

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Peace Connection

NOVEMBER 16th, 2022

End of year reminder

Just a reminder If you are over 70 ½, that you can make a qualified charitable distribution from your IRA to Prince of Peace. Because of the high volume of year-end gifts, it is a good idea contact your IRA administrator as soon as possible to allow enough time for them to issue your gift before the end of 2022. If you are making a donation in 2022 for your 2023 pledge, let the office know so we can make sure we code it correctly.

Altar Guild Poinsettia Sale

Decorate the Sanctuary at Prince Of Peace with Poinsettias for Christmas!

Altar Guild is looking forward to arranging poinsettia plants in the sanctuary for Christmas Eve services -- with your help by providing the plants! We are again purchasing the plants from Casa Verde Growers Take your plant(s) home after the traditional service on Christmas Eve. Order early to be sure to get the size/color you love! Prices are \$9 and \$24. (Prices have increased as with just about everything!) Place your completed order form and check/cash for poinsettias in the basket on table in the narthex today! Or, contact Dineen Terstage (440-455-9558 or dterstage@gmail.com) to order. We can accept your order through Sunday, November 27.



Wednesday November 16th
12:15 pm Young at Heart
2:00 pm Book and Bible Study
7:00 pm Engagement Committee

Thursday November 17th
Sexton's Day Off
3:00 pm Organ Practice
7:30 pm Choir Practice

Friday November 18th
Pastor Charlie's Day Off

Saturday November 19th
2:00 pm Organ Practice
5:00 pm Agape Feast

Sunday November 20th
9&11 am In Person Worship Services
9&11 am Livestream
10:00 am Christian Education

Monday November 21st
10:00 am Staff Meeting
1:00 pm Comfort Quilters
2:00 pm Organ Practice
7:00 pm SOAP Bible Study
7:00 Women's Discipleship

Tuesday November 22nd
7:00 pm CrossFire Rehearsal

Wednesday November 23rd

Thursday November 24th
HAPPY THANKSGIVING!
Offices will be closed

Friday November 25th
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Saturday November 26th
2:00 pm Organ Practice

Sunday November 27th
9&11 am In Person Worship Services
9&11 am Livestream
10:00 am Christian Education

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



Hanging of the Greens

Join Altar Guild to decorate the church for Christmas.
Friday, December 2, 2022, 6:00 p.m. – Pizza supper – Then decorate!!

Sign up in the lower narthex so we know how much pizza to order.
Questions? Call Dineen Terstage, 440-455-9558.

Online Giving

Your generous online offering allows us to preach the gospel, make disciples, and support others in our community who need help. As a community, we are grateful for one another's loving support. [ONLINE GIVING](#)

You can also just text the word **Give** to the number below to get started:
(866) 863-5410

2022 Giving Report

	YTD	AVG/week
Giving as of Oct. 31st:	\$343,438	\$7,805.41
Percent of Annual 2022 Budget Received to Date:	86%	
Remaining Giving Required to Meet 2022 Budget:	\$57,062	\$7,132.75
Remaining Giving Required to Meet 2022 Stretch:	\$101,562	\$12,695.25

Second Harvest Food Bank

For the month of November, requested items are cereal and canned soup. The collection containers are located as you enter the Education Wing. Thank you! [Learn more](#)

PoP Choir

Choir rehearsals for the fall season are Thursdays from 7:30 - 9:00 pm in the sanctuary.

All are welcomed to join us for rehearsals, and no prior experience is required.

Expanding the Heart: Art and the Imagination for Advent and Christmas led by Mike Weber



All are welcome to join us for this Advent Study on Wednesdays at 2pm starting November 30 in the Fellowship Hall.

Most of my life I have regarded visual art as “pretty pictures.” However, several years ago, all that began to change. While putting together a Christmas slide show using some of these “pretty pictures,” I noticed that there were many similarities between various artists whenever they painted the same subject. In pictures of the Annunciation, for example, the angel Gabriel invariably holds a stalk of lilies in his hand. While in many pictures of the Madonna and Child, Jesus holds a bird in his chubby little hand. “What gives?” I asked. “What do lilies or a bird have to do with the gospel narrative?”

As I sought answers to my questions, I learned that the art of the great masters was, and is, more than a “pretty picture” or a display of technical skill. Rather they contain a depth of feeling and complexity of theology that is it meant to move and inspire the viewers. The lilies, the birds and other images in the paintings have a spiritual meaning that the people of the artists’ day would have understood immediately. Unfortunately, between the Protestant Reformation (which abandoned religious art) and modern secularization (which abandoned religious thought) we no longer grasp what the artists meant to say.

As I learned to appreciate what the artists were saying, viewing art became a spiritual discipline that opened my heart and imagination to God. For me viewing art has become a kind of visual *lectio divina*.

My hope for this colloquium is to share some of what I have learned and to start you on a journey to discovering art as spiritual discipline. If you are already on that journey, I hope that you will come and share your insights with us. The format for the day will be very simple:

- 15 minutes where I will share with you some of the things I have learned.
- 30 minutes for the class to discuss one or two pictures focusing on the events surrounding the birth of Christ.
- The last few minutes will be for you to express your personal response to these pictures.



Sunday Livestream Worship Services at 9 am & 11 am

Is the cold keeping you inside?

On Sundays, you can worship with us online!

Please visit our [website](#) where we will Livestream our Sunday Worship Services at 9:00 am and 11:00 am.



Agape Feast

Please join us for worship and a light meal at the church!

Saturday November 19th, from 5-6 pm.



Young at Heart Lunch

Please join us on Friday, Dec. 9, 2022 at 12:30 P.M.

We will be enjoying good food and fellowship at Olive Garden Italian Restaurant located at 25984 Lorain Rd. in North Olmsted.

The sign-up sheet is located in the lower lobby. Hope you can join us!
Questions, contact Kathy Kettler at (440)734-6511



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VETERANS DAY

Thank you for your service.

Prince of Peace is honored to recognize you all.

God Bless!



“Member Profile”

This week's feature: Michelle Christian



Member Michelle Christian grew up in the city of North Ridgeville, and attended schools there. Her mother, two sisters and one brother still live in the area. Combined, the siblings have 10 children that offer lots of opportunities to gather as a family. Seven of them have been baptized and received their first communion at POP!

Michelle works as an Instructional Designer for Hyland Software. She is part of the Learning & Development Team in HR and is responsible for creating content and programs for company leaders. Her son, Christian, is age 21 and attends Akron University for Accounting. Daughter Mackenzie, age 18, attends LCCC for Business. I would expect both to have much success in the future.

She attended Shepherd of the Ridge Lutheran Church in North Ridgeville with her sister, Pam Ventimiglia, growing up. While in their 20's they decided it was time to search for another church to call home. They loved the welcoming environment at Prince of Peace, and enjoyed both Pastor Bishop & Pastor Brett's voices at Sunday services. Michelle and Pam have been members now for about 25 years!

Michelle has been involved with teaching Sunday School over the years, and now is volunteering to serve as Usher and Communion Assistant at the 9am worship. She is also helping out her mother more now as she needs extra care during her free time. She likes to stay active and her friends keep her busy walking, riding bikes, and kayaking. Something people may not know is that Michelle had lost about 1/2 of her body weight 18 years ago and continues to work hard to keep herself in check. Her experience as a Zumba instructor in the past will be a good resource. She has also participated in many local 5ks and does yearly fundraising for The Multiple Sclerosis Society.

What a wonderful family, you will be glad you met them on Sundays! Their positive and friendly attitudes are infectious. You will always see Michelle with a smile on her face at the contemporary service.

By Tom Robinholt , Profile Reporter



Baptism of Leela Joy Beard



Upcoming Youth and Christian Education Events!

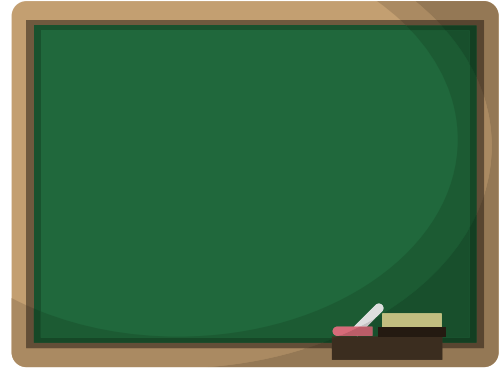
November

27th - Red Cross Blood Drive

December

1st - Monsters Game (Specific details to come)

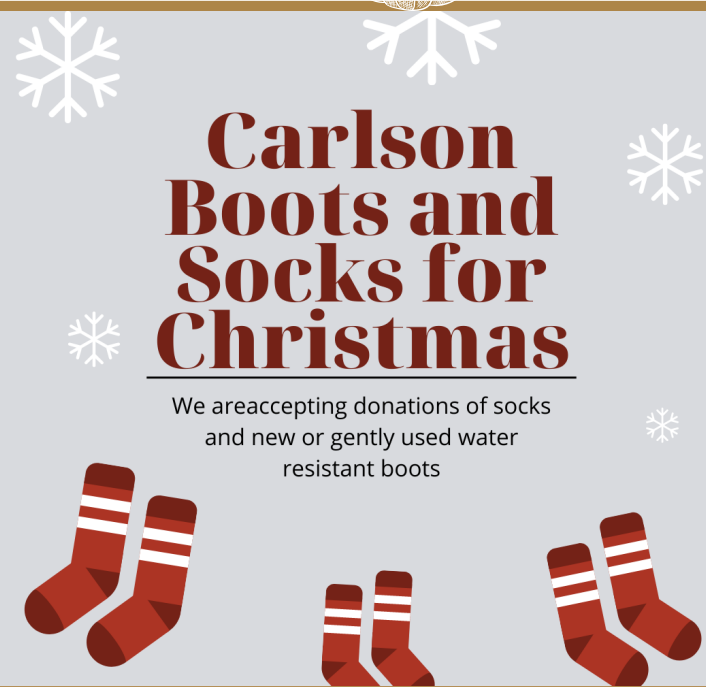
4th - Pancake Breakfast



Carlson Boots and Socks for Christmas

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church is again accepting donations of socks and new or gently used water resistant boots of all sizes to benefit the men served at the 2100 E. Lakeside Homeless Men's Shelter.

This is in partnership with Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry. We will be collecting socks and boots starting November 20th with plans to deliver the week before Christmas. Please drop your socks and/or boots off at the donation station in the administrative wing by Sunday, December 18th. If you have any questions, contact Tom Splawski.



Amazon Smile: OMNI

As Christmas shopping season is nearing, I wanted to alert you all to the fact that you can have 5% of your purchase total go to O.M.N.I. If it is your first time, you can go to smile.amazon.com and type in OMNI as your charity. Every time you shop, you need to go to smile.amazon.com. You can save it to your favorites list!

Journey to Bethlehem
An Advent Quiet Day
Saturday, December 3rd



Come be a part of a mini day retreat. Our time together will be centered around Advent themes: Waiting, Hope, Love & Joy.

The day will begin and end with a short time of worship.

Activities: Praying with the scripture, prayer journaling, group time, working with mandala and time spent with God

Sign up at tinyurl.com/MLCPray3

Saturday, December 3
Time: 9:30am-2:00pm
Place: Messiah Lutheran Church ~ (440)331-2405
21485 Lorain Road, Fairview Park OH

A freewill offering for the lite lunch will be accepted.

Led by Deaconess Ruth Mortensen

Scranton Mitten Tree

The Mitten Tree will once again be up this year! Each year, teachers identify children from Scranton Elementary with significant hardship allowing us to help make their Christmas a little brighter! Each "Mitten Tag" includes information with gift ideas for each student. The tree with the Mitten Tags will be available starting Sunday, November 20th.

Volunteers will be present for you to sign out tags. Coats, mittens, gloves, scarves, hats, and socks are also welcome! If you choose to participate, we ask that wrapped gifts with the tags attached be returned no later than Sunday, December 11th in time to deliver to the school on December 14th. For questions, contact Diane Merhaut at teachmeabc123@aol.com

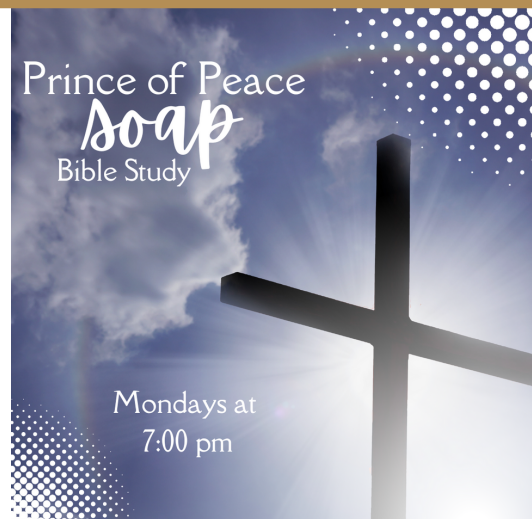


SOAP Bible Study

SOAP Bible Study will be meeting Mondays at 7:00 pm. The meetings will be in Narthex or choir area.

All are welcome!
Group Discussion using the S.O.A.P method
Scripture; Observation; Application; Prayer

For questions, please contact Mark Givens at mpgivens@ameritech.net



GIVE BLOOD *save a life*



Blood Donation

Mark your calendars!
Red Cross Blood Drive, November 27th, 7 am to 3 pm.

Prayer Concerns

Please join us in praying for members and friends with recent needs: Braun Family, Christie Wiedt, David and Kathy McCollum, Dona Hall, Emily Saunders, Family of Carol Lauterbach, Howard King, Ian Faleer, Jason, Jim McDonauga, Joan Gruber, Norma, Pastor Robert Ferro, friend and loved ones of Norma Gabrielson, and Tom Fronczak. ***Also, we pray for chronic, long-term care needs:*** Charlotte (gr. granddaughter of Jan Schoch), Ren (granddaughter of Linda Baumbach), Jaime Alspach, James Arrigo, Stephanie Bailey (niece of Mary Sue Claus), Cathy Blitz (sister-in-law of Jann Daniels), Tony Cacciatore, Don Chismar, Patty Doran (sister-in-law of Chuck Sieving), Marcia Drysdale (friend of Jane Dillon), Matthew Gilbride, Chris Henry (nephew of Lisa Arrigo), Dawn Higgins (neighbor of Fran Molnar), Jayne Kramic (friend of Kathy and Dave McCollum), Deanne Lahner (niece of Mary Sue Claus), 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.

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.

Attendance at Prince of Peace

<u>Date</u>	<u>Online</u>	<u>In Person</u>	<u>Total</u>
11/13/2022	25	146	171
11/06/2022	21	169	190
10/30/2022	20	144	164
10/23/2022	21	137	158

WEDNESDAYS



Happy Birthday

11/02 Mary Babinski	11/20 Laurie Green
11/02 Tony Marquardt	11/22 Anthony Matalavage
11/02 Kathleen Kettler	11/23 Lia Staff
11/03 Anne Estes	11/24 Gloria Starr
11/04 Jack Dunnick	11/24 Jean Winslow
11/05 Jane Dillon	11/24 Lowell Dillon
11/06 Austin Pogachar	11/25 Teresa Peter
11/06 Christine Tielke	11/25 Michelle Lehman
11/07 Doug Olson	11/25 Johnathon Missig
11/08 Madelyne Roman	11/26 Steve Duktig
11/10 Linda Thompson	11/26 Ezekiel Petta
11/11 John Cuciak	11/26 Pat Uber
11/12 Barb Koch	11/27 Colleen Regan
11/13 Isabella Cesare	11/28 Mary Meadows
11/15 Dan Pogue	11/29 Matthew Winar
1/15 Tami Arthur	11/30 Julia Worsencroft

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

11/03 Andrea & Chris Petta
 11/12 Betsy & Chip Bailey
 11/16 Sean & Liz Lavin
 11/18 Tim & Marsha Regan Sr.
 11/18 Norm & Chris Rehark
 11/26 Dave & Jan Saunders
 11/28 Doug & Sharon Olson

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Office Hours

Monday and Friday 10 am-3 pm; Sunday 8:30-11:30 am

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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.