



PEACE CONNECTIONS

March 18, 2020

Let Us Pray

Two Sundays ago during worship, our Youth Director Hilary Lucas reminded us that we are called to pray, not only FOR people, but WITH people. We don't have to be sitting next to someone or across the table from them to pray with them. We can pray WITH people, in friendship and solidarity, no matter how far the distance between us.

This time of worldwide health crisis is also a time to pray with people. I hope that you are setting aside some time each day for prayer related to flu and virus. Your might pray with world, national, and local medical leaders charged with health care decisions and resource allocation; with doctors and nurses and staff on the front lines of patient care and facility maintenance; with political leaders making decisions about all dimensions of life affected by the coronavirus and flu; with medical professionals in our own congregation and among your family and friends; with school and business and church decision makers; with those in facilities no long permitted travel or visitors; and with those who are ill and recovering. I'm sure that you have additions to this list as well.

Remember that Jesus says that when we care for the sick, we care for him. Let our prayers rise in care and love.

Be well!

Pastor Robin



Sunday Online Worship Service

Sunday's sermon is now posted on our website. We urge you to carve out some time for in-home worship. Say the prayers, listen to the sermon, and listen to the songs.

Stay warm, get plenty of rest, and take good care of yourselves. Our prayer is that each of you remain healthy and able to be of assistance to others if needed. Remember that our God is present to us always.

[Online Sunday Worship](#)



Prince of Peace Youth

Bunco Canceled for this Saturday, March 21st!

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

April 5th - Cat Cafe Visit and Kitty Care Packages Service Project - Please sign up via email with Hilary so that a spot can be reserved for you. Christian Ed will be doing a service project of making toys or new adoption care packages for cats at Affogato Cat Cafe. Following the service project, Christian Ed will deliver and spend time with the cats at the cat cafe. More details to come.

May 30th - Alternative Service and Pasta Dinner Fundraiser for NYG - More details to come, fundraiser with raffle prizes for National Youth Gathering. Participation open to HS and Confirmation students.

Avon Lake Fire Department is hosting a **free CPR training** March 25th from 5:45-9 pm. [Register here](#)



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2100 Lakeside Men's Shelter Prepare and Serve Event --CANCELED--

Given the current situation we find ourselves related to COVID-19, through both internal discussions and in accordance with policies put in place by LMM, it is with a heavy heart that we need to cancel the Men's Shelter event on Saturday, March 21st. I want to thank the many on-site volunteers and cookie bakers who had committed to this event (which I'll add was the most we've had signed up in years which was fantastic).

While we will not be participating in an onsite event, we know we are called to serve those in need especially in such time of crisis and we are working to still be able to provide a meal for the men this day. The plan is to use funds dedicated to our usual supplies to purchase a frozen meal along with our usual vegetables and fruit for the men which will be delivered on Friday, March 20th.

For those of you who had committed to bake cookies know that if they have already been delivered and put in the freezer, know we will put them to good use. As a part of LMM's policies, we are unable to donate any home made/self made items at this time. We will look to other options for the cookies whether internal to our members who are home bound or if another donation opportunity arises.

Please feel free to reach out with any questions! Shawn Merhaut 440-655-2172, smm375@yahoo.com



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Lenten Lunches --Canceled--

St. Ladislav is cancelling the Lenten Lunch series for this current Lenten season. May the Lord be with you! And fill you with peace.



Easter Garden Sale ~ Order by Email or Phone

Now through Sunday, March 29th, we will receive orders by e-mail (dterstage@gmail.com) or by phone (440-455-9558).

Payment could be included with your offering under 'other' and indicate it is for *Easter Flowers*. Easter Lilies, tulips, hyacinths and daisy mums are \$11. Hydrangeas are \$20. Thank you!



Make Your Offering Online

Donating to Prince of Peace allows us to preach the gospel, make disciples, and support others in our community who need help and it's all thanks to contributors like you. Your weekly offering can be given online: [ONLINE GIVING](#)



“Bear one another’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ” (Galatians 6:2)

Dear Prince of Peace Friends,

While we are not physically together most of the time right now, we can continue to care for one another. Judy Kazak has graciously offered to serve as our Volunteer Coordinator for needs that arise in our congregation during this time in which we are trying to protect the health of all.

First and foremost, please keep all of our members, friends, and staff in prayer.

Secondly, please text Judy at 440-476-6318 or email her at judykazak@yahoo.com if you are in need of assistance or if you know someone who is, or if you are willing to offer help. Judy will connect those who need help with those who can provide it. Possibilities include:

- Purchasing and delivering groceries
- Running other small errands, to places such as pharmacies or dry cleaners
- Driving someone to a medical appointment
- Taking dogs out – briefly!
- An hour of childcare so that mom or dad can take care of something

While we do not recommend visits at this time, the Pastor and Caring Connection Corps are all reaching out to homebound members with calls and emails. If you do visit someone, please follow all the published precautions:

- Physical distance of several feet
- Hand-washing and/or hand sanitizer
- Sanitizing any surfaces you touch, including kitchen counters, bathrooms, and pet spaces.

Thank you for all that you do to care for our congregation.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Robin and Judy Kazak

Second Harvest Foodbank

ATTENTION VOLUNTEERS: Effective immediately, due to the increase in cases of COVID-19 in Ohio and closing of K-12 Schools, Second Harvest is **REQUIRING ANY VOLUNTEERS AT HIGH RISK FOR SERIOUS ILLNESS FROM COVID-19, TO CANCEL THEIR VOLUNTEER SHIFT.** High-risk groups according to the CDC are "Adults 60 years and older as well as people who have serious chronic medical conditions like heart disease, diabetes, and lung disease are at risk for COVID-19." Your health and safety is very important to us. We love our volunteers and appreciate your cooperation in staying home if you are at-risk.

If you are NOT at-risk, we DO still need volunteers and shifts are available on our website. Volunteers not at-risk will be assisting in packing pantry or senior boxes or distributing food at pantries as high priority. Repack will only take place if pantry boxes or senior boxes are completed. Thank you for your understanding! We appreciate all that you do for Second Harvest and the community! [Second Harvest Foodbank](#)

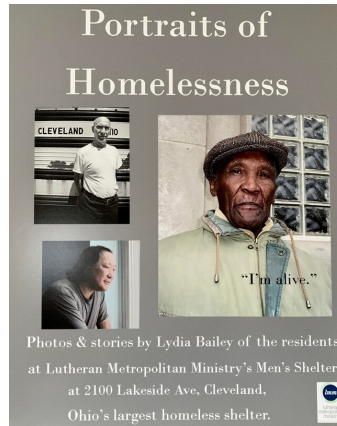
For the month of **March**, requested items are **Canned Beef Stew and Canned Vegetables**. The collection containers are located as you enter the Education Wing. Thank you!

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

The 'Homeless Jesus' bench is currently displayed at Prince of Peace now through 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. The statue is on loan from Cleveland West Foundation. Artist Timothy Schmalz.

Donations of socks for homeless shelter residents will be collected. Please help support [SocksPlus](#) with a gift of just \$10.00 (see brochure in sanctuary pews).



Wednesday, March 18
12:15 pm Young at Heart
7:00 pm Organ Practice

Thursday, March 19
Sexton Day Off
9:00 am FLOW
7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

Friday, March 20
Pr. Robin Day Off

Saturday, March 21
Feed the Homeless
10:00 am Organ Practice
5:30 pm Bunco/FH

Sunday, March 22
8:00 am Red Cross Blood Drive
9 am Contemporary Worship
10:10 am Christian Education
11:00 am Traditional Worship

Monday, March 23
5:30 pm Foodbank Help Day
7:00 pm College Club West
7:00 pm Men's Bible Study/CR

Tuesday, March 24
10:00 am Discovery Group
7:00 pm CrossFire Rehearsal

Wednesday, March 25
12:00 pm Lenten Lunch/St. Lads
12:00 pm Caring Connections
7:00 pm Organ Practice

Thursday, March 26
Sexton Day Off
9:00 am FLOW
7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

Friday, March 27
Pr. Robin Day Off

Saturday, March 28
10:00 am Organ Practice

Sunday, March 29
8:00 am Red Cross Blood Drive
9 am Contemporary Worship
10:10 am Christian Education
11:00 am Traditional Worship
12:15 pm W&M Meeting

Prayer Concerns

Please join us in praying for members and friends with recent needs: Dana (friend of Deb Gibbons), Rochelle (friend of Liz Grider), Marissa Blankenship (cousin of Hilary Lucas), Ken and Diane Joseph, Kathy McCollum, 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), Debbie Wood (aunt of Matt Wenham), 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), Lonke 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 8, 2020: \$ 74,123
 10 Sundays at \$7,500 Budgeted: \$75,000
 Giving Shortfall as of March 8, 2020 \$ (877)

Attendance at Prince of Peace

Date	Contemporary	Traditional	Total
03/15	Worship Services Canceled		
03/08	73	50	123
03/01	72	61	133
02/23	84	58	142



03/20	Emma Goggin	03/28	Zack Dragony
03/21	Rich Balch	03/28	Joseph Fortuna
03/21	Sandy Connell	03/29	Dominic Carimi
03/24	Xavier Worsencroft	03/29	William Franz
03/27	Kyle Hallowell	03/29	Deanna Rose
03/27	Judy Heimbuch	03/31	Linda Baumbach
03/27	Pamela Ventimiglia	03/31	Doug Leavens
03/27	Fran Wilhelm		

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Office Hours

Mon, Tues & Thurs, Fri, 7:00 am- 11:00 am
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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.