



July 31st, 2026

# PEACE CONNECTION

Friday July 31<sup>st</sup>  
Pastor Doug's Day Off  
12:30 pm Young at Heart Lunch

Saturday August 1<sup>st</sup>  
12:00 pm Cruise in and Pine Derby  
2:00 pm Organ Practice

Sunday August 2<sup>nd</sup>  
No Indoor Worship  
9:00 am Blood Pressure Screening  
10:00 am Outdoor Worship  
11:00 am Christmas in Summer  
Potluck!

Monday August 3rd  
10:00 am Staff Meeting  
2:00 pm Organ practice  
7:00 pm SOAP Bible Study

Tuesday August 4<sup>th</sup>

Wednesday August 5th  
2:00 pm Pastor Doug's Bible Study

Thursday August 6th  
Sexton's Day Off  
3:00 pm Organ Practice

Friday August 7th  
Pastor Doug's Day Off

Saturday August 8th  
2:00 pm Organ Practice

Sunday August 9th  
7:00 am - 3:00 pm Blood Drive  
8:30 am Indoor Worship  
10:00 am Outdoor Worship  
7:00 pm Council Meeting

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

Tuesday August 11th

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

## Blood Drive

Please consider donating blood at the Red Cross blood drive at Prince of Peace on Sunday, August 9<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 am to 3:00 pm.

You can schedule your appointment ahead of time by clicking on the [Red Cross Blood Drive link](#).



## August 2nd Update

Due to low attendance at our last Service of the Word service, we will not be holding an 8:30 a.m. service on August 2. We invite everyone to join us for a combined worship service at 10:00 a.m., followed by our Christmas in Summer potluck. We look forward to celebrating together!

## Peace Garden

We are excited to share that our Peace Garden has placed in the top 3 gardens for the Westlake in Bloom contest! The award ceremony will be August 11<sup>th</sup>. This year's event included a special patriotic category in honor of America's 250th anniversary, encouraging participants to incorporate red, white, and blue themes into their designs. Beyond competition, Westlake in Bloom is about community pride. It transforms neighborhoods into shared spaces of beauty, encourages environmental care, and brings people together through a common goal. Thanks to all of our volunteers for making this possible by caring for the gardens!

## To all our Powerful Prayers:

My cousin, Tully, and I want to thank you all so very much for your prayers for Tully's son, Max Jensen. He is in the Air Force and was deployed overseas when our war started with Iran but has returned home safe & sound. He will continue to fly border missions until December. You have no idea how much we appreciate your support and may God continue to bless all our troops in the military. Jann Daniels

# Godspell

This summer Prince of Peace is pleased and blessed to host Theatre Agape. Since July 6, they have been in rehearsal for a production of the musical Godspell. Performances are August 14 & 15 at 7:30 PM and Sunday August 16 at 3 PM in the Peace Pavilion. Admission is "pay what you can".

[Link for Tickets](#)



On Sunday August 16, both services will be held inside due to Godspell theatre performance in the Pavilion.

This Sunday August 2nd, 10am service a special performance by Godspell during service.





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 – [nickmarple@gmail.com](mailto:nickmarple@gmail.com)

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

# JOIN US FOR A CHRISTMAS IN AUGUST POTLUCK



## August 2nd Potluck Picnic!

Our last potluck was a huge success despite the weather. We had lots of fun, great food, and wonderful company. Our next potluck will immediately follow the combined service on August 2nd!



### Food Assignments:

Salads/Appetizers: last name begins with G-L

Main dishes: last name begins with A-F and T-Z

Desserts: last name begins with M-S

We need **VOLUNTEERS** again to Set up food, Decorate tables, Set up the Pavilion, and a Clean up crew.

Sign up using this link or on paper in the lower Narthex.

Sign up link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C044EA8AC23A4F58-64747398-potluck>



**Please wear your Christmas clothing!**



# **Major Robert Skufca Memorial Car Cruise-In & Pinewood Derby Races**

**Saturday August 1st, Noon - 4pm**

Please plan on attending 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 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 during 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 a charity event in support of hunger relief. We are working with the Second Harvest Food Bank located in Lorain, Ohio. **While there is no cost to attend the event, we suggest a donation of cash or some non-perishable food items.**

**To participate in the Pinewood Derby races, please pickup a registration form at the lower Narthex signup wall or at the Peace Pavilion after a Sunday service!**



## Worship Plans for Summer 2026

| <b>SUMMER</b>     | <b>SCHEDULE</b>     | <b>2026</b>    |
|-------------------|---------------------|----------------|
| <b>Date</b>       | <b>Inside</b>       | <b>Outside</b> |
| <b>Sunday</b>     | <b>8:30am</b>       | <b>10:00am</b> |
| May 23, 2026      | Traditional         | Praise & Choir |
| May 31, 2026      | Praise              | Traditional    |
| June 7, 2026      | Traditional         | Praise         |
| June 14, 2026     | Praise              | Traditional    |
| June 21, 2026     | Traditional         | Praise         |
| June 28, 2026     | Praise              | Traditional    |
| July 5, 2026      | Service of the Word | COMBINED       |
| July 12, 2026     | Traditional         | Praise         |
| July 19, 2026     | Praise              | Traditional    |
| July 26, 2026     | Traditional         | Praise         |
| August 2, 2026    | NO SERVICE!         | COMBINED       |
| August 9, 2026    | Praise              | Traditional    |
| August 16, 2026   | Traditional         | Praise         |
| August 23, 2026   | Praise              | Traditional    |
| August 30, 2026   | Traditional         | Praise         |
| September 6, 2026 | Praise              | Traditional    |

Beginning on Memorial Day, May 24<sup>th</sup> and continuing through September 6<sup>th</sup>, this will be our summer worship schedule.

### **8:30 am – INSIDE**

A short 30-minute communion service will be held each Sunday inside.

This gives people the opportunity to worship inside if it's too hot or they don't care to be outside or just want to get on with the day before it gets too late with the short worship service that will include communion every week.

### **10 am – OUTSIDE**

A 10 am service will be held every week in the pavilion. The format will be the praise service one week and the traditional service the next week. Whoever is not responsible for the 10 am service will be leading the 8:30 am service music.

If the weather is too threatening, too hot or too cold, we will move inside for the 10 am service.

Once a month, or more frequently, a potluck lunch to follow the 10 am service, starting in July.

### **COMMUNION USING BREAD & CUP**

We will be using the same format we use for our indoor services.

### **COMBINED SERVICES- FOLLOWED BY A POPLUCK**

May 24- Memorial Day Weekend (we will NOT have a potluck this day as we have the Chardon Polka Band schedule the day before- May 23 5-7

July 5- 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend- Happy Birthday USA

August 2- Christmas in Summer Celebration



**Sunday, August 2nd, 2026**

**Prayer Request - Long Term**

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

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)  
Jane Carlson (PoP Member)

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

**July 19**

Janet Allie (PoP regular visitor)  
Angelica Brophy and Family (Friend of Jann Daniels)  
Ana Diekroger and Family (Granddaughter of Walter and Diane Diekroger)  
Ray Jonaitis (Brother of Ramune Balog Dorner)  
Family and Friends of Beth Elardo (Colleague of Dana Gros)  
Family and Friends of Jenna Allen (Colleague of Dana Gros)

**July 26**

Diane Diekroger (PoP Member)

**August 2nd**

Gloria McClellan (PoP Member)  
Theo Bansley (Family of Cindy Strieter)  
Barry Robinholt and Ashley Yee (Family members of Tom Robinholt)

# Happy Birthday

## Attendance at Prince of Peace

Natalie Pearce 8/01  
 Anita Briggs 8/02  
 Josie Wilhelm 8/02  
 Paul Winslow 8/02  
 Cindy Kreis 8/04  
 Mike Piskunoff 8/05  
 Chip Bailey 8/05  
 Dale Dragony 8/06  
 Cindy Mittag 8/07  
 Bill Vorobej 8/09  
 Joey Frey 8/11  
 Tom Drobnak 8/14  
 Christian Juntunen 8/16  
 Michelle Christian 8/17

Cameron Wenham 8/17  
 Jon Peter 8/21  
 Peggy Krueger 8/22  
 Sherry Weber 8/22  
 Phillip Bruneau 8/24  
 Bryce Bruneau 8/25  
 Shari Demby 8/27  
 Christine Piskunoff 8/28  
 Ron Thorne 8/29  
 Mariah Thompson 8/31  
 Nick Marple 8/31

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Online</u> | <u>In Person</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|-------------|---------------|------------------|--------------|
| 07/26/2026  | 115           | 150              | 265          |
| 07/19/2026  | 115           | 121              | 236          |
| 07/12/2026  | 120           | 161              | 281          |
| 07/05/2026  | 72            | 110              | 182          |



Barb & Dan Fronczak 8/02  
 Debbie & Bob Thomas 8/03  
 Bradley & Bethany Pearce 8/04  
 Brent & Daniea Beard 8/07  
 Doug & Carol Leavens 8/10  
 Michael & Patricia Pietraroia 8/10  
 Christine & Al Tielke 8/13

Mary & Joseph Olah 8/15  
 Jerry & Diane Karp 8/18  
 Uwe & Helga Susemihl 8/20  
 Jerry & Cindy Kreis 8/20  
 Mark & Karen Givens 8/21  
 Ron & Becky Kear 8/23  
 Steve & Cindy Zinram 8/30

## Second Harvest

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

## Giving Data

| <u>Operating Giving Report</u>                 | <u>YTD</u> | <u>AVG/Week</u> |
|------------------------------------------------|------------|-----------------|
| Total Giving as of June 30 <sup>th</sup> 2026: | \$279,859  | \$10,763        |
| % of Annual 2026 Budget Received to Date:      | 54%        |                 |
| Remaining Giving to Meet 2026 Budget           | \$239,141  | \$9,197         |
| Total Expenses Incurred through 6/30/26        | \$259,324  | \$9,974         |



## Follow Us!

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### Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 9-11

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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.