

Well done,
good and faithful servant!

Matthew 25:21

PEACE CONNECTIONS

November 11, 2020

Sign Up to Join Us for In-Person Worship Service ~ This Sunday, November 15, 2020

In this ever changing world we try our best to create a safe environment for all. Prince of Peace is following all health guidelines directed by our Governor and The Ohio Department of Health. *Cuyahoga County is unfortunately back in the Red Zone.* As the county continues to recover, the mask order placed on July 17th will still be in effect.

We understand that these times are hard and that many people have yet to feel comfortable being in a group setting, however for anyone who does feel comfortable returning, we hope to see you this **Sunday, November 15th** for our one, in-person service at 10:00 am. Our at-risk members are still encouraged to participate through digital worship until they are comfortable worshipping in-person. There will be a limited number of "family groups" in the sanctuary so we can maintain social-distancing (a family group is 1 to 5 people).

We have now been meeting together for 17 weeks. During the past few weeks we have continued to see an increase in attendance, however we still have not filled all of our reservation spots. We encourage you to continue signing up as you feel comfortable. And if the number of people wishing to attend exceeds the distancing layout, we will develop additional worship options. Please be flexible as we adapt to these new conditions.

As more is known about the health and safety considerations, we will adjust our worship opportunities. 1. Sit as a family group in areas marked "Seating Here". 2. Seating available for young families in narthex. 3. No singing. 4. Individual Communion Kits provided. 5. No nursery available. 6. As previously said, wear your mask please. Masks will be available from the ushers if you forget. 7. Arrive early so we can maintain social distancing before service. 8. Leave as a family group and exit to parking lot where you can socialize and maintain appropriate distance. ** As stated above, please remember that if you wish to socialize after worship, walk out to the parking lot to do so. We love seeing everyone come and worship together, however for the safety of everyone it is important to social distance and our Narthex does not provide proper spacing to do so. Thank you!**

RESERVATIONS: There are 19 family group spots on [SignUpGenius](#). Sign-ups are available through **Thursday, November 12** at 11:59 pm. A family group ranges from 1-5 people. If a family group has more than five, that family will need to reserve two different family group spots to cover their whole family. Please make sure to check that the date you are signing up for is **Sunday, November 15**. 1) Scroll down to date **11/15/2020**. 2) Click the box that says "Sign Up", a check mark should indicate that it has been chosen. 3) Once box is marked, click "Submit and Sign Up" button 4) Fill in you First and Last name, and in the comment box with the number of people you plan to attend, and if you need specific seating due to hard of hearing/vision, or preference. 5) Once everything is filled in click "Sign Up Now".

*If you have any complications or questions please call the church office. If no one can pick up the phone at the time of your call, please leave a message and we will get back to you as soon as we can.

PHONE RESERVATIONS: For those who do not have access to a computer or smartphone there are five family group spots available for reservations by phone. To reserve your spot please call the office at (440) 871-5565. Please leave a voicemail with your groups first and last name, the total amount of people in your group, and your phone number (so we can call back and verify your reservation was received, or to let you know that all the call reservations have been filled).

Sunday Online Worship Services



This Sunday, worship with us online! Please visit our [website](#) where you will find the Sunday Bulletin, music, prayers and Pr. Tom's Sunday sermon.

For those who prefer to worship earlier, our online worship service will now be available on Sundays at 8:00 a.m.

Online Giving

Your generous online offering allows us to preach the gospel, make disciples, and support others in our community who need help especially during these challenging times. As a community, we are grateful for one another's loving support. [ONLINE GIVING](#)



Sundays at 6:00 pm!

Join us on **Sunday, November 15th** at **6:00 pm** in the Fellowship Hall for a gathering and service by reservation only.

Look for an email on how to sign-up for your reservation.

Second Harvest



For the month of **November - December** requested items are Cereal and Canned Soup. The collection containers are located as you enter the Education Wing. Thank you!

Tune Into Our New Podcast, "Wrestling with the Faith"



Welcome to the "Wrestling with the Faith" (WWTF) podcast! In this series, we will be taking lessons from upcoming Sundays and discussing what they mean to us and to our lives. These discussions will be available on the first and third week of each month on the Prince of Peace YouTube channel. Get your thinking caps ready and let's have some great conversations!"

Check out our new episode of the [Wrestling with the Faith](#) podcast. We discuss Matthew 25:1-13 and if Jesus wants us to wrestle with our faith. Join us in our discussion and let us know your thoughts in the comments section! You can watch on YouTube, Spotify, Apple or Google...your choice!

The mission of Prince of Peace is to inspire followers of Jesus Christ through service, spiritual growth, and hospitality.

November 11-22, 2020

Wednesday, November 11
6:30 pm Women's Club Function/FH
7:00 pm Organ Practice

Thursday, November 12
Sexton's Day Off
6:30 pm Pastoral Partners

Friday, November 13

Saturday, November 14
10:00 am Organ Practice

Sunday, November 15
10:00 am In Person Worship Service (by reservation)
10:00 am Online Worship Service
11:15 am 7-8th grade Virtual SS
11:15 am Adult Gospel Study/Library
6:00 pm Gathering Service/FH - RSVP

Monday, November 16
1:00 pm Comfort Quilters/FH
7:00 pm Men's Bible Study

Tuesday, November 17

Wednesday, November 18
7:00 pm Organ Practice

Thursday, November 19
Sexton's Day Off

Friday, November 20

Saturday, November 21
10:00 am Organ Practice

Sunday, November 22
8:00 am Red Cross Blood Drive/POP
10:00 am In Person Worship Service (by reservation)
10:00 am Online Worship Service
11:15 am 9-12th grade Virtual SS
11:15 am Adult Gospel Study/Library

Prince of Peace Youth

As you know, 2020/2021 is going to be a very unique year as far as programming and Sunday School. But don't fear! We have plenty of great things in store for you!

Sunday School 2020/2021 - As of now, Sunday School will be completely virtual from September - December 2020. A schedule of classes, including times and live Google meet group links will be emailed after Rally Day.

STUDENTS THIS SECTION IS FOR YOU!

Please complete the following and send a separate email back to Hilary with the subject "Student Preferences 2020/2021"

1. What sports/music/school activities are you participating in this fall?
2. What are those activity schedules? (Please send me the details as members may like to attend and note if activities are closed to the public or have specific COVID restrictions/protocols).
3. Indicate your COVID comfort level for youth group events/activities. **RED** - I need to be very cautious and will not be attending any in person activities/events. **YELLOW** - I am being cautious and will attend some events, but I will practice social distancing and I will wear a mask at all times. **GREEN** - I am comfortable attending events in person and I will wear a mask as required.

Red Cross Blood Drive at Prince of Peace

Sunday, November 22nd from 8:00 am - 2:00 pm

Sign up to donate at [Red Cross](#)

Masks required. Appointments required.

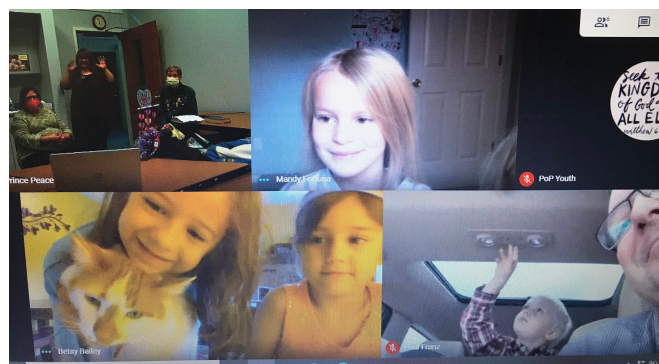


Service Hours

Do you need service hours for school or extracurricular activities? We are looking for 2 people who will be available to help the "Pancake Project" Saturday November 28th from 8am - 11am at Prince of Peace. Please text Hilary for more information! First responses will be chosen first with 2 back ups in case. -Hilary



Sunday School Fun!



Prince of Peace Blessing Box

Have you seen PoP's new Blessing Box? This is an emergency, self-serve FREE pantry, available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. It's for anyone who has trouble buying things in a grocery store because of health or financial concerns. You don't need to sign up or ask permission to use the box -- just take what you need, when you need it.

The box is located outside POP, near the wheelchair ramp on the church's west side. It currently has food items including canned chicken, peanut butter, soup, beans, and crackers. It also has some household cleaning supplies and personal hygiene items.

POP members are encouraged to donate items in cans, boxes or plastic cartons. No perishables and no glass jars, please. The box was created as an Eagle Scout project by Prince of Peace member [Nolan Gleespen], with assistance from Boy Scouts of Troop 208 and POP member John Cuciak.



SERVICE PROJECT - SHELTER PUPS!



SUNDAY NOVEMBER 15TH

12PM - 2PM

Join us in the Fellowship Hall to make dog toys for the Elyria Animal Shelter. We will teach you how to make the toys and watch a movie together.

All ages welcome!
Masks required
Lunch Provided



Friendship Animal Protective League
OF LORAIN COUNTY

Movie options:

Spider-Man Into the Spider-Verse
The Star
Joseph King of Dreams
The Prince of Egypt

**Text Hilary at 216.258.1639
to say you are coming!**

Profile Communications ~ Megan Harber

Politics, Money and Religion, for as long as I can remember, these were the 3 things you were to never discuss at the dinner table. That is, if you didn't grow up as a Pastor's daughter. Religion has always been a main discussion point at my family's dinner table. Whether it be relating to the sermon that week, something that happened at school, or how my brother, sister and I treated each other. I can't think of a time when it wasn't somehow brought up at my house. So I am sure you can imagine my surprise when I would go eat dinner at a friend's house, and then remember that religion isn't a normalized topic at the table.

To give you a little background of when religion was brought into my life, I was born right before my mom's final year at Seminary. I attended my first Seminary event when I was two weeks old, and then my first class at three weeks. As my mom was called to different churches I was pretty much stuck with her from every church event, local mission trip, and summer camp. Let's just say, I met more high schoolers during the first six years of my life than I did when I was actually in high school. Attending every one of these church events set the stage for my own faith journey.

The first time I ever remember feeling Jesus was when I was nine. I was at Camp WAPO (a large church summer camp) with a couple of my friends, and we were sitting at the evening outdoor service. It was completely dark outside, the grass was a little dewy, and a huge projector screened lyrics to a popular contemporary song up on the side of the dining hall. Hearing everyone around me sing, knowing I was surrounded by good friends and God, I felt still. My body had a wave of goosebumps shiver over me and then I was calm. I had been to so many church camps with my mom when I was a kid, but in this moment, this was my moment with God. I had never felt anything like it.

About three years later my mom was called to a church an hour and half away. I was 12, and like most 12 year old's would be, I was not happy with this idea of leaving all of my childhood friends, the normalcy of my life, just so that she could work somewhere else. I began resenting my mom, and therefore resenting everything she was connected with, including the church. At this new church, I realized that even though I was physically there, I was never mentally there. I thought God had failed me. I was depressed, hating myself, hating school, hating my mom, and hating God. I felt that no one was there for me. I truly have never felt lonelier in my life.

Within the year I had moved to a much smaller school, made a few friends, switched to a different confirmation group, and finally started opening myself up to the idea of Jesus. As I continued on my faith journey, I started recognizing what brought me closer to him. The act of service. From service trips to volunteering around the building. I loved helping others and hearing their stories about life, and about their own relationship with the lord. It helped me reflect upon my own experience and all that I have to be thankful for.

[For full article, click here.](#)



Is This You?

We have five pledge cards that don't have names.

If you don't think you labeled your pledge card, please contact Dick Hardy at rhady1234@aol.com

1st Card:

General Operating \$10/wk
Building \$10/wk
Legacy Fund \$2.50/wk

2nd Card:

\$100/wk

3rd Card:

General Operating \$150/mo
Building \$50/mo
Youth \$50/mo

4th Card:

General Operating \$1,000/qr
Youth \$200/qr
Legacy \$50/qr

5th Card:

General Operating \$100/mo

Confirmation: Serve One Another In Love

Are you in need of some help? Our Confirmation students will be serving our congregation members this fall and we are looking forward to it!

If you are interested in receiving further information and would like a postcard, please email: Megan Harber at opw.officemanager@gmail.com **and** Judy Kazak at judykazak@yahoo.com We look forward to hearing from you!



Women's Re-Entry

Women's Re-Entry would like to thank Prince of Peace for the overwhelming amount of donations we received from GWOH! The need has not ended so please keep your donations coming!

With the cold weather there is a need for socks, gloves and scarves along with toiletries, underwear and feminine hygiene products. Items can be dropped off at the donation station. Thank you! Questions, Jan Filkill 440/871-6673.

The Season of Advent - Still Need Two Volunteers!

In the Scandinavian Lutheran tradition candles are lit everyday during the season of Advent, not just on Sundays. We are looking for 22 volunteers to make a very brief video of someone/themselves in their home lighting a candle and reciting a very short prayer/reading. It does not need to be a candle in an Advent wreath. However, if you don't own an Advent wreath and would like to make your own, we've attached a [link](#) to a site with some creative ideas.



We still need two more volunteers. You will be provided with the reading for your day, but should feel free to substitute your own if you prefer. Just keep it short. If you have children in your home, it would be nice to involve them. We will be posting the videos daily on our FB page.

If you are interested, please send an email to the office princeofpeacewestlake@gmail.com

Caring Connection Members Needed



We recently began delivering cookies to our Caring Connection members. So far, we have only been able to deliver them to the front desk of our senior residences.

With more of the residences opening up to in-person visits, we will be needing additional volunteers. If you would like to join our group, please contact Judy Kazak at judykazak@yahoo.com Once a month, you would deliver cookies to one or two members and have a short visit with them. Both women and men are welcome.

Prayer Concerns

Please join us in praying for members and friends with recent needs: Delaney (friend of Barb Fronczak), Janice (daughter of Jane Carlson), Joyce (sister-in-law of Diane Fortuna), Tom Alspach, Sr. (father and father-in-law of Tom and Jaime Alspach), Becky Kear, Candy Leavens (sister-in-law of Doug Leavens), Janet O'Desky (sister of Becky Wagoner), Teresa Peter, Judy Rolik, Emily Saunders, Barb Viets. **Also, we pray for chronic, long-term care needs:** Charlotte (gr. granddaughter of Jan Schoch), Ren (granddaughter of Linda Baumbach), Stephanie Bailey (niece of Mary Sue Claus), Jeannine Blakeslee, Cathy Blitz (sister-in-law of Jann Daniels), Gloria Bracken (friend of Doug & Carol Leavens), Joanne & Tony Cacciatore, Don Chismar, Marcia Drysdale (friend of Jane Dillon), Ron Filkill, Matthew Gilbride, Denny Giza (friend of Ellie Sanow), Carl Grispino (friend of Gerry and Fran Wilhelm), Midge Group (friend of Deb Gibbons), Chris Henry (nephew of Lisa Arrigo), Dawn Higgins (neighbor of Fran Molnar), Wendy Jenkins (friend of Deb Gibbons), Gale Johnson (friend of Kathy Kettler), Gail Jones, Deanne Lahner (niece of Mary Sue Claus), Gary Lucas (father of Hilary Lucas), Dana Meier (friend of Deb Gibbons), Angela Missig (daughter of Gloria Starr), Toni Plute (sister of Charlie Koch), Lois Reichert, Katy Rolik (daughter of Dolph and Judy), Deanna Rose, Pam Rotella, Karla Sexton (friend of Pat Sprague). **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.**

Giving Report

Weekly Operating Giving - November 8, 2020: \$284,956
 Budget for 45 Sundays: \$310,500
 Giving Deficit as of November 8, 2020: \$(25,554)

Operating Fund Surplus for the 10 Months Ended Oct. 31, 2020 is \$1,525 as Expenses in 2020 are much less than budgeted.

Attendance at Prince of Peace

Date	In Person	Online	Live Stream	Total
11/08/2020	29	55	17	101
11/01/2020	45	60	18	123
10/25/2020	55	48	18	121
10/18/2020	38	49	-	87

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

11/11	John Cuciak	11/20	Laurie Green
11/12	Barb Koch	11/22	Anthony Matalavage
11/13	Isabella Cesare	11/23	Lia Staaf
11/15	Tami Arthur	11/24	Lowell Dillon
11/15	Dan Pogue	11/24	Jean Winslow

Happy Anniversary!

11/12	Chip & Betsy Bailey
11/16	Sean & Liz Lavin
11/18	Tim & Marsha Reagan, Sr
11/18	Norm & Chris Rehark



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Office Hours

During the Covid-19 crisis, we have limited office hours:
Monday and Friday 10 am-3 pm; Sunday 8:30-11:30 am

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Sunday Worship Services

10:00 am in person by reservation
10:00 am online worship service

Christian Education
Sundays online

Child Care

Child care has currently been suspended
due to Covid-19.