



September 11th, 2026

# PEACE CONNECTION

Friday, September 11th  
Pastor Doug's Day Off

Saturday, September 12th  
2:00 pm Organ Practice

Sunday, September 13th  
10:00 am Combined Services  
11:00 am God's Work Our Hands

Monday, September 14th  
10:00 am Staff Meeting  
2:00 pm Organ Practice  
7:00 pm SOAP Bible Study

Tuesday, September 15th  
11:00 am Women's Discipleship Group  
1:30 pm Watercolor Class with Mel  
6:15 pm CrossFire Rehearsal

Wednesday, September 16th  
2:00 pm Pastor Doug's Bible Study  
7:00 pm Engagement Committee

Thursday, September 17th  
Sexton's Day Off  
9:00 am FLOW  
3:00 pm Organ Practice

Friday, September 18th  
Pastor Doug's Day Off

Saturday, September 19th  
2:00 pm Organ Practice

Sunday, September 20th  
9:00 am Praise Worship  
10:00 am Sunday Gospel Study  
10:30 am Arden Courts  
11:00 am Traditional Worship

Monday, September 21st  
10:00 am Staff Meeting  
3:00 pm organ Practice  
7:00 pm SOAP Bible Study

Tuesday, September 22nd  
6:45 pm CrossFire Rehearsal  
7:00 pm Pastor Doug's Bible Study

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

## Travel Quest

Join us for the next Travel Quest outing! We will depart Prince of Peace at 10:00am on **Wednesday, September 30th** for a 45-minute guided tour behind the scenes at the Cleveland Museum of Art. Lunch will follow in the Art Museum cafe. See sign-up sheet in the lower narthex. Contact Marge Jaracz or Fran Wilhelm for more information.



OMNI, with the support of **Prince of Peace**,  
presents a fundraiser

from 5-9 pm at the  
**Pavilion at St. Clarence**  
30106 Lorain Road  
North Olmsted, Ohio

### Concert & Auction

Featuring *Colin Dussault's Blues Project*

Proceeds will provide food, education & medical care for vulnerable children at the OMNI Children's Village in Zambia, Africa.

Learn more about OMNI at [www.omnimissions.com](http://www.omnimissions.com)



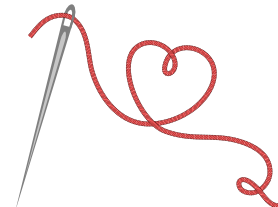
Orphan Medical Network International  
a 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization

## Young at heart

Please join us on Friday, September 25, 2026 at 12:30 pm. We will be enjoying good food and fellowship at Famous Dave's BBQ, located at 26410 Great Northern Shopping Center in North Olmsted. Please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the lower lobby. Questions, contact Kathy Kettler at (440)825-2674.

## Comfort Quilters

The Comfort Quilters will resume quilting on Monday, September 14th at 1:00. Come and see how we put the beautiful quilts together. No sewing experience necessary! Any questions call Becky Wagoner.



## Tables for Eight

Tables for Eight (T48) was created to help build our church community one relationship at a time. We reshuffle the groups 3x annually and now is that time. We encourage the groups to get together once a month so that everyone has an opportunity to host their group. Hosting could be a gathering at their house with everyone contributing something to the event. It could also be to do a group outing to plays or musicals, playing putt putt or shuffle board, going out to eat, or attending Open Mic night. We want everyone to have an opportunity to get to know each other without placing much burden on any one person or couple. If you are currently participating in T48 and want to continue, there's no need to do anything. If you are participating and are unavailable to continue or are not participating and want to, please let Dave or Jan Saunders know. If you have any questions, please ask Jan ([jan.saunders.art@gmail.com](mailto:jan.saunders.art@gmail.com)) or Dave Saunders ([david.w.saundersoh@gmail.com](mailto:david.w.saundersoh@gmail.com)).

## Women's Discipleship Group

You are invited to attend the Women's Discipleship Group, which meets the third Tuesday of the month from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm. in the library near the upper entrance. Our next meeting is September 17. Debra Stewart has been leading a study on plants, trees and flowers in the Bible. No book needs to be purchased with this study, as in the past. Materials will be passed out at the meeting or you can contact Debra for an email attachment to print off a copy yourself in advance or pick up one in the lower lobby in the WDG folder. The plant this month is the Cedar Tree-its history, where it is mentioned in Biblical passages, their significance and usage in Israel, how it relates to our lives, and more. All are welcome and encouraged. Please contact Debra Stewart at [debistewart777@gmail.com](mailto:debistewart777@gmail.com) with questions.

## Foodbank Help Day

Prince of Peace has an opportunity for members and friends to help out the Second Harvest Foodbank at 5510 Baumhart Road, Lorain, Ohio 44053 on Monday, October 19, 2026. We will meet at the Foodbank at 5:00 pm for pizza and at 5:30 pm begin sorting and repacking donated food items until 7:00 p.m. It is a fun experience with tasks for all. Volunteers must be 16 or older per the Food Bank's policy.

We are looking for up to 15 people to help out that evening. Please contact Charlie Koch at (440) 478-9235 or email him at [cakoch13@aol.com](mailto:cakoch13@aol.com) to let him know you are planning to attend. You can also use the sign-up sheet in the lower narthex. A link to sign up as a volunteer on the Second Harvest web site for this repack day at [secondharvestfoodbank.org](http://secondharvestfoodbank.org) will be provided as we get closer to the repack day.



# Member Profile Story

## Dave and Carol Novotny



Dave and Carol were both born in Cleveland, Ohio. Dave grew up in the Old Brooklyn neighborhood; Carol grew up in the Westpark area. Dave went to James Ford Rhode High School; Carol went to John Marshall School. Dave was a Business Major; Carol started with College Prep but switched to Business in her Senior year. Dave has one younger brother, Craig who lives in Lakewood, Ohio. Carol was the third of four children, with an older brother Don, an older sister Dona, and a younger brother Dennis. Both Don and Donna passed away in the last few years. Dennis and his wife live in Parma, Ohio.

Dave and Carol met in the same department at the Illuminating Company. Dave had a part-time job at the Cleveland Library as a teenager, but both were hired at The Illuminating Company right after graduating from high school. Both were also fortunate to work under the supervision of wonderful mentors who recognized their work ethic and abilities, and eventually rose to supervisory positions themselves. Sadly, Dave lost his job when The illuminating Company merged with Ohio Edison and became First Energy, so for the remaining 14 years before his retirement worked as a part time Manager and courier for an airport delivery company and later as a Quality Control Manager for a mailing house. Carol was fortunate to maintain a position with First Energy, retiring after 43 years with The Illuminating Company/First Energy (the only job she ever had!)

Carol and Dave have a blended family of five children - Brian, 53, is a Captain with the Streetsboro Fire Department; Shelly, 51, is a Social Worker with The Ohio State Prison System. Kim, 51, is a Teaching Assistant with The Westlake School System; Brad, 49, works in Quality Control at Charter Steel ; and Lisa, 49, works as an Accountant for a Law firm in Toledo, Ohio. All five children have given them a total of 12 grandchildren ranging in age from 11 to 33, only three of which are still in middle or high school and two of which have given them 2 great -grandchildren aged 1 and 4!

After living in the Akron/Canton area for 11 years due to Carol's position with First Energy, they chose to move back north to the Cleveland area when Carol retired to be closer to most of their kids and grandkids. So in 2011 they moved to Elyria and visited every Lutheran Church - both ELCA and Missouri Synod - within a 5 mile radius of their new home. They were simply looking for a Church with an instructive and enlightening Pastor , a welcoming congregation, and an Adult Choir, but no Church seemed to be calling to them. Their daughter Shelly was a member of PoP and asked them if they would take her son to VBS that first summer they lived in Elyria, so Carol did. She offered to help out, met Deaconess Jeannette who put her to work, and became friendly with Lorraine Lutton during that week. Lorraine encouraged her to attend a Sunday worship service. They liked Pastor Bishop's preaching and the friendly atmosphere of PoP and started attending regularly . In the fall, Lorraine invited them to join the Choir, which they did; and by December, they had attended a New Member class and officially joined!

Carol and Dave continue to sing in the Choir. They are also part of the group that chooses hymns for the traditional service, attend the Wednesday Adult Bible Study and the monthly Young at Heart lunches, serve as Ushers during the Choirs summer break, and sometimes help at the Second Harvest Food Bank. Carol also serves as an Assistant Minister, Reader and Communion Assistant; and was always thrilled when Pastor Charlie offered her a reading part in one of his skits! Dave and Carol have owned sailboats and motorcycles over the years and enjoyed them tremendously, but gave them up as they reached their 70's. They did some traveling but especially cherish their 3-week road trip out West in 2012 and a 2-week trip to Israel in 2016. When the grandchildren were growing up, they were in the stands for endless football, baseball, basketball, soccer and volleyball games, not to mention track & field and cross-country events; plus choir concerts, band concerts and drama presentations. They pretty much now consider themselves "homebodies" but still try to attend most of the three younger grandchildren's school games and events as well as eating out with friends and relatives, including those grown-up grandkids just to keep in touch with them.

Some other things that people may not know is that Carol has been collecting Barbie dolls as an adult and has over 200 of them including her original Barbie received for Christmas in 1961 and every Holiday Barbie since 1988. Dave has an Amateur Radio License and nearly 200 handheld and console radios that he's collected over the years. They look forward to sticking around long enough to see the remaining grandchildren's weddings! Dave and Carol are living a life filled with purpose. As dedicated Christians, they share God's Love and always spread the Good News of Jesus !

By Tom Robinholt : Profile Reporter

Pop Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

When I retired in June of last year on the 40th anniversary of my ordination, I assumed that occasional supply preaching would be enough. At the end of last September, Danette and I took a 3-week road trip picking up route 66 in St Louis and heading west through Missouri, Oklahoma, Texas, and New Mexico. We stopped in Roswell to meet some aliens, Albuquerque to stay with old friends and watch the balloons launch, Santa Fe where Danette's niece lives, Taos to meet some Native Americans, Denver to visit Danette's family and stay at her high school friend's house, then back across I80 staying with friends and family along the way in Nebraska and Iowa. In December we took an old people's bus trip to Washington D.C.

The rest of the time we were home. It was a long winter. Danette told me I needed to find something to do other than supply preaching. In January, Pastor Mitch from the synod office called, asking if I would do an interim either in Akron or Westlake since I'd finished my allotted time after retirement.

He thought I'd be a better match at Prince of Peace because of the similarities with Divinity. Ask Yahweh. I knew what Danette would say who is almost Yahweh. I've learned over and over that God speaks to us through people we interact with. I met with Mark in February who like my wife is almost Yahweh, who had me sign a 12 month contract beginning on March 1st , my 67th birthday, or until the new pastor arrives.

So here we are 7 months later, giving thanks to Yahweh for our Prince of Peace ministry, as the call committee prepares to interview potential pastors of which one will lead you into the future. Ask Yahweh for wisdom during the call process and do not call a boring preacher.

In Christ  
Pastor Doug





OMNI is devoted to sustained improvements in the lives of orphaned and vulnerable children in Zambia, Africa through medical care, education, and community development in an atmosphere of Christian faith and hope that is respectful to indigenous cultures.

OMNI's serves those children with the greatest financial need whose families cannot afford the expenses of public schools. Nearly all of our students live in the George Compound – a small village located near the eastern edge of OMNI's property. With the help of our loyal sponsors, our children receive a quality education, school supplies, a daily hot meal, uniforms and shoes, clean drinking water both at home and at school, chemically-treated anti-malaria nets for sleeping, medical care, and Christian guidance from our dedicated staff. OMNI School is currently serving over 300 students.

“OMNI school home feeding support program is helping to change people's lives and aids in managing the absolute poverty levels faced by the people of George compound and the whole country. Before the home feeding support program was introduced we received reports from teachers that learners collapsed in class during lessons due to hunger as they could go for days without eating anything at their homes. Most children depend on the hot meal provided at school every day during school hours, but most could face challenges over the weekends.

At present Zambia is the 6th poorest country in the world, according to the World Bank. This is being driven by high levels of food insecurity, high cost of living, and significant hours of no power supplies just to mention a few items impacting our community and country.

Clean drinking water is one of the serious concerns for our community as there is no running water from the taps in the village. People get their drinking water from make shift wells which contributes to an increase of water borne diseases as pit latrine toilets are so close to the water sources. OMNI school helps to manage this very difficult water situation by providing clean water to the community of George from the water source at our two boreholes. (one electrical and one solar water pumping system).”

Teddy Kasonga – OMNI School Manager



Excited children from the community of George beginning their education at OMNI School

Orphan Medical Network International

501c3 non-profit organization ● [www.omnmissions.com](http://www.omnmissions.com)

Your support of OMNI via child sponsorships and the Bluz Over Africa benefit on October 11, 2026 are critical to these children and their families and community.

Thank you for helping us . . . save one child at a time.

# GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS

## FRIENDSHIP ANIMAL PROTECTIVE LEAGUE

Dear Prince of Peace Family,

Thank you for your donations to Friendship over the past year! Because of your generosity, animals who arrive frightened, hungry, and unsure are met with warmth, medical care, and compassion.

Abandoned dogs discover soft beds and second chances. Cats who once knew only survival learn what safety feels like. None of this happens without you.

Here are just a few highlights from 2025 that YOU made possible:

- Our humane officers responded to 556 calls, resulting in 1,710 animals being rescued from cruelty and neglect
- Volunteers donated 32,637 hours of their precious time to support our mission
- 4,996 animals found loving homes with new families
- Cats and dogs found homes three weeks faster than the national average
- 1,410 animals received temporary care through our growing foster program
- We provided sanctuary to 16 pets whose owners were fleeing domestic violence
- 321 families received dog and cat food during times of need

This year, we will expand our reach by offering low-cost vaccinations and spay/neuter services to hundreds of deserving animals in our community. As a nonprofit dedicated to the welfare of all animals, Friendship relies on contributions from individuals like you to survive. So, on behalf of the Friendship staff and volunteers and the thousands of animals who can't speak for themselves, Thank You.

### **MOST NEEDED DONATIONS AT THIS TIME**

Purina cat & kitten food  
Towels and flat sheets  
Purina dog & puppy  
food Disinfectant and wipes  
Dog & Cat treats/toys  
Bunny food

Monetary gifts should be given to Diane Schlegel or Sue Stevens. Make checks payable to Friendship APL, Thank you!



**God's work. Our hands.**



Join us for a  
day of service

**SAVE THE DATE • Sunday, September 13th**

Mark your calendars! On Sunday, September 13, our congregation comes together for God's Work, Our Hands - a churchwide day of service to our neighbors and one another. There's a place for everyone. Below are this year's projects and the donations we're gathering.

### **SERVICE PROJECTS**

#### **Soap S.A.C.K. - Support A Community with Kindness • Led by Joanne Burns**

Crochet and knit "soap sacks" for those in need. Patterns are in the church entryway if you'd like a head start. Please donate unopened, bath-size bars of soap. [soapsacks.com](http://soapsacks.com)

#### **2100 Lakeside Men's Shelter Lunches • Led by Bev Braun**

Pack grab-and-go lunches to deliver to the shelter. Volunteers with vehicles are needed to help transport lunches that day.

#### **Notes to Our Homebound & Inactive Members • Led by Diane Schlegel**

Handwrite and sign notes to let members know they're in our hearts, sharing a little of God's love.

#### **P.O.P. Church Windows & Walls Cleaning • Led by James & Lisa Arrigo**

Help clean interior windows and wipe down inside walls to give our church home a little extra care. Supplies provided.

#### **Friendship Animal Protective League Donations • Led by Diane Schlegel**

Collecting ahead of time for shelter animals: pet food, cleaning supplies, and new pet toys. Learn more at [friendshipapl.org](http://friendshipapl.org)

Example donations needed for the FAPL:

Food: Any brand canned cat, kitten, dog, and puppy food; Purina Brand dry cat, kitten, dog, and puppy food; Spray Cheese (Cheeze Wiz or Easy Cheese); Smuckers Natural & Organic Peanut Butter (Dog-safe brand)

Cleaning supplies: bleach, unscented Dawn dish soap, unscented liquid laundry detergent, towels, rags, blankets, flat sheets or comforters

New Dog and Cat Toys: Kongs, Nylabones, Squeaker Toys, Springs, Crinkle Toys

#### **Cleveland Kids' Book Bank (Tuesday, Sept. 15 • 1:00–2:45 p.m.) • Led by Diane Schlegel**

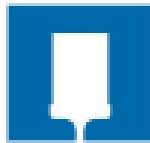
A mid-week add-on, off-site at 13913 West Parkway Rd., Cleveland. Sort books for children in need across greater Cleveland. \*Closed toed shoes required. Parking is on the east side of the building. [kidsbookbank.org](http://kidsbookbank.org)

Questions or ready to help? Contact Nick Marple – [nicktmarple@gmail.com](mailto:nicktmarple@gmail.com)

**God's work. Our hands.**



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Join us for a  
day of service

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH • DAY-OF DETAILS**

Come for worship. Stay to serve. Stay for lunch.

**10:00 A.M.**

**ONE COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE**

We will gather indoors for one combined service as a congregation.

**AFTER WORSHIP**

**GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS. SERVICE PROJECTS**

Simply choose the project you feel called to help with and join in.

**CHOOSE A WAY TO SERVE**

**LMM SACK LUNCHES (Fellowship Hall)**

Make and pack grab-and-go sack lunches for LMM / the 2100 Lakeside Men's Shelter.

**CARDS OF CARE (Church Library)**

Write and sign cards for our homebound members to remind them they are in our hearts.

**SOAP SACKS (Upper Narthex)**

Help make and stuff soap sacks that will be shared with people in need.

**CHURCH WINDOWS (Lower Narthex)**

Help clean the interior church windows and give our church home a little extra care.

**AFTER GWOH • LUNCH IN THE PEACE PAVILION**



Pizza and beverages will be provided. If you would like to bring a dessert to share, it would be warmly welcomed.

Questions? Contact Nick Marple - [nickmarple@gmail.com](mailto:nickmarple@gmail.com)

**God's work. Our hands.**



**Sunday, August 30th, 2026**

**Prayer requests may be sent to Sue Hosler, chairwoman of the Prayer**

**Chain Ministry at: [suehosler@yahoo.com](mailto:suehosler@yahoo.com) or to the church office at:**

**[princeofpeacewestlake@gmail.com](mailto:princeofpeacewestlake@gmail.com)**

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

### **Prayer Request - Long Term**

Emily Saunders (PoP Member)  
Pam Rotella (PoP Member)  
Al Tielke (PoP Member)  
Angela Missig (Daughter of Gloria Starr)  
Laura K (Friend of Deb Gibbons)  
Paula Collister (Sister-in-law of Liz Grider)  
Daniel Reisner (Friend of James and Lisa Arrigo)  
Monica Doptis (Grandchild of Dan and Barb Fronczak)  
Liz Jones (Daughter of Dan and Barb Fronczak)  
Robert Sieving (Brother of Chuck Sieving)  
Lisa Piscola (Friend of Jann Daniels)  
Tony and Michelle Glashauckus (Friends of Jann Daniels)  
Matt Darcangelo (Friend of Matt Wenham)  
Toni Kulma and Pastor Jim Kulma (Supply Pastor for PoP)  
Shane Overcash (Relative of Deb Gibbons)  
Cindy Kreis (PoP Member)  
Angelica Brophy (Daughter-in-law of Jann Daniel's Friend)

### **Recent prayer requests received within the past 3 weeks:**

#### **August 30**

Family and Friends of Phyllis Branson (Friend of the Comnick Family)

#### **September 6**

Emily Saunders (PoP Member)  
Natalie Saunders (Daughter-in-law of Dave and Jan Saunders)  
Gary Allie (Husband of frequent PoP visitor, Janet (Newman) Allie)  
Natalia (Coworker of Jann Daniels)  
Melody Hauser (PoP Member)

#### **September 13**

Shoko Morton (Wife of PoP member, Tom Morton)  
Patch Song and Family (Friend of Tony Perez)  
Jane Carlson (PoP Member)

# Happy Birthday

## Attendance at Prince of Peace

Bill Beard 9/01  
 Emily Saunders 9/01  
 Ben Hallowell 9/02  
 Tim Regan Sr 9/05  
 Jacob Jablonski 9/05  
 Tessa Comnick 9/06  
 Thomas Hartung 9/08  
 Ken Krueger 9/11  
 Caden Vinci 9/12  
 Joan Drobnak 9/12  
 William Pearce 9/12  
 Rebecca Wagoner 9/13  
 Sami Jablonski 9/14  
 Brent Juhn 9/15  
 David Johnston 9/15

Carol Spagnuolo 9/15  
 Kara Vinci 9/17  
 Eric Fortuna 9/17  
 Dan Fronczak 9/18  
 James Dickey V 9/20  
 Aaron Katrincsak 9/23  
 Deb Gibbons 9/26  
 Marsha Regan 9/29  
 Remi Bailey 9/30

| Date       | Online | In Person | Total |
|------------|--------|-----------|-------|
| 09/06/2026 | 123    | 115       | 238   |
| 08/30/2026 | 0      | 141       | 141   |
| 08/23/2026 | 110    | 120       | 230   |
| 08/16/2026 | 0      | 140       | 140   |



Mark & Rusty Blakeslee 9/08  
 Matthew & Lola Wenham 9/09  
 David & Stephanie Pogachar 9/09  
 Sara & Tom Vitko 9/12  
 Richard & Sally Balch 9/19

## Second Harvest

The requested items for September are:  
 Pasta, Pasta Sauce, Olive Oil & Canned Fish

## Giving Data

| Operating Giving Report                   | YTD       | AVG/Week |
|-------------------------------------------|-----------|----------|
| Total Giving as of July 31st 2026:        | \$307,444 | \$10,248 |
| % of Annual 2026 Budget Received to Date: | 59%       |          |
| Remaining Giving to Meet 2026 Budget      | \$211,556 | \$9,616  |
| Total Expenses Incurred through 7/31/26   | \$295,824 | \$9,861  |



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### Sunday Worship Services

8:30 am & 10:00 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.