

HAPPY LABOR DAY

Travel Quest

Join us for the next Travel Quest outing! We will depart Prince of Peace at 10:00am on Wednesday, September 29 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.



September 4th, 2026 PEACE CONNECTION

Friday, September 4th
Pastor Doug's Day Off

Saturday, September 5th
2:00 pm Organ Practice

Sunday, September 6th
8:30 am Indoor Worship
9:00 am Blood Pressure Screening
10:00 am Outdoor Worship

Monday, September 7th
2:00 pm Organ Practice
7:00 pm SOAP Bible Study

Tuesday, September 8th
10:00 am Property Committee Meeting

Wednesday, September 9th
7:00 pm Advent Tea Meeting

Thursday, September 10th
Sexton's Day Off
9:00 am FLOW
3:00 pm Organ Practice
7:00 pm Call Committee Meeting

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

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



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



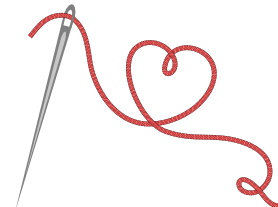
Orphan Medical Network International
a 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization

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) or Dave Saunders (david.w.saundersoh@gmail.com).

Women in Transition

We would like to ask for donation items for Women In Transition. The items needed are: personal care items (including tampons, pads etc), toiletries (deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, hair brushes, hand cream, shampoo & conditioner etc), underclothing (bras, panties and socks ONLY... no clothing), and umbrellas. These women often walk to the bus stop and umbrellas are a wonderful item to have!

You may leave these items in the donation center. Thank you! With questions, please email Melody at affwintre@gmail.com.

Thank you for the generous donations too And that we will be delivering the items in a few weeks to LMM. So please, keep them coming

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 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 will be provided as we get closer to the repack day.





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

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.



You're invited to a Life Line Screening event!

Where: Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

When: Wednesday, September 30, 2026



Life Line Screening is the nation's leader in **Stroke and Cardiovascular Disease Risk Screenings.**

Trusted by over 11 million customers.

Screenings are simple and painless. Get peace of mind or early detection.

Who should attend: Anyone **age of 40+**

Special Pricing for \$129

- Carotid Artery Disease Screening
- Peripheral Artery Disease Screening
- Atrial Fibrillation Screening
- Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening

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[LLSA.SOCIAL/HABC](https://llsa.social/habc)

Text the word
"circle" to
216-279-1607

These tests cannot detect all risk factors for all conditions, such as and including the presence of coronary artery disease.

Those with abnormal results should discuss possible next steps with their family healthcare provider and ensure they understand the risk and benefits of any additional testing or procedures.

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

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

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

Questions or ready to help? Contact Nick Marple – nicktmarple@gmail.com

God's work. Our hands.

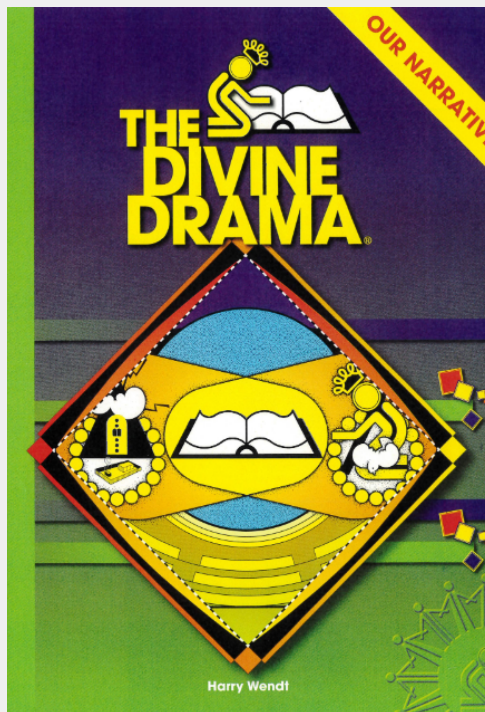


Communion Thoughts

I walk through the door
There is quiet and peace.
I listen and I hear
The sound of one speaking.
The music of the organ
The invitation to come,
I walk down the aisle,
I stand at the altar,
I think of the altar of God
Carried and preserved by His people.
I kneel at the altar
I hear the words, "This is my body"
And I eat.
I hear the words, "This is my blood"
And I drink.
I bow and say "Thank You"
As I receive my Lord.
I rise to leave, I am changed,
I am strengthened and renewed.
I walk out through the door
Yet I know I can never really leave.
This is my church:
A place to which I come,
To be blessed by my God,
To remember my Savior,
To be strengthened by His Holy Spirit.
I know I must come
Again, and again and again.

Pastor Doug

Bible Study



THE DIVINE DRAMA

Pastor Doug's Bible Study starts Tuesday September 8th moving to the library at 7pm. Wednesday September 9th is moving to Fellowship Hall at 2pm. If you still need a book please contact Adrienne in the office.

A Challenging but grand story that unfolds in the Bible's 66 books, from Genesis to Revelation. That story is not a remote one. It is present and ongoing. All who live on Planet Earth are involved in it. That story has to do with God and you, God and me. God and everyone.

The story tells about God's original and good plan for creation and humanity- and about humanity's pride, rebellion, sin, ignorance, and folly. But the focus is on God's forgiving grace- grace stops at nothing to restore the relationship between God and humanity- in time and for all eternity. You and I are at "center stage" in this Divine Drama- whether we know it or not, or whether we want to be or not.

Our Narrative equips people to understand the Bible's key themes and teachings, such as the Trinity (Father, Son, & Holy Spirit), Sin & Grace, The Church & Worship, Prayer & the Lord's Prayer, Holy Baptism & Holy Communion, Stewardship & Life Management, and, finally Eschatology (or "The Last Things")

Throughout, students learn how the events of the Old Testament all connect and set the stage for the life and mission of Jesus the Messiah, as revealed in the New Testament. They also learn what it means to know Jesus the Messiah as Savior, and to follow Him as Lord in servant- discipleship.

Bible Study Book is \$22



Sunday, August 30th, 2026

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

Chain Ministry at: suehosler@yahoo.com or to the church office at:

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)
Bill Sweeny (Friend of Kathy McCollum)
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)

Recent prayer requests received within the past 3 weeks:

August 23

Matt Wenham (PoP Member)
Barb and Bill Armstrong (Regular PoP Visitors, Friends of Fran Wilhelm)
Shoko Morton (Wife of PoP member, Tom Morton)

August 30

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

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
08/30/2026	0	141	141
08/23/2026	110	120	230
08/16/2026	0	140	140
08/09/2026	94	146	240



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 August 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.