



Peace Connection

5/3/23

“Ask the Lord for rain in the springtime; it is the
Lord who sends the thunderstorms.
He gives showers of rain to all people, and plants
of the field to everyone.”



Nursery Attendant Wanted

We are looking for a new nursery attendant for Sunday mornings?

Are you or anyone you know interested? Please contact the church office for more information.

Wednesday May 3rd
2:00 pm Book and Bible Study

Thursday May 4th
Sexton's Day Off
11:00 am FLOW
3:00 pm Organ Practice
7:30 pm Choir Practice

Friday May 5th
Pastor Charlie's Day Off

Saturday May 6th
10:30 am Lynette Parfitt Memorial Service
2:00 pm Organ Practice

Sunday May 7th
9:00 am New Members
In Person Worship 9 & 11 am
10:00 am Christian Education
10:00 am Blood Pressure Screening

Monday May 8th
10:00 am Staff Meeting
2:00 pm Organ Practice
7:00 pm SOAP Bible Study

Tuesday May 9th
7:00 pm CrossFire Rehearsal

Wednesday May 10th
2:00 pm Book and Bible Study

Thursday May 11th
Sexton's Day Off
11:00 am FLOW Family Day
3:00 pm Organ Practice
7:30 pm Choir Practice

Friday May 12th
Pastor Charlie's Day Off

Saturday May 13th
2:00 pm Organ Practice

Sunday May 14th
Happy Mother's Day!
In Person Worship 9 & 11 am
10:00 am Christian Education
10:00 am Adult Gospel Study

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

Major Robert Skufca Memorial Car & Motorcycle Show

Saturday May 20, Noon - 4pm (Rain Date Sunday May 21)



Please plan on stopping by this outreach event where we will be honoring Major Skufca and all of our veterans. For those who are unfamiliar with Major Skufca, he was a beloved member of our church who left us two years ago at the age of 102. He was a regular at the 9am service and shared his experiences of flying a fighter plane in the Pacific theater in WW2. Bob baked cookies for delivery to first time visitors. He also loved fishing and fast cars! He took part in a number of the Westlake July 4th parades. To honor his memory and the service of all veterans, we are making this an annual event in support of hunger relief. This year we are working with the Second Harvest Food Bank located in Lorain, Ohio. No cost to attend the show, just donate some cash or non- perishable food items. To increase our cash support, our General Endowment will match 100% of the cash donations up to \$2,000!



Giving Data

Operating Giving Report	YTD	AVG/Week
Total Giving as of March 31:	\$138,104	\$10,623
% of Annual 2023 Budget Received to Date:	31%	
Remaining Giving Required to Meet 2023 Budget: \$308,396		\$7,908
Remaining Giving Required to Meet 2023 Stretch Goal (i.e. Cover Cost Budget):	\$326,396	\$8,369



Comfort Quilters

Meetings are held the first and third Monday of the month at 1p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We welcome anyone who is willing to help cut, pin, assemble and knot the quilts. Sewing skills are not necessary.

This is truly a rewarding ministry! We use donated fabric, get to spend a few hours together and help comfort those in need. Please come join us!

For more information, contact Diane Fortuna, and Becky Wagoner.



Second Harvest Food Bank

Requests for donation items are:
Canned tuna, fruits and vegetables



Blood Pressure Screening

The next blood pressure screening is scheduled for Sunday, May 7th.



Lending Closet

Are you in need of some crutches? A shower chair? Walker? Cane?
Please click on the logo on the right hand side of the page or check the website for our updated lending closet list!



PASTA

Dinner



FRIDAY MAY 19TH

7PM FELLOWSHIP HALL

ADULTS \$15

CHILDREN 10 AND UNDER \$8

HELP US GET TO EL SALVADOR!

Join us for a chef made meal where 100% of the proceeds support the cultural immersion trip to El Salvador!

BUT WAIT, THERE'S MORE

10 raffle baskets including: CLE Sports, Wine'd Down, Pamper Yourself, Kids Fun, handmade quilts, and 5 special Latin American baskets! 50/50 drawing and music at the event!

SEE HILARY FOR DINNER TICKETS

Women In Transition

We are accepting donations of women's toiletries, sanitary products, and umbrellas. The need is great.
Please bring them to the donation station.
Questions, please contact Jan Filkill, 440-871-6673.



One Step Up (West Haven)

Donations of youth-teen clothing of all sizes.
Jeans, shorts, t-shirts, sweatshirts, and hoodies.
Please bring them to the donation stations.
Questions, please contact Jan Filkill, 440-871-6673.



SOAP Bible Study

SOAP method:

S = Scripture - read the chapter and select a key verse or 2 that catches your attention or prompts you to think more deeply. Write the verse in the journal
O = Observation - write some of your thoughts or deeper study about the verse or how verse seems to be exhibited as you go through life
A = Application - write some thoughts about how you or we as Christians can apply the verse or its theme
P = Prayer - write a brief prayer regarding verse, thoughts and application

Prince of Peace
Soap
Bible Study

Mondays at
7:00 pm

Young at Heart Lunch

Our May Young at Heart Lunch details are here!

Please join us on Friday, May 26, 2023 at 12:30 pm. We will be enjoying good food and fellowship at Moosehead Hoof and Ladder Restaurant, located at 7989 Columbia Rd. in Olmsted Falls.
Please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the lower lobby.
Questions, contact Kathy Kettler at (440)734-6511.



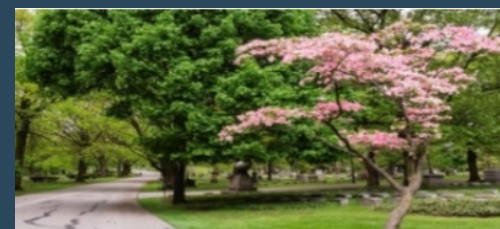
Travel Quest

LAKEVIEW CEMETERY WALKING TOUR,
CLEVELAND, OHIO

Tuesday, MAY 16@ 10:00am. Guided Walking tour \$15/person. Sign-up by May14. Transportation will be Car-pool leaving at 9 am from POP.

Following the tour we will have lunch in Little Italy.

Questions, contact Tom Splawski!





Luke 15:1-7

The Parable of the Lost Sheep

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. 2 And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

3 So he told them this parable: 4 "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? 5 When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. 6 And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' 7 Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

Christ is Risen!

He is Risen, Indeed! Alleluia!

Sometimes the words of wisdom and insight come from the ones we least expect.

I forget her name. She was a student in my confirmation class when I was on internship 32 years ago (some of my brain cells have left the station, if you know what I mean). I don't remember her name, but there are two things I have not forgotten about her.

The first is that she was not very good at taking sermon notes. The students were required to take notes during sermons and turn in at least two a month. It was a pretty simple form – name, date, church color (what color is the banner on the altar?), who preached, and three points from the sermon.

The student did fairly well with the first questions, but the sermon points were not even close. No matter. At the bottom of each sheet, she would write to the pastor or me, "Nice Sermon!" and add a smiley face. As if that would help in our grading of her work (... it did 😊).

The second thing I have always remembered about this student is when we were talking about this Gospel lesson in class one week. We talked about forgiveness, and the good shepherd who seeks us out and finds us, and leaves no one behind, not one.

I asked if there were any questions. She raised her hand. She asked, "Do you really think there are ninety-nine righteous people who need no repentance?"

Good question. Who DOESN'T need repentance? The word in the Greek is metanoia which literally means to turn around. How often have we been heading in the wrong direction and need to "recalibrate" the route we are on? How many times have we wandered away from the flock and the Shepherd to strike out on our own?

Are any of us worthy of standing before God on our own merit?

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. If we were able to do it on our own, we wouldn't need a savior in the first place.

Charles Swindoll wrote these words:

"If our greatest need had been information,

God would have sent us an educator.

If our greatest need had been technology,

God would have sent us a scientist.

If our greatest need had been money,

God would have sent us an economist.

If our greatest need had been pleasure,

God would have sent us an entertainer.

But our greatest need was forgiveness,

So God sent us a Savior!"

Chuck Swindoll, The Grace Awakening

Thank God for sending the Good Shepherd, who seeks us out, finds us, and carries us home. Over and over again. God sent us a Savior. Not just for one, or for 99. For all!

I don't remember her name. But I will never forget the sermon she preached that day. It was a good sermon! 😊

Christ is Risen. Risen Indeed – ALLELUIA and AMEN!

Let us pray:

Almighty God, thank you for sending your savior to us, for us, to be with us. Forgive us when we go astray, and welcome us into your fold once again. We pray this in the name of the Good Shepherd Jesus Christ, our Risen Savior. Amen.

"MEMBER PROFILE" THIS WEEKS FEATURE: JEFF AND JENNIFER VINCI



Jeff was born in Cleveland and grew up in Strongsville. He has an older sister and a younger brother in his family. He attended Bowling Green State University and majored in Accounting. Jennifer was born in Parma and grew up in Sheffield Lake. She has one younger brother in her family. She also attended Bowling Green State University and majored in Early Childhood Education.

They met in college and have raised two children. Their son Caden is 16 years old, he plays for Olmsted Falls football team and the Olmsted Falls Lacrosse team as a goalie. As a sophomore he will begin searching for college opportunities in the next year, perhaps focusing on a business degree. Daughter Kara is 13 and is a player for the Olmsted Falls Lacrosse team as well. She also is a cheerleader for the football and basketball middle school teams. Kara has expressed an interest in becoming a teacher.

After receiving her degree, Jennifer taught in Sheffield Lake. Her current position is at Olmsted Falls School system. Using her love of travel she had also worked as a Travel Agent. Jeff has focused his career at the same company since graduating college 21 years ago. He serves as Vice President and Corporate Controller at Cleveland Steel Container Corporation. Producing High Quality Steel Pails for a variety of uses, his company is a leader worldwide in this recyclable product. Local plants can be found in Streetsboro and Niles.

Jennifer and Jeff were searching for a closer, family-friendly church and joined Prince of Peace in 2017. What our church has to offer fits them well. Both children attended Camp Mowana as part of the 1st communion study. Kara is in her 1st year of preparing for Confirmation. Caden's confirmation was unique due to Covid restrictions during his process. Both enjoy participating in education hour studies after the 9:00 am service.

The family loves Cleveland sporting events, and traveling. Numerous trips to Florida for beach vacations or Disney is a favorite destination. A trip for several weeks to Hawaii, along with Cruises and a visit to the islands in the Caribbean provided many great memories! A dream trip to Europe is perhaps on the horizon. Jeff's grandparents are from Italy; they have some cousins that still live over there.

What a wonderful family we have to share in their Faith Journey! You can see them attending the contemporary services offering Praise to God.

By Tom Robinholt : Profile Reporter

Prayer LIST

Sunday, April 30, 2023

Prayer Request - Long Term

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

Charlotte Great granddaughter of Jan Schoch
Ren Granddaughter of Linda Baumbach
James Arrigo
Stephanie Bailey Niece of Mary Sue Claus
Tony Cacciatore Father of Chrissy Cacciatore Frey
Don Chismar
Patty Doran Sister-in-law of Chuck Sieving
Marcia Drysdale Friend of Jane Dillon
Dawn Higgins Neighbor of Fran Molnar
Jayne Kramic Friend Kathy and Dave McCollum
Deanne Lahner Niece of Mary Sue Claus & Roseann Fekete
Donna Kucera and family
Angela Missig Daughter of Gloria Starr
Jenn Pitts Daughter of Judy Kazak
Eric and Nicole Quinn Friends of Matt Wenham
Lois Reichert
Howard Ricke Father of Cindy Zinram
Pam Rotella
Bill Sweeny Friend of Kathy and Dave McCollum
Robert Sieving Brother of Chuck Sieving
Al Tielke

Recent prayer requests received within the past 2 weeks:

April 16	Bob and Carol Urmanic Ollie Olen (Terry MacKenzie's brother) Ken Pogachar (Terry MacKenzie's son-in-law's father) Joan Gruber (Kathy Kettler's cousin)
April 23	Mike Garrigan, and his family George Bannon (Pat Sprague's brother)
April 30	Al Tielke Diane Fortuna Priscilla Woll (Pastor Charlie's Aunt) Dan (Jan Schoch's son)

Happy Birthday

<u>Date</u>	<u>Online</u>	<u>In Person</u>	<u>Total</u>
04/30/2023	36	129	165
04/23/2023	37	156	193
04/16/2023	64	146	210
04/09/2023	72	240	312

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Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 9-3

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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.

05/01 Dineen Terstage
05/01 Jim Lappin
05/02 Abbie Gleespen
05/02 Lillian Franz
05/03 Brian Drobnak
05/03 Grant Commick
05/05 Ellen Oster
05/06 Lois Smilor
05/07 Ben Blakeslee
05/07 Lillian Fortuna
05/08 Dave Saunders
05/09 Josh Dragony
05/12 Diane Karp
05/12 Joyce Wood

05/12 Margaret Bailey
05/14 Cassandra Frey
05/14 Gloria McClellan
05/14 Jason Franz
05/15 Brianna Lehman
05/16 Hailey Vitko
05/18 Stephanie Pogachar
05/19 Blake Beard
05/22 Ron Filkill
05/24 Addison Kovach
05/27 Robert Mayer
05/28 Craig Jagels
05/29 Jerry Karp
05/31 Jeff Babinski
05/31 Logan Vitko

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

05/10 Dennis & Terry MacKenzie
05/13 Jeff & Chrissy Frey
05/16 Dale & Monica Dragony
05/18 Diane & Pat Fortuna
05/20 Steve & Kellie Duktig
05/20 Keith & Jane Wyant
05/25 Kristi & Bob Draper
05/29 Tracy & Tom Biller
05/31 David & Kathy McCollum

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