

COME & SEE

A SAVIOR IS BORN



Christmas Adventure ~ 1

For unto us a child is born!

What an exclamation of joy after a long winter's wait!

May your Christmas this year be filled with light, life, and love, in whatever forms those may take for whatever stage of life in which you find yourself. Know that, despite what we see and hear every day, the Prince of Peace reigns forever and ever. God's Son breaks into the darkness in the smallest and most helpless of human forms, because grace and strength come in the guise of vulnerability. Set a candle aflame and proclaim: The light shines!

Christmas Blessings, Dear Church, Pastor Robin

Bishop Eaton's Christmas Message



ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton shares her 2019 Christmas message. We celebrate the miracle of God's love that has come to us in the form of a tiny baby who gives his life for us, that we might have life.

Christmas Eve Worship

- 4:00 pm Story Time Worship
- 6:00 pm Contemporary Candlelight Service
- 9:15 pm Pre-Service Carol Sing
- 9:30 pm Festival Candlelight Service



Lessons & Carols

Sunday, December 29, 2019
10:00 am Lessons and Carols Service

Giving Envelopes for 2020 are available for pick up. Every household will have a packet.

The giving envelopes will be arranged alphabetically based on last name. If you do not see a packet, please notify the office and one will be provided. Thank you.

Donations for the 2019 tax year must be given to the church no later than December 31, 2019.



Offering
Envelopes

Holiday GIVING

December is the wonderful holiday season for giving; sharing holiday meals, giving your time to be with family and giving gifts. It is also a wonderful time to give to your church family. It is a time to catch up on your commitment, a time to even give extra.

For us older folks, it also may be a time when we can give a gift of appreciated property that we have been holding onto, such as stock, property, etc. We get the benefit of giving, and get the benefit of a tax deduction. Did you know that for many charities, December is their biggest month for receiving donations? You can ask in the church office about giving extra this December.

Dick Hardy, Financial Secretary



Love INC
Love In the Name of Christ

Monthly Sponsors Needed! Consider becoming a Love INC sponsor for 2020. Our congregation has found a helpful way to meet the needs of those who come to our door for assistance through Love, INC. This ministry is not funded through our budget rather it comes from those of you who have chosen to sponsor a month with \$125. Individuals or ministry groups are encouraged to prayerfully consider sponsoring. May God bless this cooperative effort as we work to transform lives In the Name of Christ. Please sign up in lower lobby.

Coffee House & Open Mic

Saturday, January 11, 2020

This event is open to the community. Music starts at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Plan to attend, invite friends to join you! Enjoy great entertainment in a Coffee House setting with a variety of performers sharing their music. This is a free event. Join us for desserts and aromatic coffee in a friendly and relaxing atmosphere!



Member Profile

I don't know many folks from Kokomo, Indiana, but I do know **Mark and Karen Givens**. They were born at the same hospital with the same doctor, only 11 months apart. They went to different high schools, and met at a high school basketball game through a mutual friend. Karen was a National Merit Scholar. She has a younger sister and younger brother. Mark has a younger sister.



Karen is of Swedish and Norwegian descent and has been a life-long Lutheran, while Mark is Scottish and was raised in the Christian Church Disciples of Christ. [Read More](#)

Calendar



December 25, 2019 -
January 5, 2020

Wednesday, December 25
Merry Christmas!
Office Closed

Thursday, December 26
Office Closed

Friday, December 27
Pr. Robin Day Off

Saturday, December 28
10:00 am Organ Practice

Sunday, December 29
10:00 am Lessons & Carols Service

Monday, December 30
7:00 pm Men's Bible Study

Tuesday, December 31
7:00 pm CrossFire Rehearsal

Wednesday, January 1, 2020
Happy New Year!
Office Closed

Thursday, January 2
7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

Friday, January 3
Pr. Robin Day Off

Saturday, January 4
10:00 am Organ Practice

Sunday, January 5
9 am Contemporary Worship
10:00 am Pancake Breakfast
10:10 am Christian Education
11:00 am Traditional Worship

Prince of Peace Youth

LYO Winter Gathering, January 3-5th

Early registration due December 1st. \$105/person covers hotel, food, and event. Join us for a weekend of fun at a hotel filled with youth your own age! Music by the Allan Scott Band. 7-12th graders welcome. To register: [LYO Registration](#)



Blood Drive

January 19, 2020 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Sign up to make your donation online or in person Sunday mornings. 21 spots available. Let's try to fill them all and then some! Invite your neighbors and friends. Together we can save lives. Sign up online at Red Cross or call 800/733-2767. Walk-ins are welcome too!



January 30th - February 3rd

Youth and Christian Ed. Conference for Hilary and Beverly. No Faith Impact class this weekend.

February 16th - Soup and Grilled Cheese Lunch Fundraiser for National Gathering

Youth will provide a soup and grilled cheese lunch during the congregational meeting. Youth families are asked to bring a soup to share and all congregational members are welcome to attend the lunch!

Thank You!

Thank you to all who joined us at the Redeemer Bag and Wrap Christmas Gift event! Your hard work will provide so many families with gifts and food this Christmas.



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Children's Christmas Program

Thank you to all the Prince of Peace children who participated in Sunday's Christmas Children's Program and Happy Birthday to Jesus party! Merry Christmas!



Please join us! Wednesday, January 15, 2020 at 12:15 pm. We will be enjoying good food and fellowship at the Famous Dave's Bar-B-Que, 26410 Great Northern Shopping Center in North Olmsted. See sign-up sheet in the lower lobby. Questions, contact Kathy Kettler at 440-734-6511.



Altar Flowers

Thanks to all who donate flowers to grace our altar. There are openings to sponsor flowers in the upcoming weeks. Sponsors may take the flowers home following the late service that day, otherwise, the staff will deliver the flowers when making visits to members.

Blood Pressure Screening



Sunday, January 6, 2020 by Prince of Peace member Shawn Merhaut. Blood Pressure Screenings are from 10-11:00 am in the main office.

Second Harvest Food Bank



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

Operating Giving Match

As mentioned at the Budget meeting an offer to match all giving to the Operating Fund through December 31, 2019 has been made. Therefore your donations can now do even more to support God's work at POP. So prayerfully consider your ability to give generously during this Christmas season. The match was offered in order to spur 2019 giving to reduce our 2019 deficit so please keep your 2020 donations until next year when they will be needed. If you have any questions, please contact Charlie Koch, Treasurer at treasprinceofpeacewestlake@gmail.com.

Fidget Mats

What started with a simple question to the Chaplains Service, "What need do you have that is not being met? ", blossomed into a mission that reaches those trapped in mind and body in ways we cannot fathom. It has provided entertainment, puzzles and rewards, therapy, engagement and much joy!

Thanks to those who assemble, sew, distribute and contribute both materials and funds. We can make a difference! If you would like to join us, we meet in the Fellowship hall the second and fourth Wednesday at 9:30 am. Becky Wagoner and Diane Fortuna.



Sunday Adult Interact Class

Interact is a small group that wrestles with contemporary issues. We are a very informal, open group that loves having new people join our discussions introducing different perspectives on things.

Please join us 10:15(ish) in the Charter Room (Administrative Wing). Classes lead by Dave Saunders.

December 29	No Class
January 5	No Class
January 12	TBD
January 19	TBD
January 26	"How to Respond with Love in a World Filled with Hatred" led by Jon Wilhelm.



Women's Re-Entry

With the cold weather there is a need for socks, gloves and scarves along with toiletries and underwear. Items can be dropped off at the donation station. Thank you! Questions, Jan Filkill 440/871-6673.

Chopping for Change

An innovative partnership between LMM, the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction, and the Cuyahoga County Office of Re-Entry, the "Chopping for Change" program provides significant work experience and training for women in the criminal justice system and that empowers them to re-join the labor force. In addition to work experience and culinary training, participants arrive at LMM's Richards Sering Center and receive supplemental services including counseling and case management designed to facilitate their re-entry experience and decrease recidivism.

Prayer Concerns

Please join us in praying for members and friends with recent needs: Bob and Dee (neighbors of Dan and Barb Fronczak), Becky Casselberry (friend of Jann Daniels), Ellie Griffin (sister of John Cuciak), Ken and Diane Joseph, Judy Kazak, Gerry Wilhelm. *Also, we pray for chronic, long-term care needs:* Charlotte (gr. granddaughter of Jan Schoch), Ren granddaughter of Linda Baumbach), Joyce (sister of Diane Fortuna), 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), Angela Missig (daughter of Gloria Starr), Lois Reichert, Larry Renman (brother of Judy Kazak), Pam Rotella, Karla Sexton (friend of Pat Sprague), Phil Smits, Lin Smothers (father of Judy Smothers, long time PoP visitor). *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 Dec. 22, 2019:	\$334,177
51 Sundays at \$7,000 Budgeted:	\$357,000
Giving Shortfall as of December 22, 2019	\$(22,824)

Attendance at Prince of Peace

Date	Contemporary Community	Traditional Service	Total
12/22			145
12/15	98	43	141
12/08	123	57	180

happy birthday!

12/25	Matthew Alspach	01/01	Donna Buhrman
12/29	Roger Hauser	01/03	Ashley Alspach
12/30	Mike Gleespen	01/03	Chris Hallowell
12/31	Russ Bauknecht	01/03	Noah Katrincsak
12/31	Amy Hrouda	01/04	Norma Gabrielsen
2/25	Matthew Alspach	01/05	Jan Filkill
12/29	Roger Hauser		
12/30	Mike Gleespen		
12/31	Russ Bauknecht		
12/31	Amy Hrouda		

happy anniversary!

12/28	Lowell & Jane Dillon
12/29	Jim & Marge Jaracz
12/30	Robert & Mary Mayer
01/03	Jeff & Amy Babinski

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Office Hours

Mon, Tues & Thurs, Fri, 7:00 am - 11:00 am
Monday - Friday, 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm

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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.