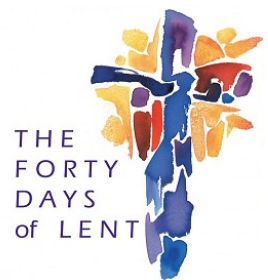


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PEACE CONNECTIONS
March 4, 2020

Adventures in Faith

During this season of Lent, we are going to be focusing upon homelessness – upon what it means and upon what our response might be. We are bringing many resources and opportunities to bear upon the issue of homelessness, hoping that we will grow in wisdom and expand in practice.



The first thing that we need to do is to learn a new vocabulary. I noted, as I listened to a radio program a week ago, that the interviewer kept referring to “people who experience homelessness,” rather than to “the homeless.” So I did a little research and, as I suspected, the point is that, while people may experience homelessness, that does not mean that we want to identify them as “homeless.” “Homeless” is not a core identity.

Of course, we know that – because we know that our core identity, as well as everyone else’s core identity, is “Beloved of God.” The lack of a permanent roof over one’s head may be a challenge or a disaster, brief or chronic, the consequence of illness or of a series of misfortunes, but it is not who one is.

Let’s try, as a spiritual practice this Lent, to think “Beloved of God, First and Foremost,” whenever we see or encounter an individual experiencing homelessness.

Blessings,

Pastor Robin



Lent and Easter 2020 Events

The Bible is rich in wisdom about God’s love for people living in poverty and about our responsibility to help. During our Lenten journey we will reflect on how Jesus wants us to care for the poor and oppressed and pray for children, families, and communities in need.

Go to: [Prince of Peace Lent & Easter 2020](#) for our Lenten and Easter schedule.

For the month of **March**, requested items are **Canned Beef Stew and Canned Vegetables**. The collection containers are located as you enter the Education Wing. Thank you!

Save the Date for Opportunity to Serve!

Prepare and Serve Event at 2100 Lakeside Men's Shelter on Saturday, March 21st!



Volunteers needed to prepare and serve as well as bake cookies! Look for sign up sheets in the lower narthex and/or contact Shawn Merhaut with any questions! 440-655-2172.

**Please note, must be age 15 or older to serve down at the shelter but all ages can bake cookies!*

Portraits of Homelessness

Gallery Display now through April 12, 2020

The Portraits of Homelessness collection, featuring 15 photographs and stories of residents from the Men's Shelter at 2100 Lakeside, is on display at Prince of Peace in the lower lobby entry and throughout the building.

Lydia Bailey, Volunteer Coordinator at the shelter and photographer sought to convey their gifts and vital personalities as well as the confusing, fearful and damaging elements of homelessness.



Homeless Jesus

Will be displayed at Prince of Peace from March 9 – May 4, 2020

"Jesus is portrayed as a homeless person, sleeping on a park bench. His face and hands are obscured, hidden under a blanket but crucifixion wounds on his feet reveal

his identity. The statue has been described as a visual translation of the Gospel of Matthew passage in which Jesus tells his disciples, "as you did it to one of the least of my brothers, you did it to me"."

The piece is "love made visible to touch our hearts, inspire kindness, love and charity." You are invited to sit on the bench and consider the possibility. Donations of socks for homeless shelter residents will be collected. The statue is on loan from Cleveland West Foundation. Artist Timothy Schmalz

March 4-15, 2020

Wednesday, March 4
7:00 pm Organ Practice

Thursday, March 5
Sexton Day Off
9:00 am FLOW
7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

Friday, March 6
Pr. Robin Day Off

Saturday, March 7
10:00 am Organ Practice
6 pm Sisters in Spirit Movie Night/HS

Sunday, March 8
New Member Welcome
9 am Contemporary Worship
10:00 am Pancake Breakfast/FH
10:10 am Christian Education
11:00 am Traditional Worship
6:00 pm Council Meeting/CR

Monday, March 9
7:00 pm Men's Bible Study/CR

Tuesday, March 10
10:00 am Discovery Group/Library
7:00 pm CrossFire Rehearsal

Wednesday, March 11
6:00 pm Soup & Service

Thursday, March 12
Sexton Day Off
9:00 am FLOW
6:30 pm Pastoral Partners
7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

Friday, March 13
Pr. Robin Day Off

Saturday, March 14
10:00 am Organ Practice
6:30 pm Open Mic!

Sunday, March 15
9 am Contemporary Worship
10:10 am Christian Education
11:00 am Traditional Worship
12:00 pm Travel Quest Info Mtg/FH
1:00 pm Blossom Hill

Prince of Peace Youth

Thank you to the Islamic Center and our wonderful tour guide/cultural educator, Isam. We appreciate learning more and sharing our faiths. We will plan another tour and show our support to the community when the Westside Islamic Center of Westlake opens.

March 22nd - Red Cross Blood Drive in the Fellowship Hall

March 29th - Hilary out of town, no Faith Impact class

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For more information, visit our website: www.princeofpeacewestlake.org/youth



"Share lunch, Christian fellowship, and traditional Lenten Prayer & reflection as a multi denominational community" Free simple meal of soup & hard roll plus a simple Lenten message.

Today, Wednesday, March 4th from 12:05 pm - 12:50 pm at St. Ladislav Parish, Cullen Hall, 2345 Basset Rd. in Westlake. Speaker, Hilary Lucas, Prince of Peace Youth Leader

Lenten Suppers ~ Wednesday, March 11th

Join us for Lenten Wednesday Evening Supper & Gathering on Wednesday, March 11th. 6 pm supper; 7 pm Gathering. Guest Speaker, Malika Kidd, Workforce Development Director, LMM Chopping for Change program

The Workforce Development program aims to provide an avenue for employment and achieve the social justice purpose of empowering individuals who are oppressed, forgotten and hurting. The program provides culinary training and employment services, and is also home to Metro Metal Works and our Care Team. For more info: [Workforce Development](#)



Easter Garden Sale!

Beginning Sunday, now through Sunday, March 29th, you can place your order for potted lilies, tulips, hyacinths, daisy mums and hydrangeas for Easter Sunday garden with a member of the Altar Guild! Pick up your plants after the 11:00 am Easter Sunday service. Questions, please see Dineen Terstage.



Sisters In Spirit

Sisters in Spirit is having a movie night at the church **this Saturday, March 7, 2020 at 6:00 pm.** We will first meet in the high school room at 6 pm to visit and the movie will start at 6:30 pm. Dinner is your own personal take-out food to enjoy while you enjoy the movie and some great conversation. Come and relax and enjoy some good company and a break from your busy life! ?'s, Jane Dillon, 440-453-2465.



Travel Quest

Join us for LCCC Chorale and Orchestra concert on **Saturday, March 14.** Tickets available at the door or [online](#).

Many Prince of Peace members perform and sing in these groups. Music includes "Requiem for the Living".



Stocker Arts Center
of Lorain County Community College



Foodbank Help Day!

Prince of Peace has an opportunity for members and friends to help out the Second Harvest Foodbank of Lorain on **Monday, March 23, 2020**.



We will meet at the Foodbank at 5:30 pm for pizza and at 6:00 pm begin sorting and repacking donated food items until 7:30 p.m. It is a fun experience with tasks for all. Volunteers must be 12 or older per the Food Bank's policy. The Foodbank is located at 5510 Baumhart Rd. Lorain, Ohio 44053.

We are looking for at least 10-12 volunteers. Sign up in the lower lobby. Questions, call Charlie at (440) 899-9153 or email at cakoch13@aol.com

O Jerusalem! Crossroads of Three Faiths



O Jerusalem! Crossroads of Three Faiths will be performed by Apollo's Fire on **March 5th at 7:30 pm** at Avon Lake United Church of Christ, 32801 Electric Blvd., Avon Lake. The band recreates the vibrant and prolific mash-up of music and poetry happening in 16th- and 17th-century Jerusalem. [Purchase Tickets](#)

This Week's Music

If you are joining us this Sunday for the 9 am Contemporary Worship Service, please go to the links below to hear what we will be playing. See you then!

[Help Somebody](#)
[All Your Promises](#)

[Remembrance](#)
[Go Light Your World](#)



PoP Endowment Grants

The Endowment Committee has approved a total grant of \$7,500 for 2020. Applications for funding projects not in the church budget that meet the requirements specified on the application form are due by **May 1, 2020**.

The committee will meet and approve those acceptable. Money still available after that date will be approved on a first come--first serve basis. [Endowment Fund Grant Application](#)



Saturday, March 14, 2020

Enjoy great entertainment in a Coffee House setting with a variety of performers sharing their music. This is a free event. Music starts at 6:30 pm in the Prince of Peace Fellowship Hall. This event is open to the community. Plan to attend, invite friends to join you!

Young at Heart

Please join us! **Wednesday, March 18, 2020** at 12:15 pm.

We will be enjoying good food and fellowship at Arrabiata Italian Restaurant located at 600 Dover Center Road in Bay Village. See sign-up sheet in the lower lobby. Questions, contact Kathy Kettler at 440-734-6511.



Prayer Concerns

Please join us in praying for members and friends with recent needs: Dana (friend of Deb Gibbons), Rochelle (friend of Liz Grider), Lisa Arrigo, Marissa Blankenship (cousin of Hilary Lucas), Jann Daniels, Ron Filkill, Bev McCarthy and family (friend of Mike and Sue Hosler), Linda Nicholls (friend of Jaime Alspach), John Powers (friend of Lia Staaf and Ellie Sanow), Brenda Register (friend of Jaime Alspach), Larry Renman (brother of Judy Kazak), June Zweidinger. **Also, we pray for chronic, long-term care needs:** Charlotte (gr. granddaughter of Jan Schoch), Ren (granddaughter of Linda Baumbach), Carole Anderson (relative of Lia Staaf), 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), Sam Fekete (brother of Mary Sue Claus), Matthew Gilbride, Denny Giza (friend of Ellie Sanow), Chris Henry (nephew of Lisa Arrigo), Dawn Higgins (neighbor of Fran Molnar), Gale Johnson (friend of Kathy Kettler), Gail Jones, Deanne Lahner (niece of Mary Sue Claus), Gary Lucas (father of Hilary Lucas), Angela Missig (daughter of Gloria Starr), Pam Rotella, Lois Reichert, Larry Renman (brother of Judy Kazak), Karla Sexton (friend of Pat Sprague), Lonneke Smilor (daughter-in-law of Lois Smilor), Phil Smits (friend of Jan Juhn). **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 as of March 1, 2020:	\$62,678
8 Sundays at \$7,500 Budgeted:	\$67,500
Giving Shortfall as of March 1, 2020	\$(4,822)

Attendance at Prince of Peace

Date	Contemporary	Traditional	Total
03/01	72	61	133
02/23	84	58	142
02/16	Community Worship Service		128
02/09	87	53	140



03/07 Shawn Merhaut	03/24 Xavier Worsencroft
03/07 Isaac Worsencroft	03/27 Kyle Hallowell
03/08 Mark Drobnak	03/27 Judy Heimbuch
03/10 Jim Jaracz	03/27 Pamela Ventimiglia
03/12 Lisa Arrigo	03/27 Fran Wilhelm
03/13 Judy Kazak	03/28 Zack Dragony
03/13 Brooke Kovach	03/28 Joseph Fortuna
03/14 Karen Givens	03/29 Dominic Carimi
03/15 John Bontempo	03/29 William Franz
03/16 Jon Wilhelm	03/29 Deanna Rose
03/20 Emma Goggin	03/31 Linda Baumbach
03/21 Rich Balch	03/31 Doug Leavens
03/21 Sandy Connell	

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Sunday Worship Services

9:00 am Contemporary & 11:00 am Traditional

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.