



# Peace Connection

May 31st, 2023

We have a problem, and it is a great problem to have! We have run out of percussion instruments for the kids to play during the last song at our 9 am Praise Service. Do you have any hand-held percussion instruments you would like to donate for the kids? Tambourines, maracas, shakers, you get the idea. You can bring them in on Sunday morning and pass along to the Praise Team. Help our kids make a joyful noise!

-Pastor Charlie

Hello all,

As you may know, the church council is conducting town hall style meetings to make sure we are getting feedback on how we are doing as a congregation. Hopefully you've had the opportunity to give your input through one of the groups you are part of here at POP. If not, you have 2 more chances.

First there is a final town hall meeting scheduled for Sunday 6/4 between services in fellowship hall. Grab some coffee and head down to give your input. Another way to is email your answers to the following questions to me at [thecovells@gmail.com](mailto:thecovells@gmail.com)

What does Prince of Peace look like in three to five years?

How will we know that we are successful?

What are the top three things to get right?

Where would you feel the most passion to get involved?

Thanks for your input. Feedback from all the town hall meetings will be reviewed by council at the upcoming council retreat in July. Hopefully this information will help us meet the needs of the congregation as we plan for the next few years.

Thank you again for your input.

Dave Covell  
Council President

Wednesday May 31st  
2:00 pm Book and Bible Study

Thursday June 1st  
Sexton's Day Off  
3:00 pm Organ Practice  
7:30 pm Choir Practice

Friday June 2nd  
Pastor Charlie's Day Off

Saturday June 3rd  
3:00 pm Organ Practice

Sunday June 4th  
In Person Worship 9 & 11 am  
10:00 am Blood Pressure Screening

Monday June 5th  
10:00 am Staff Meeting  
1:00 pm Comfort Quilters  
2:00 pm Organ Practice  
7:00 pm SOAP Bible Study

Tuesday June 6th  
7:00 pm CrossFire Rehearsal

Wednesday June 7th  
12:00 pm Bible Study Group Potluck

Thursday June 8th  
Sexton's Day Off  
3:00 pm Organ Practice  
7:30 pm Choir Practice

Friday June 9th  
Pastor Charlie's Day Off

Saturday June 10th  
2:00 pm Organ Practice

Sunday June 11th  
In Person Worship 9 & 11 am  
10:00 am Christian Education  
10:00 am Adult Gospel Study  
7:00 pm Council Meeting

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



# OPEN MIC NIGHT

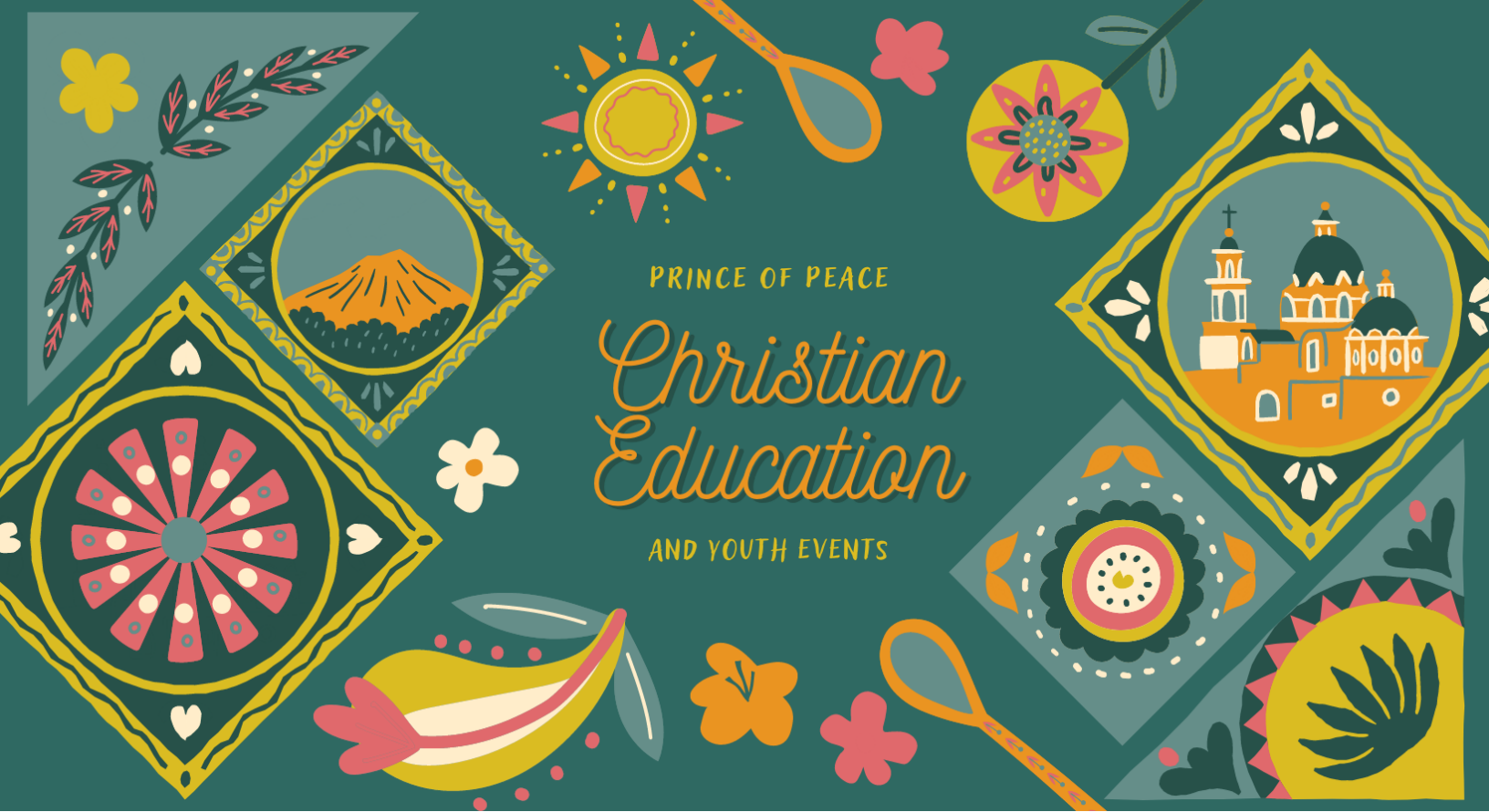
TAP TO PLAY



Thanks to all who performed and to those who provided snack food. Hope you have a wonderful summer and we look forward to seeing you again when our Coffee House resumes in September.







PRINCE OF PEACE

# Christian Education

AND YOUTH EVENTS

## ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Mark your calendar now!

Church Parking Lot  
July 16th  
4:30 - 6:30

Fun for all ages...

Everyone is welcome...  
bring family & friends!

## EL SALVADOR DONATED SUPPLIES

Help us arrive to El Salvador with much needed supplies for the schools, clinic, and homes we will be visiting

- PENS
- PENCILS
- PENCIL SHARPENERS
- ERASERS
- CRAYONS
- COLORED PENCILS
- GLUE STICKS
- STICKERS
- POST IT NOTES
- BOOK BAGS
- MARKERS
- HIGHLIGHTERS
- SCISSORS
- STERILE GAUZE
- NON-STERILE GAUZE
- ELASTIC BANDAGES "ACE BANDAGES" (VARIOUS SIZES)
- FLEXIBLE COHESIVE BANDAGES
- STERILE GLOVES
- NON-STERILE GLOVES
- NEOSPORIN
- SUTURE THREAD
- CLEANING WIPES
- IODIZED SOAP

Collection June 1st - 25th

## International Dinner

Join us for a special Ethiopian meal prepared by Ethiopian and Eritrean refugees that now call Cleveland home



Habesha Restaurant  
16860 Lorain Ave  
Cleveland Ohio 44111

<https://www.habeshacle.com/>

Text Hillary to reserve your spot!  
216.258.1639

Thursday July 27th at 6:00pm



# Thank You!

YOU helped us raise \$8,247 to support our outreach trip to El Salvador! These funds will help cover our airfare so that we can learn more about the history of El Salvador, outreach to local churches/ clinics, visit with local families, and build lasting diverse relationships for the future!

**With special thanks to the Endowment Committee**





# 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.  
Questions, please contact Jan Filkill, 440-871-6673.



# Second Harvest Food Bank

Requests for donation items are:  
Canned tuna, fruits and vegetables



# Comfort Quilters

Meetings are held the first and third Monday of the month at 1p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We welcome anyone who is willing to help cut, pin, assemble and knot the quilts. Sewing skills are not necessary.  
This is truly a rewarding ministry!



# 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>	YTD	AVG/Week
Total Giving as of April 30th:	\$176,046	\$9,780
% of Annual 2023 Budget Received to Date:	39%	
Remaining Giving Required to Meet 2023 Budget:	\$270,454	\$7,955
Remaining Giving Required to Meet 2023 Stretch Goal (i.e. Cover Cost Budget):	\$288,454	\$8,484





# Red Cross Blood Drive Dates!

All blood drives in the Fellowship Hall from 8am-2pm Sunday

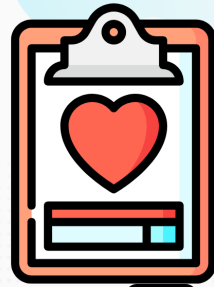
- July 23rd
- September 17th
- November 19th

# Blood Pressure Screening Dates:

Checks are done from 10:00 am - 11:00 between services.

- June 4th
- July 9th
- August 6th

Your Blood  
Will Save  
Someone's  
Life



Donate Blood at PoP!  
RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE  
All blood drives in the Fellowship  
Hall from 8am-2pm  
• Sunday, July 23rd  
• Sunday, September 17th  
• Sunday, November 19th



# Young At Heart

Please join us on Friday, June 23, 2023 at 12:30 pm.

We will be enjoying good food and fellowship an Rush Inn Bar and Grille in Avon. Please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the lower lobby.

Rush Inn Bar and Grille  
35840 Chester Rd  
Avon, OH 44011

Questions, contact Kathy Kettler at (440)734-6511



Another great PoP “Young At Heart” lunch. This time at Moosehead Hoof and Ladder located in Olmsted Falls. Moosehead Hoof & Ladder in Olmsted Falls was established in May of 2008.

This family owned and operated restored firehouse has all the charm of a mountain lodge. The back patio overlooks the Rocky River and provides a unique dining experience.

Joins us for our next lunch, mentioned above!







# Kimber Pappas

## THIS WEEK'S MEMBER PROFILE

Kimber was born in Columbus, Ohio. She grew up there and also in the nearby community of Granville. Her parents had her baptized at the Lutheran Church. After high school, she was accepted at Bowling Green State University and received a Marketing degree. Kimber continued her studies at Cleveland State University to pursue an Education degree. For the past 25 years she has been employed at the Cleveland Metropolitan School District. Currently she teaches 7th grade Social Studies at John Adams School.

Her position has also allowed her to participate in the TCI program, a career readiness path for students in a partnership with groups that offer entrepreneur lessons, and vocational choices. The faculty is using Zoom technology to teach remotely. In her 2 years at this school, Kimber has offered resources to assist students in need of social and emotional support as well.

Kimber has interests and hobbies to help her relax in her free time. Reading is a passion she enjoys, and spending time with her dog, Kleo and cat, Kody! She supports many causes related to animals including volunteering for the last 4 years at the Cuyahoga County Shelter Jog/Walk to fundraise each year. Owners bring their dogs along and upwards of 200 have made the trek. Her dog was a rescue from the APL. The Berea Animal Rescue keeps her busy with Bingo Bonanza as she provides donations for their funding needs.

Her son Christopher, age 34, attended Westlake High School and was a member of the football team as an offensive lineman. He is a graduate of Denison University located in Granville, Ohio. He now lives in San Antonio, TX and teaches high school mathematics classes. His love of sports continues as an offensive line coach at the high school level. A reunion with Kimber may be in the future as Christopher has expressed a desire to relocate back to the area nearby her.

On May 7, Kimber became a member at Prince of Peace! We are so blessed to welcome additional Hands to do God's Work. She had searched locally at various protestant churches. As an active church ambassador, Lia Staaf was instrumental in encouraging her to continue her Faith Journey here. Her desire to assist with the homebound members of our congregation will be very welcomed.

As Kimber anticipates retiring from teaching next year, she has a few bucket list items on her mind. She imagines a new residence in the Carolinas, allowing her to read her favorite books on the beach. Continuing to foster animals is also on the horizon in her retirement. Her love for God's Creatures Great and Small are a very worthwhile cause. Take time to meet her at the contemporary service, I found her to have a compassionate focus on life!

By Tom Robinholt : Profile Reporter





# PASTOR CHARLIE'S BLOG



Exodus 20:1-17

The Ten Commandments

Then God spoke all these words:

2 I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; 3 you shall have no other gods before me.

4 You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. 5 You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, 6 but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

7 You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

8 Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. 9 Six days you shall labor and do all your work. 10 But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. 11 For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

12 Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

13 You shall not murder.

14 You shall not commit adultery.

15 You shall not steal.

16 You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

17 You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Here is a pet peeve of mine. It frustrates me that almost every place I see these ten commandments listed, the list begins at verse 3. I believe the commandments take on a completely different tone if verses 1 and 2 are missing.

Verse 1 – God spoke. These words come from God.

Verse 2 – God reminds God's people of who God is and what God has done. I am the Lord your God. I have brought you out of slavery.

BECAUSE of what God has done, God then says, THEREFORE, live by these commands.

Before the commands, the relationship is established. Before the commands, God acts. Before the commands, we are already those who belong to God.

These commands, which focus first on our relationship with God, then on our relationship with others, are given to us to guide us in living as God created us – to love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, strength and mind, and to love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commands, Jesus said, hang all the law and all the prophets.

Because God loved us (AND LOVES us), we are commanded to love. Because God forgave us (AND FORGIVES us), we are commanded to forgive.

It all begins with God. Not with "thou shalt not..."

Remember all that God has done for you. In response, is not God worthy of our thanks and praise?

Remember what God has done for you in giving us the greatest gift of all in Jesus Christ. Because of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and set free from the bondage of sin and death. In response, let us love one another.

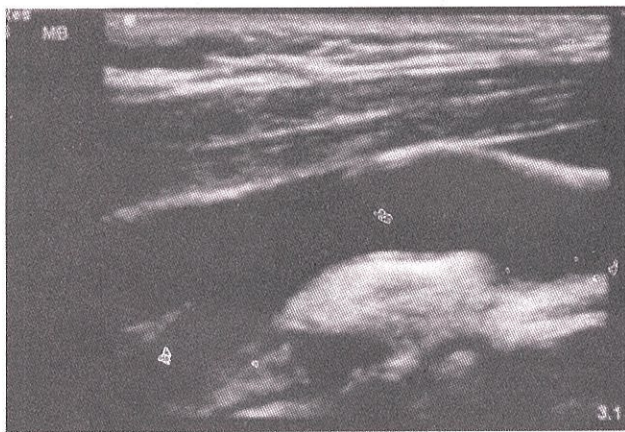
Let us pray: Almighty God, thank you for all you have done and continue to do to show us how much you love us. May we follow in your way, and walk on the path you set before us. We pray this in Jesus name, Amen.

# Take a step toward staying **Healthy & Active**

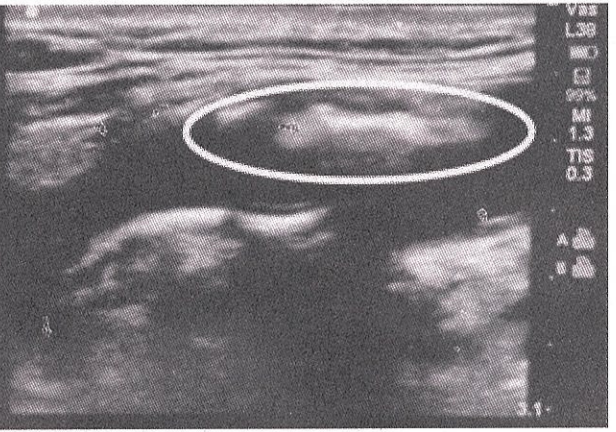
Life Line Screening goes beyond regular checkups to provide a more thorough look at your health.

## Be Smart: Do More For Your Cardiovascular Health

### No Plaque Buildup



### Plaque Buildup



Advanced ultrasound technology looks inside your arteries for signs of plaque buildup. That's why **9 out of 10 cardiovascular doctors** support preventive screenings for those with key risk factors.<sup>1</sup>

Adults age 50+ and those 40 and older with one or more risk factors for cardiovascular disease should be screened.

<sup>1</sup>Key Risk Factors include: \*High blood pressure, high cholesterol, diabetes, obesity, smoking, family history.

**We are coming to your neighborhood.**

**Where: Westlake - Prince of Peace Lutheran Church**

**When: Friday, July 28, 2023**

To register for your appointment and to receive the special discount,  
please call **1-800-640-6307** or visit **LLSA.SOCIAL/HC**



# Prayer LIST

**Sunday, May 28, 2023**

## **Prayer Request - Long Term**

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

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	
George Bannon	Pat Sprague's Brother

### **Recent prayer requests received within the past 2 weeks:**

May 14	Jan Schoch Priscilla Woll (Pastor Charlie's Aunt)
May 21	Kira Johnston (daughter of Liz Grider's coworker) Joel (grandnephew of Mike and Sherry Weber)
May 28	Frank Gaca (relative of Pat Sprague's friend) Ruth Williams Dave McCollum Pat Sprague and her Family (Pat's brother, George Brannon passed away) Hallie Bittel (Hilary Lucas' family friend)

# Happy Birthday

<u>Date</u>	<u>Online</u>	<u>In Person</u>	<u>Total</u>
05/28/2023	79	119	198
05/21/2023	31	152	183
05/14/2023	17	153	170
05/07/2023	28	133	161

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

## Follow Us!



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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.