



November 28th, 2025

## PEACE CONNECTION

Friday November 28th  
Pastor Charlie's Day Off  
12:30 pm Young at Heart Lunch

Saturday November 29th  
2:00 pm Organ Practice

Sunday November 30th  
9 & 11 am In Person Worship  
10:00 am 7-12<sup>th</sup> Grade Thanksgiving  
Meal Distribution

Monday December 1st  
10:00 am Staff Meeting  
1:00 pm Comfort Quilters  
2:00 pm Organ Practice  
7:00 pm SOAP Bible Study

Tuesday December 2nd  
1:30 pm Watercolor Class with Mel  
6:15 pm CrossFire Rehearsal  
7:00 pm Peace Pavilion Meeting

Wednesday December 3rd  
2:00 pm Bible Study- The Chosen

Thursday December 4th  
Sexton's Day Off  
3:00 pm Organ Practice  
7:30 pm Choir Practice

Friday December 5th  
Pastor Charlie's Day Off  
6:00 pm Hanging of the Greens

Saturday December 6th  
2:00 pm Organ Practice  
5:30 pm Jazz Heritage Orchestra  
Concert

Sunday December 7th  
9 & 11 am In Person Worship  
10:00 am Blood Pressure Screening  
10:00 am French Toast Breakfast

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

Tuesday December 9th  
6:15 pm CrossFire Rehearsal  
7:00 pm Peace Pavilion Meeting

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

## Scranton Mitten Tree

The Scranton Mitten Tree will once again be available this year! For this ministry, teachers from Scranton Elementary in Cleveland identify children with significant hardships. Each child will have a "Mitten Tag" which includes gift ideas for each student. These gifts allow us to make Christmas a little brighter for those who may not otherwise receive a gift!

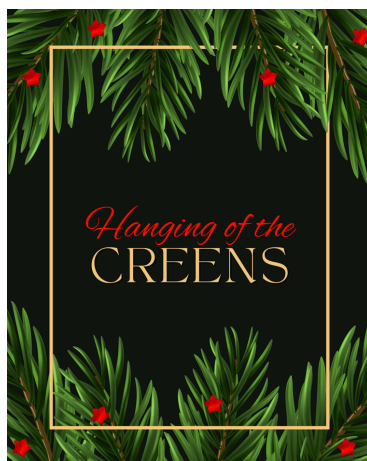
The tree with the Mitten Tags will be available starting Sunday, November 23rd in the upper lobby. Volunteers will be present for you to sign out the tags. Coats, mittens, gloves, scarves, hats, and socks are also welcome! If you choose to participate, we ask that you wrap the gifts and attach the tags. The gifts need to be returned no later than Sunday, December 14th. The gifts will be delivered to the school the following week before Christmas. For questions, contact Diane Merhaut.

## Hanging of the Greens

Join Altar Guild to decorate the church for Christmas. Friday, December 5, 2025, 6:00 p.m.  
– Pizza supper – Then decorate!!

We'll hanging Christmas garlands in the sanctuary (need helpers on ladders), assembling, fluffing and placing artificial trees in the sanctuary and narthexes, checking candles for Christmas Eve and polishing the brass candlesticks.

Sign up in the lower narthex so we know how much pizza to order. Questions? Call Dineen Terstage, 440-263-6759.



## Young at Heart

Please join us on Friday, December 12, 2025 at 12:30pm. We will be enjoying good food and fellowship at Moosehead Hoof and Ladder Restaurant, located at 7989 Columbia Rd. in Olmsted Falls. Please add your to the sign-up sheet in the lower lobby. Questions, contact Kathy Kettler at (440)825-2674.

## Carlson Boots & Socks

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church is again accepting donations of socks and new or gently used water resistant boots of all sizes to benefit the men served at the Lutheran Metropolitan Ministries 2100 Lakeside Homeless Men's Shelter. This annual ministry began many years ago by POP members Jane and Jim Carlson and thankful to once again continue this important initiative in their honor. We will be collecting socks and boots starting November 2nd with plans to deliver to the shelter the week before Christmas. Please drop your socks and/or boots off at the donation station in the administrative wing by Sunday, December 21st. Donations of warm clothing are also accepted. If you have any questions, please contact Shawn Merhaut. Thank you!

## Christmas Eve Children's Invite

We invite children who would like to share a musical offering before the 3 pm Christmas Eve service. Instrumental or vocal are welcomed. Parents can join in with the kids as well! We ask that your Christmas music offering focuses on Jesus' birth.

Please send your prelude information (your name or names ,song, composer, instrument) to Pastor Charlie at [pcpopwestlake@gmail.com](mailto:pcpopwestlake@gmail.com) - use the subject "Prelude Christmas Eve"

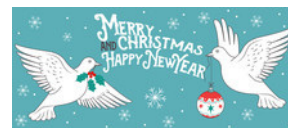
### Travel Quest Event

We will be going to hear The West Shore Choral and Orchestra's Annual  
*Holiday Concert, Joyful Voices, Jubilant Sounds!*

The music includes, Coventry Carol, Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent, The Virgin, Mary Had a Baby Boy, And many more!

**Sunday, December 7 at 7:30 pm** at Rocky River United Methodist Church, 19414 Detroit Rd, Rocky River, OH Ticket \$20 – Students Free

Sign up sheet by lower doors! For tickets see, Sherry Weber, Fran Wilhelm or Diane DieKroeger



## Bring Your Nativity!

Bring your nativity set from home and share your Christmas joy with others. On Sunday, December 14, a display of the nativity sets will be placed on tables throughout the fellowship hall. You will be asked to fill out a form stating your family name and any details about the set you would like to share (where it is from, how old it is, etc)

We ask that you bring these early on December 14 and keep them in the fellowship hall for a time of fellowship and sharing. A blessing will be given for these items before you take them home.







# Sisters in Spirit

We had a wonderful Friendsgiving gathering on Saturday and collected many items for Second Harvest Foodbank








# 'TIS THE SEASON TO SAVE THE DATE!

Upcoming events for youth and Christian education to mark your calendars for:

- **Sunday, November 30th:** 7-12 graders Thanksgiving meal distribution 10am
  - **Saturday, December 6th:** Jazz Heritage Orchestra concert 5:30-7:00 pm
  - **Sunday, December 7th:** French toast breakfast
  - **Saturday, December 13th:** parents day out 10:00 am to 3:30pm
  - **Sunday, December 14th:** Christmas Pageant
  - **Sunday, December 21st:** Happy Birthday Jesus party 10:10-10:50 am
  - **Sunday, Dec 28th and January 4th:** No Sunday school
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# Year End Giving

Smart Ways to Give Before Year-End

As we approach the end of the calendar year, you can take advantage of several tax-smart giving options. Your support helps us provide the ministries here at Prince of Peace.

## 1. Give from Your IRA (Qualified Charitable Distribution)

If you are 70½ or older, you can make a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) directly from your IRA to Prince of Peace. A QCD counts toward your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD). You pay no income tax on the amount transferred. You can give up to \$108,000 annually. Ask your IRA administrator to make the distribution directly to Prince of Peace and not directly to you.

## 2. Recommend a Grant from Your Donor-Advised Fund (DAF)

If you have a DAF through your financial institution or community foundation, you can recommend a grant to Prince of Peace. It's an easy, flexible way to support POP. You can make one-time or recurring gifts from your DAF. You may also name Prince of Peace as a beneficiary of your DAF to continue your legacy. Ask your fund advisor to direct your gift to Prince of Peace.

## 3. Gifts of Appreciated Stock

A gift of appreciated securities, such as stocks, bonds, or mutual funds, can provide meaningful support for POP's mission while offering significant tax benefits. You can avoid capital gains taxes on appreciated assets. You can deduct the fair market value of your gift. Prince of Peace receives the full value of your contribution. To make a gift of stock or securities or if you have any questions, contact Charlie Koch, Treasurer by email [treasprinceofpeacewestlake@gmail.com](mailto:treasprinceofpeacewestlake@gmail.com) or phone 440.478.9235.

Please consider making a year-end contribution today and help us to keep growing in faith, serving in love and living in peace.

-The Stewardship Committee

thanks  
for your  
support

# PASTOR CHARLIE'S BLOG



1 Thessalonians 4:1-12  
A Life Pleasing to God

4 Finally, brothers and sisters, we ask and urge you in the Lord Jesus that, as you learned from us how you ought to live and to please God (as, in fact, you are doing), you should do so more and more. 2 For you know what instructions we gave you through the Lord Jesus. 3 For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you abstain from fornication; 4 that each one of you know how to control your own body in holiness and honor, 5 not with lustful passion, like the Gentiles who do not know God; 6 that no one wrong or exploit a brother or sister in this matter, because the Lord is an avenger in all these things, just as we have already told you beforehand and solemnly warned you. 7 For God did not call us to impurity but in holiness. 8 Therefore whoever rejects this rejects not human authority but God, who also gives his Holy Spirit to you.

9 Now concerning love of the brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anyone write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love one another; 10 and indeed you do love all the brothers and sisters throughout Macedonia. But we urge you, beloved, to do so more and more, 11 to aspire to live quietly, to mind your own affairs, and to work with your hands, as we directed you, 12 so that you may behave properly toward outsiders and be dependent on no one.

It sounds like good common sense, doesn't it? Live quietly, mind your own affairs, behave properly.

It sounds like fatherly advice.

I attended a funeral for a family member a couple years ago. One of the man's sons shared a eulogy about his dad, who was a quiet man, a gentle man, a kind and quiet man. He shared that when he was a teenager, his dad would say to him as he headed out the door, "Act like somebody." He said he never really understood completely what Dad was saying until he got older and had kids of his own. He began to realize that what Dad meant was to live like someone who can be somebody for others. Treat others with respect. Honor your parents by how you live. Do the right thing. He said that he later found out this was a line that Andy Griffith would say to Opie (ask your grandparents!).

These words reminded me of the camp director I worked with when I was in college. He made sure that every time we had a day off (camp ran seven days a week so we had staggered days off), he asked us to stop in his office before we headed out for the day. He would ask us two questions – "What are you going to do today?" and "What are you wearing?" He knew that as soon as we left the camp property, we were representing the camp by our actions, good or bad. He wanted to know if we were wearing any shirts that proclaimed our place of employment. Whether we knew it or not, we reflected on the camp by what we were going to say and do.

Act like somebody who represents us well. I think that was the message the director was sharing.

Act like somebody. I believe God desires the same of us. Act like somebody who can be somebody for somebody else. Do we act like somebody who is a child of God?

Would you act differently if you had a sweatshirt that says "I am a child of God!"?

As someone once said, "You may be the only Bible your neighbor may ever read."

Something to ponder.

In response to what God has done and continues to do for you and me, let's act like somebody!

Let us Pray: Thank you God, for making me somebody special in your eyes. May we do our best to live up to your perception. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.





**Sunday, November 30th, 2025**

**Prayer Request - Long Term**

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

Pam Rotella  
Al Tielke  
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)  
Jan and Larry (Friends of Dan and Barb Fronczak)  
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)  
Emily Saunders

**Recent prayer requests received within the past 3 weeks:**

**November 16**

Katy Merhaut (sister of Shawn Merhaut)  
Lisa Piscola (Friend of Jann Daniels)  
Emily Saunders  
Family and Friends of Nancy O'Connor (Friend of Terry MacKenzie)

**November 23**

Maria Marsh (Friend of Doug & Carol Leavens)  
Lorraine Lutton

**November 30**

Craig Juhn  
George-Ryan Grimes (Son-in-law of Mike and Sherry Weber)

# Happy Birthday

## Attendance at Prince of Peace

		<u>Date</u>	<u>Online</u>	<u>In Person</u>	<u>Total</u>
11/02 Kathleen Kettler	11/20 Laurie Green	11/23/2025	33	203	236
11/02 Mary Babinski	11/22 Anthony Matalavage	11/16/2025	52	191	243
11/02 Tony Marquardt	11/22 Chuck Mosberger	11/09/2025	43	161	204
11/05 Jane Dillon	11/23 Raluca Foore	11/02/2025	33	167	200
11/06 Austin Pogachar	11/23 Lia Staaf				
11/06 Christine Tielke	11/23 Samuel Foore				
11/07 Doug Olson	11/24 Lowell Dillon				
11/08 Madelyne Roman	11/25 Johnathon Missig				
11/10 Linda Thompson	11/25 Teresa Peter				
11/11 John Cuciak	1/26 Ezekiel Petta				
11/12 Barb Koch	11/26 Pat Uber				
11/13 Isabella Cesare	11/26 Steve Duktig				
11/15 Dan Pogue	11/27 Colleen Regan				
11/15 Tami Arthur	11/28 Mary Meadows				
	11/29 Matthew Winar				
	11/30 Julia Worsencroft				

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## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

11/03 Andrea & Chris Petta  
 11/12 Betsy & Chip Bailey  
 11/16 Sean & Liz Lavin  
 11/18 Norm & Chris Rehark  
 11/18 Tim & Marsha Regan Sr.  
 11/26 Dave & Jan Saunders  
 11/29 David & Kathleen Johnston

## Second Harvest

The requested items for November are:  
 Cereal, Applesauce & Canned Soups



## Giving Data

<u>Operating Giving Report</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>AVG/Week</u>
Total Giving as of Oct. 31st, 2025:	\$410,090	\$9,536
% of Annual 2025 Budget Received to Date:	82%	
Remaining Giving to meet 2025 budget	\$88,910	\$9,878
<b>We need to average \$45,000 per month to reach budget!</b>		
<b>Please give abundantly &amp; Cheerfully!</b>		
Total Expenses Incurred through 10/31/25:	\$428,575	\$9,966



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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.