



July 17th, 2026

# PEACE CONNECTION

Friday July 17th  
Pastor Doug's Day Off

Saturday July 18th  
8:00 am Habitat for Humanity Walk  
2:00 pm Organ Practice

Sunday July 19th  
8:30 am Indoor Worship  
10:00 am Outdoor Worship  
10:30 am Arden Courts

Monday July 20th  
10:00 am Staff Meeting  
2:00 pm Organ Practice  
7:00 pm SOAP Bible Study

Tuesday July 21st  
11:00 am Women's Discipleship Group

Wednesday July 22nd  
2:00 pm Pastor Doug's Bible Study

Thursday July 23rd  
Sexton's Day Off  
3:00 pm Organ Practice

Friday July 24th  
Pastor Doug's Day Off

Saturday July 25th  
2:00 pm Organ Practice

Sunday July 26th  
8:30 am Indoor Worship  
10:00 am Outdoor Worship  
4:30 pm Ice Cream Social and Pastor  
Charlie's 2nd Celebration

Monday July 27th  
10:00 am Staff Meeting  
2:00 pm Organ Practice  
7:00 pm SOAP Bible Study

Tuesday July 28th

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

## Sisters In Spirit

Starting Sunday, July 12, let's fill our church with color, beauty, and fellowship! We invite all the women of the congregation to wear their SIS kimono each Sunday in July as we celebrate our wonderful community of women and the special bonds we share. We hope you'll join us for this fun tradition! If you don't have your yet, here is the link to order your own. <https://a.co/d/O6N4QjzM>

## Young at Heart

Please join us on Friday, July 31, 2026 at 12:30 pm. We will be enjoying good food and fellowship at Olive Garden Italian Restaurant, located at 25984 Lorain Rd. in North Olmsted. Please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the lower lobby. Questions, contact Kathy Kettler at (440)825-2674.

## Women's Discipleship Group

You are invited to attend the Women's Discipleship Group, which meets the third Tuesday of the month from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm. in the library near the upper entrance. Our next meeting is July 21. In the months ahead, Debra Stewart will be leading a study on plants, trees and flowers in the Bible. No book needs to be purchased with this study, as in the past.

Materials will be passed out at the meeting or you can contact Debra for an email attachment to print off a copy yourself in advance. The plants this month are Dill and Mint -their history, where they are mentioned in Biblical passages, their significance and usage in Israel and more. All are welcome and encouraged. Please contact Debra Stewart at [debistewart777@gmail.com](mailto:debistewart777@gmail.com) with questions.

## SIS (Sisters in Spirit, open to all women)

Wednesday July 29, join us whenever you're able to after 5:00 pm  
Huntington Beach Bring your own dinner & beverage or purchase at The Noshery. In the event of rain, we will go to the covered pavilion. There will be live music from 5 - 8pm ("Big Sky Cleveland Duo - hits from all eras") No RSVP is needed. Questions? Contact Laurel Covell [thecovells@gmail.com](mailto:thecovells@gmail.com), 440 725-4237

# Buds and Suds

Thank you to all who participated in the Buds and Suds golf outing. There were 20 golfers and another 15 people for dinner. We raised \$2,000 for the youth group to attend the national youth gathering and the Endowment Committee awarded \$2,000 in matching funds for a total of \$4000!. Proceeds to benefit the teens trip to NYG next year. . Thanks to all involved!



## Transition Team Update

The transition team has finished our work and submitted the final report to the call committee for use in filling out the Ministry Site Profile. We will update the congregation at an upcoming service. We will also hold a meeting in the fall to discuss the report with any congregation members who would like more information. You can access the full report and the executive summary at the POP website under the document section. Here is a link...

Dave Covell - Chair of the Transition Team



## SOAP Bible Study

Join us next Monday for the SOAP Bible study! The SOAP method is:

Scripture - select a verse or few

Observation - make a commentary or set of questions/curiosities about your selection

Application - identify an application you might practice based on the verse

Prayer make a brief prayer responding to/about your selection/observation or application

Be open or prepared to share your SOAP items during the group meeting. But especially to try it out and observe, you need not share until you are comfortable.

Reading for Monday is:

July 20 - Tobit 13-14

Looking forward to our time together!



# I SAW JESUS

BY PASTOR DOUG

I saw Jesus at Prince of Peace.  
She was pushing the cart of bread and wine into the pavilion.  
She was smiling and working along side others  
For just a minute she looked like one of our church members  
But it was Jesus, I could tell by his smile.

I saw Jesus last Sunday  
She was teaching a Sunday School class under a tree  
She didn't talk real loud or use long words  
But you could tell she believed what she said  
For just a minute she looked like my Sunday School teacher  
But it was Jesus, I could tell by his loving voice.

I saw Jesus Monday night massaging the feet of a dying friend  
She was comforted and loved and kissed  
For just a minute it looked like a young man  
But it was Jesus, I could tell by the tears in his eyes.

I saw Jesus Wednesday afternoon in a hospital bed  
He was preparing for another surgery  
We prayed together and celebrated Holy communion  
For just a minute he looked like an old Dutchman  
But it was Jesus, I could tell by the wisdom of his words.

I saw Jesus today praying on her knees all alone  
She began to cry for those she prayed for  
For just a minute she looked like a woman from our church  
But it was Jesus I could see the compassion pouring out of his prayer.

I see Jesus everywhere, taking food to the sick and poor,  
Welcoming others to his home,  
Being friendly to a newcomer  
And just for a minute I think he's someone I know  
But it's always Jesus, I can tell by the way he serves.  
*May someone see Jesus in you today!*





JOIN US FOR AN

# AUGUST POTLUCK



**August 2nd Potluck Picnic!**

Our last potluck was a huge success despite the weather. We had lots of fun, great food, and wonderful company. Our next potluck will immediately follow the combined service on August 2

**Food Assignments:**

Salads/Appetizers: last name begins with G-L

Main dishes: last name begins with A-F and T-Z

Desserts: last name begins with M-S

We need **VOLUNTEERS** again to Set up food, Decorate tables, Set up the Pavilion, and a Clean up crew.

Sign up using this link or on paper in the lower Narthex.

Sign up link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C044EA8AC23A4F58-64747398-potluck>





SAVE THE DATE!

*Ice Cream Social &  
a second send off  
for Pastor Charlie*

SUNDAY JULY 26TH  
4:30 - 7:00PM

If you didn't have a chance to attend the celebration in February and would like another chance to say goodbye, there will be a brief presentation in the pavilion during the Ice Cream Social. Charlie and Lisa will be in attendance.



# **Major Robert Skufca Memorial Car Cruise-In & Pinewood Derby Races**

**Saturday August 1st, Noon - 4pm**

Please plan on attending this outreach event where we will be honoring Major Skufca and all of our veterans.

For those who are unfamiliar with Major Skufca, he was a beloved member of our church who left us at the age of 102. He was a regular at the 9am service and shared his experiences of flying a fighter plane in the Pacific theater during WW2. Bob baked cookies for delivery to first time visitors. He also loved fishing and fast cars! He took part in a number of the Westlake July 4th parades. To honor his memory and the service of all



veterans, we are making this a charity event in support of hunger relief. We are working with the Second Harvest Food Bank located in Lorain, Ohio. **While there is no cost to attend the event, we suggest a donation of cash or some non-perishable food items.**

**To participate in the Pinewood Derby races, please pickup a registration form at the lower Narthex signup wall or at the Peace Pavilion after a Sunday service!**



## Worship Plans for Summer 2026

| <b>SUMMER</b>     | <b>SCHEDULE</b>     | <b>2026</b>    |
|-------------------|---------------------|----------------|
| <b>Date</b>       | <b>Inside</b>       | <b>Outside</b> |
| <b>Sunday</b>     | <b>8:30am</b>       | <b>10:00am</b> |
| May 23, 2026      | Traditional         | Praise & Choir |
| May 31, 2026      | Praise              | Traditional    |
| June 7, 2026      | Traditional         | Praise         |
| June 14, 2026     | Praise              | Traditional    |
| June 21, 2026     | Traditional         | Praise         |
| June 28, 2026     | Praise              | Traditional    |
| July 5, 2026      | Service of the Word | COMBINED       |
| July 12, 2026     | Traditional         | Praise         |
| July 19, 2026     | Praise              | Traditional    |
| July 26, 2026     | Traditional         | Praise         |
| August 2, 2026    | NO SERVICE!         | COMBINED       |
| August 9, 2026    | Praise              | Traditional    |
| August 16, 2026   | Traditional         | Praise         |
| August 23, 2026   | Praise              | Traditional    |
| August 30, 2026   | Traditional         | Praise         |
| September 6, 2026 | Praise              | Traditional    |

Beginning on Memorial Day, May 24<sup>th</sup> and continuing through September 6<sup>th</sup>, this will be our summer worship schedule.

### **8:30 am – INSIDE**

A short 30-minute communion service will be held each Sunday inside.

This gives people the opportunity to worship inside if it's too hot or they don't care to be outside or just want to get on with the day before it gets too late with the short worship service that will include communion every week.

### **10 am – OUTSIDE**

A 10 am service will be held every week in the pavilion. The format will be the praise service one week and the traditional service the next week. Whoever is not responsible for the 10 am service will be leading the 8:30 am service music.

If the weather is too threatening, too hot or too cold, we will move inside for the 10 am service.

Once a month, or more frequently, a potluck lunch to follow the 10 am service, starting in July.

### **COMMUNION USING BREAD & CUP**

We will be using the same format we use for our indoor services.

### **COMBINED SERVICES- FOLLOWED BY A POPLUCK**

May 24- Memorial Day Weekend (we will NOT have a potluck this day as we have the Chardon Polka Band schedule the day before- May 23 5-7

July 5- 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend- Happy Birthday USA

August 2- Christmas in Summer Celebration



**Sunday, July 19th, 2026**

**Prayer Request - Long Term**

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

Emily Saunders (PoP Member)  
Pam Rotella (PoP Member)  
Al Tielke (PoP Member)  
Angela Missig (Daughter of Gloria Starr)  
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)  
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)  
Tony and Michelle Glashauckus (Friends of Jann Daniels) \_\_\_\_\_  
Matt Darcangelo (Friend of Matt Wenham) \_\_\_\_\_  
Toni Kulma and Pastor Jim Kulma (Supply Pastor for PoP)  
Shane Overcash (Relative of Deb Gibbons)  
Cindy Kreis (PoP Member)  
Jane Carlson (PoP Member)

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

**July 5**

Maxine Saunders (Granddaughter of Dave and Jan Saunders)

**July 12**

Theo, Kimmi and Kimberly (Family of Cindy Strieter)

Omer Kroph (Friend of David and Kathleen Johnston)

**July 19**

Janet Allie (PoP regular visitor)

Angelica Brophy and Family (Friend of Jann Daniels)

Ana Diekroger and Family (Granddaughter of Walter and Diane Diekroger)

Ray Jonaitis (Brother of Ramune Balog Dorner)

Family and Friends of Beth Elardo (Colleague of Dana Gros)

Family and Friends of Jenna Allen (Colleague of Dana Gros)

# Happy Birthday

## Attendance at Prince of Peace

|                        |                        |
|------------------------|------------------------|
| Doreen Taylor 7/01     | Len Skulina 7/17       |
| Rachel Zinram 7/01     | Karen Hallowell 7/18   |
| Pat Sprague 7/02       | Kevin Olah 7/19        |
| Sue Hosler 7/02        | Diane Merhaut 7/19     |
| Samantha Thomas 7/03   | Nora Franz 7/21        |
| Kirk Hartung 7/04      | Lola Wenham 7/22       |
| Conor Rowe 7/04        | Sean Kelly 7/23        |
| Brianna Johnson 7/07   | Emery Lavin 7/24       |
| Sandy Herren 7/07      | Paige Dickey 7/24      |
| Audrianna Gilbert 7/11 | Gerry Wilhelm 7/26     |
| David Pogachar 7/11    | Liz Lavin 7/26         |
| Gail Pogue 7/14        | Carol Leavens 7/28     |
| Dania Beard 7/15       | Deb Winar 7/30         |
| Austin Gilbert 7/15    | Judy Rolik 7/31        |
| Luke Andrus 7/16       | Marilyn Wingfield 7/31 |

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

|                                 |                             |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Patty & Bill Beard 7/01         |                             |
| Christopher & Bianca Smith 7/01 |                             |
| Deb & Tim Gibbons 7/01          |                             |
| Bud & Sandra Zanders 7/12       |                             |
| Mike & Sherry Weber 7/12        | Anita & Russ Bauknecht 7/24 |
| Shawn & Diane Merhaut 7/16      | Jan & Craig Juhn 7/25       |
| Jon & Teresa Peter 7/21         | Bob & Cindy Mittag 7/26     |
|                                 | Bill & Laurie Vorobej 7/27  |
|                                 | Jim & Paige Dickey IV 7/29  |
|                                 | Becky & Joe Rowe 7/31       |

## Second Harvest

The requested items for July are:  
Pasta, Pasta Sauce, Olive Oil & Canned Fish

## Giving Data

| Operating Giving Report                   | YTD       | AVG/Week |
|-------------------------------------------|-----------|----------|
| Total Giving as of May 31st, 2026:        | \$247,196 | \$11,236 |
| % of Annual 2026 Budget Received to Date: | 48%       |          |
| Remaining Giving to Meet 2026 Budget      | \$271,804 | \$9,060  |
| Total Expenses Incurred through 5/31/26   | \$215,379 | \$9,790  |



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### Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 9-11

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### Sunday Worship Services

8:30 am & 10:00 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.