

# Peace Connection 2/15/23

Wednesday February 15th  
12:15 pm Young at Heart  
2:00 Book and Bible Studies

Thursday February 16th  
Sexton's Day Off  
11:00 am FLOW  
3:00 pm Organ Practice  
7:30 pm Choir Practice

Friday February 17th  
Pastor Charlie's Day Off

Saturday February 18th  
2:00 pm Organ Practice

Sunday February 19th  
In Person Worship 9 & 11 am  
10:00 am Christian Education  
10:00 am Adult Gospel Study

Monday February 20th  
10:00 am Staff Meeting  
1:00 pm Comfort Quilters  
2:00 pm Organ Practice  
7:00 pm SOAP Bible Studies  
7:00 Women's Discipleship Group

Tuesday February 21st  
7:00 pm CrossFire Rehearsal

Wednesday February 22nd  
2:00 pm Book and Bible Studies

Thursday February 23rd  
Sexton's Day Off  
11:00 am FLOW  
3:00 pm Organ Practice  
3:00 pm Communion Ministry Team Meeting  
7:30 pm Choir Practice

Friday February 24th  
Pastor Charlie's Day Off  
7:00 pm Monster's Game in Suite

Saturday February 25th  
10:30 am Spring Altar Guild Meeting  
2:00 pm Organ Practice  
6:30 pm Open Mic Night

Sunday February 26th  
In Person Worship 9 & 11 am  
10:00 am Christian Education

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



## Ash Wednesday



FOR YOU ARE DUST,  
AND TO DUST YOU SHALL RETURN.  
GENESIS 3:19

## Ash Wednesday

The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 22.

Two services will be held at Prince of Peace at 11 am and 7 pm, with communion and the imposition of ashes. Join us as we journey with Jesus to the cross and the empty tomb. A light soup lunch will be served after the 11 am service.

## Altar Guild

Bring in your Palms by  
February 21st!

Altar Guild is collecting your dried palms from last year's Palm Sunday. Please place them in the basket on the high table next to the fireplace. We will burn the palms to make ashes for use at our Ash Wednesday Worship Service.

# Altar Guild



ALL ARE WELCOME

# Lent Soup & Study

Beginning on Wednesday, March 1st, we will gather for Soup and Study at noon in the Fellowship Hall through the season of Lent.

The video series “The Way” by Adam Hamilton will be our study focus for Lent. Pastor Charlie Woodward will lead the discussions.

## Prayer Wall

If you ever make it to Jerusalem, a must-see site is the Western or Wailing Wall. The wall has stood for over 2000 years. The wall surrounded the Temple in Jesus' day. The Temple was the place where God dwelt. Seated on the Ark of the Covenant, the Temple was the place God resided. It is the closest that the Jewish community comes to the former Temple site.

Pilgrims from around the world come to the wall to pray. These old stones show their age, with many nooks and crevices from a couple inches to several feet in size. These pilgrims often will bring written prayers and place them in crevices as an offering to God.

When we were visiting our exchange student in Germany, we visited his family's church. Inside the doors, there was a table set up with bricks – a prayer wall for the church. I brought that idea home to us at Prince of Peace for Lent.

In the narthex, a table with a brick wall will greet you at the entrance of the sanctuary. Pieces of paper and pens will be there for you. Take time to write a prayer – joys and sorrows. At the end of Lent, we will take all these prayers and burn them in our fire pit outside – an offering to God. Pr. Charlie





## 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.

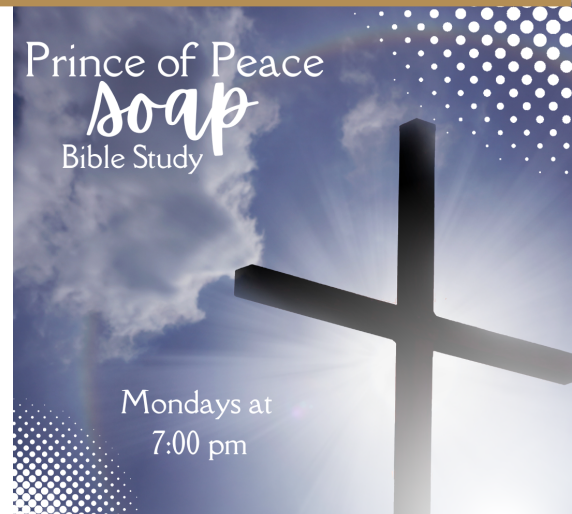
All are welcome!

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



## Spring Altar Guild Meeting

Saturday, February 25, 10:30 am – Charter Room

We are meeting to discuss spring and summer worship preparations. New members (women and men) are always welcome! Interested? Come to the meeting to see if this is something for you!! Call or text Dineen Terstage with questions (440-263-6759).



## Young at Heart Lunch

Friday, February, 24th at 12:30 pm.  
Houlihan's restaurant.

25651 Detroit Rd.  
Westlake, OH 44145

Any questions, please contact Kathy Kettler at 440-734-6511.  
A sign-up sheet is in the lower lobby.

YOUNG AT HEART  
LUNCH



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Houlihan's Restaurant

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Westlake, OH 44145



## PRINCE OF PEACE LENDING CLOSET



We are starting a virtual LENDING CLOSET of assistive devices people may need to borrow when they become sick or injured. These include items like walkers, raised toilet seats, bedside commodes, wheelchairs, crutches, etc.

It will work like this. The office at POP will maintain a list of who has what available assistive devices to loan. A member in need will call the office for contact information and then reach out to the owner of the equipment. The borrower is responsible for picking up and returning the item to the owner. The owner of the equipment will then let the office know when the item is available again to loan.

**IMPORTANT:** We will NOT be storing any equipment at POP.

Identification stickers for the equipment will be sent to the owners once they are registered with the office. This will make it easier to identify where the equipment needs to be returned once it is no longer needed.

If you would have an assistive device you would like to lend, please contact the office at 440-871-5565. We are only registering equipment at this time. Watch for an announcement when we will start lending these items.



# PASTOR CHARLIE'S BLOG



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

Isaiah 40:21-31

21Have you not known? Have you not heard?  
Has it not been told you from the beginning?  
Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?

22It is he who sits above the circle of the earth,  
and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers;  
who stretches out the heavens like a curtain,  
and spreads them like a tent to live in;

23who brings princes to naught,  
and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.

24Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown,  
scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth,  
when he blows upon them, and they wither,  
and the tempest carries them off like stubble.

25To whom then will you compare me,  
or who is my equal? says the Holy One.

26Lift up your eyes on high and see:  
Who created these?

He who brings out their host and numbers them,  
calling them all by name;  
because he is great in strength,  
mighty in power,  
not one is missing.

27Why do you say, O Jacob,  
and speak, O Israel,  
“My way is hidden from the Lord,  
and my right is disregarded by my God”?

28Have you not known? Have you not heard?  
The Lord is the everlasting God,  
the Creator of the ends of the earth.

He does not faint or grow weary;  
his understanding is unsearchable.

29He gives power to the faint,  
and strengthens the powerless.

30Even youths will faint and be weary,  
and the young will fall exhausted;

31but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength,  
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,  
they shall run and not be weary,  
they shall walk and not faint.

This chapter of Isaiah begins with these words – “Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God.”

Chapter 40 marks the beginning of “Second Isaiah” – like the second book in a trilogy. The first 39 chapters tell of God’s frustration with the people and the result of that frustration results in a period of exile in Babylon.

This next section starting in chapter 40 is the promise that God has not given up on them. The introduction of these verses states this good news – “The Judeans in exile have a good reason to be hopeful: the one who will bring them to freedom is the God who created the world, the God who subdues the rulers of the earth and gives strength to those who are weary.”

# PASTOR CHARLIE'S BLOG



Continued:

God reminds them of God's covenant and promises.

Harvey was concerned about his wife's loss of hearing. As far as he could tell, her problem just kept getting worse. She stubbornly refused to admit that she had a problem and refused to go to a doctor since that was the case. Finally, in desperation, Harvey went to a consultation on her behalf. He told the doctor of the problem and was told a simple home test he could try to gauge the severity of the problem. He was to go home, get out of his car, and call to his wife, "Hon, what's for dinner?" If he heard no response, he should continue to move closer until the response was forthcoming. Judging by the distance, the severity of the hearing loss could be gauged.

So, Harvey went home. He got out of his car and screamed, "Hon, what's for dinner?" Hearing no answer, he moved to the front door and opened it. "Hon, what's for dinner?" Still no response. Finally, he made his way through the house and stuck his head in the kitchen, and called, "Hon, what's for dinner?" Harvey's wife turned from the sink, looked him square in the eyes and said, "For the third time, we are having roast beef!"

Have you not heard?

Sometimes WE need reminded of God's promises. How often do we forget who God is, and whose we are. We forget how God has been faithful and brought us to where we are today. There are so many other voices we hear, it can be easy to tune out what God has to say to you and me.

Have you not heard?

Hear again the Good News – you are loved. You are forgiven. You are God's beloved!

Have you not heard?

*Let us pray: Almighty God, you have us two ears and only one mouth for a reason. May we hear again the good news, and know that you don't come and go, but abide with us today and always. Thank you for today and the hope for tomorrow. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen*



## *"Member Profile"*

### *This Week's Feature :*

### *Mike and Sherry Weber*



Sherry and Mike were born in Denver, Colorado. Mike grew up in Westminster, Colorado, a suburb of Denver. Sherry grew up in Denver. Mike attended Colorado State University, in Fort Collins, Colorado where he earned a B.A. in Social Sciences. He also attended Western Theological Seminary in Holland, Michigan where he earned a Master of Divinity. Sherry attended Cuyahoga Community College in Cleveland where she earned an Associate of Science in Nursing.

Sherry has an older brother, Michael, who is retired and living in Placitas, New Mexico. Mike is the oldest of five children who were all born within 18 months of each other. When his mother went to the doctor pregnant for the fifth time in 6 years, the doctor asked her, "What are you? Catholic or something?" to which she replied, "No. Just a passionate Protestant."

Mike's brother, Brad, and sister, Julie, are both deceased. His sister, Laura, is a psychiatrist in Denver, and his youngest sister, Cheryl, is a Nazarene pastor's wife, in Missouri.

They met in the Mountainview Reformed Church youth group and choir when Mike's family joined the church. At the same time Sherry was dating another young man. After they broke up, Sherry invited Mike to a Christmas party at work. It was love at first sight! They dated for three years and were married in 1974. The young man Sherry was dating married Mike's sister and is now their brother-in-law.

Sherry was a stay at home mom and pastor's wife until their youngest daughter entered preschool. She became a Registered Nurse and spent the major part of her career working in geriatric nursing, much of that time in management or as Director of Nursing. Mike was a pastor for 40 years in the Reformed Church in America. Mike and Sherry have served 4 churches in Cleveland, OH, Montrose, NY, Slate Hill, NY, and Clifton, NJ.

They have raised 4 children. Elisabeth, 45, is married with 3 kids. She lives in Oberlin, OH and works as an RN. Jonathan, 43, is divorced with 3 kids and lives in Valdosta, Georgia. This coming May he will retire from the Air Force after 22 years of service. Noah, 38, is married with 2 four legged felines. He lives in Mahwah, NJ and manages an IHOP restaurant. Rebekah, 36, is married with one child. She lives just outside New Orleans and works as a Pediatric ICU nurse.

After retiring to Cleveland to be near their daughter, they were looking for a local church and since the ELCA and the RCA have a comity agreement they visited Prince of Peace and liked what they saw. They became members in 2022 and have stayed because of the relationships they developed in the choir. POP has the biggest church choir they have ever sung in. Sherry and Mike enjoy Ian, Ruth and the other choir members and the music they sing. Mike participates in the Monday night SOAP Bible Study, and serves on the Hymn Selection Committee. He recently taught a four week class on the Renaissance Art of the Nativity as a way to enter more deeply into the Christmas Story. Sherry serves weekly at a soup kitchen in Cleveland.

Sherry loves counted cross stitch, sewing, cooking, baking and Hallmark movies. Mike likes hiking, reading and playing guitar. He sings in the West Shore Chorale, a 70 voice choir that presents 3 concerts per year. Both have enjoyed camping all of their lives. More recently, they love to visit their children and grandkids who live far away. They also enjoy singing with each other, sharing the Love of God through music. Something people may not know, as a teenager, Sherry was a member of Job's Daughters, a masonic youth organization. After her senior year in high school, she served as Grand Bethel Honored Queen for the State of Colorado. Also, Mike had left the full time ministry for 3 years after a conflict in his second church. During that time he worked as a subprime mortgage underwriter and preached weekends at a small country church.

Mike and Sherry bring a variety of talents and life experiences to POP. I see a theme throughout their lives of proclaiming The Good News. As they attend the traditional service, take the opportunity to meet them. You will discover a couple engaged in service to Our Lord!

*By Tom Robinholt : Profile Reporter*



- INTERNATIONAL  
DINNER SERIES**
- 
- CAMBODIAN DINNER  
THURSDAY APRIL 27TH  
AT 6PM**
- 27080 Lorain Rd, North Olmsted, OH 44070
- 
- Please text Hilary to  
sign up 216.258.1639  
All are welcome
- Phnom Penh**  
Cuisines  
Cambodian and Vietnamese Cuisines



# Prayer Concerns for the week of February 15th

*Please join us in praying for members and friends with recent needs: Beverly Braun, Brianna Troyer, David McCollum, Donna Kucera and family, family and friends of Jennifer Preising, Fran Molnar, Grace Dye, Jayne Kramic, Jose Kazak, Judy and Jim Santora, June Zweidinger's family and friends, Laura, Morgan Jarvis, Roseann Fekete, and the victims of the earthquake and the relief workers.*

*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.*

*Prayer requests submitted after Thursday at Noon will be posted the following week. 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.*

All Peace Connection requests will need to be submitted with 3 days notice (the Sunday prior) to be included in the weekly post. Thank you for your understanding!

## Attendance at Prince of Peace

<u>Date</u>	<u>Online</u>	<u>In Person</u>	<u>Total</u>
02/12/2023	37	138	178
02/05/2023	43	121	164
01/29/2023	42	143	185
01/22/2023	34	120	154

## LCCC Civic Chorale and Collegiate Chorale Concert

### 44th ANNUAL MASTERWORK CONCERT

There are six Prince of Peace members between both ensembles!

*Arts & Humanities Division Performances , Civic Chorale , Collegiate Chorale and Vocal Ensemble*

*Date: March 4, 2023*

*Time: 7:30 pm*

*Location:*

*Price: \$9/Adults; \$8/LCCC Students, Staff & Seniors 65+*



# Happy Birthday

02/01 Katarina Rolik	02/13 Jane Carlson
02/02 Emma Perry	02/13 Jonathan Covell
02/02 Rachel Drobnak	02/13 Kathy McCollum
02/04 Abigail Matalavage	02/13 Sally Blach
02/04 James Wilhelm	02/15 Betsy Bailey
02/04 Tom Herren	02/16 Connor Burdette
02/05 Bradley Pearce	02/16 Carol Novotny
02/05 Erin Jagels	02/16 Saige Worsencroft
02/05 Julia Vorobej	02/17 Dennis MacKenzie
02/06 Sean Biller	02/18 Donald Chrismar
02/07 Esther Wolff	02/18 Elayna Gros
02/07 James Arrigo	02/18 Lydia Lenz
02/08 Charles Sieving	02/21 Kieran Lavin
02/08 Joann Burson	02/21 Andrea Petta
02/09 Diane Miller	02/22 Jan Saunders
02/10 Nicholas Fortuna	02/23 Edna Dickey
02/10 Sean Lavin	02/23 Jon Steinbrecher
02/12 Chris Rehark	02/23 Julia Castell
02/12 Laney Ventimiglia	02/04 Beverly Braun
02/12 Melody Hauser	02/24 Keith Wyant
02/13 Charles Woodward	02/08 Chris Petta
02/13 Erin Bruneau	02/08 Shaun Dillon

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

02/01 Dan & Jan King  
 02/02 Tom & Sandy Herren  
 02/06 Dan & Gail Pogue  
 02/10 Jim & Sharon Lappin

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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.