs: Alex Zhen, Benjamin, James Braun Sr., Deb Winar, DJ's wife, Michelle, and her two children Sophia and DJ Jr., Family of Dr. Phil Blitz, Family and friends of Carl Karp, Gloria Starr, her daughter Angie, and the family Julia Vorobej, Karen Throckmorton, Lori Stone, Mary Kay Balch, Ron Claus, and The students and faculty at Michigan State University

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.

Prayer requests submitted after Thursday at Noon will be posted the following week. 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>
03/05/2023	33	166	199
02/26/2023	32	136	168
02/22/2023	11	52	83
02/19/2023	25	128	153

Designate Your Thrivent Choice Dollars by March 31st

A big thank you to members who have already designated their Thrivent Choice Dollars to POP. The 2022 Choice Dollars will expire on March 31, 2023. If you own any Thrivent Financial products or services you have a choice in directing where Thrivent distributes some of its charitable outreach funds each year. We really appreciate those who direct those Choice Dollars to Prince of Peace. To direct Choice Dollars log on to Thrivent.com (<https://www.thrivent.com>) or call (800) 847-4836. If you have any questions or would like to find out more about Thrivent, please contact Tim Regan at 440-227-9593 or at timothy.regan@thrivent.com.



Happy Birthday

03/01 Judy Cuciak
03/01 Mary Olah
03/01 Rusty Blakeslee
03/01 Sandra Zanders
03/07 Isaac Worsencroft
03/07 Shawn Merhaut
03/08 Mark Drobnak
03/10 Jim Jaracz
03/12 Lisa Arrigo
03/13 Brooke Kovach
03/13 Judy Kazak
03/14 Karen Givens
03/15 John Bontempo
03/16 Jon Wilhelm
03/19 Carter Bruneau
03/20 Emma Goggin
03/21 Richard Balch
03/21 Sandy Connell
03/22 Lisa Woodward
03/23 Dale Mortensen
03/24 Xavier Worsencroft
03/27 Fran Wilhelm
03/27 Judy Heimbuch
03/27 Kyle Hallowell
03/27 Pamela Ventimiglia
03/28 Joseph Fortuna
03/28 Zack Dragony
03/29 Dominic Carimi
03/29 William Franz
03/31 Doug Leavens
03/31 Linda Baumbach

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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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