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PEACE CONNECTIONS
February 9, 2022

Blood Pressure Screening Returns!

Blood pressure screenings will resume this **Sunday, February 13, 2022** by Prince of Peace member and registered nurse, Deb Gibbons. Blood Pressure Screenings are from 10-11:00 a.m.



Volunteer Registered Nurses Are Needed to assist with a monthly Blood Pressure Screening service. Screenings are held on the First Sunday each month (exception is a holiday weekend, moved to the following Sunday) from 10:00 am - 11:00 am. All equipment and materials are provided. Currently we have 3 RN's and would like to add additional RN's to our rotation. Please contact Christie Wiedt BSN, RN if you are interested. christiesbn@aol.com or 440-773-8669



Prince of Peace 2021 Annual Report

If you were unable to attend Sunday's Prince of Peace Annual Meeting, visit our website to read the [2021 Annual Report](#).



Prince of Peace Choir Returns!

We are happy to announce that choir rehearsals will resume tomorrow, **Thursday, February 10th, from 7:30 - 9:00 pm.**



Choir anthems for the 11:00 am service will resume later in the month of February once the choir has had adequate rehearsal time. Anyone interested in choir is welcomed to join us for rehearsals. Masks are required, though special singing masks will be provided. Proof of COVID vaccination is also required for participation.

We look forward to hearing new and returning members share their musical gifts once again.

Sunday Livestream Worship Services at 9 am & 11 am



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.



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](#)

Second Harvest Food Bank



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

Women In Transition

We are restarting a limited clothing collection for "Next Step Up", LMM's **Westhaven Youth Shelter**. We are accepting clean, usable clothing styles that are appropriate for teenagers.

We are **ONLY** accepting the following items at this time:

- Jeans
- T-shirts
- Hoodies
- Sweatshirts



There is a great need for new socks, gloves, toiletries, hygiene products and underwear. Items can be dropped off at the donation station.

Thank you! Questions, please contact Jan Filkill 440/871-6673.

Contemporary Worship Music

If you are joining us this Sunday for the 9 am Contemporary service, below are the songs we will be singing. The music can be found on YouTube. See you then!

*Canticle of the Turning
Blest Are They
All Who Are Thirsty
All the People Said Amen*



February 9-20, 2022

Wednesday, February 9
10:00 am Organ Practice
2:00 pm Book & Bible Studies/CR

Thursday, February 10
Sexton Day Off
12:00 pm FLOW

Friday, February 11
Pr. Charlie Day Off

Saturday, February 12
2:00 pm Organ Practice
2:00 pm Christian Ed Virtual Bingo!

Sunday, February 13
9 & 11 am In Person Worship Service
10:00 am Blood Pressure Screening
10:10 am Christian Education
[9 & 11:00 am Livestream](#)

Monday, February 14
10:00 am Staff Meeting/CR
2:00 pm Organ Practice
7 pm Bible Study - All are welcome!

Tuesday, February 15
12:00 pm Bridge Group
7:00 pm CrossFire Rehearsal

Wednesday, February 16
10:00 am Organ Practice
12:00 pm Young at Heart
2:00 pm Book & Bible Studies/CR

Thursday, February 17
Sexton Day Off
12:00 pm FLOW

Friday, February 18
Pr. Charlie Day Off

Saturday, February 19
2:00 pm Organ Practice

Sunday, February 20
9 & 11 am In Person Worship Service
10:10 am Christian Education
9 & 11:00 am [Livestream](#)



February

- 12th - Christian Ed Virtual Bingo 2:00 pm
Supplies can be picked up at the church during SS hour, zoom link will be emailed out.
- 13th - Valentine's Day and Pr. Charlie's 60th Birthday Celebration, congregation wide event

March

- 10th - International Dinner Series - Das Schnitzel House - 5728 Pearl Road Parma, OH 44129
All are welcome!
- 19th - Soap Making Event Youth and Christian Ed - 11:00 am - 4:00 pm; lunch provided; Fellowship Hall
- 20th - Blood Drive

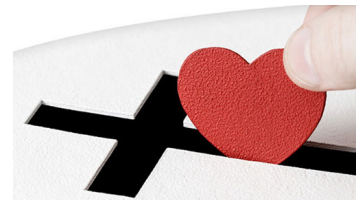


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Designate Your Thrivent Choice Dollars by March 31st

A big thank you to members who have already designated their Thrivent Choice Dollars to Prince of Peace.



The 2021 Choice Dollars will expire on March 31, 2022. If you own any Thrivent Financial products or services, you have a choice in directing where Thrivent distributes some of its charitable outreach funds each year. We really appreciate those who direct those Choice Dollars to Prince of Peace.

To direct Choice Dollars go to: www.thrivent.com or call 800/847-4836. If you have any questions or would like to find out more about Thrivent, please contact Tim Regan at 440-227-9593 or at timothy.regan@thrivent.com.

Bring in your Palms

Altar Guild is collecting your dried palms from Palm Sunday last year in the basket in the lower narthex.

We will burn the palms from last year's Palm Sunday to make ashes for use at our Ash Wednesday Worship Service.



Worship Services

Wednesday, March 2, 2022 at 11:00 am and 7:00 pm

Prince of Peace Member Profile: Jerry and Diane Karp



Diane was born and lived in Bristol, Virginia until the age of 12, when her family moved to Roanoke, VA, where she completed High School. Then it was off to college at Wittenberg College in Springfield, OH, where she met Jerry. Jerry grew up on the west side of Cleveland and graduated from John Marshall High School. Jerry said his father was not well when he was growing up, and his older brother, Bob, (one of three older brothers) really raised him, along with his mother. The story of how he ended up at Wittenberg College is interesting. He drove his friend to the college, and when the football coach took notice of his speed, he encouraged Jerry to join the team. There was only a working scholarship, he was a walk-on, and had to use a no-show player's locker and name at the beginning. Two college custodians helped and encouraged him during this period.

After two years of college, Jerry got his temporary teaching certificate under the Cadet Program and left to teach elementary school and coach football in Olmsted Falls, OH. He took courses at Baldwin Wallace College and two years later went back to Wittenberg to complete his degree in math. After graduating, Jerry and Diane married and travelled to California, where Jerry had his first teaching job with a regular certificate, returning to Ohio a year later. While teaching and coaching in Fairview Park, his superintendent encouraged him to take the courses needed to become a principal. He then became a principal in Fairview Park, and later a principal in other school districts, including Michigan, Parma, and Beachwood. Between Michigan and Parma, Jerry & Diane began their own Nursery School in Westlake. They had 55 students in attendance, using a curriculum that Jerry designed. Diane was one of the teachers, but had to step up to Administrator when Jerry was enticed to take on the challenge as an Acting Administrator in the North Ridgeville School District.

Diane has a BA in Psychology, which she used somewhat in her personnel job at North American Aviation in CA, and as a statistical assistant at Forging Industry Assn. in Ohio. After she and Jerry closed their nursery school, she became a teacher's aide in Westlake. While working there, she took the necessary education courses to get her teacher's certificate. For several years she was the Librarian at Columbia Middle School. Then a half day Title One math position became available and she convinced everyone she could teach half a day and run the library the other half....and it worked with the help of several volunteers!

Jerry certainly has shown that he is a renaissance man, having many varied jobs over the years, as well as teacher and educator. These included being a flight attendant for Ryan Air, then training flight attendants, selling homes for Ryan Homes, a photographer for school pictures, and a bus tour guide. Jerry even took on the challenge of canvassing residents in North Ridgeville for the ELCA Northeast Ohio Synod to see if there was an opportunity to open a new Lutheran Church in that area. During that period, he knocked on over 12 thousand doors. Wow! Although retired, Jerry and Diane still think of themselves as educators, and are still involved in tutoring. Jerry teaches math and Diane teaches piano.

The Karp family has two daughters. The oldest, Kathy, who is married to Joe, was a youth director in a Lutheran Church in Illinois, and is now a nurse in a doctor's office. Second daughter, Jodie, is a social worker in a Lexington, KY elementary school. She is married to David, who has a degree in engineering, and later enrolled in, and graduated from Asbury Seminary for a career change to be a hospice chaplain. Jerry and Diane have six grandchildren, who now are all graduated from high school or college.

Diane enjoys singing, and feels very fortunate to have been one of the 14 Prince of Peace Choir Members who went to Germany in 1998 to sing in a concert with the choir in Heidelberg. Reading light mysteries and gardening are other favorites. Jerry also likes to read and is intrigued with great plots. He is very handy and can fix most anything around the house. As a matter of fact, they both are involved in flipping houses and do most of their own work. They were Red Coats at Playhouse Square for a number of years. They said one of the most fun jobs they have had is staging homes for sale. They called it "Fun Staging."

Both said that Pastor Charlie had a lot to do with their coming back to Prince of Peace. When they were members of POP 20 years ago, Jerry volunteered doing children's talks, and would like to get involved in that again. I know you will love meeting these two active new members, just as I have. *Dick Hardy, Profile Reporter*

January 2022 Health and Safety Update

COVID-19 UPDATE

Dear Members and Friends of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church:

The Health and Safety Team of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church met January 17, 2022, to review our COVID policies and procedures. Once again, our care and concern are for the health and well-being of our members and visitors, and the mission and ministry of the church.

Because of the recent surge in cases in our community, we are currently delaying opening the nursery. The choir will resume in the near future. We assess regularly and plan to move forward with these items in the coming weeks when things improve.

We continue to offer worship and education offerings and ask that we follow the protocol of masks and handwashing and social distancing when possible.

We encourage the following:

- If you are sick, please stay home. Whether you suspect a cold or flu, COVID or something else, and you show symptoms, please stay home and work on getting well!
- If you test positive for COVID-19, please let us know. As members of the church family, we want to offer any support we can. As with any health information, we will keep your information confidential.
- If you were exposed to someone who tested positive for COVID-19, please stay home for five days following exposure (not five days from notification).
- Please continue to wear masks at all Prince of Peace activities and whenever you are in the buildings.

In all these things, we love one another through these challenging days! Remember that worship is live streamed every Sunday at 9 am and 11 am on our [YouTube Page](#), so that everyone can join in worship!

Thank you for understanding. Be well and take care of yourself and your family.

The Health and Safety Team plan to meet again in early February to continue to assess and adjust our policies and procedures.

God bless you all,

The Health and Safety Team

Health And Safety Team

- Judy Splawski, MD
- Cynthia Strieter, MD
- Dave Covell, Retired Lorain County Health Commissioner, Council Vice President
- Mark Givens, Church Council Member
- Pastor Charlie Woodward
- Jim Dickey, Council President
- Sally Balch, Council Vice President

Prayer Concerns

Please join us in praying for members and friends with recent needs: Jaime Alspach, Cathy and Mark Blitz (family of Jann Daniels), Dr. Phil Blitz (father of Jann Daniels), Grace Dye, Ron Filkill, Family of Craig and Jan Juhn, Howard King (friend of Jerry & Diane Karp), Ryan Linden (friend of Liz Grider), Dave and Kathy McCollum, Johnathon Missig (great grandson of Gloria Starr), Vito Sadler (friend of Lynne Knoll), Jan Schoch, Theresa Sherman (mother of Monica Dragony), Bill and Norma Sweeny (friends of Dave and Kathy McCollum), Erna Taylor (friend of Lia Staaf). **Also, we pray for chronic, long-term care needs:** Charlotte (gr. granddaughter of Jan Schoch), Paul (brother of Diane Merhaut), Ren (granddaughter of Linda Baumbach), James Arrigo, Stephanie Bailey (niece of Mary Sue Claus), Cathy Blitz (sister-in-law of Jann Daniels), Tony Cacciatore, Don Chismar, Marcia Drysdale (friend of Jane Dillon), 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), Deanne Lahner (niece of Mary Sue Claus), Pat Merhaut (step grandmother of Shawn Merhaut), Angela Missig (daughter of Gloria Starr), Bob Mociulewski and wife, Steve Park (cousin of Deb Gibbons), Jenn Pitts (daughter of Judy Kazak), Eric and Nicole Quinn (friends of Matt Wenham), Lois Reichert, Greg Rolitsky (friend of Mary Sue and Ron Claus), Pam Rotella. **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.**

2022 Giving Report

	YTD	Weekly
Operating Giving through Jan 31st:	\$40,008	\$8,002
Percent of Annual Budget Received:	11%	
Needed to Achieve Budget:	\$339,992	\$7,234
Needed to Eliminate 2022 Budgeted Deficit:	\$379,992	\$8,085

Attendance at Prince of Peace

Date	Online	In Person	Total
02/06/2022	47	100	147
01/30/2022	63	107	170
01/23/2022	133	61	194
01/16/2022	90	111	201

February 13, 2022 Sunday Readings:

First Reading:	Jeremiah 17:5-10; Psalm 1
Second Reading:	1 Corinthians 15:12-20
Gospel Reading:	Luke 6:17-26

Happy Birthday

02/09 Scott Dye	02/13 Jonathan Covell
02/09 Diane Miller	02/13 Kathy McCollum
02/10 Nicholas Fortuna	02/15 Betsy Bailey
02/10 Sean Lavin	02/16 Connor Burdette
02/12 Melody Hauser	02/16 Carol Novotny
02/12 Chris Rehark	02/16 Saige Worsencroft
02/12 Laney Ventimiglia	02/17 Dennis MacKenzie
02/13 Sally Balch	02/18 Donald Chismar
02/13 Jane Carlson	02/18 Elayna Gros
	02/18 Lydia Lenz

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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 am

Child Care - Currently suspended due to Covid.