



Peace Connection

09/09/2023

Friday September 8th
Pastor Charlie's Day Off

Saturday September 9th
2:00 pm Organ Practice

Sunday September 10th
8:00 am God's Work, Our Hands
In Person Worship at 9 & 11 am
10:00 am Blood Pressure Screening
10:00 am Coffee with the Pastor
10:00 am Christian Education
7:00 pm Council Meeting

Monday September 11th
10:00 am Staff Meeting
2:00 pm Organ Practice
7:00 pm SOAP Bible Study

Tuesday September 12th
6:15 pm Crossfire Rehearsal

Wednesday September 13th
2:00 pm Book and Bible Study
7:00 pm Council Exec Comm

Thursday September 14th
Sexton's Day Off
11:00 am FLOW
3:00 pm Organ Practice
7:30 pm Choir Practice

Friday September 15th
Pastor Charlie's Day Off

Saturday September 16th
2:00 pm Organ Practice

Sunday September 17th
7:00 am to 3:00 pm Red Cross Blood Drive
9:00 am & 11:00 am In Person Worship
10:00 am Christian Education
10:30 am Arden Courts
5:00 pm OMNI Event

Monday September 18th
10:00 am Staff Meeting
1:00 pm Comfort Quilters
2:00 pm Organ Practice
7:00 pm SOAP Bible Study
7:00 pm Women's Discipleship Group

Tuesday September 19th
10:00 am Ornament Workshop Herb Guild
6:15 CrossFire Rehearsal

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

Endowment Grant Fund

Annually the Endowment Committee awards grants requested by members and staff of Prince of Peace for non-budgeted items. This year the committee allocated \$20,000 for grants. To date we have awarded:

\$2,000 for Car Show--Second Harvest Food Bank
\$2,000 for El Salvador trip
\$2,000 for Habitat Walk
\$1,260 for three OMNI scholarships
\$300 for OMNI Christmas Gifts

We have \$12,400 available for the balance of the year. If you have a request, please complete the Endowment Grant Application form available at Church or on our website. Completed forms can be emailed to Doug Olson at springman38@aol.com. If you have any questions, please ask any member of the committee:

Sally Balch, Jim Dickey, Doug Olson, Jon Peter, Jesse Buhrman (Finance Committee Representative), & Mark Givens (Council Representative).

Young at Heart

Please join us on Friday, September 29th at 12:30 pm. We will be enjoying good food and fellowship at Blue Sky Restaurant, located at 802 Cleveland St. in Elyria. Please note that Young at Heart Lunch will be held on the FIFTH Friday of the month for September. Please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the lower lobby. Questions, contact Kathy Kettler at (440)734-6511.

Celebrating the Filkills!

Ron and Jan Filkill are celebrating their 65th Wedding Anniversary on Wednesday, September 13. Thanks be to God for the gift of love! Thanks be to God for Ron and Jan! If you would like to send a card to them, their address is 1557 Columbia Road, Westlake, OH 44145

TRAVEL QUEST
PRESENTS:

Rumours

A Fleetwood Mac Tribute Concert



JOIN US TO CELEBRATE THIS DAY

OCT
06

WAGNERS OF WESTLAKE

30855 CENTER RIDGE ROAD
WESTLAKE, OHIO

7:00
PM

TO ENSURE WE CAN ALL SIT TOGETHER, SIGN UP AND WRITE A CHECK TO DIANE DIEKROGER, LOCATED AT 32929 CATAWBA DRIVE, AVON, 44011, CELL PHONE 740-542-1786, BY THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28. FOR THOSE WHO WOULD LIKE TO EAT DINNER TOGETHER BEFORE THE CONCERT, LET'S MEET AT DON RAMON MEXICAN RESTAURANT, 30610 DETROIT ROAD, WESTLAKE, OHIO, AT 5:00 P.M., ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6TH.

God's Work, Our Hands

God's Work Our Hands Sunday
September 10 - 8 am to 12 noon

Join us in work projects inside and outside at Prince of Peace.

PROJECTS

Come any time before worship or after worship to work on these and other projects:

- Pack Lunches for LMM Shelter – 2100 Lakeside
- Deliver Lunches to 2100 Lakeside
- Write Greeting Cards to Homebound and Residents at LMM Shelter
- Sort and pack school supplies for Scranton School
- Paint Garage
- Wash Windows
- Clean Up Brush



Comfort Quilters

Comfort Quilters will resume in September! They usually meet the first and third Monday afternoons at 1:00, but because of Labor Day, they will have their first meeting on Monday the 11th.

We welcome anyone who is willing to help cut, pin, assemble and knot the quilts. Sewing skills are not necessary.

This is truly a rewarding ministry! We use donated fabric, get to spend a few hours together and help comfort those in need. Please come join us!

For more information, contact Diane Fortuna haroldfort@aol.com, and Becky Wagoner brw44070@aol.com



Worship in the Woods 8/27



[Click here to see the Video!](#) 

Nursery Attendant

Our Nursery Attendant is back! Care will be available on Sundays. We look forward to seeing your little ones. Our nursery is available during worship service. There are plenty of toys for all ages.

- Hours are Sundays during worship services.
- The nursery is located across from the office in the upstairs hallway.
- Children ages from birth through 5 years old are welcome.
- Please provide diapers, wipes and a change of clothes in a labeled diaper bag for those children who are in diapers.



Omni Update:

If you would like to help with the OMNI Bluz over Africa event please contact Jon Wilhelm at everythingbutceramics@yahoo.com. We can use help with setting up 1-4pm, at the event 5-9pm or tear down 9-10pm.



Buds & Suds

Notice a few more flowered shirts this month? Buds and Suds men group has been encouraging members to wear flowered shirts to church for the Sundays in August. See you on Sunday.



Coffee with the Pastor

Coffee with the Pastor will be held the second Sunday of every month at 10 am. We will meet in the Education Wing Second Cup of Coffee Room. Come for conversation, questions and fellowship. Bring your coffee and donut and join us.



THE SECOND ITEM IS COFFEE WITH THE PASTOR THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH AT 10 AM. WE WILL MEET IN THE EDUCATION WING SECOND CUP OF COFFEE ROOM. COME FOR CONVERSATION, QUESTIONS AND FELLOWSHIP. BRING YOUR COFFEE AND DONUT AND JOIN US!

New Member Classes

The next new member class to will be held on Sunday, September 24 and October 1st at 10:00 am. New members will be welcomed on October 8th. To sign up for classes, please contact the church office at princeofpeacewestlake@gmail.com or by calling 440-871-5565!





Dave & Kathy McCollum

THIS WEEK'S MEMBER PROFILE

Dave was born in Lakewood ,OH and grew up with his sister, Carol Pecord, who resides in Mason, OH. He started school at Hayes Elementary, then Harding Jr. High, and graduated from Lakewood High School. He pursued his higher education at Lincoln College in Lincoln, IL and continued on at Ohio University in Athens, OH. Kathy was born at Fairview General Hospital in Cleveland,OH. She grew up in North Olmsted with older brother Ronald Filka who lives in North Carolina and younger sister Dr. Marianne Filka now located in Tennessee. Her early education was at St. Richard School, and North Olmsted High School. Upon graduation, she enrolled at Bowling Green State University majoring in Speech and Language Therapy receiving a BS degree. Years later she was able to continue her studies at Marygrove College, with a Master's degree in teaching.

Kathy began Full time professional work as the school speech therapist for Strongsville Schools Intensified Development of Language Skills (IDOLS) - a three year Ohio Education Research and Development Program. She also helped facilitate the St. Mary's Improvement of Language Skills (SMILES) program in Berea. Dave has been an entrepreneur starting a small business, at age 12, known as Art Line Printing. With this business sense, he created McCollum Insurance Agency and retired 63 years later. Kathy and Dave raised a family of five children and know that they have been richly blessed to love each one through their lives. Christine, Kelly, Robert, Andrew, and Michael have given them all the challenges and happiness of parenthood, along with 11 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

In 1975 they married in a small, intimate ceremony by Methodist minister, the Rev. John Lennon. Dave says, "We met by the grace of God which would require a few hours of explanation. It is a story in itself." Kathy agrees it's a long story, explaining it was, "a tapestry of amazing events certainly orchestrated by God!" They came from different religious backgrounds. As they searched for a church that would welcome these diverse histories, they received referrals from trusted friends and clergy. Prince of Peace offered that welcoming environment and they joined POP around 1980, when Pastor Landis Coffman was serving the congregation.

They have committed to many missions here and focused on their interests in public speaking, acting, prayer leaders, Adam and Eve Diaries, Tables for Eight, Omni sponsors and Blues over Africa event assistants. Dave is very handy around the house and continues to work on his "Honey Do List". His tools never get a chance to rest. Kathy stays busy making visits with their Therapy Dog and caring for two additional canine family members. She enjoys working with different crafts, reading and gardening. Both have a mutual fondness for horses, dogs, and the theater, although time spent with their 11 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren are tops on that list and brings them much joy.

Some things people may not know is that Dave has a proud background as a nationally rated member of the National Ski Patrol serving Ohio, New York, Utah, and Colorado. He is the current Commander of the US Coast Guard Auxiliary for Northern Ohio. He served in the US Army reserve, field combat medic 1960-1966 with the 83rd infantry division. Thank you Dave for your service to our country!

Some things people may not know about Kathy is that she modeled bridal gowns when in High School, and also served as a hospital volunteer. With the three boys, she served as a Cub Scout Den Mother, and Cub Leader Coach. Kathy describes her six years as the Red Hat "Queen" of Lake Erie Dearies were, "ridiculously fun!" Dave and Kathy have owned and ridden four wonderful horses over the course of 29 years. Both directed the musical, "1776" and also were cast members in several musicals at Huntington Playhouse.

They love God, their time together with family, and their POP family as well. They are thankful for the 48 years of their marriage. Genuine love, respect, kindness, generosity, and a deep friendship steeped in mutual communication, has framed every day of their lives. They agree that they have been richly blessed. You will notice a sparkle in their eyes as they come weekly with enthusiasm to worship Our Lord!

By Tom Robinholt : Profile Reporter

Join us for a
Travel Quest
PUMPKIN TRAIN
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Where: Lorain & West Virginia Railway's Wellington Station, 46789 State Route 18, Wellington, OH 44090. Participants can either meet at Prince of Peace at 2:00 p.m. to carpool/caravan there, or meet us at the Wellington Station no later than 3:15 p.m. to pick up your tickets.

What: Passengers will embark on a journey deep into the woods of southern Lorain County on their quest for the perfect pumpkin. The train will leave at exactly 3:30 p.m., rain or shine, and travel 2-3 miles. On the return trip, the train will stop at the L&WV pumpkin patch. Passengers will disembark the train in the woods, and pick the pumpkin that they would like to take home with them. The pumpkin price is included in the train ticket. We will then get back on the train for the return trip to Wellington. The train trip is estimated to be between 1 and 1 1/2 hours long. Note that, because of the vintage nature of the train equipment, this trip is not handicap-accessible.

Ticket prices: Adult (ages 13+): \$22.00
Child (ages 3-12): \$16.50
Infant (ages 2 and under): \$5.00
Seniors (age 60+): \$16.50
No Refunds



PASTOR CHARLIE'S BLOG



Matthew 12:22-30

New Revised Standard Version

Jesus and Beelzebul

22 Then they brought to him a demoniac who was blind and mute; and he cured him, so that the one who had been mute could speak and see. 23 All the crowds were amazed and said, "Can this be the Son of David?" 24 But when the Pharisees heard it, they said, "It is only by Beelzebul, the ruler of the demons, that this fellow casts out the demons." 25 He knew what they were thinking and said to them, "Every kingdom divided against itself is laid waste, and no city or house divided against itself will stand. 26 If Satan casts out Satan, he is divided against himself; how then will his kingdom stand? 27 If I cast out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your own exorcists cast them out? Therefore they will be your judges. 28 But if it is by the Spirit of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come to you. 29 Or how can one enter a strong man's house and plunder his property, without first tying up the strong man? Then indeed the house can be plundered. 30 Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters.

Here is a lesson we don't hear very often. It sounds like the Pharisees were trying to determine whose team Jesus is on. Jesus response is that it is by the Spirit of God that he casts out demons. This is God's team!

We sometimes get so wrapped up in our disagreements and what divides us that we forget that we are on the same team.

Rachel Held Evans was a gifted Christian writer who died at too young. I had the privilege of hearing her speak at a conference several years ago. I appreciated her clarity and conviction. Here are words she shared by Evans that are memorialized on a Facebook page remembering her legacy:

The gospel is the good news that Jesus Christ is Lord, that Christ has died, Christ has risen, and Christ will come again.

- You're not "contending for the gospel" when you disagree with someone on gender roles. You're just disagreeing with someone on gender roles.
- You're not "contending for the gospel" when you debate predestination and free will. You're just debating predestination and free will, as Christians have done for centuries.
- You're not "contending for the gospel" by interpreting Genesis 1 as literal science; you're just interpreting Genesis 1 as literal science.
- You're not "contending for the gospel" when you take to Twitter to call faithful Christians with whom you disagree heretics, false teachers, wolves in sheep's clothing, Bible-haters, and gospel-deniers; you're just missing the point.

The Gospel doesn't need a coalition devoted to keeping the wrong people out. It needs a family of sinners-saved-by-grace committed to tearing down the walls, throwing open the doors and saying, "Welcome. There's bread and wine. Come and eat. Let's talk."

Christ has died. Christ is Risen. Christ will come again.

We are on the same team. If Christ is for us, who can be against us?

Dear God, thanks for being the coach. Lead us to victory in you, and invite others to join the team. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

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 August 31st, 2023:	\$305,357	\$8,724
% of Annual 2023 Budget Received to Date:	68%	
Remaining Giving Required to Meet 2023 Budget:	\$142,143	\$8,303
Remaining Giving Required to Meet 2023 Stretch Goal (i.e. Cover Cost Budget):	\$159,143	\$9,361



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

If you would like to help with the OMNI Bluz over Africa event please contact Jon Wilhelm at everythingbutceramics@yahoo.com. We can use help with setting up 1-4pm, at the event 5-9pm or tear down 9-10pm.





Sunday, September 10, 2023

In Memory of Those Who Have Passed Away

Joan Park

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
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	
Robert Sieving	Friend of Kathy and Dave McCollum
Al Tielke	Brother of Chuck Sieving
Joan Park	
Dave McCollum	(Deb Gibbon's mother)

Recent prayer requests received within the past 2 weeks:

August 27	Duffy O'Brien (friend of Wendy Hansen) Ron and Jan Filkill Jesse & Kelsey Buhrman and their baby, Axel
September 3	Esther Wolff's Family and Friends Dana Gros JeanneAnn Elkin Jake Toni Plute (Charlie Koch's sister) Paul Dayton (Charlie Koch's friend)
September 10	Lisa Arrigo and family Ben Chapin (Diane Merhaut's nephew)

Happy Birthday

Date	Online	In Person	Total
09/03/2023	59	125	184
08/27/2023	54	142	196
08/20/2023	37	126	163
08/13/2023	38	157	195

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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.

09/01 Bill Beard
09/01 Emily Saunders
09/02 Ben Hallowell
09/05 Jacob Jablonski
09/05 Tim Regan Sr.
09/06 Tessa Comnick
09/07 Adam Sanders
09/08 Donna Fagerhaug
09/09 Scott Goggin Jr.
09/09 Joseph Arthur
09/11 Ken Krueger
09/12 Joan Drobnak
09/12 William Pearce
09/12 Caden Vinci
09/13 Rebecca Wagoner

09/14 Sami Jablonski
09/15 Brent Juhn
09/15 Michelle Mixer
09/17 Eric Fortuna
09/17 Karen Vinci
09/18 Dan Fronczak
09/20 James Dickey V
09/23 Aaron Katrincsak
09/24 T.J. Worsencroft
09/26 Deb Gibbons
09/26 Rian Dillon
09/29 Alli Walker
09/29 Marsha Regan
09/30 Remi Bailey

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

09/08 Mark & Rusty Blakeslee
09/09 David & Stephanie Wenham
09/09 Matthew & Lola
09/12 Sara & Tom Vitko
09/13 Ron & Jan Fikill Pogachar
09/19 Richard & Sally Balch



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