

Commitment Sunday

PEACE CONNECTIONS
November 4, 2020

Sign Up to Join Us for In-Person Worship Service ~ This Sunday, November 8, 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 8th** 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 5th** 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 8**. 1) Scroll down to date **11/08/2020**. 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 4-15, 2020

Wednesday, November 4
7:00 pm Organ Practice

Thursday, November 5
Sexton's Day Off

Friday, November 6

Saturday, November 7
10:00 am Organ Practice

Sunday, November 8
Commitment Sunday
10:00 am In Person Worship Service (by reservation)
10:00 am Online Worship Service
11:15 am 3-6th grade Virtual SS
11:15 am Adult Gospel Study/Library
6:00 pm Council Meeting

Monday, November 9
7:00 pm Men's Bible Study

Tuesday, November 10
Discovery Group

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

A Year In The Arms Of The Lord

I was reading one of Rick Warren's books again, and it struck me that what we need now during a very stressful and divided time, is time for love. Not only love for our neighbor but love for our Lord. Here is the section that caught my eye.

"You've probably noticed that music and love go together. That's because music comes from the heart. Listening to music is not something you do intellectually; it's something that penetrates your soul and your emotions. That's why there are so many love songs. But did you know that more songs have been written about Jesus Christ than any other person in the world? Christianity is a singing faith. Why? Because it's not about religion. It's about a love relationship with God, who loves you so much that he sent his Son to die for you.

Nothing will make you more aware of God's love and presence in your life than singing praises to him. You may be thinking, "You don't understand. I can't sing." But, the Bible says to "make a joyful noise to the Lord." So, just sing it out! You don't have to hit the right note. You just have to make a joyful noise. Can you worship outside of church? Yes, because worship is simply expressing your love to God. That means you can worship in the shower. You can worship while you're mowing the lawn. You can worship washing dishes. You can worship driving to work or even playing golf! You can express your love to God anytime, anywhere, and everywhere. Always keep a worship song in your heart. God loves it when you worship and sing to him". By Rick Warren

Psalm 147:7 says "Sing out your thanks to him; sing praises to our God." As Christians, we know that we are always in the arms of our Lord. He will see us through. Please remember as we move through these troubling times that singing to the Lord brings you comfort. This coming Sunday, Nov. 8th is our Commitment Sunday. It's a time for all of us to make a commitment to give back to the Lord. When you make this commitment, you are building your relationship with the Lord. Stay safe and God Bless you.

Dick Hardy
Profile Reporter and Stewardship
Committee Chair

Commitment Sunday, November 8, 2020

If you will be attending church on Sunday November 8, bring your commitment card to church.

- Commitment cards will be placed in the offering plates and not on the altar (due to Covid-19) social distancing practices.
- You can also mail in your commitment card. Church addressed envelope supplied in the packet you will get in the mail.
- Stewardship packets and commitment cards have been mailed out.
- We ask members to keep in mind that "Stewardship" is different from "Fund Raising".
- Stewardship is the response to the Lord's love for us by choosing to give back a portion of what the Lord has already given to us.
- We fund our church activities and support our Christian missions almost entirely fro your donations.
- It is important, during this difficult time of COVID-19 and social distancing, to remember that POP's operations and missions are continuing.
- We ask you to prayerfully consider your commitment to the Lord and to POP for 2021



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.



It is my plan to make sure everyone is as safe as possible this year and that we can still have a fun time together. Thank you in advance for your answers! - Hilary Lucas

Virtual Bingo!

Our Virtual Bingo was recently hosted by our Christian Education leaders, Beverly and Hilary. We played bingo and shared corny jokes.

Four families participated and the winners are excited to get their gift cards to Mitchell's Ice Cream!!



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.



Adult Gospel Study

We have returned to the Adult Gospel Study, meeting each Sunday at 11:15 am in the Church Library, with options for larger space.



This class focuses on discussion of the Bible readings used each week during the Worship service. Discussion is open and informal and it is great to just listen. Beginners are welcomed.

For those who wish to join remotely, we also have a Zoom meeting. Please contact Mark Givens to get Zoom details. Mark: Mobile 440-668-1395; email mpgivens@ameritech.net

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

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



The Season of Advent

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.



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 would like to see as many familiar faces as possible. 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), Sherman Bishop, Linda Gareau, Becky Kear, Candy Leavens (sister-in-law of Doug Leavens), Janet O'Desky (sister of Becky Wagoner). **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 - October 25, 2020: \$272,494
 Budget for 43 Sundays: \$295,500
 Giving Deficit as of October 25, 2020: \$(23,006)

Attendance at Prince of Peace

Date	In Person	Online	Live Stream	Total
11/01/2020	45	60	18	123
10/25/2020	55	48	18	121
10/18/2020	38	49		87
10/11/2020	36	41		77



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

11/04	Jack Dunnick	11/10	Linda Thompson
11/05	Jane Dillon	11/11	John Cuciak
11/06	Austin Pogachar	11/12	Barb Koch
11/06	Christine Tielke	11/13	Isabella Cesare
11/07	Doug Olson	11/15	Tami Arthur
11/08	Madelyne Roman	11/15	Dan Pogue

Happy Anniversary!

11/12 Chip & Betsy Bailey
 11/16 Sean & Liz Lavin



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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.

