

# Peace Connection

1/4/23

Agape Feast will be taking a break for the month of January, resuming in February!



Wednesday January 4th  
2:00 pm Book and Bible Studies

Thursday January 5th  
Sexton's Day Off  
3:00 Organ Practice

Friday January 6th  
Pastor Charlie's Day Off

Saturday January 7th  
2:00 pm Organ Practice

Sunday January 8th  
In Person Worship 9 & 11 am  
10:00 Christian Education  
10:00 Blood Pressure Screening  
10:00 am Adult Gospel Study  
2:00 pm Praise Band Retreat  
7:00 pm Council Meeting

Monday January 9th  
10:00 am Staff Meeting  
2:00 pm Organ Practice  
7:00 pm SOAP Bible Study

Tuesday January 10th  
7:00 pm CrossFire Rehearsal

Wednesday January 11th  
2:00 pm Book and Bible Studies  
7:00 pm Council Exec Comm

Thursday January 12th  
Sexton's Day Off  
3:00 pm Organ Practice  
7:00 pm Choir Practice

Friday January 13th  
Pastor Charlie's Day Off

Saturday January 14th  
2:00 pm Organ Practice

Sunday January 15th  
In Person Worship 9 & 11 am  
10:00 Christian Education  
10:00 am Travel Quest Planning Meeting  
10:30 Arden Courts  
1:00 pm Blossom Hill Service

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

## Lifeline Screening

Lifeline is offering a FREE screening package! Which includes: carotid artery screening, abdominal aortic aneurysm, PAD Screening & Atrial Fibrillation Screening. Valued at \$149.00

Pre-registration is required for screenings by calling: 1-800-772-8260 OR you may register online by visiting [www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle](http://www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle)

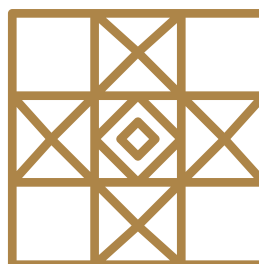
## What Goes Up...Must Come Down!

Christmas un-decorating Saturday, January 7, 2023, 9:30 am. Altar Guild needs assistance taking down the Christmas garlands and putting away the trees. We especially need a few ladder climbers to take down the garlands. Please contact Dineen at [dterstage@gmail.com](mailto:dterstage@gmail.com) if you can help. Thank you!



## Comfort Quilters

The Comfort Quilters will meet in January on the 9th and 23rd. Starting in February we will be back to our usual meeting dates, the first and third Monday of the month.



## 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.



## SOAP Bible Study

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

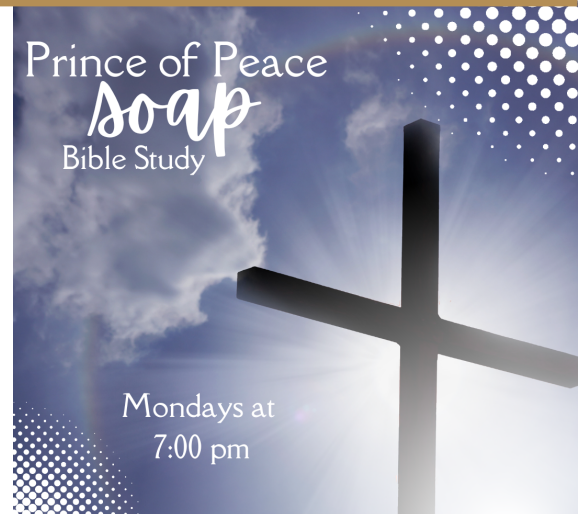
All are welcome!

Group Discussion using the S.O.A.P method  
Scripture; Observation; Application; Prayer

For questions, please contact Mark Givens at [mpgivens@ameritech.net](mailto:mpgivens@ameritech.net)

Prince of Peace  
*Soap*  
Bible Study

Mondays at  
7:00 pm



## Blood Pressure Screening

Blood pressure screening will be on January 8th at 10 am at the church. The screening will be performed by Shawn. Please reach out with any questions!



## Travel Quest

Save the date: January 15, 2023

Event planning meeting  
10:00 am in the Narthex.

Everyone welcome. Suggestions welcome.  
Event coordinators needed.

*Save the Date*

# PASTOR CHARLIE'S BLOG



From PC's PC (Pastor Charlie's Personal Computer!)

James 3:13-18

Two Kinds of Wisdom

*13 Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. 14 But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. 15 Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. 16 For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. 17 But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. 18 And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.*

The Wise Men brought gifts for the newborn king.

How wise were they to bring gifts of gold, incense, and myrrh? Formula and diapers would probably have been appreciated!

I remember a Far Side cartoon that said, "Not known by many, there was a fourth Wise Man who was turned away from the manger for bringing fruitcake!" (My apologies to you fruitcake lovers).

Can you imagine what it must have been like for the servant of the wise men to go shopping for these gifts?

Here is a skit I came across a few years ago:

*STOREKEEPER: Now, sir, you're next. May I help you?*

*SERVANT: Yes, I need several things right away.  
My Masters are double-parked outside waiting for me.*

*STOREKEEPER: All right now, just what did you have in mind?*

*SERVANT: First of all, I'd like three ounces of myrrh.*

*STOREKEEPER: Myrrh?*

# PASTOR CHARLIE'S BLOG



Continued:

*SERVANT: That's right. Do you have it in stock?*

*STOREKEEPER: I believe so... Was it a close friend?*

*SERVANT: I beg your pardon?*

*STOREKEEPER: I said, was it a close friend who died? You want the myrrh for a funeral, don't you?*

*SERVANT: No, it's for a baby.*

*STOREKEEPER: A baby! Oh, how tragic! How did it happen?*

*SERVANT: How did what happen?*

*STOREKEEPER: How did the baby die?*

*SERVANT: The baby didn't die. The baby is alive!*

*STOREKEEPER: Oh, but it's very sick then?*

*SERVANT: Not that I know of.*

*STOREKEEPER: Then why do you want myrrh? Don't you think it might be nicer to get one of these teddy bears for it?*

*SERVANT: No, I have already decided on myrrh.*

*STOREKEEPER: But nowadays people sometimes prefer more practical gifts for babies. How about this nice bottle warmer, or a quilt?*

*SERVANT: No. I would just like three ounces of myrrh if you have it.*

*STOREKEEPER: Well, we have it, but it really isn't very fitting if you ask me. You use myrrh to prepare a body for burial.*

*SERVANT: Look, I am in a bit of a hurry. Will you sell me the myrrh or not?*

*STOREKEEPER: Oh, certainly. Was there anything else?*

*SERVANT: I also need three ounces of gold dust, and three ounces of frankincense.*

*STOREKEEPER: For the baby?*

*SERVANT: Yes! You have it, don't you?*

*STOREKEEPER: Sure. But gold dust is usually reserved for royalty, and you use frankincense when you worship God in the temple. Are you sure you...*

## PASTOR CHARLIE'S BLOG



Continued:

*SERVANT: Yes, I am sure! Now, will you get them, please?*

*STOREKEEPER: Yes, sir, here you are. Say, that must be quite a baby!*

*SERVANT: That's what I hear. That's what I hear!*

The wise men brought gifts for Jesus - gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Gold, because Jesus is king. Gold is a gift you give to a king! Frankincense, because he is God. Frankincense is incense used as an offering in worship. Myrrh because he is human. Myrrh is a spice used in preparing a body for burial. In these gifts, we see the wisdom of the Magi, who, in presenting these gifts, confess Jesus is Emmanuel, God with us, God in the flesh. He is completely God and completely man.

What gifts do you bring to the Christ child this day? May we offer all that we have and all that we are to the one who gives his life for you and for me!

*Let us pray: Your foolishness is wiser than human wisdom. Thank you for the wise decision to send your son to save us. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.*



## “Member Profile”

### *This Week’s Feature : Brian Drobnak*



Brian Drobnak was born in Westlake, Ohio. With his parents, Tom and Joan, and two siblings, Mark and Rachel, the house was a busy place. Their home was in Olmsted Falls. Brian attended High School in Olmsted Falls before leaving for college at the University of Cincinnati. He is in his second year pursuing a Mechanical Engineering degree.

He was Baptized at Prince of Peace and was active in attending services, Confirmation Class, Sunday School and the Youth Group. After 3rd grade, he received private trumpet lessons for 8 years. Eventually his talent was apparent, and Brian was offered solos leading to becoming the president of Olmsted Falls Marching Band. He has performed often with his trumpet, and has several Easter services that can be found online as part of the POP YouTube streaming channel. Joan has assisted with her piano as part of the performance as well as Don Jackson on the organ. I also remember working with him during past Rummage Sales.

His work experience is very diverse and includes being a Bagger at Shaker’s Marketplace, Technical Drafter at Invacare Corp., and General Manufacturing Worker at Cutting Dynamics Inc.

Brian had been introduced to Computer Aided Drafting (CAD) in seventh grade as part of a middle school program. CAD programs are tools used to make 3D models and assemblies for animations, mechanical simulations, and other applications in his field of study. He has a CAD portfolio online, just search “Brian Drobnak” on YouTube and you will see the technology at work! He is continuing to enhance his skills by securing a Co Op at Kinetic Vision in Cincinnati. Over the upcoming Spring 2023 semester, he will work full time to get real world skills at a very successful company for a semester. His work will be similar to an internship, but no college classes will be taken, so the focus is strictly on working in a tight knit team at Kinetic Vision. Brian will be a part of the Design and Product Development Team and will work with senior engineers to perform a wide range of tasks. The SOLIDWORKS software he will use allows for testing and optimization of existing products.

His interests away from work and classes include playing competitive eSports games. He participates as Team Captain for The University of Cincinnati varsity team. He can connect with many friends from high school using these platforms. Most POP members may not know that Brian can play the piano as well. After taking “5” years of lessons, he is confident in his abilities. Brian has been a dedicated fundraiser for The Relay for Life events that help support research and patient services for The American Cancer Society. Their motto is Cancer Won’t Win!

He has chosen a very complex career path which is in high demand. Brian will be involved with many products and services aimed at improving our lives. Look for big things to come in his future. And when he comes back to POP on breaks, I hope he will continue with his wonderful music performances!

By Tom Robinholt : Profile Reporter

# OMNI Medical Mission Trip July 2023

OMNI is planning a medical mission trip to Zambia around July 7-20 th . OMNI has historically done these trips annually up until 2020 when the pandemic hit. They are looking for medically trained people to join them (i.e. doctors, nurses, EMT's, etc.). Karen Throckmorton, President of OMNI, will lead the team. Members of the team raise the funds to cover the trip costs. Prince of Peace has been a sponsor of people on previous trips to serve the absolute poor children and communities surrounding OMNI's school in Zambia. This will be a life changing opportunity if you are willing to go. Please contact OMNI board members Jon Wilhelm (everythingbutceramics@yahoo.com) or Charlie Koch (treasprinceofpeacewestlake@gmail.com) if you are interested.



## 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
Total Giving as of November 30th:	\$371,500	\$7,740
Percent of Annual 2022 Budget Received to Date:	93%	
<u>Giving Required to Meet 2022 Projected:</u>	<u>\$41,100</u>	<u>\$10,275</u>
Remaining Giving Required to Meet 2022 Stretch:	\$73,500	\$18,375

**NEW**   
**UPDATE**

## Second Harvest Food Bank

For the month of January, requested items are canned beef stew and canned vegetables. 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.





# Prayer Concerns

**Please join us in praying for members and friends with recent needs:** Diane Schlegel and her family members, Donna, the Lusk Family, Joan, Lori, Jane Carlson, Jann Daniel's and family, June Zweidinger, Jan Schoch, Kira Johnston, Natalie Saunders, Ali Accarino, Erika Jones, Joe Pearce, Jean Winslow, Joan Gruber, family and friends of Faye Rose, Lisa Arrigo's family, Terry and his wife Mary, Audrey Swanson, Sharon Detrich, Jean Winslow's family, and Grace Dye.

**Also, we pray for chronic, long-term care needs:** Charlotte, Renn, James Arrigo, Stephanie Bailey, Tony Cacciatore, Don Chrismar, Patty Doran, Marcia Drysdale, Dawn Higgins, Jayne Kramic, Deanne Lahner, Angela Missig, Jenn Pitts, Eric and Nicole Quinn, Lois Reichert, Howard Ricke, Pam Rotella, Bill Sweeny, Robert Sieving, and 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>
01/01/01	64	59	123
12/25/2022	43	49	92
12/24/2022	101	201	302
12/18/2022	135	147	282

WEDNESDAYS



# Happy Birthday

1/3 Ashley Alspach  
1/3 Chris Hallowell  
1/3 Noah Katrincsak  
1/4 Norma Gabrielsen  
1/5 Jan Filkill  
1/6 James Braun Sr.  
1/7 Jordyn Jagels  
1/8 Mara Lipschultz  
1/10 Audrey Swanson  
1/11 Alex Babinski  
1/12 Isaiah Comnick  
1/13 Jessica Carimi  
1/14 Pierce Gleespen  
1/17 James Lehman  
1/17 Michelle Goggin

1/19 Emma Andrus  
1/19 Don Miller  
1/21 Beth Comnick  
1/23 Jane Wyant  
1/25 Darlene Roman  
1/25 Michael Pietraroia  
1/26 Barb Fronczak  
1/27 Dave Novotny  
1/27 Phil Sprague  
1/27 Suzann Creech  
1/28 Patty Beard  
1/29 Molly Fortuna  
1/29 Nicholas Hrouda  
12/31 Jim Heimbuch



1/3 Jeff & Amy Babinski

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Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 9-3

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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.