

Peace Connection 2/22/23

Wednesday February 22nd
11 am & 7 pm Ash Wednesday Services
12:00 pm Lent Soup and Study

Thursday February 23rd
Sexton's Day Off
11:00 am FLOW
3:00 pm Organ Practice
3:00 pm Communion Ministry Team Meeting
7:30 pm Choir Practice

Friday February 24th
Pastor Charlie's Day Off
7:00 pm Monster's Hockey Game

Saturday February 25th
10:30 am Spring Altar Guild Meeting
2:00 pm Organ Practice
6:30 pm Open Mic Night

Sunday February 26th
In Person Worship 9 & 11 am
10:00 am Christian Education

Monday February 27th
10:00 am Staff Meeting
2:00 pm Organ Practice
SOAP Bible Study

Tuesday February 28th
7:00 pm CrossFire Rehearsal

Wednesday March 1st
12:00 pm Lent Soup and Study

Thursday March 2nd
FLO is Canceled
Sexton's Day Off
10:00 am Western Conference Clergy and Lay Leaders
3:00 pm Communion Ministry Team Meeting
3:00 pm Organ Practice
7:30 pm Choir Practice

Friday March 3rd
Pastor Charlie's Day Off

Saturday March 4th
2:00 pm Organ Practice

Sunday March 5th
In Person Worship 9 & 11 am
10:00 am Christian Education
10:00 am Adult Gospel Study
10:10 am Blood Pressure Screening
*Grow in Faith * Serve In Love * Live In Peace*



Ash Wednesday, February 22nd

The season of Lent begins today.

Two services will be held at Prince of Peace at 11 am and 7 pm, with communion and the imposition of ashes. Join us as we journey with Jesus to the cross and the empty tomb. A light soup lunch will be served after the 11 am service.

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.
RSVP to Monica Dragony 216-702-7334 or mkmonica66@gmail.com



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 lower 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



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.

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



Welcome Judy Kazak to Church Coucil!

Judy and her family joined Prince of Peace in 1993, transferring their membership from Parma Lutheran Church. Unfortunately, in January 2000, Joe passed away. Judy has three children, six grandchildren, three great grandchildren and her cat, Tony.

Judy served as Congregational Care Coordinator for four years and as Interim Congregational Care Coordinator for two years during Covid. Judy has participated in many activities at POP. She is part of the ministry team that provides services for the residents of Blossom Hill House, distributes communion to the residents of Brookdale Westlake Village and Bickford of Rocky River, has assisted with GWOH, serving meals to the men at 2100 Lakeside, assists with the OMNI Bluz Over Africa fund raiser, sponsors three children in Africa and twice was part of the team going to Africa to provide medical care.

Judy also delivers communion to our home bound members, is a member of Altar Guild, is an Assisting Minister, a communion server, an usher, lesson reader and coordinates funeral lunches.



Spring Altar Guild Meeting

Saturday, February 25, 10:30 am – Charter Room

We are meeting to discuss spring 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 Terstage with questions (440-263-6759).




Young at Heart Lunch

Friday, February, 24th at 12:30 pm.
Houlihan's restaurant.

25651 Detroit Rd.
Westlake, OH 44145

Any questions, please contact Kathy Kettler at 440-734-6511.
A sign-up sheet is in the lower lobby.

YOUNG AT HEART
LUNCH



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Houlihan's Restaurant
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PASTOR CHARLIE'S BLOG



From PC's PC (Pastor Charlie's Personal Computer!)

First Reading: Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

1 Blow the trumpet in Zion;
sound the alarm on my holy mountain!

Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble,
for the day of the Lord is coming, it is near—

2 a day of darkness and gloom,
a day of clouds and thick darkness!

Like blackness spread upon the mountains
a great and powerful army comes;
their like has never been from of old,
nor will be again after them
in ages to come.

12 Yet even now, says the Lord,
return to me with all your heart,
with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning;
13 rend your hearts and not your clothing.

Return to the Lord, your God,
for he is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love,
and relents from punishing.

14 Who knows whether he will not turn and relent,
and leave a blessing behind him,
a grain offering and a drink offering
for the Lord, your God?

15 Blow the trumpet in Zion;
sanctify a fast;

call a solemn assembly;
16 gather the people.

Sanctify the congregation;
assemble the aged;
gather the children,
even infants at the breast.

Let the bridegroom leave his room,
and the bride her canopy.

17 Between the vestibule and the altar
let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, weep.

Let them say, "Spare your people, O Lord,
and do not make your heritage a mockery,
a byword among the nations.

Why should it be said among the peoples,
'Where is their God?'"



Remember you are dust, and to dust you shall return. Later in our worship tonight service will be a sign placed on our brows, a reminder that we are all dust, and we will return to dust. It is only through the life that God has breathed into us that we have life. It is only by God's grace that we have life, and all that comes with it.

Back in August of 2008, my family and I gathered in the church in which we grew up – First Congregational Church of Royal Oak. We gathered with friends and family, some whom we hadn't seen in decades, to remember my Dad, his 84 years of life, love and companionship. When the service in the church was over, my oldest brother, Rich, took the box that held my Father's remains, and led the family and those gathered out to the memorial garden just outside the church. There the minister shared more words of comfort and promise. We commended Dad to God's care. My brother then opened the box and gathered a handful of the ashes, as did his wife and children, and scattered them on the flowerbed. My brothers and I, together with our families did the same. Then others came forward, lifting the fine, grey ash from the container and spreading it into the ground – earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust. It was a meaningful, powerful moment for me.

PASTOR CHARLIE'S BLOG



Continued:

In June of 2012, just four years later, we gathered at the same church for our mother's funeral. Once again, we spread the ashes on the ground – earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust.

Since those occasions, Ash Wednesday has never been the same for me. The ashes placed on my brow will remind me that, apart from God, and God's life-giving Spirit, I am nothing but dust. But those ashes, in the sign of the cross, remind me of the promise that death is not the final word.

We are but dust. And to dust we shall return.

How we got here is this – we are sinners. Yes you are, and so am I. Sin is, at its core, separation from God. An image used often to describe it is an arrow missing its mark. Luther said it is like an arrow turned in on itself, symbolizing that the focus is on self and not God or others.

Sin is not living as God created us, not doing what God has commanded and/or DOING what God has commanded us NOT to do. And the wages of sin is death. We hear this in Genesis, right? Adam and Eve wanted to be something more than what God intended – they wanted to be just like God. God straightened them out on that, and death came to be a part of who we are.

It would be easy for us to say its not MY fault. NO! Its Adam and Eve's fault. It is my ancestors' fault. It is my parents' fault.

Lent is a time to face the fact that it is your fault. It is my fault. I am a sinner. So are you.

Sin and death - that is the problem. Jesus offers the solution. God tried with prophets and kings, but people kept falling back into self-serving, and God put on back burner, so to speak. Finally, God sent His Son to bring us back to a right relationship with God, and to reconnect us to God and one another.

Those ashes we scattered on the ground were the remnants of my parents' bodies. We give back to the earth the elements, with sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life. Through Jesus' death and resurrection, we have hope, we have a promise, we have life!

Lent is our opportunity to return to God and walk in God's ways.

Let us pray: Gracious God, out of your love and mercy you breathed into dust the breath of life, creating us to serve you and our neighbors. Call forth our prayers and acts of kindness, and strengthen us to face our mortality with confidence in the mercy of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen

"Member Profile"
This Week's Feature :
Linda Gareau



Linda was born in Cleveland and grew up with 2 brothers. She was raised in the Catholic faith. Her family later moved to Erie, Pa and finally to Boardman, OH. Her father was working for a company promoting magazine subscriptions. Later he established himself in that business as a franchise owner. Her mother would assist him in his work. In her high school years, her parents purchased a farm and then a type of culture shock took hold. A large property to maintain with much work was involved. Attending a very small high school, this was an unexpected lifestyle change, her graduation class was barely 100 students.

She would return to the Cleveland area to receive a degree at Cuyahoga Community College West Campus and Remington College. She would go on to meet her husband at a college party. They have since been divorced. Some of her early work included manager of Sisters of St. Joseph group home for developmentally disabled residents and a car salesperson. After the 2008 economic downturn, car sales positions were being cut back. Linda's training prepared her to become a Pharmacy Technician. She is currently working at The Cleveland Clinic Cancer Infusion Center in Strongsville.

Linda is especially proud of her 4 children. Cherie, age 45, resides in Atlanta. Patrice, 43, lives in Nashville, David, age 39, resides in Amherst. The youngest one Christopher, 37, lives in Florida. She has been blessed to celebrate life with her 8 grandchildren that are spread far and wide! Her brother Rob continues to live on the family farm in Mahoning County and has retired after a military career. Brother Michael lives in North Carolina and works in a sales position.

On a trip she had made years ago to run errands, she passed by Prince of Peace. As she was ahead of schedule that Sunday morning, she decided to come in to discover what POP was all about. The band was playing "A New Hallelujah" by her favorite musical writer Michael W. Smith. This inspired her greatly, and she decided to join! Linda has been involved in many missions here at POP. She currently is a member of The Altar Guild, working to prepare the church weekly for services and keeping the facility always looking beautiful. She participates in the Women's Discipleship Group and is a member of Church Council in her first year as a part of the engagement committee.

Some of her interests include Puzzles, Reading, playing with her puppy "Charlie". He is a mix of Shih Tzu/ Poodle and King Charles Cavalier. On a recent trip to North Carolina, she was able to hear a performance by Michael W. Smith. But hiking the steep trails was something best left to view from a distance. Her love of butterflies is a reminder of her mother as they were released at her funeral. As we approach spring, she will be part of the rebirth theme as many beautiful butterflies will be placed throughout our church. A collection of Angels also is a way she welcomes people into her home with a blessing.

Linda has much to celebrate with loving children, grandchildren, brothers, and a very meaningful career. She has chosen POP as her Faith Family and knows how much God's Love has blessed her! You will see her sitting with the Altar Guild team every week at the contemporary service. Get to know her, you will find a sincere person always ready to help build up our church!

By Tom Robinholt : Profile Reporter



- INTERNATIONAL
DINNER SERIES**
- 
- CAMBODIAN DINNER
THURSDAY APRIL 27TH
AT 6PM**
- 27080 Lorain Rd, North Olmsted, OH 44070
- 
- Phnom Penh**
restaurant
Cambodian and Vietnamese Cuisines
- Please text Hilary to
sign up 216.258.1639
All are welcome

Prayer Concerns for the week of February 15th

Please join us in praying for members and friends with recent needs: Brianna Troyer, David McCollum, Deb Winar, DJ Hopkins and family, Donna Kucera and family, Fran Molnar, Grace Dye, Jayne Kramic, Joe Kazak, Judy and Jim Santora, June Zweidinger's friends and family, Laura, Morgan Jarvis, Ron Claus, Roseann Fekete, the students and faculty at Michigan State University, and the victims of the earthquake and the relief workers.

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.

All Peace Connection requests will need to be submitted with 3 days notice (the Sunday prior) to be included in the weekly post. Thank you for your understanding!

Attendance at Prince of Peace

<u>Date</u>	<u>Online</u>	<u>In Person</u>	<u>Total</u>
02/19/2023	25	128	153
02/12/2023	37	138	178
02/05/2023	43	121	164
01/29/2023	42	143	185



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

02/01 Katarina Rolik	02/13 Jane Carlson
02/02 Emma Perry	02/13 Jonathan Covell
02/02 Rachel Drobnak	02/13 Kathy McCollum
02/04 Abigail Matalavage	02/13 Sally Blach
02/04 James Wilhelm	02/15 Betsy Bailey
02/04 Tom Herren	02/16 Connor Burdette
02/05 Bradley Pearce	02/16 Carol Novotny
02/05 Erin Jagels	02/16 Saige Worsencroft
02/05 Julia Vorobej	02/17 Dennis MacKenzie
02/06 Sean Biller	02/18 Donald Chrismar
02/07 Esther Wolff	02/18 Elayna Gros
02/07 James Arrigo	02/18 Lydia Lenz
02/08 Charles Sieving	02/21 Kieran Lavin
02/08 Joann Burson	02/21 Andrea Petta
02/09 Diane Miller	02/22 Jan Saunders
02/10 Nicholas Fortuna	02/23 Edna Dickey
02/10 Sean Lavin	02/23 Jon Steinbrecher
02/12 Chris Rehark	02/23 Julia Castell
02/12 Laney Ventimiglia	02/04 Beverly Braun
02/12 Melody Hauser	02/24 Keith Wyant
02/13 Charles Woodward	02/08 Chris Petta
02/13 Erin Bruneau	02/08 Shaun Dillon

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

02/01 Dan & Jan King
 02/02 Tom & Sandy Herren
 02/06 Dan & Gail Pogue
 02/10 Jim & Sharon Lappin

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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.