

# hope



*Advent Week One*  
November 25, 2020

## In Person Worship Service - Suspended

We regret to inform that starting on November 22, 2020, Prince of Peace will be suspending all in-person worship in order to follow the new Cuyahoga County stay-at-home advisory.

Based on the recommendations of the Prince of Peace Health and Safety Task Force, ExCom is moving PoP to all online worship until, at the earliest, December 20, 2020.

For further information, please read the [Cuyahoga County Board of Health Stay-at-Home Advisory](#).

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Council President, Steve Zinram. Please be safe, and keep all frontline workers and those impacted by the virus in your prayers.

## Sunday Online Worship Services at 8:00 am & 10:00 am



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.

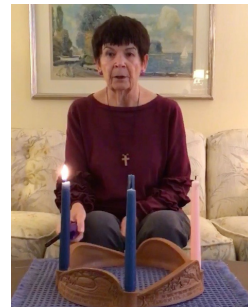


## The Season of Advent

In the Scandinavian Lutheran tradition, candles are lit each day during the season of Advent, not just on Sundays. This year, we will light a candle every day until Christmas. We hope you enjoy our daily Advent prayer and candle lighting. Please visit our [website](#) beginning Monday, November 30th for the daily prayer and video.

### Week One: HOPE

- Monday, November 30th - Judy Kazak & Family
- Tuesday, December 1st - The Givens Family
- Wednesday, December 2nd - Shawn & Diane Merhaut
- Thursday, December 3rd - Sue Hosler
- Friday, December 4th - The Wenham Family
- Saturday, December 5th - The Jagels Family



## 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](#)

## Comfort Quilters - Suspended

The Comfort Quilters will not be meeting for the rest of the year due to the recent COVID-19 spike. We hope to resume in January 2021.

## 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!

## Prince of Peace Podcast, "Wrestling with the Faith"

Hi everyone!

We would like to thank everyone for the support we've received as we've started the WWTF podcast. As we continue grow the podcast, we would love to hear more from you! If you have any topics you would like us to cover, guests you would like us to have on, or any other feedback, please send us an email at [wwtfpodcast.pop@gmail.com](mailto:wwtfpodcast.pop@gmail.com)! We look forward to hearing from you.

Keep wrestling!

The WWTF Podcast Team



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 the latest episode of the [Wrestling with the Faith podcast](#). We discuss Ezekiel 34: 11-16, 20-24, God lifting up the weak 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!

## Nov 25 - Dec 6, 2020

Wednesday, November 25  
12:00 pm Caring Connections  
7:00 pm Organ Practice

Thursday, November 26  
Sexton's Day Off

Friday, November 27

Saturday, November 28  
10:00 am Organ Practice

Sunday, November 29  
No Sunday School  
10:00 am In Person Worship Service (by reservation)  
10:00 am Online Worship Service  
11:15 am Adult Gospel Study/Library  
6:00 pm Gathering and Service/FH (by reservation)

Monday, November 30  
6:30 pm Social Ministry Meeting  
7:00 pm Men's Bible Study

Tuesday, December 1  
10:00 am Discovery Group

Wednesday, December 2  
6:00 pm Women's Club/FH  
7:00 pm Organ Practice

Thursday, December 3  
Sexton's Day Off

Friday, December 4

Saturday, December 5  
10:00 am Organ Practice

Sunday, December 6  
10:00 am In Person Worship Service (by reservation)  
10:00 am Online Worship Service  
11:00 am Confirmation Class  
11:15 am All Grades/Families Virtual SS  
11:15 am Adult Gospel Study/Library

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

# 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.

## The Pancake Project

Tired of cooking after Thanksgiving? Drive up to Prince of Peace on Saturday, November 29th from 8:30-10:30 am and pick up your homemade breakfast for you and the family! [REGISTER HERE](#)

## 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

## Support OMNI through the Amazon Smile Program

If you plan on shopping at Amazon, you can donate 0.5% of your order to OMNI by visiting [Amazon Smile](#) first.



Login to [Amazon Smile](#), select your charity, shop, and a portion of Amazon's proceeds go to OMNI. All of the prices are exactly the same, but Amazon donates a portion of their profits to OMNI. Search for the charity by name: Orphan Medical Network International.

Thank you for keeping the children of Zambia in your thoughts and prayers this Christmas!

## 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.

**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](mailto:rhady1234@aol.com)*

### 1st Card:

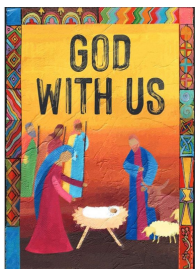
General Operating \$10/wk  
Building \$10/wk  
Legacy Fund \$2.50/wk

### 2nd Card:

\$100/wk

### 3rd Card:

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



## "God With Us" Advent 2020 Study Guide

This four-week Advent study guide focuses on the theme "God With Us" and is perfect for individual study or with a group, whether meeting online or in person.

Prince of Peace groups within our congregation are encouraged to use the [Advent 2020 Guide](#) to connect weekly with each other.

## Carlson Boots and Socks for Christmas!

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church is accepting donations of socks and new or gently used water resistant boots of all sizes to benefit the men served at the 2100 E. Lakeside Homeless Men's Shelter. This is in partnership with Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry and in honor of Jane and AJ Carlson who initiated this event.

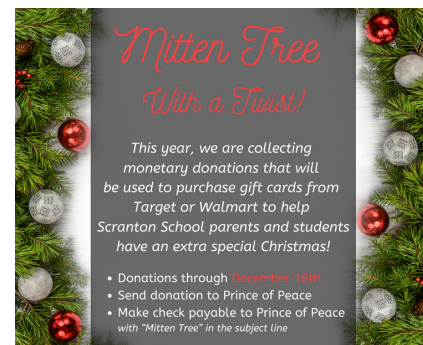


We will be collecting socks and boots **now through December 20th 2020**. Please drop your socks and/or boots off at the donation station in the administrative wing OR the donation bin outside the West Entrance.

Additionally, you may send gift cards or money to Prince of Peace to be used for these items if unable to shop or deliver. If you are available to assist in the delivery of the boots or have any questions, please contact Shawn Merhaut.

## Scranton Mitten Tree...with a Twist

While we would usually be launching our annual Mitten Tree for the children of Scranton School, circumstances with both in-person worship being cancelled and remote learning for the children of Scranton (teachers/staff not permitted to be in contact with students) are leading us to mix things up a bit this year! As we know, often our gifts for these students are the only gifts they receive for Christmas so let's not let this pandemic stop us from making this happen!



As always and now more so than ever, the children of Scranton and their families need our help to support Christmas! Rather than specific wishlists and gifts for kids this year, we would like to collect monetary donations that will be used to purchase gift cards from either Target or Walmart (which families in these communities have access to) to help Scranton School parents and students have an extra special Christmas!

Scranton Teachers and Staff are identifying students and families who are most in need. We would like to target a goal of \$4000 which can support approximately 30-40 individual kids or 10-20 families to help them celebrate Christmas!

We will collect donations until December 16th and based on the donations received we will purchase gift cards that will be mailed to families to arrive in time for them to plan for Christmas! Families will be contacted by Scranton Teachers ahead of time to make sure they are aware.

If you would like to donate, please send your donation and make out your check to Prince of Peace with "Mitten Tree" in the subject line. For those of you who may have purchased coats, mittens, hats, gloves, etc—please hold on to them until we can safely get them to the children or contact Shawn Merhaut to make arrangements for pick up.

For any questions please reach out to Diane Merhaut at 440-897-0368 or [teachmeabc123@aol.com](mailto:teachmeabc123@aol.com)



## Congregational Budget Meeting ~ Sunday, December 13, 2020

Mark your calendar! The annual budget meeting will be held on **Sunday, December 13, 2020 via Zoom**. A mailing will be going out November 30th which will include more information. A separate email will be sent out in early December with the Zoom invite.



You will be able to view a copy of the budget on our website on the "**LOG IN**" Member's Only Page by Wednesday, December 13. If you do not have a login, you will be prompted on how to sign up (click on "Log In" located at the top right corner of the homepage). Please let the office know if you wish to receive a hard copy in advance of the meeting.

## Communion WaferJuice sets for Christmas At-Home Worship

Take home communion sets will be available to use with your Christmas at-home online worship with your family. Stop by the church to pick up your communion sets in the lower narthex on: **Saturday, December 19, 11 am - 12:30 pm** or **Sunday, December 20, 11 am - 12:30 pm**. Questions? Call Dineen: 440-455-9558.



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



# THE PANCAKE PROJECT



SATURDAY NOVEMBER 28TH

8:30 - 10:30AM

Tired of cooking after Thanksgiving? Drive up to POP and pick up your homemade breakfast for you and the family! No dishes to clean! Tell everyone you know! Our goal is to cook 200 meals!

Meals include:

3 “silver dollar” pancakes

2 pork sausage links

Scrambled eggs

RSVP using the link on the church website on the “Christian Education” page or use the link here:

<https://forms.gle/hRK4EBEBuw2qEXjg6>

# Prayer Concerns

**Please join us in praying for members and friends with recent needs:** Randy (brother of Liz Grider), Alex Abonyi (friend of Linda Baumbach), Tom Alspach, Sr. (father and father-in-law of Tom and Jaime Alspach), 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 23, 2020: \$296,904  
 Budget for 47 Sundays: \$325,500  
 Giving Deficit as of November 23, 2020: \$(28,596)

*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
11/22/2020	-	45	-	45
11/15/2020	29	55	-	84
11/08/2020	29	55	17	101
11/01/2020	45	60	18	123

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

11/25	Johnathon Missig	11/30	Jill Protos
11/25	Teresa Peter	11/30	Julia Worsencroft
11/26	Steve Duktig	12/01	Jackson Pogachar
11/26	Ezekiel Petta	12/01	Taylor Reisner
11/26	Pat Uber	12/01	Ruth Ann Whitbeck
11/27	Colleen Regan	12/02	Charlie Koch
11/28	Mary Meadows	12/02	Dolph Rolik
11/29	Matthew Winar	12/05	Landon Beard
		12/06	Franklin Kraps

*Happy Anniversary!* 

11/26	Dave & Jan Saunders
11/28	Doug & Sharon Olson

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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.