



PEACE CONNECTIONS

April 8, 2020

Let Us Pray

Here we are, in the midst of a Holy Week like none other that most of us have experienced. In the midst of a worldwide calamity, it's a week in which the reality of the events of the first Holy Week seem especially stark and meaningful.

I urge you to stay close to Jesus this week. Walk with him, imagine the sights and sounds that envelope him, and allow yourselves to ask what he might have been thinking and feeling. He will be surrounded by crowds and shouts and support and condemnation, he will be betrayed and abandoned, he will suffer publicly and die on a cross, and then . . . and then we will watch as the mystery of hope unfolds.



Try to be present for all of it!

Grace and peace,

Pastor Robin



Holy Week Online Worship Services at Prince of Peace

Worship online with us every day this week at 10:00 am. Monday-Wednesday prayer services; Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday prayer service and Easter Sunday.

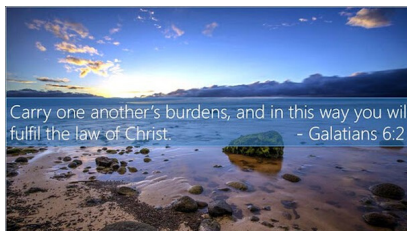
Please visit our website where you will find bulletins, music and Pr. Robin's sermons. You can also subscribe to our [YouTube Channel](#) and view our library of videos. We encourage viewers to comment with one another online. The comment section can be found below the video. [Worship Online](#)

Thank You!

Thank you to all of you who responded to our request to assist members of our congregation, either by volunteering to run errands or by making phone calls to members. So far, I haven't had anyone request assistance but I'm sure that will change as this pandemic continues. Please continue to call each other. I know I am feeling the stress of staying at home and social distancing – the loneliness and feeling of isolation. I have heard from so many people that they appreciate the calls and knowing their church family cares for them. Stay in touch with family, friends and loved ones (FaceTime is a great way to do this). And until we can all be together again, stay safe. Judy Kazak

Helping Our Congregation

While we are not physically together most of the time right now, we can continue to care for one another. Judy Kazak has graciously offered to serve as our Volunteer Coordinator for needs that arise in our congregation during this time in which we are trying to protect the health of all.



First and foremost, please keep all of our members, friends, and staff in prayer.

Secondly, please text Judy at 440-476-6318 or email her at judykazak@yahoo.com if you are in need of assistance or if you know someone who is, or if you are willing to offer help. Judy will connect those who need help with those who can provide it. Possibilities include:

- Purchasing and delivering groceries
- Running other small errands, to places such as pharmacies or dry cleaners
- Driving someone to a medical appointment
- Taking dogs out – briefly!
- An hour of childcare so that mom or dad can take care of something

While we do not recommend visits at this time, the Pastor and Caring Connection Corps are all reaching out to homebound members with calls and emails. If you do visit someone, please follow all the published precautions:

- Physical distance of several feet
- Hand-washing and/or hand sanitizer
- Sanitizing any surfaces you touch, including kitchen counters, bathrooms, and pet spaces.

Thank you for all that you do to care for our congregation.

Grace and peace, Pastor Robin and Judy Kazak

Facebook Daily Prayers

Look for Pr. Robin's Daily Prayers on the [POP Facebook](#) page. Pr. Robin is posting daily prayers at noon.



Calendar

April 8-19, 2020

Wednesday, April 8
10 am Online Wednesday Prayer Service
7:00 pm Organ Practice

Thursday, April 9
10 am Maundy Thursday Online Service

Friday, April 10
10:00 am Good Friday Online Service

Saturday, April 11
10:00 am Holy Saturday Online Service

Sunday, April 12
Hallelujah He Is Risen!
10:00 am Online Easter Sunday Worship Service

Monday, April 13

Tuesday, April 14
7:00 pm CrossFire Rehearsal - Canceled

Wednesday, April 15
7:00 pm Organ Practice

Thursday, April 16
FLOW - Canceled

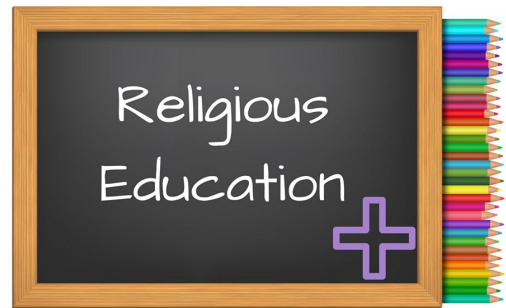
Friday, April 17

Saturday, April 18

Sunday, April 19
10:00 am Online Worship Service

Christian Education News

Daily thoughts about you
Daily reminder that you are important
Daily prayers for you
Daily prayers for your family
Daily prayers for our neighbors
Daily reminder that God is good
Daily thoughts that we will get through this together



Stay safe and healthy; looking forward to seeing everyone as soon as possible, Beverly Braun

Easter Activities Kit

Please contact Beverly at ChristianEducation.POP@gmail.com or call/text 216-767-3427 if you would like to receive an Easter activities kit for your family.

Create a Family Prayer

Use the "Today We Pray For" form to create a personalized prayer for your family. Print the form and throughout the day write down who and what you would like to pray for. Use at meal time or bedtime for prayers. When Sunday School resumes we can bring our prayer lists and share them with each other.

Fun Activities

[Religious Coloring Pages](#)
[Author Read Aloud](#)

Thank you Daniaea Beard for hosting a PK-K Sunday School class using Zoom. It was great to see all who participated and looking forward to it again.

Please send your email address: ChristianEducation.POP@gmail.com if you'd like to receive information about future classes. For more information, visit our website at: [Prince of Peace Christian Education](#)

Happy Easter!

Even the Easter Bunny realizes the REAL meaning of Easter!?
That we all need to take time to pray!



Second Harvest Food Bank

The novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) has disrupted life around the planet and the only certainty is the landscape for the world and Ohio is changing daily.

The Second Harvest team has a contingency plan and is approaching this newest challenge with hope and steadfast resolve...but they need our support.

Every donation helps strengthen their efforts; for every \$10 donated they can provide 50 meals to families struggling with hunger in our region.



Prince of Peace Youth



Daily prayers are an easy part of starting and continuing your faith practice. Join in these personalized prayers with us. It only takes 5 minutes a day to pray. [Facebook Daily Prayers](#)

Happy Hour Hangouts - Friday April 10th - High school and confirmation youth! Join in a weekly Zoom meeting to get some face time with friends! We will have a new host each week who will create conversation topics, lead games, etc. 30 minutes to check in with each other. Second Happy Hour Hangout is Friday April 10th at 5:30pm (Good Friday) [Join Zoom Meeting](#)

April 12th Easter Sunday - #athomehallelujah Join Youth and Christian Ed in raising our hallelujah's from home through arts and crafts! Write an Easter message on your sidewalk, make a palm wreath, color the words "hallelujah" or "He is risen!" and hang around your house....LET'S GET CREATIVE. Be sure to share on social media with @princeofpeacewestlake, @popwestlake.youth, @poplutheranyouth, and #athomehallelujah

"Social Distance King" - John Grey speaks at Lakewood Church in Houston, TX about how, "In this season of isolation, we are being called to focus on the things that matter most. Let this be a moment of reflection and preparation for what God has in your future. You're going to come out of this season with greater anointing than ever before." [Watch Now](#)

Good News - Follow this page on Instagram for good news from all around the world daily!



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

LMM's Portraits of Homelessness ~ Photos and stories of men who are homeless.

Tim Mruk

I was the oldest son of 10 kids. I heard a lot of abuse in my family. After my dad died, my mom couldn't afford all us kids, so she pushed me out.

When I got out of prison after 25 years, no one was happy to see me. I didn't feel wanted by family.

I'd like to part of a community, a neighborhood, a church. I'd like to be a citizen, pay my bills, enjoy life, own or build my own home, have a few friends, maybe get married again.



Lynn Anderson

2100, a place so supposedly dismal, is where I had the opportunity to garden and do murals.

I always lived in apartments, never had the opportunity for gardening or for painting; I never had the space, never had the equipment.

I learned about vegetable gardens – even tomatillos! I had the chance to watch this mural go from blank wall to beauty.

This shelter conveyed to me how good knowledge can be.



Homeless Jesus Bench

The 'Homeless Jesus' bench is currently displayed at Prince of Peace now through May 4, 2020. "Jesus is portrayed as a homeless person, sleeping on a park bench. His face and hands are obscured, hidden under a blanket but crucifixion wounds on his feet reveal his identity. The statue has been described as a visual translation of the Gospel of Matthew passage in which Jesus tells his disciples, "as you did it to one of the least of my brothers, you did it to me"."



The piece is "love made visible to touch our hearts, inspire kindness, love and charity." You are invited to sit on the bench and consider the possibility. The statue is on loan from Cleveland West Foundation. Artist Timothy Schmalz.

Online Giving



Your generous online offering allows us to preach the gospel, make disciples, and support others in our community who need help especially during these challenging times.

As a community, we are grateful for one another's loving support. [ONLINE GIVING](#)

2020 Vacation Bible School

Save the Date!

Westlake Ecumenical Vacation Bible School
(Prince of Peace, St. Ladislav, Westlake United Methodist,
Dover United Church of Christ, & St. Bernadette's)

Many area VBS's have chosen not to run this summer with the current conditions. Since we are later in the summer, we are holding off on a decision at this time. We plan to at least begin the process, so registration will begin May 1st on the Prince of Peace website.

AM sessions and the middle school fill up very quickly. We will keep everyone updated on the status of VBS. Any questions, please email Riki Wilhelm at rikiwilhelm@yahoo.com

Rocky Railway~ July 13-17, 2020

AM or PM sessions pre-K - 5th grades.
All-day for middle school (6th-8th).

Prince of Peace will be hosting the pre-K - 5th, WUMC will host the middle school with staggered drop-off and pick-up times for families with children in both groups.



Prayer Concerns

Please join us in praying for members and friends with recent needs: Beverly Braun, Eric Carlson (son of Jane Carlson), Edith Dus-Garden (friend of Ellie Sanow and Lia Staaf), Bruce Elfvn and family (friends of Pr. Robin), Ron Filkill, Diane Joseph, Judy Kazak and Family, Bob Skufca and friend Sylvia, Don Southham (friend of Ellie Sanow and Lia Staaf), Debbie Wood (aunt of Matt Wenham). **Also, we pray for chronic, long-term care needs:** Charlotte (gr. granddaughter of Jan Schoch), Ren (granddaughter of Linda Baumbach), 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), Gary Lucas (father of Hilary Lucas), Angela Missig (daughter of Gloria Starr), Lois Reichert, Pam Rotella, Karla Sexton (friend of Pat Sprague), Lonneke Smilor (daughter-in-law of Lois Smilor), Phil Smits (friend of Jan Juhn). **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.**

Giving Report

Weekly Operating Giving as of March 29, 2020: \$88,726
 13 Sundays at \$7,500 Budgeted: \$97,500
 Giving Shortfall as of March 29, 2020 \$(8,774)



04/08 Charles Schmidt	04/20 Matthew Olah
04/10 Jacob Arthur	04/20 Norm Rehak
04/13 Mark Givens	04/21 Amy Babinski
04/13 Eli Hallowell	04/23 Carley Frey
04/14 Tim Gibbons	04/23 Abbey Smylie
04/16 Suzanne Kothari	04/24 Laurie Vorobej
04/16 Mason Rowe	04/25 Bill Boor
04/17 Thomas Morton	04/26 Ellen Babinski
04/17 Mark Wiedt	04/26 Aili MacKenzie
04/18 Benjamin Fortuna	04/27 Avianna Carimi
04/18 Francine Molnar	04/28 Becky Kear
04/19 Susan Stevens	04/28 Sally Poirier
	04/28 Helga Susemihl



Happy Anniversary!

04/11 Dave & Laurel Covell
04/26 Susan & Paul Franz
04/28 Susan & TJ Worscroft

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Office Hours

Mon, Tues & Thurs, Fri, 7:00 am- 11:00 am
 Monday - Thursday, 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.