



PEACE CONNECTIONS
February 16, 2022

Prayer Wall

If you ever make it to Jerusalem, a must-see site is the Western or Wailing Wall. The wall has stood for over 2000 years. The wall surrounded the Temple in Jesus' day. The Temple was the place where God dwelt. Seated on the Ark of the Covenant, the Temple was the place God resided. It is the closest that the Jewish community comes to the former Temple site.

Pilgrims from around the world come to the wall to pray. These old stones show their age, with many nooks and crevices from a couple inches to several feet in size. These pilgrims often will bring written prayers and place them in crevices as an offering to God.



When we were visiting our exchange student in Germany, we visited his family's church. Inside the doors, there was a table set up with bricks – a prayer wall for the church. I brought that idea home to us at Prince of Peace for Lent.

In the narthex, a table with a brick wall will greet you at the entrance of the sanctuary. Pieces of paper and pens will be there for you. Take time to write a prayer – joys and sorrows. At the end of Lent, we will take all these prayers and burn them in our fire pit outside – an offering to God.

Pr. Charlie

Bring in your Palms

Altar Guild is collecting your dried palms from last year's Palm Sunday. Please place them in the basket in the lower narthex. We will burn the palms to make ashes for use at our Ash Wednesday Worship Service.



Worship Services

Wednesday, March 2, 2022 at 11:00 am and 7:00 pm

Sunday Livestream Worship Services at 9 am & 11 am



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.



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

Women In Transition

We are restarting a limited clothing collection for "Next Step Up", LMM's **Westhaven Youth Shelter**. We are accepting clean, usable clothing styles that are appropriate for teenagers.

We are **ONLY** accepting the following items at this time:

- Jeans
- T-shirts
- Hoodies
- Sweatshirts



There is a great need for new socks, gloves, toiletries, hygiene products and underwear. Items can be dropped off at the donation station.

Thank you! Questions, please contact Jan Filkill 440/871-6673.

Contemporary Worship Music

If you are joining us this Sunday for the 9 am Contemporary service, below are the songs we will be singing. The music can be found on YouTube. See you then!

*A New Commandment
Instruments of Your Peace
When its All Been Said and Done
They'll Know We Are Christians*



February 16-27, 2022

Wednesday, February 16

10:00 am Organ Practice

2:00 pm Book & Bible Studies/CR

Thursday, February 17

Sexton Day Off

12:00 pm FLOW

Friday, February 18

Pr. Charlie Day Off

Saturday, February 19

2:00 pm Organ Practice

Sunday, February 20

9 & 11 am In Person Worship Service

10:10 am Christian Education

[9 & 11:00 am Livestream](#)

Monday, February 21

10:00 am Staff Meeting/CR

1:00 pm Comfort Quilters/FH

2:00 pm Organ Practice

7 pm Bible Study - All are welcome!

Tuesday, February 22

7:00 pm CrossFire Rehearsal

Wednesday, February 23

10:00 am Organ Practice

10 am String Quartet Rehearsal/CE

2:00 pm Book & Bible Studies/CR

Thursday, February 24

Sexton Day Off

12:00 pm FLOW

12:00 pm Caring Connections

Friday, February 25

Pr. Charlie Day Off

Saturday, February 26

2:00 pm Organ Practice

Sunday, February 27

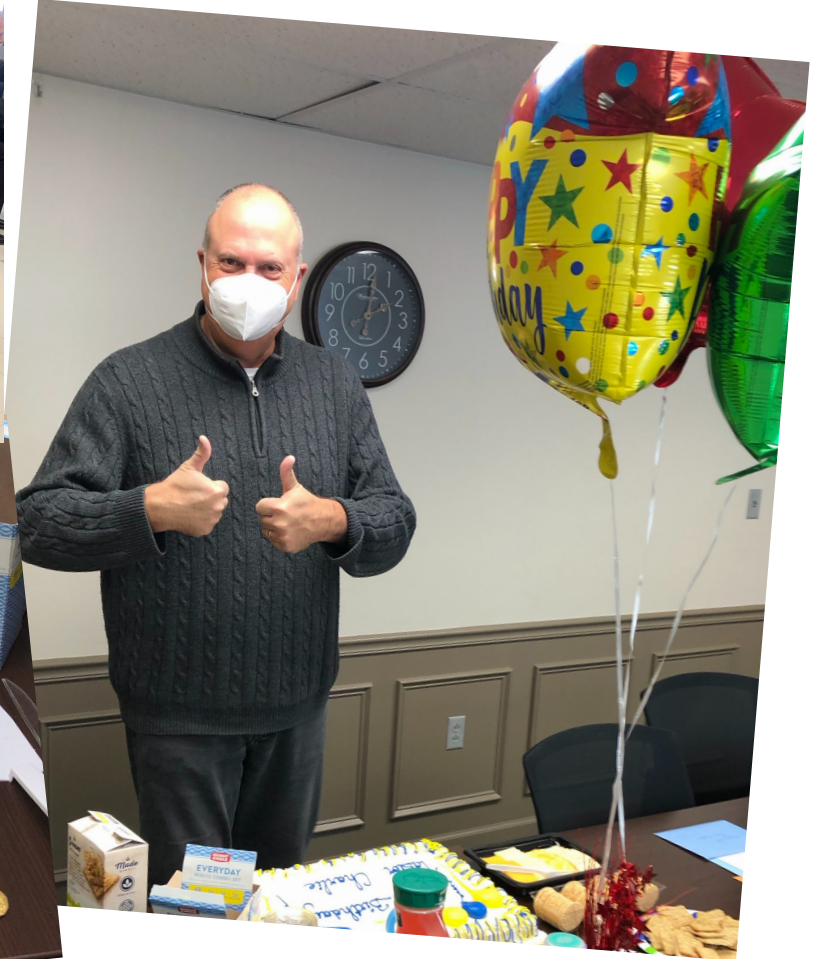
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Pastor Charlie's Birthday Celebration!

Thank you for helping us celebrate Pastor Charlie's 60th birthday/ Happy birthday Pastor Charlie!





March

- 10th - International Dinner Series - Das Schnitzel House - 5728 Pearl Road Parma, OH 44129
All are welcome!
- 19th - Soap Making Event Youth and Christian Ed - 11:00 am - 4:00 pm; lunch provided; Fellowship Hall
- 20th - Blood Drive



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Visit our website: www.princeofpeacewestlake.org/youth
email: poplutheranyouth@gmail.com

Prince of Peace Nursery Re-Opens This Sunday!

The Prince of Peace nursery will be open this Sunday during worship services. Parental supervision will be required during the Sunday School hour.

Masks are encouraged but not required.

Come see our new nursery toys and wall mural designed and painted by Prince of Peace member, Jan Saunders!

Questions, please see Megan.



Spring Altar Guild Meeting

Saturday, February 26th at 11:00 am In the Charter Room. We are meeting to discuss Lent, Easter and summer worship preparations.

New members (women and men) are always welcome! Interested? Come to the meeting to see if this is something for you!! Call or text Dineen Terstegge with questions (440-263-6759).

Passion Play and Europe Tour

Last Chance to Sign Up! On May 23 - June 2, 2022 we will be traveling to Vienna, Salzburg, Prague, and the Passion Play at Oberammergau, Germany.

This Friday, Feb. 18 is the **LAST** day to sign up. Only five spots remaining! If you are interested, contact Pastor Charlie at pcpopwestlake@gmail.com



"Send Me"

I was speaking to a friend the other day, and he told me that he wasn't very active; that he just wanted to get by. And I thought to myself, 'Oh, how sad.' And then I started wondering how many folks fall into that category. They are not active people. They are not active in their own lives or in the lives of their families or friends or others.

Are you a "get-by" person? Do you just want to get-by each day; get through the day; slip under the radar. The Lord wants you to be an active Christian, to live an active life, living for others. And, we need you to be active in our Church. Folks, that's really what Stewardship is all about. We have all kinds of God given talents. The Lord wants us to use those talents. And the greatest talent you can have is availability.

One of the main goals this year in 2022 for Prince of Peace Church is engagement. To have more people engaged in our ministries, our missions, our Christ centered tasks and activities. When we have a personal relationship with our Lord, we pray daily for ourselves, our family and for others. However, one of the pastors at the church that I attend in Arizona told me that, in his opinion, the best prayer we can pray is, "Lord, send me!" When we do that, we not only are recognizing that there are tasks that need to be done, but that we can make ourselves available to help do them.

Help us reach our goal of more personal engagement this year in 2022. Make 2022 the year that you say, "Lord, send me." And when we all do that, we can truly shout the words, "Praise God! Praise God, I'm a child of the King!"

Dick Hardy
Profile Reporter



Blessing your Spouse with a Marriage Encounter Weekend!

April 22-24, 2022 at the Fairfield Inn & Suites In Streetsboro, Ohio
Apply now at www.GodLovesMarriage.org



The casual, "unplugged" atmosphere of this weekend experience will enhance your time together as you learn and practice unique, loving, and effective communication techniques to help you discover a new, more joyful way to live.

- Details: Two nights stay at Fairfield Inn and Suites in Streetsboro, Ohio. Three catered meals on Saturday and two on Sunday.
- Cost: \$285 per couple for lodging & meals. Financial assistance is available for those in need—please contact us prior to registering.
- Questions? Contact Dale & Ruth Mortensen: Email d.r.mortensen@sbcglobal.net or Call 440-734-6312.
- Pre-registration is required to secure your room and meal reservations.

Facility policies regarding COVID-19 will be implemented for everyone's safety. This will therefore be a small group so register ASAP!

January 2022 Health and Safety Update

COVID-19 UPDATE

Dear Members and Friends of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church:

The Health and Safety Team of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church met January 17, 2022, to review our COVID policies and procedures. Once again, our care and concern are for the health and well-being of our members and visitors, and the mission and ministry of the church.

Because of the recent surge in cases in our community, we are currently delaying opening the nursery. The choir will resume in the near future. We assess regularly and plan to move forward with these items in the coming weeks when things improve.

We continue to offer worship and education offerings and ask that we follow the protocol of masks and handwashing and social distancing when possible.

We encourage the following:

- If you are sick, please stay home. Whether you suspect a cold or flu, COVID or something else, and you show symptoms, please stay home and work on getting well!
- If you test positive for COVID-19, please let us know. As members of the church family, we want to offer any support we can. As with any health information, we will keep your information confidential.
- If you were exposed to someone who tested positive for COVID-19, please stay home for five days following exposure (not five days from notification).
- Please continue to wear masks at all Prince of Peace activities and whenever you are in the buildings.

In all these things, we love one another through these challenging days! Remember that worship is live streamed every Sunday at 9 am and 11 am on our [YouTube Page](#), so that everyone can join in worship!

Thank you for understanding. Be well and take care of yourself and your family.

The Health and Safety Team plan to meet again in early February to continue to assess and adjust our policies and procedures.

God bless you all,

The Health and Safety Team

Health And Safety Team

- Judy Splawski, MD
- Cynthia Strieter, MD
- Dave Covell, Retired Lorain County Health Commissioner, Council Vice President
- Mark Givens, Church Council Member
- Pastor Charlie Woodward
- Jim Dickey, Council President
- Sally Balch, Council Vice President

Prayer Concerns

Please join us in praying for members and friends with recent needs: James Arrigo, Dr. Phil Blitz (father of Jann Daniels), Grace Dye, Ron Filkill, John Kazuka (friends of the Barb and Dan Fronczak), Ryan Linden (friend of Liz Grider), Johnathon Missig (great grandson of Gloria Starr), Vito Sadler (friend of Lynne Knoll), Jan Schoch, Theresa Sherman (mother of Monica Dragony), Erna Taylor (friend of Lia Staaf), Kyle Winslow (grandson of Paul and Jean Winslow). **Also, we pray for chronic, long-term care needs:** Charlotte (gr. granddaughter of Jan Schoch), Paul (brother of Diane Merhaut), Ren (granddaughter of Linda Baumbach), Stephanie Bailey (niece of Mary Sue Claus), Cathy Blitz (sister-in-law of Jann Daniels), 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), Deanne Lahner (niece of Mary Sue Claus), Pat Merhaut (step grandmother of Shawn Merhaut), Angela Missig (daughter of Gloria Starr), Bob Mociulewski and wife, Steve Park (cousin of Deb Gibbons), Jenn Pitts (daughter of Judy Kazak), Eric and Nicole Quinn (friends of Matt Wenham), Lois Reichert, Greg Rolitsky (friend of Mary Sue and Ron Claus), Pam Rotella. **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.**

2022 Giving Report

	YTD	Weekly
Operating Giving through Jan 31st:	\$40,008	\$8,002
Percent of Annual Budget Received:	11%	
Needed to Achieve Budget:	\$339,992	\$7,234
Needed to Eliminate 2022 Budgeted Deficit:	\$379,992	\$8,085

Attendance at Prince of Peace

Date	Online	In Person	Total
02/13/2022	43	105	148
02/06/2022	77	100	177
01/30/2022	69	107	176
01/23/2022	133	61	194

February 20, 2022 Sunday Readings:

First Reading: Genesis 45:3-11, 15; Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40
 Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50
 Gospel Reading: Luke 6:27-38

Happy Birthday

02/16 Connor Burdette	02/21 Andrea Petta
02/16 Carol Novotny	02/22 Jan Saunders
02/16 Saige Worsencroft	02/23 Julia Castell
02/17 Dennis MacKenzie	02/23 Edna Dickey
02/18 Donald Chismar	02/24 Beverly Braun
02/18 Elayna Gros	02/24 Keith Wyant
02/18 Lydia Lenz	02/28 Shaun Dillon
02/21 Kieran Lavin	02/28 Chris Petta

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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 10:10 am

Child Care - Currently suspended due to Covid.