

PEACE CONNECTION

Friday November 3rd
Pastor Charlie's Day Off
11:00 am Dave McCollum's Funeral

Saturday November 4th
2:00 pm Organ Practice

Sunday November 5th
All Saints Sunday
9 & 11 am In Person Worship
10:00 am Christian Education
10:00 am Blood Pressure Screening

Monday November 6th
10:00 am Staff Meeting
1:00 pm Comfort Quilters
2:00 pm Organ Practice
7:00 pm SOAP Bible Study

Tuesday November 7th
8:00 am Lifeline Screening
6:15 pm CrossFire Rehearsal

Wednesday November 8th
2:00 pm Book and Bible Study
7:00 pm Council Exec Comm

Thursday November 9th
Sexton's Day Off
11:00 am FLOW
3:00 pm Organ Practice
6:00 pm International Dinner
7:30 pm Choir Practice

Friday November 10th
Pastor Charlie's Day Off

Saturday November 11th
2:00 pm Organ Practice

Sunday November 12th
9 & 11 am In Person Worship
10:00 am Travel Quest Planning
Meeting
10:00 Coffee with the Pastor
10:00 am Christian Education
7:00 pm Council Meeting

Monday November 13th
10:00 am Staff Meeting
2:00 pm Organ Practice
7:00 pm SOAP Bible Study

Tuesday November 14th
6:15 pm CrossFire Rehearsal

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



Young at Heart

Please join us on Friday, November 10, 2023 at 12:30 pm. We will be enjoying good food and fellowship at Mezquite Mexican Kitchen and Bar. Located at 35846 Detroit Rd. in Avon.

Please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the lower lobby. Questions, contact Kathy Kettler at (440) 734-6511.



Decorate Prince of Peace's Sanctuary with Poinsettias for Christmas!

Altar Guild is looking forward to arranging poinsettia plants in the sanctuary for Christmas Eve services -- with your help by providing the plants! We are again purchasing the plants from Casa Verde Growers. Take your plant(s) home after the traditional service on Christmas Eve. Order early to be sure to get the size/color you love! Not sure what color to order?....we suggest white this year! Prices are \$9 and \$24. (Same prices as last year).

Place your completed order form and check/cash for poinsettias in the basket on table in the narthex today! Or, contact Dineen Terstage (440-263-6759 or dterstage@gmail.com) to order. Place your order now through Sunday, November 26.





YOU ARE INVITED TO

Community Thanksgiving

WORSHIP AND PIE FEST

November

19

7:00 PM

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
28455 Center Ridge Road - Westlake

Participating Congregations:

Dover UCC + Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
St. Ladislav Catholic Church + Westlake UMC

Monetary and In-Kind Offerings will go to support
the Prince of Peace Community Cupboard -
Ensure/Boost drinks, canned food, soup and meat
with pull tabs, pudding and apple sauce cups,
peanut butter, mixed nuts and trail mix,
granola/nutrition bars, crackers, etc

Bring a PIE to SHARE!



Fund FACTS

Prince of Peace maintains certain funds for various uses. Some current funds are as follows:

Operating Fund: Used for the **annual Operating** expenses to run the ministries of POP including payroll, office expenses, Christian education, Worship & Music expenses, facility operating costs, etc. An annual budget is approved by the Congregation. Donations from members are requested as part of the annual Stewardship program. The annual Youth operating expenses are included in this fund and budget.

For 2023 the Congregation approved a budget of \$464,000 of expenses with estimated giving expected to be \$446,000 which would leave a deficit of \$18,000. POP had an Operating Fund balance going into 2023 of \$24,000. Currently, giving is projected to increase 7% in 2023 which will allow us to meet the budgeted deficit. This will leave POP with minimal operating funds to cover any future deficits. ***So any additional giving above and beyond your 2023 expected giving will help us reduce the \$18,000 deficit.***

Building, Property & Capital Fund (aka “the Building Fund”): A **Capital Fund** to cover significant repairs, replacements, and maintenance for POP facilities, equipment, and capital items such as computer hardware. Historically POP has maintained a balance in the fund between \$75,000 and \$150,000. This balance was necessary to cover any significant expenditures beyond normal recurring items. Donations from members are requested as part of the annual Stewardship program. Historically donations of around \$30,000 are received annually which cover “normal” repairs, replacements & maintenance.

In 2023 POP was required to repair the balcony that serves as the fire escape from the Sanctuary due its deterioration. The cost for this repair exceeded \$130,000. This used up all but \$50,000 of the reserves we had in this fund. The good news was we had funds reserved for a repair like this.

There are ongoing facility needs over the next 15 months (roof repair/replacement - \$93,000; electrical system repairs - \$20,000; parking lot repaving - \$11,000; altar guild storage wall repairs - \$17,000 and several other items) estimated to be over \$150,000. Rebuilding the reserve in this fund back to historical levels is also recommended to cover any future significant expenditures. ***Therefore donations need to be between \$150,000 and \$200,000 over the next 15 months to keep our facility in good condition.***

Two Endowment Funds: The Prince of Peace **General Endowment Fund** and the **Seminary Benevolence Endowment Fund** each strengthen and extend God’s mission, reaching out in response to human need, by making grants to promote and support Christian religion, charity, service, worship, and education. Bequests from estates, insurance policies or retirement funds are additional ways to give to these funds. The Endowment Committee may choose to make grants from the General Endowment Fund to special projects, capital improvements, and for other purposes; no grants made from the General Endowment Fund can be used for POP’s operating or building expenses. Grants from the Seminary Fund cannot be made to the congregation, and are made to fulfill Christ’s Great Commission, to reach out to others through support of Trinity Seminary.

Legacy Fund: This fund was established to leave a legacy to future POP members to help them continue Christ’s mission. The goal is to build up to \$1 million over the next 20 years through small, but increasing, recurring weekly donations. The fund may be used as a temporary emergency fund for major capital improvements or emergency repairs that are unable to be currently funded by the Building Fund in order to protect the legacy of the facility for future members.



Brian Gilbert & Adrienne Patenaude

THIS WEEK'S MEMBER PROFILE

Brian was born in Cleveland, OH and grew up in Cleveland and Westlake. Brian was raised with one brother, but has 5 additional siblings from his dad's former marriage. After high school, he attended Cuyahoga Community College and Hondros College. He majored in Construction Engineering Management and Real Estate. His job history includes working and managing multiple Dunkin Donuts for over 10 years. He also was employed as an EMT and began to seek other opportunities with a better work/ life balance. Brian has been a Real Estate Agent for almost 9 years now.

Adrienne was born in Sheffield Lake and grew up with 1 sister in her family. She attended Lorain County JVS and focused her studies on Cosmetology. She worked as a Stylist at Great Clips for 15 years. Her job at Dunkin Donuts working part time brought Adrienne and Brian together. They have been happily together for 11 years now!

They have been blessed with 3 children to offer much Love! Adrienne stays at home playing "taxi" for the kids' schedule. Aubriella (Ella), age 12, is in 6th grade and loves to make crafts and music. Austin, age 8, is in 2nd grade and loves Legos, basketball and digging random holes in the backyard for his dad to trip over cutting grass. The youngest is Audrianna (Anna), age 4, in preschool. She loves coloring and building forts.

Brian and Adrienne were invited by their good friend, Kristen Chenergy, to attend services here at Prince of Peace. They had been wanting to find a church for some time. They joined and became members in October after attending since March! Imagine if everyone would invite just 1 person to attend a service. Thanks for your efforts Kristen and all the other ambassadors at POP!

Adrienne enjoys free time with hobbies and interests that include reading, baking and anything Disney. Brian is interested in Cleveland Sports (let's cheer for a championship team soon!), being outdoors, landscaping, and is always seeking to learn new things.

Future activities at POP may include Habitat for Humanity volunteers, Buds and Suds and helping out with various events and projects. There's plenty of need to share their time and talents, and I know they have the energy for it.

Keeping connected to the Good News, and teaching God's Love to their children is growing our congregation for the future. You will find them attending the 9am contemporary service. Adrienne and Brian will contribute much to our missions and will strengthen our community of Faith!

By Tom Robinholt : Profile Reporter



Matthew 5:1-12

The Beatitudes

5 When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. 2 Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

4 "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

5 "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

6 "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

7 "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

8 "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

9 "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

10 "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

11 "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. 12 Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you. or I am not ashamed of the gospel; it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who has faith, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. 17 For in it the righteousness of God is revealed through faith for faith; as it is written, "The one who is righteous will live by faith."

Today we celebrate All Saints' Day. A story about the communion of saints – you may have heard me share this one before.

A story by Pastor Gary Roth:

Amy Johnson is a twelve-year old and attends the Lutheran Church in her small town, and is in Confirmation Class this year. Her folks went through a divorce not too long ago and Amy's mom was determined to get out of the marriage. She took the two younger children with her, and moved to Phoenix, where her brother lived. So things were a bit rough for Amy, who had lost her grandpa just recently as well, and who wanted to remain with her dad and her friends, and she missed a good bit of confirmation class because of scheduling problems. The Pastor is trying to work with her, by providing some study sheets when she can't make it, and Amy is pretty good about filling them out and getting them in. Recently, the class was talking about the Creed – especially the last section talking about the Holy Spirit. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints... that may sound familiar. Amy missed the class, so the Pastor asked her to look up some Bible passages, then had a few questions about the Creed: "Define 'the communion of saints.'" And, "Tell me in your own words what it means." So she wrote down her answers and turned them in. What she said was this: "I'm not really sure, but it's like when I go to communion, and we gather around the railing, and I always try to get the spot on the end. And I close my eyes and imagine that the railing continues around the other side of the altar to make a full circle. And I put my hand on the end of the rail, and imagine my mom's hand next to mine, and she's there with my sister and brother, and my grandpa and grandma are standing next to her. And when I take communion, I imagine that we are all there together, and that we are all one family, eating together, just like we used to do every Sunday at grandpa's house, after church, when I was little." And, for the last question, which was, "Tell me in your own words what it means," she wrote, "I just did."

Hers wasn't Luther's answer, but it was her own, and it was good enough. Sometimes people get divided, whether in the church or in the world, and the great advantage we have as Christians is that we have a place to come, and be given a chance to reach across the altar rail, and make our peace in Christ. Whatever our differences, there is only one altar where we are gathered around, in one circle, just as there is only one body, one Lord, one Gospel, and one God and Father of us all. And the message today is that he continues to hold us, and bind us to one another, wherever we are on that rail, whoever we are. We are surrounded not only by his grace and love, but by a wonderful cloud of witnesses – all those who have ever struggled with the faith and all who ever will. That is what Amy believes – that her father and mother, and brother and sister, and grandma and grandpa are still joined at the rail – they are all there with her, in Jesus.

This All Saints Day we remember the saints who have gone before us. We also remember the saints who surround us and let the love of God shine through them. Remember the saints. Let us live as though this relationship to God really matters. Let us live defined not by what the world says, but by what God says. In the waters of baptism, we say these words: "Child of God, you are marked with the cross of Christ forever!" And NO ONE can take that away. God holds on. God will NEVER let go. In the end, what else matters?

Let us pray: Almighty God, we give thanks to you for the saints, the holy ones whose lives have shone your light in our lives. Bless those who have died and rest now in you. May they rest in peace and rise in glory. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen

Congratulations! 2023 Confirmation!

Congratulations to Carley Frey, Kyle Hallowell, Grace Jagels, & Claire Wenham for their confirmation!

Click on the link below to see their confirmation video!
<https://youtu.be/Of9bPVvqY4o>

Or the full service:
https://www.youtube.com/live/k4f_lgUCgOM?si=UaFcraAotZNLViQ5



Travel Quest

Save the date:Travel Questions Event planning
November 12th at 1000am in the Charter Room.
All are welcome!



All Saints Sunday

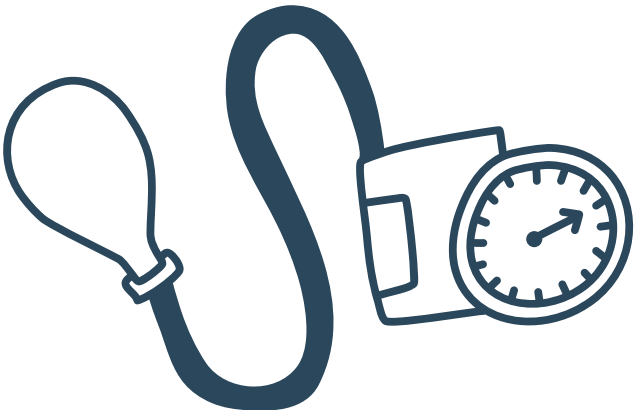
Please join us Sunday to honor and remember those we have lost in the past year.



Blood Pressure Screening

There will be a free blood pressure screening between services on Sunday, November 5th, at 10:00 am.

This Screening will be held by Christie Weidt!



Women In Transition

We are accepting donations of women's toiletries, sanitary products, and umbrellas. The need is great. Please bring them to the donation station. Questions, please contact Jan Filkill, 440-871-6673.

One Step Up (West Haven)

Donations of youth-teen clothing of all sizes. Jeans, shorts, t-shirts, sweatshirts, and hoodies. Please bring them to the donation stations



Second Harvest

For November and December the requested items are cereal and Canned soup.



Giving Data

<u>Operating Giving Report</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>AVG/Week</u>
Total Giving as of September 30th, 2023:	\$338,557	\$8,681
% of Annual 2023 Budget Received to Date:	76%	
Remaining Giving Required to Meet 2023 Budget:	\$107,943	\$8,303
Remaining Giving Required to Meet 2023 Stretch Goal (i.e. Cover Cost Budget):	\$125,943	\$9,688



Lending Closet

Are you in need of some crutches? A shower chair? Walker? Cane?

Please click on the logo on the right hand side of the page or check the website for our updated lending closet list!



Coffee with the Pastor

Coffee with the Pastor will be held the second Sunday of every month at 10 am.

We will meet in the Education Wing Second Cup of Coffee Room. Come for conversation, questions and fellowship. Bring your coffee and donut and join us.



Prayer LIST

Sunday, November 5, 2023

In Memory of:

Dave McCollum

Prayer Request - Long Term

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

Ren	Granddaughter of Linda Baumbach
Stephanie Bailey	Niece of Mary Sue Claus
Don Chismar	
Patty Doran	Sister-in-law of Chuck Sieving
Marcia Drysdale	Friend of Jane Dillon
Dawn Higgins	Neighbor of Fran Molnar
Jayne Kramic	Friend Kathy and Dave McCollum
Deanne Lahner	Niece of Mary Sue Claus & Roseann Fekete
Donna Kucera and family	
Angela Missig	Daughter of Gloria Starr
Jenn Pitts	Daughter of Judy Kazak
Eric and Nicole Quinn	Friends of Matt Wenham
Lois Reichert	
Pam Rotella	
Bill Sweeny	
Robert Sieving	Friend of Kathy and Dave McCollum
Al Tielke	Brother of Chuck Sieving

Recent prayer requests received within the past 3 weeks:

October 22	John F. Kennedy HS family Jan Paulson and Family (Dana Gros' uncle) John Rombokas (Pat Sprague's friend) Steve Mears (Barb Fronczak son's friend)
October 29	Joan Gruber (Kathy Kettler's cousin) Nancy Long (Mary Sheridan's friend) Joan Drobnak and Family Kathy Kettler Kathy McCollum and Family Gina Brooks (Gloria Starr's daughter)
November 5	Megan Hauser & family (Roger & Melody Hauser's daughter-in-law) Courtney Nerad (Barb Fronczak's daughter) Shirley (Cindy Strieter friend's sister)

Happy Birthday

Date	Online	In Person	Total
10/29/2023	45	191	236
10/22/2023	20	144	164
10/15/2023	39	139	178
10/08/2023	32	165	197

11/02 Kathleen Kettler
 11/02 Mary Babinski
 11/02 Tony Marquardt
 11/03 Ann Estes
 11/04 Jack Dunnick
 11/05 Jane Dillon
 11/06 Austin Pogachar
 11/06 Christine Tielke
 11/07 Doug Olson
 11/08 Madelyne Roman
 11/10 Linda Thompson
 11/11 John Cuciak
 11/12 Barb Koch
 11/13 Isabella Cesare
 11/15 Dan Pogue
 11/15 Tami Arthur
 11/16 Anne Steinbrecher

11/20 Laurie Green
 11/22 Anthony Matalavage
 11/23 Lia Staaf
 11/24 Jean Winslow
 11/24 Lowell Dillon
 11/25 Johnathon Missig
 11/25 Teresa Peter
 11/26 Ezekiel Petta
 11/26 Pat Uber
 11/26 Steve Duktig
 11/27 Colleen Regan
 11/28 Mary Meadows
 11/29 Matthew Winar
 11/30 Julia Worsencroft

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

11/03 Andrea & Chris Petta
 11/12 Betsy & Chip Bailey
 11/16 Sean & Liz Lavin
 11/18 Tim & Marsha Regan Sr
 11/18 Norm & Chris Rehack
 11/26 Dave & Jan Saunders
 11/28 Dough & Sharon Olson

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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.



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