Peace Connection

August 4th, 2023

Scranton School Supplies

Back to school season is here! We will be collecting school supplies again to support Scranton School in Cleveland. Please keep in mind Ohio will have a sales tax holiday from Friday, Aug. 4, 2023, at 12 a.m. to Sunday, Aug. 7, 2023, at 11:59 p.m.Please consider donating the following items identified by Scranton School teachers as items of need: Crayons, Pencils, Glue Sticks, Dry-Erase Markers, Loose Leaf Notebook Paper, Spiral notebooks (college and wide rule), Disinfectant Wipes, Hand Sanitizer, Hand Soap, School Scissors, Kleenex, and paper towels. Donations can be left in bags by the Donation Station in the Administration Wing. Please return by Sunday, August 27th for delivery the following week. Any questions, please contact Diane Merhaut at 440-897-0368 or teachmeabc123@aol.com

Young at Heart

Please join us on Friday, August 25, 2023 at 12:30 p.m.
We will be enjoying good food and fellowship at Tony K's Bar &Grille, located at 841 West Bagley Rd. in Berea.
Please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the lower lobby.
Questions, contact Kathy Kettler at (440)734-6511.

Travel Quest

We invite you to hear Hayden Grove Concert at the Ridgefield Recreation Center 8700 Gatewood Dr , North Ridgeville 44039 . The performance is at 6:30-8:00 and you are invited to the home of Marge and Jim Jaracz following the concert for an ice cream Sunday. The concert is outside so please bring chairs. A free will donation will be taken to cover the cost of the performance. Please sign up in lower narthex. For questions call Marge at 440-454-3526

Friday August 4th
Pastor Charlie's Day Off

Saturday August 5th
2:00 pm Organ Practice

Sunday August 6th
9:00 am In Person Worship
10:00 am Blood Pressure Screening
10:15 am Adult Gospel Study
11:00 am In Person Worship

Monday August 7th
10:00 am Staff Meeting
1:00 pm Comfort Quilters
2:00 pm Organ Practice
7:00 pm SOAP Bible Study

Tuesday August 8th
6:15 CrossFire Rehearsal

Wednesday August 9th
2:00 pm Book and Bible Study
7:00 pm Council Exec Comm

Thursday August 10th
Sexton's Day Off
3:00 pm Organ Practice

Friday August 11th
Pastor Charlie's Day Off

Saturday August 12th
2:00 pm Organ Practice
5:15 pm Travel Quest- Hayden Grove

Sunday August 13th
9:00 am In Person Worship
9:00 am Thomas' Baptism
11:00 am In person Worship
7:00 pm Council Meeting

Monday August 14th
10:00 am Staff Meeting
2:00 pm Organ Practice
7:00 pm SOAP Bible Study

Tuesday August 15th
6:15 pm CrossFire Rehearsal

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

SWAG! GIFTS! TREATS!

COME & JOIN US FOR OUR

FELLOWSHIP FAIR

SUNDAY AUGUST 20TH

PRINCE OF PEACE NARTHEX

AFTER THE 9 AM AND 11 AM SERVICES

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Details:

Children's activities will be in the lower narthex from 10-11 so parents can attend the Fellowship Fair!

Get to know what opportunities we have at Prince of Peace for fellowship and fun

PRINCE OF PEACE

Baseball Nights

WEDNESDAY
AUGUST 16TH
FIRST PITCH
6:35PM

BABY BOOMER NIGHT -
SALUTE TO THE GREATEST GENERATION

SATURDAY
SEPT. 16TH
FIRST PITCH
7:35PM

CLE FOOTBALL NIGHT
JOE THOMAS BOBBLE HEAD
POST-GAME FIREWORKS

AKRON RUBBER DUCKS

300 SOUTH MAIN STREET, AKRON, OH 44308

SCAN TO
REGISTER

Women In Transition

We are accepting donations of women's toiletries, sanitary products, and umbrellas. The need is great. Please bring them to the donation station.Questions, please contact Jan Filkill, 440-871-6673.

One Step Up (West Haven)

Donations of youth-teen clothing of all sizes. Jeans, shorts, t-shirts, sweatshirts, and hoodies. Please bring them to the donation stations

Second Harvest

For July through September the requested items are peanut butter and canned meats.

Giving Data

Operating Giving Report	YTD	AVG/Week
Total Giving as of June 30th:	$232,220	$8,932
% of Annual 2023 Budget Received to Date:	52%	
Remaining Giving Required to Meet 2023 Budget:	$214,280	$8,242
Remaining Giving Required to Meet 2023 Stretch Goal (i.e. Cover Cost Budget):	$232,280	$8,934

Lending Closet

Are you in need of some crutches? A shower chair? Walker? Cane? Please click on the logo on the right hand side of the page or check the website for our updated lending closet list!

September 17th, 2023

OMNI with the support of Prince of Peace, presents a fundraising

Benefit Concert & Auction

from **5-9 pm** at the
Pavilion at St. Clarence
located at 30106 Lorain Road
in North Olmsted, Ohio.

Concert & Auction

Featuring *Colin Dussault's Blues Project*

Proceeds from the concert will provide medical care, food & education for orphans at the OMNI Children's Village in northern Zambia.

Learn more about OMNI at www.omnimissions.com

Some photos of prep work to feed the Men's Shelter!

Brandon M. Bilek

THIS WEEK'S MEMBER PROFILE

Brandon was born in Cleveland, Ohio and grew up in Willoughby where he spent the majority of his life before moving to the west side in 2020. He attended Immaculate Conception School and graduated as the school's last class in 2010. He went on to South High School before going to Lakeland Community College to pursue computer science. After having studied it for several years, something told him it wasn't working out. After obtaining an associates of arts degree, he jumped into studying the diverse field of audio engineering. This he considers his most fulfilling career decision as it blends his love of music and technology.

Brandon grew up with one brother, Matthew, who is 3 years his junior and has at least seven inches on him. He met his soon-to-be fiance at a local music venue in Lakewood, Ohio after a long day at work. Brandon met up with his friend who introduced him to Chloe. He tried to playfully argue with her, and she shot back with equally clever responses (much to his pleasant surprise). They discovered they had a lot in common. He had to leave so he sent her a mixtape of some parodic hiphop songs he had made (although Brandon considered them to be quite terrible). Come the next morning Chloe had sent a text saying she thought they were hysterical. That was almost 5 years ago and now they are getting engaged this year!

He has had a number of different jobs. Brandon has done manual labor in his hometown's service department taking care of storm ditches, painting, janitorial work, making pizzas at a local shop and factory work up until 3 years ago. He now works in sales at North Olmsted Guitar Center, running sound here at POP and working on client mixes at his private studio: Blue Vulture Audio. He finds this current work ventures much more enjoyable. He came onto the POP team in July of 2022. Our previous sound technician, Ben Ubienski, is a very good friend. As Ben discussed his departure and asked Brandon to take over, he gladly accepted the offer! While joining the POP crew, he was seeking not only to sharpen his audio skills, but to deliver the message Christ left for us as well. Brandon believes God puts us here on this earth for a reason; his is to deliver his message through means of sound. He operates the board for Sunday services and practices, alongside offering assistance for weddings and funerals.

Brandon has many interests and hobbies to enjoy in his off time. Music and creating music is his big one. Electronic and its subgenres are his current favorite. Having a background in IT and an extensive list of video games he played growing up, the rhythms and themes come naturally and near effortlessly. Music can be done in many new ways, and Brandon is skilled at discovering methods that are on the cutting edge or even primitive. His current method has been recording all of his songs onto an old VCR machine for that "poor man's" reel-to-reel tape sound. Backpacking and spending time outdoors is a close second. God's creation is something to be treasured! He believes taking a break from our digitally-saturated lives is necessary to maintain a healthy body and mind. We all can benefit from taking a day (or five) going into our beautiful natural world.

Something that people may not know about Brandon is he can tell you just about anything about flamingos! Another tidbit is his thumbs are double jointed. His philosophy of life centers around living in community with one another. He reminds us that our actions speak louder than words. What we do for others and ourselves can shine the light of Christ everywhere we go, no matter how insignificant it may seem in the moment. One action can be enough to make the difference in someone's life. Wise words indeed! You'll find him at the sound board offering his Time and Talents with enthusiasm.

By Tom Robinholt : Profile Reporter

PASTOR CHARLIE'S BLOG

Matthew 7:7-11

Ask, Search, Knock
7 Jesus said, “Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. 8 For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. 9 Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for bread, will give a stone? 10 Or if the child asks for a fish, will give a snake? 11 If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good things to those who ask him!”

What questions do you have? What is it that you hope to find? What is the door that you want to have opened?

More important than the questions, I believe, is the One of whom we are asking, seeking, knocking to permit our entry. God is not simply the great Google in the sky who is there to answer our questions, or the Amazon Prime dispenser of all we desire. God is so much more. God Is the One who desires to be in a loving relationship with you and me.

This is a relationship in which we can share the questions or concerns or worries or uncertainty that trouble our hearts and fill our minds. God wants to be included in the conversation. God wants to be with us in the questions and the answers.

The Message translation by Eugene Peterson phrases the verses this way:
Jesus said, “Don’t bargain with God. Be direct. Ask for what you need. This isn’t a cat-and-mouse, hide-and-seek game we’re in. If your child asks for bread, do you trick him with sawdust? If he asks for fish, do you scare him with a live snake on his plate? As bad as you are, you wouldn’t think of such a thing. You’re at least decent to your own children. So don’t you think the God who conceived you in love will be even better?”

So I ask you again - what questions do you have? What is it that you hope to find? What is the door that you want to have opened?

Let us pray: Almighty God, Loving Father, hear my questions. Walk with me in seeking the answers. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

Prayer LIST

Sunday, August 6, 2023
Prayer Request - Long Term
(All prayer requests made after Thursday at Noon will be posted the following week)

Ren	Granddaughter of Linda Baumbach
Stephanie Bailey	Niece of Mary Sue Claus
Tony Cacciatore	Father of Chrissy Cacciatore Frey
Don Chismar	
Patty Doran	Sister-in-law of Chuck Sieving
Marcia Drysdale	Friend of Jane Dillon
Dawn Higgins	Neighbor of Fran Molnar
Jayne Kramic	Friend Kathy and Dave McCollum
Deanne Lahner	Niece of Mary Sue Claus & Roseann Fekete
Donna Kucera and family	
Angela Missig	Daughter of Gloria Starr
Jenn Pitts	Daughter of Judy Kazak
Eric and Nicole Quinn	Friends of Matt Wenham
Lois Reichert	
Pam Rotella	
Bill Sweeny	Friend of Kathy and Dave McCollum
Robert Sieving	Brother of Chuck Sieving
Al Tielke	
Joan Park(Deb Gibbon's mother)	
Dave McCollum	

Recent prayer requests received within the past 2 weeks:

July 23	Eric Grider
July 30	Grace Pophal's Family (Hailey Desmond's sister-in-law) Terry Dugan (Rusty Blakeslee daughter-in-law's father) Jann Daniels
August 6	Dave McCollum JeanneAnn Elkin Dave Covell and Family Nick, his wife Jen and their new baby Xander (Teresa Peter's nephew) Sloane (Diane Murhaut's granddaughter) Cindy Zinram and family

Happy Birthday

08/01 Natalie Pearce
08/02 Anita Briggs
08/02 Josie Wilhelm
08/02 Kroy Carimi
08/02 Paul Winslow
08/03 Jaime Alspach
08/03 Suzann Creech
08/05 Chip Bailey
08/06 Dale Dragony
08/06 Sharon Olson
08/09 David McCollum
08/09 Bill Vorobej
08/11 Joey Frey
08/14 Addy Lipschutz
08/14 Tom Drobnak
08/16 Christian Juntunen
08/17 Cameron Wenhan
08/17 Michelle Christian
08/20 Vivian Gleespen
08/21 Jon Peter
08/22 Benjamin Creech
08/22 Peggy Kreueger
08/23 Bennett Woodward
08/23 Nolan Woodward
08/24 Phillip Bruneau
08/25 AJ Jagels
08/25 Bryce Bruneau
08/27 Shari Demby
08/27 Tyrus Petta
08/28 Evan Saunders
08/28 Kate Weaver
08/29 Ron Thorne
08/31 Mariah Thompson

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

08/02 Barb & Dan Fronczak
08/03 Debbie & Bob Thomas
08/04 Bradley & Bethany Pearce
08/04 Charles & Lisa Woodward
08/07 Brent & Daniea Beard
08/10 Doug & Carol Leavens
08/10 Michael & Patricia Pietaroia
08/12 Paul & Jean Winslow
08/13 Christine & Al Tielke
08/15 Mary & Joseph Olah
08/18 Jaime & Tom Alspach
08/18 Jerry & Diane Karp
08/18 Jon & Anne Steinbrecher
08/20 Uwe & Helga Susemihl
08/21 Mark & Karen Givens
08/23 Ron & Becky Kear
08/30 Mike & Abbie Gleespen
08/30 Steve & Cindy Zinram

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Date	Online	In Person	Total
07/30/2023	32	142	174
07/23/2023	-	126	126
07/16/2023	20	148	168
07/09/2023	33	137	170

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Office Hours
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.