

Epiphany



PEACE CONNECTIONS
January 1, 2020

Christmas Adventure ~ 2

Merry Christmas, Everyone! And a sober reminder . . .

While we celebrated Lessons and Carols at Prince of Peace on December 29th, we don't want to overlook the Gospel reading for that day. The full reading may be found at Matthew 2:13-23. It begins as follows:

"Now after [the magi] had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.' "

We want to stay with the tinsel and lights, don't we? Many of us (me included) were still sharing Christmas with extended family this past week-end, so there were still gifts to open and tables around which to gather.

But the Christmas story does not permit us to gloss over life's dark spaces. Throughout our world, children and their parents are in peril – hungry, cold, sick, on the road – as were Mary and Joseph and Jesus. This is a good week-end on which to balance both in our hearts and minds: The joy of Christmas already realized, and the heartbreak of Christmas not yet fulfilled. This would be a good week in which to take a look at a map, choose a spot in which life hangs in the balance, and pray for those who live there. They, too, are embraced by the love of the Christ Child.

Christmas Blessings,

Pastor Robin



Giving Envelopes for 2020 are available for pick up. Every household will have a packet.

The giving envelopes will be arranged alphabetically based on last name. If you do not see a packet, please notify the office and one will be provided. Thank you.

Donations for the 2019 tax year must be given to the church no later than December 31, 2019.



Love INC
Love In the Name of Christ

Monthly Sponsors Needed! Consider becoming a Love INC sponsor for 2020. Our congregation has found a helpful way to meet the needs of those who come to our door for assistance through Love, INC. This ministry is not funded through our budget rather it comes from those of you who have chosen to sponsor a month with \$125. Individuals or ministry groups are encouraged to prayerfully consider sponsoring. May God bless this cooperative effort as we work to transform lives In the Name of Christ. Please sign up in lower lobby.

Coffee House & Open Mic

Saturday, January 11, 2020

This event is open to the community. Music starts at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Plan to attend, invite friends to join you! Enjoy great entertainment in a Coffee House setting with a variety of performers sharing their music. This is a free event. Join us for desserts and aromatic coffee in a friendly and relaxing atmosphere!



Member Profile

Liz is a recent new member, but she started attending Prince of Peace about a year ago. She was born in Cleveland, raised in Cleveland then lived in the towns of Berwyn and Broadview, which are west side suburbs of Chicago. Her family moved back to Rocky River when she was eight years old, and she attended public schools there. After high school, she attended and graduated from Kent State University with a degree in education in 1975. She came from a family of four kids: two olderbrothers, and a younger brother. Being the only girl, Liz said the boys were kind of tough on her, but she managed. It also helped that her youngest brother was 10 years younger. Her father was a regional manager and traveled a lot. [Read More](#)



Eucharistic Ministers Needed!



We are in need of more people to serve as Eucharistic Ministers at Arden Court, Bickford of Rocky River and Westlake Village. This is a wonderful opportunity to minister to those folks who are unable to get to church. If you are interested, please contact Judy Kazak or Pastor Robin. Training will be provided and you will have the opportunity to shadow one of the current Eucharistic Ministers.

Calendar



HAPPY NEW YEAR

January 1-12, 2020

Wednesday, January 1, 2020

Happy New Year!

Office Closed

Thursday, January 2

7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

Friday, January 3

Pr. Robin Day Off

Saturday, January 4

10:00 am Organ Practice

Sunday, January 5

9 am Contemporary Worship

10:00 am Pancake Breakfast

10:10 am Christian Education

11:00 am Traditional Worshipice

Monday, January 6

1:00 pm Comfort Quilters/FH

6:00 pm Council Exec Comm/Library

Tuesday, January 7

7:00 pm CrossFire Rehearsal

Wednesday, January 8

9:30 am Fidget Quilters/FH

7:00 pm Organ Practice

Thursday, January 9

6:30 pm Pastoral Partners

7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

Friday, January 10

Pr. Robin Day Off

Saturday, January 11

10:00 am Organ Practice

6:30 pm Open Mic/FH

Sunday, January 12

Adult Forum

9 am Contemporary Worship

10:10 am Christian Education

11:00 am Traditional Worship

12:15 pm Worship & Music Mtg

6:00 pm Council Meeting/CR

Prince of Peace Youth

LYO Winter Gathering, January 3-5th

Early registration due December 1st. \$105/person covers hotel, food, and event. Join us for a weekend of fun at a hotel filled with youth your own age! Music by the Allan Scott Band. 7-12th graders welcome. To register: [LYO Registration](#)



Blood Drive

January 19, 2020 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Sign up to make your donation online or in person Sunday mornings. 21 spots available. Let's try to fill them all and then some! Invite your neighbors and friends. Together we can save lives. Sign up online at Red Cross or call 800/733-2767. Walk-ins are welcome too!



January 30th - February 3rd

Youth and Christian Ed. Conference for Hilary and Beverly. No Faith Impact class this weekend.

February 16th - Soup and Grilled Cheese Lunch Fundraiser for National Gathering

Youth will provide a soup and grilled cheese lunch during the congregational meeting. Youth families are asked to bring a soup to share and all congregational members are welcome to attend the lunch!

Thank You!

Thank you to all who joined us at the Redeemer Bag and Wrap Christmas Gift event! Your hard work will provide so many families with gifts and food this Christmas.



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Thank You!

Thank you so much to the Prince of Peace family for all your cards, visits, emails and prayers during my stay in the hospital and at St. Mary's. I am grateful to be home now and on the mend and looking forward to spending Christmas with my family. Your support has meant so much to me and I am looking forward to returning to church. I wish you all a very blessed holiday season. Judy Kazak



Please join us! Wednesday, January 15, 2020 at 12:15 pm. We will be enjoying good food and fellowship at the Famous Dave's Bar-B-Que, 26410 Great Northern Shopping Center in North Olmsted. See sign-up sheet in the lower lobby. Questions, contact Kathy Kettler at 440-734-6511.



Christmas Undecorating

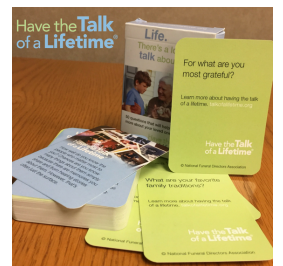
Come help us with Christmas Undecorating and pack up. Saturday, January 11th at 9:30 am

Adult Forum: Sunday, January 12 ~ Talk of a Lifetime

Come and join Julie Graf Skinner of Busch Funeral Homes for The Talk of a Lifetime Adult Forum on January 12 at 10:10 am in the Fellowship Hall.

The Talk of a Lifetime is designed to help families talk about what matters most in their lives and how loved ones have made a difference. These discussions can give families important insights they can use to remember and honor the lives of their loved ones.

Most of us want to know that we, in some way, have made a difference to others. Talking with our loved ones can be rich and satisfying as we answer lifetime questions together and get to know one another more deeply. Learning about memorable events and people, places and favorite activities, values and lessons from their lives have learned can help bring us closer to those we care about most. The talk helps us reaffirm to our loved ones how much they have impacted our life.



Pr. Robin's Sermons

Did you miss the Sunday morning sermon or were you out of town? Now you can listen to the morning service that you missed or simply get an idea of what our Sunday morning services are like. To hear Sunday sermons, go to: Prince of Peace Sunday Sermons

Blood Pressure Screening

Sunday, January 6, 2020 by Prince of Peace member Christie Wiedt. Blood Pressure Screenings are from 10-11:00 am in the main office.



Second Harvest Food Bank

For the months of January - March, requested items are **Canned Beef Stew** and **Canned Vegetables**. The collection containers are located as you enter the Education Wing. Thank you!

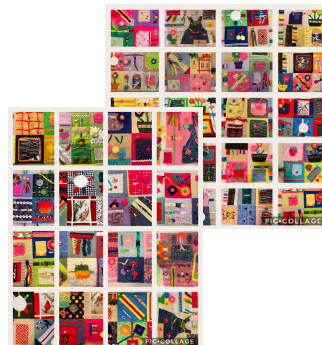
Operating Giving Match

As mentioned at the Budget meeting an offer to match all giving to the Operating Fund through December 31, 2019 has been made. Therefore your donations can now do even more to support God's work at POP. So prayerfully consider your ability to give generously during this Christmas season. The match was offered in order to spur 2019 giving to reduce our 2019 deficit so please keep your 2020 donations until next year when they will be needed. If you have any questions, please contact Charlie Koch, Treasurer at treasprinceofpeacewestlake@gmail.com.

Fidget Mats

What started with a simple question to the Chaplains Service, "What need do you have that is not being met? ", blossomed into a mission that reaches those trapped in mind and body in ways we cannot fathom. It has provided entertainment, puzzles and rewards, therapy, engagement and much joy!

Thanks to those who assemble, sew, distribute and contribute both materials and funds. We can make a difference! If you would like to join us, we meet in the Fellowship hall the second and fourth Wednesday at 9:30 am. Becky Wagoner and Diane Fortuna.



Sunday Adult Interact Class

Interact is a small group that wrestles with contemporary issues. We are a very informal, open group that loves having new people join our discussions introducing different perspectives on things.

Please join us 10:15(ish) in the Charter Room (Administrative Wing). Classes lead by Dave Saunders.

January 5	No Class
January 12	TBD
January 19	TBD
January 26	"How to Respond with Love in a World Filled with Hatred" led by Jon Wilhelm.



Women's Re-Entry

With the cold weather there is a need for socks, gloves and scarves along with toiletries and underwear. Items can be dropped off at the donation station. Thank you! Questions, Jan Filkill 440/871-6673.

Chopping for Change

An innovative partnership between LMM, the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction, and the Cuyahoga County Office of Re-Entry, the "Chopping for Change" program provides significant work experience and training for women in the criminal justice system and that empowers them to re-join the labor force. In addition to work experience and culinary training, participants arrive at LMM's Richards Sering Center and receive supplemental services including counseling and case management designed to facilitate their re-entry experience and decrease recidivism.

Prayer Concerns

Please join us in praying for members and friends with recent needs: Gloria Bracken (friends of Doug and Carol Leavens), Ken and Diane Joseph, Judy Kazak, Lilas Velardo (friends of Doug and Carol Leavens).

Also, we pray for chronic, long-term care needs: Charlotte (gr. granddaughter of Jan Schoch), Ren granddaughter of Linda Baumbach), Joyce (sister of Diane Fortuna), Carole Anderson (relative of Lia Staaf), Stephanie Bailey (niece of Mary Sue Claus), Jeannine Blakeslee, Cathy Blitz (sister-in-law of Jann Daniels), Joanne & Tony Cacciatore, Don Chismar, Marcia Drysdale (friend of Jane Dillon), Sam Fekete (brother of Mary Sue Claus), 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), Lois Reichert, Larry Renman (brother of Judy Kazak), Pam Rotella, Karla Sexton (friend of Pat Sprague), Phil Smits, Lin Smothers (father of Judy Smothers, long time PoP visitor).

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: Ellie Griffin (sister of John Cuciak).

Giving Report

Weekly Operating Giving as of Dec. 29, 2019:	\$345,692
52 Sundays at \$7,000 Budgeted:	\$364,000
Giving Shortfall as of December 29, 2019	\$(18,308)

Attendance at Prince of Peace

Date	Contemporary	Traditional	Total
12/29		Community Service	100
12/24	208	85	293
12/22		Community Service	145
12/15	98	43	141
12/08	123	57	180

happy birthday!

01/01 Donna Buhrman	01/06 James Braun Sr.
01/03 Ashley Alspach	01/07 Jordyn Jagels
01/03 Chris Hallowell	01/08 Mara Lipschutz
01/03 Noah Katrincsak	01/10 Audrey Swanson
01/04 Norma Gabrielsen	01/11 Alex Babinski
01/05 Jan Filkill	01/12 Isaiah Comnick

happy anniversary!

01/03 Jeff & Amy Babinski

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Office Hours

Mon, Tues & Thurs, Fri, 7:00 am - 11:00 am
Monday - Friday, 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm

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Sunday Worship Services

9:00 am Contemporary & 11:00 am Traditional

Christian Education

Sundays at 10:10 - 10:50 am for all ages

Child Care

Adult supervised child care for children 5 and under is offered for both services and during the Christian Education hour between services.