

Matthew 18:20

For where two or three are
gathered together in my name,
there am I in the midst of them.

PEACE CONNECTIONS
September 2, 2020

Sign Up to Join Us for In-Person Worship Service ~ This Sunday, September 6, 2020

Hello members of Prince of Peace,

In this ever changing world we try our best to create a safe environment for all. Prince of Peace is following all health guidelines directed by our Governor and The Ohio Department of Health. Cuyahoga County is still marked as a Level 3 Red Alert, meaning that Cuyahoga has hit 4-5 of DeWine's risk indicators. Due to continuing in the Red Zone, beginning on July 17th, face masks are now required by all to be worn in public areas.

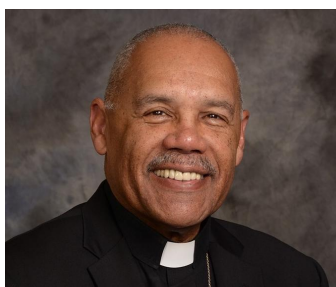
We understand that these times are hard and that many people have yet to feel comfortable being in a group setting, however for anyone who does feel comfortable returning, we hope to see you this **Sunday, September 6** for our one, in-person service at 10:00 am. Our at-risk members are still encouraged to participate through digital worship until they are comfortable worshipping in-person. There will be a limited number of "family groups" in the sanctuary so we can maintain social-distancing (a family group is 1 to 5 people).

If you will be attending in-person worship service on Sunday, for the health and safety of all our members, please exit the building immediately after service. If you would like to catch up with friends afterwards, please do so outside. While on Prince of Peace property, everyone must maintain 6 feet of social distancing and wear face masks.

RESERVATIONS: There are 19 family group spots on [SignUpGenius](#). Sign-ups are available through **Thursday, September 3 at 11:59 pm**. A family group ranges from 1-5 people. If a family group has more than five, that family will need to reserve two different family group spots to cover their whole family. Please make sure to check that the date you are signing up for is **September 6th**. 1) Scroll down to date **09/06/2020**. 2) Click the box that says "Sign Up", a check mark should indicate that it has been chosen. 3) Once box is marked, click "Submit and Sign Up" button 4) Fill in you First and Last name, and in the comment box with the number of people you plan to attend, and if you need specific seating due to hard of hearing/vision, or preference. 5) Once everything is filled in click "Sign Up Now".

*If you have any complications or questions please call the church office. If no one can pick up the phone at the time of your call, please leave a message and we will get back to you as soon as we can.

Phone Reservations: For those who do not have access to a computer or smartphone there are five family group spots available for reservations by phone. To reserve your spot please call the office at 440/871-5565. Please leave a voicemail with your groups first and last name, the total amount of people in your group, and your phone number (so we can call back and verify your reservation was received, or to let you know that all the call reservations have been filled).



This Sunday, worship with us online! Please visit our [website](#) where you will find the Sunday Bulletin, music, prayers and **Bishop Abraham D. Allende's Sunday sermon for Prince of Peace.**

For those who prefer to worship earlier, our online worship service will now be available on Sundays at 8:00 a.m.

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](#)



Second Harvest



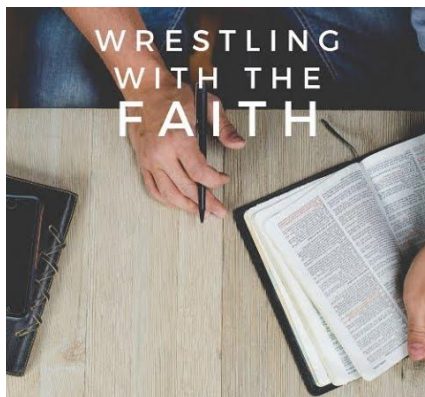
For the month of **September**, requested items are **Peanut butter and canned meats**. The collection containers are located as you enter the Education Wing. Thank you!

Tune Into Our New Podcast, "Wrestling with the Faith"

Welcome to the "Wrestling with the Faith" (WWTF) podcast! In this series, we will be taking lessons from upcoming Sundays and discussing what they mean to us and to our lives. These discussions will be available on the first and third week of each month on the Prince of Peace YouTube channel. Get your thinking caps ready and let's have some great conversations!"

Check out our latest episode of the [Wrestling with the Faith podcast!](#) We discuss Matthew 18:15-20, and if Jesus wants us to wrestle with our faith.

Join us in our discussion and let us know your thoughts in the comments section! You can watch on YouTube, Spotify, Apple or Google...your choice!



Calendar

September 2-13, 2020

Wednesday, September 2
7:00 pm Organ Practice

Thursday, September 3

Friday, September 4

Saturday, September 5
10:00 am Organ Practice

Sunday, September 6
10:00 am In Person Worship Service (by reservation)
10:00 am Online Worship Service
7:00 pm Sunday Gathering & Service

Monday, September 7
Labor Day
7:00 pm Men's Bible Group

Tuesday, September 8
10:00 am Discovery Group

Wednesday, September 9
7:00 pm Organ Practice

Thursday, September 10

Friday, September 11

Saturday, September 12
10:00 am Organ Practice
5:00 pm Private Wedding

Sunday, September 13
9:00 am Red Cross Blood Drive/FH
10:00 am In Person Worship Service (by reservation)
10:00 am Online Worship Service



**Wherever God is calling...our hands are ready to do God's Work!
Let's work together for God's Work Our Hands **Sunday...Month 2020!****

COVID-19 has impacted us all and our capacity to come together to serve is limited.
While GWOH Sunday is September 13th, let's dedicate the **month** of September to GWOH service!
See below for all the opportunities to serve and watch the Peace Connection for the "focus of the week."
Will be collecting donations for all ministries throughout the month and plan to celebrate on October 4th!

Where can we serve??
Close to home?? Near?? Far?? Anywhere?? Let's see how far our hands can reach!

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| <p><u>Close to home...Second Harvest Food Bank</u> Goal: 500 lbs which will feed 400 families!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food donations can be left in the usual location, by the donation station, or outside by the west entrance. | <p><u>Near....Lutheran Metropolitan Ministries Women's Re-Entry (WREN)</u> Goal: 100 pairs of socks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional needs include toiletries, feminine hygiene products, and umbrellas. <p><u>Men's Shelter</u> Goal: 100 pairs of new underwear (all sizes/styles)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The shelter is also collecting gently used men's clothing for donation. |
| <p><u>Far...OMNI</u> Goal: \$6000 towards shoes for 240 students!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$3000 goal with \$3000 matching from our Zambia Mission Fund <p>Please make checks out to OMNI and send into Prince of Peace!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Donations above \$6000 will be used for other needs: school supplies-uniforms, treated mosquito nets, PPE for COVID • Save the date "virtual" Bluz Over Africa event October 24th (details forthcoming) | <p><u>Anywhere...wherever called to serve!</u> Do you know of someone in your neighborhood that needs a hand? A favorite outdoor trail or space that needs cleaned up? A letter to share a kind word or blessing for those in need such as our first responders or those living in our local nursing homes? Or an opportunity to share your voice to ELCA advocacy causes such as funding for food supports, fair housing initiatives, climate change or other advocacy initiatives? The answer is YES to all! Serve however you feel called and serve often! Let us know if you are planning something with other groups!</p> |

So many ways to serve! Choose one event or choose many over the month! Please participate however you feel called! Please share a picture or quick video if able and we can all share each other's efforts! If possible, wear your God's Work Our Hands shirts!!

Donations for all events will be collected throughout the month. Please bring during worship, Sunday evening events, or can leave in the dedicated bin outside the West Entrance.



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Prince of Peace Youth

As you know, 2020/2021 is going to be a very unique year as far as programming and Sunday School. But don't fear! We have plenty of great things in store for you!

First things first, it's Sunday School registration time. Parents, please take 5 minutes to complete the [registration form](#).

September 20th - Rally Day starting @ 5:30pm. Join us at Prince of Peace in the parking lot for some socially distanced family fun. Each family will be given a parking space to create some beautiful chalk art in an activity called "Chalk the Church". We will also have care kits for essential workers that all attendees can help pack to support our heroes in local nursing homes and hospitals. And the best part, there will be ice cream, cupcakes, and soda floats for all!

Sunday School 2020/2021 - As of now, Sunday School will be completely virtual from September - December 2020. A schedule of classes, including times and live Google meet group links will be emailed after Rally Day.

STUDENTS THIS SECTION IS FOR YOU!

Please complete the following and send a separate email back to Hilary with the subject "Student Preferences 2020/2021"

1. What sports/music/school activities are you participating in this fall?
2. What are those activity schedules? (Please send me the details as members may like to attend and note if activities are closed to the public or have specific COVID restrictions/protocols).
3. Indicate your COVID comfort level for youth group events/activities. **RED** - I need to be very cautious and will not be attending any in person activities/events. **YELLOW** - I am being cautious and will attend some events, but I will practice social distancing and I will wear a mask at all times. **GREEN** - I am comfortable attending events in person and I will wear a mask as required.

It is my plan to make sure everyone is as safe as possible this year and that we can still have a fun time together. Thank you in advance for your answers! - Hilary Lucas

2020-2021 Christian Education Registration!

While the 2020-2021 Christian Education program will look different than any other in our lives, we are looking forward to beginning with online classes for grades PreK-12 on Sept. 27th.

Our classes will be PreK-2, 3-6, 7-8 and 9-12. A different class will be held each Sunday and monthly activity kits will be available for pick up at Prince of Peace or dropped off at your house once a month. We will publish class days and times as well as a sign up for the activity kits soon. [Register Now!](#)



Christian Education Rally Day!

Join us on September 20th at 5:30 pm at Prince of Peace. Rally Day activities will be followed by the Sunday's at 7:00 pm gathering and service.

The following activities sponsored by Christian Education:

Chalk the Church - An activity at 6pm where kids (and whoever else wants to join) draw with sidewalk chalk on the church parking lot.



Care Packages for Essential Workers - All supplies ready to be packed with love by participants.

Cupcakes, ice cream, and soda floats provided to all.



Sunday's at 7:00 pm, September 6th

Join us *this Sunday, September 6th* at 7:00 pm in the church parking lot for a gathering and service with Pr. Tom and Prince of Peace family and friends.

Also, please consider bringing your donations (toiletries, feminine hygiene products, new socks and umbrellas) to the gathering to help support Women's Re-Entry! Bins will be available by the lower entrance to POP (see Judy Kazak) as well as the regular donation station in the hallway by the office. Thank you!

- Bring a lawn chair
- Bring whatever you'd like to be safe (masks, etc.)
- Stay 6 feet apart



Women's Re-Entry Needs You!



Women's Re-Entry is currently accepting the following: toiletries, feminine hygiene products, *new* socks and umbrellas. Items can be dropped off at the donation station. Thank you! Questions, Jan Filkill 440/871-6673.

Also, please consider bringing your donations to the Sunday's at 7 pm gathering on September 6th to help support Women's Re-Entry! Bins will be available by the lower entrance to POP (see Judy Kazak) as well as the regular donation station in the hallway by the office. Thank you!

Endowment Committee Update

The Endowment Committee continues to be active via Zoom during the pandemic. We are pleased to inform the congregation that we have completed grants of over \$6,100 during 2020 to fund a variety of efforts to extend the mission of Prince of Peace. Efforts completed have focused on needs brought on by the pandemic and to date are:

- Supporting urgent needs at the Second Harvest Food Bank and the Lutheran Metropolitan Ministries
- Helping to develop a virtual mission for the United Protestant Campus Ministries serving Case Western Reserve, Cleveland State, and Tri-C Metro
- Extending the reach of our online worship services through support of the Chardon Polka Band (over 320 views on YouTube) and purchase of required audio/visual equipment

We are able to support additional efforts during the remainder of 2020 to extend our Christian mission. We have over \$1,300 of grant money available, so if you have a project or initiative in mind, please don't hesitate to make a grant request. Grant requests may be found on the [Prince of Peace Website](#)

Please send completed grant requests to Doug Olson at springman38@aol.com

Thank you.

Calling All Old T-Shirts!



Friendship Animal Protective League OF LORAIN COUNTY

Looking to make some space in your closet and put those old t-shirts to good use? Well look no further! Bring your t-shirts to Rally Day September 20th and the youth will turn them into a service project of making toys for dogs at the Friendship APL in Elyria.

Comfort Quilters Are Back!

We will begin quilting again on Monday, September 21st, at 1:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

All Covid mandated rules will be followed. Bring your own drink and snack. And don't forget your mask!

Any questions, please contact Becky Wagoner.



Communion Visits

When I used to teach First Communion class, I would have the kids read John 3: 16-17. For God so loved the world.... I would then have them read it a second time but put their name in place of the word 'world'. When you do that it sounds very different. 'For God so loved Tom that he gave his only Son, so that as Tom believes in him Tom would not perish but have eternal life. Indeed, God didn't send Jesus into the world to condemn Tom, but that Tom might be saved through him.' I would share with the children that in the sacraments the promises of God have your name on them. It's not that God simply loves the world; God loves each one of us. In communion the wine and bread are placed in your hand. In baptism, your name is spoken as the water is poured out on you in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. God loves us personally and individually.



The realities of the pandemic have prevented many people from receiving the Lord's Supper. In July we began limited in-person worship, more recently we shared communion at an outdoor service. If you would like to receive communion, I am happy to bring it to your home. Masks and distancing are practiced, and the communion kits are individually sealed. Please call the church office to schedule a time or email me at: TomHenderson10@hotmail.com

God bless, Pastor Henderson

*thank
you*

Thank you for the outpouring of sympathy to me at the loss of my bridge partner and friend Don Southam. Don died from complications of a stroke at age 90. Don attended many activities with Travel Quest. He also enjoyed the outdoor concerts and the antique cars. His last outing at Prince of Peace was the Ice Cream Social last August. Thank you for warmly welcoming him! With many prayers and love, Lia Staaf

Citizenship Celebration!

Bassel "Sam" of Westpark, became a citizen of the United States on Friday, August 21st and celebrated this momentous event at Prince of Peace with family and friends. Sam is a colleague of Prince of Peace Youth Director, Hilary Lucas.

Bassel came to the United States as a refugee from Syria in 2015. He was later joined by his parents in 2018, also arriving as refugees. He was welcomed to Cleveland by Catholic Charities Migration and Refugee Service, a resettlement agency. Bassel previously owned his own business in Syria, but war, violence, and persecution forced him to leave his home. Today he works at Catholic Charities as a Case Worker, welcoming other refugees to start their new lives in the United States.

Congratulations on your citizenship Bassel!



Profile Communications ~ Lia Staaf

I have been a life long Lutheran baptized by a minister, two months after I was born. In 1940 Soviet Union occupied Estonia. My father a policeman, lost his job and was to be deported to Siberia in 1941. He was warned and hid for two months.

My parents and I had plans to flee to Sweden with two of my aunts from the island of Saaremaa. However the fisherman's boat was confiscated. Our only option was to flee to Germany in September of 1944. In October we were refugees living on a direct route to Allied bombing missions, which was four times daily. We never knew if we would be bombed. I approached my mother and told her that I no longer believed in God. How could he allow this to happen to us? We had little food, only uncertainty. My mother was speechless. I have a feeling that she felt the same way.

I found God in my life again the following spring after the Americans occupied Oberlahnstein. One morning I went to a church. Even though the church was Catholic and the service was in Latin, people around me were praying and I felt that I was being blessed by God again.

How i found my green thumb. Two friends from church recommended that I get a tomato plant for my balcony. I informed them that since I moved here 18 years ago I have never been able to grow anything. Meanwhile two lovely women from Prince of Peace brought me a little yellow flower in a paper cup. I placed it on my family room window. It started to grow by the sunlight by the help from god. Thus I ended up with a tomato plant and a flower together planted into a large pot on my balcony. Now I know a secret of a successful gardener and I am sharing it with you. Stay home! Water!



Prayer Concerns

Please join us in praying for members and friends with recent needs: Anne (friend of the Merhaut Family), Tom Ely (friend of Deb Gibbons), Becky Kear, Katy Rolik (daughter of Dolph and Judy), Deanna Rose, Rourke Williams (family friend of Fran and Gerry Wilhelm), Pat Uber and family. **Also, we pray for chronic, long-term care needs:** Charlotte (gr. granddaughter of Jan Schoch), Ren (granddaughter of Linda Baumbach), 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), Ron Filkill, Matthew Gilbride, Denny Giza (friend of Ellie Sanow), Midge Group (friend of Deb Gibbons), Chris Henry (nephew of Lisa Arrigo), Dawn Higgins (neighbor of Fran Molnar), Wendy Jenkins (friend of Deb Gibbons), Gale Johnson (friend of Kathy Kettler), Gail Jones, Deanne Lahner (niece of Mary Sue Claus), Gary Lucas (father of Hilary Lucas), Dana Meier (friend of Deb Gibbons), Angela Missig (daughter of Gloria Starr), Toni Plute (sister of Charlie Koch), Lois Reichert, Pam Rotella, Karla Sexton (friend of Pat Sprague). **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 - August 31, 2020: \$223,772
 Budget for 35 Sundays: \$235,500
 Giving Deficit as of August 31, 2020: \$ (11,729)

Attendance at Prince of Peace

| Date | In Person | Online | Total |
|-----------------|-----------|--------|-------|
| August 30, 2020 | 38 | 40 | 78 |
| August 23, 2020 | 39 | 53 | 92 |
| August 16, 2020 | 27 | 64 | 91 |
| August 9, 2020 | 45 | 45 | 90 |



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| 09/02 | Ben Hallowell | 09/08 | Donna Fagerhaug |
| 09/03 | Eileen Robinson | 09/09 | Joseph Arthur |
| 09/05 | Jacob Jablonski | 09/09 | Scott Goggin, Jr. |
| 09/05 | Tim Regan Sr | 09/11 | Ken Krueger |
| 09/06 | Tessa Cornick | 09/12 | Joan Drobnak |
| 09/07 | Adam Sanders | 09/12 | Caden Vinci |
| | | 09/13 | Rebecca Wagoner |

Happy Anniversary!

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| 09/06 | Kert & Carol Lauterbach |
| 09/08 | Mark & Rusty Blakeslee |
| 09/09 | David & Stephanie Pogachar |
| 09/09 | Matthew & Lola Wenham |
| 09/10 | Jeff & Donna Buhrman |
| 09/12 | Tom & Sara Vitko |
| 09/13 | Ron & Jan Filkill |
| 09/19 | Richard & Sally Balch |

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Office Hours

During the Covid-19 crisis, our office hours are:
Monday and Friday 10 am-3 pm; Sunday 8:30-11:30 am

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Sunday Worship Services

10:00 am online worship service

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.