September 5th, 2025

PEACE CONNECTION

Young At Heart Lunch

Please join us on Friday, September 26th at 12:30 pm. We will be enjoying good food and fellowship at BJ's Restaurant and Brewhouse, located at 25779 Brookpark Road in North Olmsted.

Please add your name to the signup sheet in the lower lobby. Questions, contact Kathy Kettler at (440)825-2674.

Women's Discipleship

Women's Discipleship has a longstanding history at Prince of Peace. We are a group of ladies who enjoy reading Christian literature and having discussions on what we have read. We would love to grow our membership and hope you would visit us to learn more about us. We will meet **Tuesday September 23rd in the Charter room at 11am,** we will be starting a new book, "Too Busy Not to Pray: Slowing Down to Be with God".
If you'd like to learn more about us, contact Rusty Blakeslee at 440-823-2886

Butterfly Release

Our youth ministry enjoyed watching the butterfly metamorphosis and releasing them!

Friday September 5th
Pastor Charlie's Day Off

Saturday September 6th
2:00 pm Memorial Service for Aja

Sunday September 7th
God's Work Our Hands Sunday!
10:00 am Worship in the Pavilion
10:00 am Blood Pressure Screening

Monday September 8th
10:00 am Staff Meeting
2:00 pm Organ Practice
7:00 pm SOAP Bible Study

Tuesday September 9th
1:30 pm Watercolor Class with Mel
6:15 pm CrossFire Rehearsal
7:00 pm Peace Pavilion Meeting

Wednesday September 10th
2:00 pm Bible Study- The Chosen

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

Friday September 12th
Pastor Charlie's Day Off
8:00 am - 5:30 pm Life Line Screening

Saturday September 13th
2:00 pm Organ Practice

Sunday September 14th
9:00 am Praise Worship
11:00 am Traditional Worship
7:00 pm Council Meeting

Monday September 15th
10:00 am Staff Meeting
1:00 pm Comfort Quilters
2:00 pm Organ Practice
7:00 pm SOAP Bible Study

Tuesday September 16th
6:15 pm CrossFire Rehearsal
7:00 pm Peace Pavilion Meeting

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

Sisters in Spirit

Fall 2025 - Summer 2026

Nails with Nina, Sunday, September 28, 1-3pm in Peace Pavilion or Fellowship Hall, enjoy getting your fingernails painted! Organized by Hilary Lucas & Nina Wu

Friendsgiving, Saturday November 22, 12-2pm in Fellowship Hall, bring your favorite fall dish AND the recipe. You may also bring a donation for the Second Harvest Food Pantry. Organized by Beth Comnick & Linda Thompson

Christmas Toast with Buds & Suds
Date is TBD, more details to come!

Movie Night at PoP, Saturday January 10th, 5:30pm, bring your own dinner and a donation for Friendship APL (items needed tba). Organized by Joan Drobnak and Beth Comnick

Favorite Things Gathering at PoP, Saturday March 21, 12-2pm, bring your own lunch and a donation tba. Bring one of your favorite things to share with the group. Organized by Monica Dragony

Huntington Beach, Wednesday July 29, 5pm, bring your own dinner and beverage, meet rain or shine. Organized by Laurel Covell

WELCA Fall Gathering

9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Saturday, September 27, 2025

Zion Lutheran Church
3300 Canfield Rd
Youngstown, OH 44511

- Short Business Meeting
- Guest Speaker: Valerie Guy
- A light lunch will be provided along with an In kind offering to be donated to Lutheran Disaster Response and our local NEOSWO.

To RSVP call Zion Lutheran Church, 330-792-4046 by Saturday, September 20.

[1] God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.
[2] Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea,
[3] though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble with its tumult. Psalm 46

Sunday, September 7th after the 10a service. Join us for a meaningful day of worship, service, and fellowship at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church! Schedule:

- **9:00 AM – Enjoy Coffee & Donuts outside before worship**
- **10:00 AM – Single Worship Service in the outdoor Peace Pavilion (no 8:30 service this day)**
- **11:00 AM – God's Work. Our Hands Service Projects will begin**
- **Following the Projects – Gather for a Bring Your Own Picnic Lunch**
  - **Bring your lunch**
  - **Bring a side dish or a dessert to share**
  - **Bring your own plates and cups and napkins and silverware**
  - **Drinks will be provided**

Let's come together as a congregation to worship, serve, and enjoy time in community!

Laura's Home Women's Crisis Center (Mary Lasky) - Hygiene Baskets - This project offers your choice of three ways to help!

"Thank you to all who have sponsored baskets and donated items. We have a very generous congregation!
As of Tuesday, 28 baskets have been sponsored and 11 of these have been filled and returned to the church. Please bring your sponsored baskets to the lower church entrance on or before Sunday.
Our collection bin has been overflowing with donated items for filling baskets on Sunday. We are happy to receive anything you have purchased and are in particular need of body lotion, conditioner, floss, and deodorant.
Any and all who would like to help Sunday are welcome. We will fill baskets and make cards, then sort, tag and load baskets for delivery Monday. We are on target to provide a basket for each of the 60 households!"

Soap S.A.C.K. Support A Community with Kindness (Joanne Burns)
We are still in need of full-sized bars of soap. Our goal is to assemble 200 Soap S.A.C.K.'s this Sunday and we could use more soap. Donations bins are located inside the church or feel free to bring them this Sunday.

LMM 2100 Lakeside Men's Shelter (Bev Braun) - Bev will lead the group in packing lunches to deliver down to the 2100 Men's Shelter for those in need to "grab and go." Supplies will be provided to pack lunches and will also ask for volunteers to transport lunches down to the shelter.

Brookdale Village Hand Bell Concert (Teresa Peter) - Teresa will lead a group over to Brookdale Westlake Village to bring the gift of music through hand chimes to the residents.

Sleep in Heavenly Peace (Hilary Lucas) - Join Prince of Peace on Saturday, September 13th (11a-2:30p) for a hands-on community service event with Sleep in Heavenly Peace, building beds for children in need in western Cuyahoga County. This family-friendly event takes place in a Lowe's parking lot, where volunteers will sand, drill, assemble, and stain beds with a goal of completing 100+ in one day. No prior experience is needed—training and safety
gear will be provided. Come be part of this impactful extension of God's Work Our Hands!
Sign Up Required: https://volunteer.shpbeds.org/registrations/Ffw50wLhrE/claim_spot

8th “almost” Annual National Youth Gathering Golf Outing 4-Person 9-Hole Scramble

Proceeds to benefit POP teens trip to NYG

Sunday, September 14th* 3pm

at

Bob-O-Links on Route 83 in Avon

Dinner and raffle prizes after golf. Come for dinner only at 4pm.

$50 per person for 9 holes, cart, dinner

Make checks payable to Prince of Peace note the Youth Gathering in the memo line. Sign up your foursome at POP or contact Dave Covell to sign up.

This event is organized by the Buds & Suds Men’s Group of Prince of Peace

For more info please contact Dan Fronczak at (440)221-6411 or Dave Covell (440) 567-4101

*Inclement weather - golf may be canceled, but dinner is still on starting at 5:30 pm

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BUDS & SUDS

Men’s Fellowship and Fun

Upcoming Events

August - Flowered Shirt Sundays

September - 8th Annual Golf Outing scheduled for the 14th

October – Beer Brewing

December – Christmas Toast with Sisters in Spirit

You may have noticed you have not received a text from Buds and Suds in awhile. Unfortunately, the bulk texting app no longer works for us. We will be switching to a new texting service. You will get a text soon as a test. It will come from (440) 549-1548. Mark it as Buds and Suds for future reference Sorry for the inconvenience. Dave Covell

2025

RALLY DAY

KICKOFF TO SUNDAY SCHOOL

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH

10:00AM – 10:50AM

Join us for a craft and to celebrate the beginning of a new Sunday School year!

PASTOR CHARLIE'S BLOG

Matthew 20:1-16
The Laborers in the Vineyard
20 “For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. 2 After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. 3 When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; 4 and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. 5 When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. 6 And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ 7 They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ 8 When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ 9 When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. 10 Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. 11 And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, 12 saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ 13 But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? 14 Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. 15 Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ 16 So the last will be first, and the first will be last.

A reporter once asked Pope John XXIII, "How many people work here in the Vatican?" to which the dear, old Pope answered, "Oh, about half, I guess."
A Labor Day parable. What motivated Jesus to tell this story? A few verses before this parable, Peter had asked Jesus, "We have left everything and followed you. What shall OUR reward be?" Jesus detected Peter was keeping track of what Peter thought was due to him, and to his friends. Peter was keeping the books. So Jesus told this story. IF you ever get a chance to read Robert Capon’s books on the parables, I would recommend you do so – I use his insights for the following:

The successful owner of the vineyard had a surprise for the workers at the end of the day. With his biggest and best harvest completed, he felt wonderful, even a little frisky. So he says to the foreman, "I have a wild and crazy idea. I am going to fill the pay envelopes myself! But when you give them out, I want you to give them out backwards, beginning with the last one hired. Understand he had only told the first workers what they would be paid, and that was $120 for their 12 hours of work. Can you imagine what happened next? When the first worker who only worked an hour, expecting to get paid at the same rate as the ALL DAY workers, takes her envelope and walks away, she opens it up, expecting to find $10 inside for her one hour of work. Instead, she finds 6 crisp, new twenties stuffed in the envelope. What does she do? Go back and tell the owner that he made a mistake. Heck no! She just keeps walking - FAST! But when her leather-clad boyfriend catches up with her, and tells her he got $120, too... well, human nature takes over again: they cannot resist going back and telling everybody else how stupid it was for them to spend the whole day working in the hot sun when they could have made the same money for just one hour of work.

The other workers, who were still waiting for their envelopes, try to ignore these underworking, overpaid co-workers. But as they wait, they begin doing some bookkeeping on their own. Let's see, if this crazy boss is paying $120 an hour, that means I am going to get paid, wow, $360, or $720, or even $1440 for whole day's work. But their boss, is crazy, not stupid! He, like God, has arranged to pay them based only on his goodness, which both are famous for. He does not pay them on the figures they have derived for themselves: EVERY LAST ENVELOPE, THEY FIND, HAS SIX TWENTIES IN IT! NO MORE FOR THOSE WHO WORKED ALL DAY, NO LESS FOR THOSE WHO DIDN'T!

This does not sit well with those who put in a full-day's work. The workers take issue with their boss. "Hey man," they say, "you call yourself a fair man? Those punks over there only worked one hour and we knocked ourselves out all day. How come you made them equal to us?"
The owner of the vineyard responds, "Look, pal! You agreed to $120 a day, and I gave you $120. Take it and get out of here before I call the cops. If I want to pay someone I picked up in the city square off the street the same I pay you, so what? You're telling me I can't do what I want with my money? I'm supposed to be the stinker because your nose is out of joint? All I did was have a fun idea. I decided to put the last first, and the first last to show there are no insiders or outsiders here: when I'm happy, everybody's happy, no matter what they did or did not do. You can mope around if you wish, that's your business. If I were you, I would quit complaining, go to the tasting room for some free Chardonnay? This choice is up to you, Friend. Drink up, or get out!" (Robert Capon)

First of all, this is a parable about the kingdom of God, NOT LABOR RELATIONS! It is also a parable of God's grace. A gift that is given to all of us. God's love is above bookkeeping, it is above keeping track of rights and wrongs. It is a crazy, fun idea that God's love can encompass all of God's people. Take or leave it. Everyone is on the payroll, and everyone gets full pay. AND NOBODY IS KICKED OUT WHO WASN'T ALREADY IN! The only trouble that occurs is when we keep the books, and say, "THAT'S NOT FAIR!" Expect that Jesus came to save the losers, not the winners. Jesus came to seek and save the lost, not the found. He came to raise the dead, not the living. The truth is you can't work your way into heaven. As Robert Capon puts it:
"In heaven, there are only forgiven sinners. There are no good guys, no upright, successful types who, because of their own integrity have been accepted into the great country club in the sky. There are only failures, only those who have accepted their deaths in their sins, and have been raised by the King who himself died that they may live."
Let us pray: Almighty God, may we be ever grateful for your grace, for us AND for others. We pray this in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Prayer LIST

Sunday, September 7th, 2025

Prayer Request - Long Term

(All prayer requests made after Thursday at Noon will be posted the following week)

Pam Rotella
Terry MacKenzie
Al Tielke
Emily Saunders
Angela Missig (Daughter of Gloria Starr)
Christine Sikora (Friend of Deb Gibbons)
Laura K (Friend of Deb Gibbons)
Bill Sweeny (Friend of Kathy McCollum)
Paula Collister (Sister-in-law of Liz Grider)
Daniel Reisner (Friend of James and Lisa Arrigo)
Monica Doptis (Grandchild of Dan and Barb Fronczak)
Robert Sieving (Brother of Chuck Sieving)
Patty Doran (Sister-in-law of Chuck Sieving)
Tina Parfitt (Cousin of Beverly Braun)
JeanneAnn Elkin (Mother of Dana Gros)

Recent prayer requests received within the past 3 weeks:

August 24
Patricia Pietrarioa
Family of Rich Hummel (Father of Matt Wenham's friend)
August 31
Family of Jan Paulson (Uncle of Dana Gros)
Diane Joseph (Friend of the Fronczaks)
Family of Eunice Reynolds (Grandmother of Matt Wenham)
Dick Hardy
September 7th

Happy Birthday

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 Mixter
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 Pogachar
09/09 Matthew & Lola Wenham
09/12 Sara & Tom Vitko
09/19 Richard & Sally Balch

Second Harvest

For July through September the request donations are:
Peanut Butter & Canned Chicken/Turkey/Spam

Giving Data

Operating Giving Report	YTD	AVG/Week
Total Giving as of July 31st, 2025:	$304,048	$10,135
% of Annual 2025 Budget Received to Date:	61%	
Remaining Giving to meet 2025 budget	$194,952	$8,861
Total Expenses Incurred through 7/31/25:	$300,347	$10,012

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Attendance at Prince of Peace

Date	Online	In Person	Total
08/31/2025	46	149	195
08/24/2025	29	167	196
08/17/2025	68	144	212
08/10/2015	34	154	188

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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.