



July 24th, 2026

PEACE CONNECTION

Friday July 24th
Pastor Doug's Day Off

Saturday July 25th
2:00 pm Organ Practice

Sunday July 26th
8:30 am Indoor Worship
10:00 am Outdoor Worship
4:30 pm Ice Cream Social and Pastor
Charlie's 2nd Celebration

Monday July 27th
10:00 am Staff Meeting
2:00 pm Organ Practice
7:00 pm SOAP Bible Study

Tuesday July 28th

Wednesday July 29th
2:00 pm Pastor Doug's Bible Study
5:30 pm SiS Event at Huntington

Thursday July 30th
Sexton's Day Off
3:00 pm Organ Practice

Friday July 31st
Pastor Doug's Day Off
12:30 pm Young at Heart Lunch

Saturday August 1st
12:00 pm Cruise in and Pine Derby
2:00 pm Organ Practice

Sunday August 2nd
No Indoor Worship
9:00 am Blood Pressure Screening
10:00 am Outdoor Worship
11:00 am Christmas in Summer
Potluck!

Monday August 3rd
10:00 am Staff Meeting
2:00 pm Organ practice
7:00 pm SOAP Bible Study

Tuesday August 4th

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

Sisters In Spirit

Starting Sunday, July 12, let's fill our church with color, beauty, and fellowship! We invite all the women of the congregation to wear their SIS kimono each Sunday in July as we celebrate our wonderful community of women and the special bonds we share. We hope you'll join us for this fun tradition! If you don't have your yet, here is the link to order your own. <https://a.co/d/O6N4QjzM>

Young at Heart

Please join us on Friday, July 31, 2026 at 12:30 pm. We will be enjoying good food and fellowship at Olive Garden Italian Restaurant, located at 25984 Lorain Rd. in North Olmsted. Please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the lower lobby. Questions, contact Kathy Kettler at (440)825-2674.

August 2nd Update

Due to low attendance at our last Service of the Word service, we will not be holding an 8:30 a.m. service on August 2. We invite everyone to join us for a combined worship service at 10:00 a.m., followed by our Christmas in Summer potluck. We look forward to celebrating together!

Congratulations!

Sherry Visocky had another grandchild born! Viviana Ann Visocky.

Welcome and God bless!



SIS (Sisters in Spirit, open to all women)

Wednesday July 29, join us whenever you're able to after 5:00 pm at Huntington Beach, Bring your own dinner & beverage or purchase at The Noshery. In the event of rain, we will go to the covered pavilion. There will be live music from 5 - 8pm ("Big Sky Cleveland Duo - hits from all eras") No RSVP is needed. Questions? Contact Laurel Covell thecovells@gmail.com, 440 725-4237

5K No- but Habitat Houses-you bet!

There is no photo of our 2026 POP Habitat team, because the dangerous air quality kept us from our annual WALK & RUN & MOSEY Habitat For Humanity fundraiser at Edgewater Park. That's a shame because it's always been a day of games and food and the fun of reconnecting with some of Ron Kear's crew from other churches. But, once again, our POP congregation, our families, and friends, helped us raise a record amount to be used toward our next few houses, and POP's Endowment Committee offered to match whatever we collected, up to \$4,000 As of last week, POP'S contribution for this year totaled over \$10,000.

Those of us who have had the joy of helping to revive a depressed area, and the thrill of watching a family get the keys to their new home, thank you We've passed the goal of creating 300 family homes in the Buckeye-Woodhill area, and are on our way to 400. Next week, our Habitat branch in Lorain County begins work on 2-story modular homes.

Habitat also raises funds from 3 giant warehouse stores, handling donations and company closeouts. One is 5 blocks from the I17th St. I-90 exit To see what you might find there, go to <https://www.facebook.com/CLEReStore/>, and click on Photos. You'll find hundreds of photos of what's been sold there. To see the many other ways that Habitat helps our city, go to <https://clehabitat.org>.



Transition Team Update

The transition team has finished our work and submitted the final report to the call committee for use in filling out the Ministry Site Profile. We will update the congregation at an upcoming service. We will also hold a meeting in the fall to discuss the report with any congregation members who would like more information. You can access the full report and the executive summary at the POP website under the document section. Here is a link...



Dave Covell - Chair of the Transition Team

SOAP Bible Study

Join us next Monday for the SOAP Bible study! The SOAP method is:

Scripture - select a verse or few

Observation - make a commentary or set of questions/curiosities about your selection

Application - identify an application you might practice based on the verse

Prayer make a brief prayer responding to/about your selection/observation or application

Be open or prepared to share your SOAP items during the group meeting. But especially to try it out and observe, you need not share until you are comfortable. The upcoming readings are:

July 27 - Philippians 2

August 3 - Hebrews 9

August 10 - Hebrews 10

August 17 - Luke 24



Looking forward to our time together!

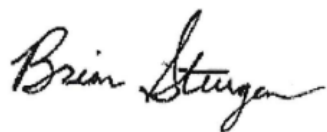
Dear Prince Of Peace Members,

Thank you for your gift of \$1,049.00 to Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry (LMM) on June 30, 2026. Your support of LMM truly makes a difference!

Because of supporters like you, we can continue providing essential services through our innovative and responsive programs that include Housing & Shelter, Workforce Development, Guardianship Services, and Youth Resiliency Services.

Your generosity is a testament to the power of compassion and community. As Proverbs 11:25 reminds us, "A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed." Your gift not only impacts the lives of those we serve but also strengthens the fabric of our community. We are deeply grateful for your partnership in this important work.

Sincerely,



Brian Sturgeon
Director of Individual Giving

This donation was made possible through proceeds from the Polka Band event.



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JOIN US FOR AN

AUGUST POTLUCK



August 2nd Potluck Picnic!

Our last potluck was a huge success despite the weather. We had lots of fun, great food, and wonderful company. Our next potluck will immediately follow the combined service on August 2

Food Assignments:

Salads/Appetizers: last name begins with G-L

Main dishes: last name begins with A-F and T-Z

Desserts: last name begins with M-S

We need **VOLUNTEERS** again to Set up food, Decorate tables, Set up the Pavilion, and a Clean up crew.

Sign up using this link or on paper in the lower Narthex.

Sign up link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C044EA8AC23A4F58-64747398-potluck>





SAVE THE DATE!

*Ice Cream Social &
a second send off
for Pastor Charlie*

SUNDAY JULY 26TH
4:30 - 7:00PM

If you didn't have a chance to attend the celebration in February and would like another chance to say goodbye, there will be a brief presentation in the pavilion during the Ice Cream Social. Charlie and Lisa will be in attendance.



Major Robert Skufca Memorial Car Cruise-In & Pinewood Derby Races

Saturday August 1st, Noon - 4pm

Please plan on attending this outreach event where we will be honoring Major Skufca and all of our veterans.

For those who are unfamiliar with Major Skufca, he was a beloved member of our church who left us at the age of 102. He was a regular at the 9am service and shared his experiences of flying a fighter plane in the Pacific theater during WW2. Bob baked cookies for delivery to first time visitors. He also loved fishing and fast cars!

He took part in a number of the Westlake July 4th parades. To honor his memory and the service of all

veterans, we are making this a charity event in support of hunger relief. We are working with the Second Harvest Food Bank located in Lorain, Ohio. **While there is no cost to attend the event, we suggest a donation of cash or some non-perishable food items.**

To participate in the Pinewood Derby races, please pickup a registration form at the lower Narthex signup wall or at the Peace Pavilion after a Sunday service!



Worship Plans for Summer 2026

<u>SUMMER</u>	<u>SCHEDULE</u>	<u>2026</u>
Date	Inside	Outside
Sunday	8:30am	10:00am
May 23, 2026	Traditional	Praise & Choir
May 31, 2026	Praise	Traditional
June 7, 2026	Traditional	Praise
June 14, 2026	Praise	Traditional
June 21, 2026	Traditional	Praise
June 28, 2026	Praise	Traditional
July 5, 2026	Service of the Word	COMBINED
July 12, 2026	Traditional	Praise
July 19, 2026	Praise	Traditional
July 26, 2026	Traditional	Praise
August 2, 2026	NO SERVICE!	COMBINED
August 9, 2026	Praise	Traditional
August 16, 2026	Traditional	Praise
August 23, 2026	Praise	Traditional
August 30, 2026	Traditional	Praise
September 6, 2026	Praise	Traditional

Beginning on Memorial Day, May 24th and continuing through September 6th, this will be our summer worship schedule.

8:30 am – INSIDE

A short 30-minute communion service will be held each Sunday inside.

This gives people the opportunity to worship inside if it's too hot or they don't care to be outside or just want to get on with the day before it gets too late with the short worship service that will include communion every week.

10 am – OUTSIDE

A 10 am service will be held every week in the pavilion. The format will be the praise service one week and the traditional service the next week. Whoever is not responsible for the 10 am service will be leading the 8:30 am service music.

If the weather is too threatening, too hot or too cold, we will move inside for the 10 am service.

Once a month, or more frequently, a potluck lunch to follow the 10 am service, starting in July.

COMMUNION USING BREAD & CUP

We will be using the same format we use for our indoor services.

COMBINED SERVICES- FOLLOWED BY A POPLUCK

May 24- Memorial Day Weekend (we will NOT have a potluck this day as we have the Chardon Polka Band schedule the day before- May 23 5-7

July 5- 4th of July weekend- Happy Birthday USA

August 2- Christmas in Summer Celebration



Sunday, July 26th, 2026

Prayer Request - Long Term

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

Emily Saunders (PoP Member)
Pam Rotella (PoP Member)
Al Tielke (PoP Member)
Angela Missig (Daughter of Gloria Starr)
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)
Liz Jones (Daughter of Dan and Barb Fronczak)
Robert Sieving (Brother of Chuck Sieving)
Lisa Piscola (Friend of Jann Daniels)
Tony and Michelle Glashauckus (Friends of Jann Daniels) _____
Matt Darcangelo (Friend of Matt Wenham) _____
Toni Kulma and Pastor Jim Kulma (Supply Pastor for PoP)
Shane Overcash (Relative of Deb Gibbons)
Cindy Kreis (PoP Member)
Jane Carlson (PoP Member)

Recent prayer requests received within the past 3 weeks:

July 12

Theo and Kimberly, Justin Strieter and Kimmi (Family of Cindy Strieter)
Omer Kroph (Friend of David and Kathleen Johnston)

July 19

Janet Allie (PoP regular visitor)
Angelica Brophy and Family (Friend of Jann Daniels)
Ana Diekroger and Family (Granddaughter of Walter and Diane Diekroger)
Ray Jonaitis (Brother of Ramune Balog Dorner)
Family and Friends of Beth Elardo (Colleague of Dana Gros)
Family and Friends of Jenna Allen (Colleague of Dana Gros)

July 26

Diane Diekroger (PoP Member)

Happy Birthday

Doreen Taylor 7/01 Len Skulina 7/17
 Rachel Zinram 7/01 Karen Hallowell 7/18
 Pat Sprague 7/02 Kevin Olah 7/19
 Sue Hosler 7/02 Diane Merhaut 7/19
 Samantha Thomas 7/03 Nora Franz 7/21
 Kirk Hartung 7/04 Lola Wenham 7/22
 Conor Rowe 7/04 Sean Kelly 7/23
 Brianna Johnson 7/07 Emery Lavin 7/24
 Sandy Herren 7/07 Paige Dickey 7/24
 Audrianna Gilbert 7/11 Gerry Wilhelm 7/26
 David Pogachar 7/11 Liz Lavin 7/26
 Gail Pogue 7/14 Carol Leavens 7/28
 Dania Beard 7/15 Deb Winar 7/30
 Austin Gilbert 7/15 Judy Rolik 7/31
 Luke Andrus 7/16 Marilyn Wingfield 7/31



Patty & Bill Beard 7/01
 Christopher & Bianca Smith 7/01
 Deb & Tim Gibbons 7/01
 Bud & Sandra Zanders 7/12
 Mike & Sherry Weber 7/12
 Shawn & Diane Merhaut 7/16
 Jon & Teresa Peter 7/21
 Anita & Russ Bauknecht 7/24
 Jan & Craig Juhn 7/25
 Bob & Cindy Mittag 7/26
 Bill & Laurie Vorobej 7/27
 Jim & Paige Dickey IV 7/29
 Becky & Joe Rowe 7/31

Second Harvest

The requested items for July are:
 Pasta, Pasta Sauce, Olive Oil & Canned Fish

Giving Data

Operating Giving Report	YTD	AVG/Week
Total Giving as of June 30 th 2026:	\$279,859	\$10,763.80
% of Annual 2026 Budget Received to Date:	54%	
Remaining Giving to Meet 2026 Budget	\$239,141	\$9,197.73
Total Expenses Incurred through 6/30/26	\$259,324	\$9,974



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Attendance at Prince of Peace

Date	Online	In Person	Total
07/19/2026	115	121	236
07/12/2026	120	161	281
07/05/2026	72	110	182
06/29/2026	90	101	191

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Sunday Worship Services

8:30 am & 10:00 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.