



July 3rd, 2026

# PEACE CONNECTION

Friday July 3rd  
Pastor Doug's Day Off

Saturday July 4th  
Independence Day  
2:00 pm Organ Practice

Sunday July 5th  
8:30 am Indoor Worship  
10:00 am Outdoor Worship  
11:00 am 250th Birthday Potluck Picnic "Happy Birthday America"

Monday July 6th  
Church Office is Closed  
2:00 pm Organ Practice  
7:00 pm SOAP

Tuesday July 7th  
7:00 pm Endowment Meeting

Wednesday July 8th  
2:00 pm Pastor Doug's Bible Study

Thursday July 9th  
Sexton's Day Off  
3:00 pm Organ Practice

Friday July 10th  
Pastor Doug's Day Off

Saturday July 11th  
2:00 pm Organ Practice

Sunday July 12th  
8:30 am Indoor Worship  
9:00 am Blood Pressure Screening  
10:00 am Outdoor Worship  
1:00 pm Buds and Suds Golf Outing

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

Tuesday July 14th

*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.

## 2026 Habitat for Humanity Walk

On July 18, 2026, the Greater Cleveland Habitat for Humanity, will hold its annual fundraiser Walk at Edgewater Park. All funds raised will be used to support our 400+ Home Initiative. (We've passed 300). Under the leadership of POP's Ron Kear, over 40 POP members have actually worked on construction sites. Some construct the frames or have specific skills. Many of us carpool and help to prime and paint. Ron's team alone has completed almost 40 homes.

The Annual Walk/Run/Mosey, is meant to be a celebration of what we can do when we work together. You don't have to buy a shirt or raise money to walk or participate in the games.

For more info, go to <https://www.clehabitatwalk.org>. If you wish to contribute or walk with us, search for POP WESTLAKE. Everyone deserves a safe, decent place to call home.



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.*



# 9<sup>th</sup> Annual National Youth Gathering

## Golf Outing 4-Person 9-Hole Scramble

Proceeds to benefit POP teens trip to NYG

Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup> 1pm  
at  
Bob-O-Links on Route 83 in Avon



Dinner and raffle prizes after golf. Come for dinner only at 4pm.

\$50 per person for 9 holes, cart, dinner

Make checks payable to Prince of Peace note the Youth Gathering in the memo line. Sign up your foursome at POP or contact Dave Covell to sign up.

This event is organized by the Buds & Suds Men's Group of Prince of Peace  
For more info please contact Dan Fronczak at (440)221-6411 or Dave Covell (440) 567-4101

\*Inclement weather - golf may be canceled, but dinner is still on starting at 5:30 pm

# Profile Story

## THIS WEEK'S FEATURE : CHRISTIE KILBANE- WIEDT



Christie was born in Cleveland, Ohio. She grew up in Parma, Ohio with 3 brothers (2 deceased) and 1 sister. She attended Valley Forge High School class of 1976. Continuing her education Christie majored in Nursing at Lakewood School of Practical Nursing 1976, Cuyahoga Community College AND, RN 1981, as well as University of Akron BSN class of 1986.

Christie met her husband Mark at a bar in Lakewood, the Kenilworth Tavern. His family owned the bar at this time in 1980. They dated for 5 years before getting married.

In her career as a nurse for 48 years, Christie used her skills at many of the area's top health care facilities. 36 years at UHCleveland Medical Center in University Circle in specialized areas including PACU, SICU, ER. Past 34 years in PACU at UH Westlake Outpatient Surgery Center. She worked at St John Medical Center for 22 years, ER 5 years and Community Outreach. Christie's first position was at Lakewood Hospital, then St Vincent Charity Hospital.

She was a Certified Child Passenger Technician for 21 years. This was a paid and at times a volunteer position. Christie helped with the installation of car seats in cars and vans. She is truly a Car Seat Nerd!! Mark Wiedt is retired. His career was in health care administration. He started as an X-ray Tech. He went on to get a BA and an Executive MBA.

Their son Paul Wiedt and his Life Partner Brigid have lived in Los Angeles since 2015. Paul (34) works in Film Production as a 1st Assistant Camera. Brigid (33) is a Doula. They met at Kent State University. Christie and Mark wished they lived closer. Their daughter Maureen Wiedt (28) lives in Westlake. Many years as a server but will be attending Nursing School this fall at Lorain County Community College!! She also does dog/cat sitting.

Christie met Judy Coffman when she was working in the ER at St John Medical Center in 1994. She was looking for a church and Judy invited her in. Paul and Maureen were confirmed at POP! Mark is a member at St Ladislav in Westlake.

Christie has been the coordinator for the monthly Blood Pressure screenings for many years. She also succeeded in having an AED installed at our church. This medical device can save the lives of people experiencing sudden cardiac arrest. In her free time she has hobbies and interests to enjoy. Hiking, bike riding, and working in her yard are a partial list. In the past Christie did agility training with her current dog Cody, a German Shepherd.

Something people may not know about her is that she likes to sleep in! Also, last year Mark & Christie traveled to Stoupa, Greece. It was their first trip abroad. They are looking forward to trips to National Parks, Ireland and a River Cruise.

Christie has a long history with Prince of Peace. She is living a life filled with purpose. Her focus on healing has been an example of the compassion that we learn each week in our community of Faith.

By : Tom Robinholt / Profile Reporter

Prince of Peace Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

Chuck Mosberger, Mark Givens, and I represented POP recently at our Northeastern Ohio Synod Assembly at the John Knight Center in Akron for two days. The highlight was Bishop Laura Barbin's being reelected for a second, six-year term.

Bishop Laura and I go back 23 years when we were both serving as parish pastors and on the synod council. I've always said that anyone who wants to be bishop has no idea what the job description is! Bishop Laura and her staff are serving us well. The synod assembly is a time to recognize individual pastors and deacons celebrating milestone ministry anniversaries and lift up congregations in their milestone years of serving their communities and the church. Holy Trinity Lutheran in Massillon was recognized for 200 years of Ministry. Pastor Tina Crog, a daughter of Divinity who was ordained while I was there, serves Holy Trinity and two other congregations- a 3 point parish.

Obviously, the world has changed since Holy Trinity was founded in 1826. The world has changed since our county was founded in 1776 as we celebrate 250 years on Saturday. A quarter of a millennia has seen plenty of challenges and yet our country somehow still stands. Most of us still discern our calling to tendering to "tired souls, those in impoverished circumstances, huddling masses yearning to breathe free, those looked down upon by others..." (a portion of the "New Colossus" poem connected with the statue of liberty) Our calling as children of God has not changed. How do we minister to tired souls weighed down by all those who pull at their time, energy, finances, and everything else? How do we follow a Lord who insisted over and over again to not only aid those who didn't have nearly enough, but who treated them as if the very Paradise Of God was for them? How do we embody the very world altering love to the "tired souls and huddling masses"?

Such questions can be daunting about such a discipleship calling that's still being asked of us by Jesus Christ as he did to a ragtag collection of fishermen and tax collectors long ago. It can be shocking to remember that Jesus took the grace-filled and boundless mercy to the extreme of the cross.

So as POP's transition committee has revisited the purpose of this church, they've learned God is still calling us, still believing in us, still insisting that we have something to offer for such a time as this. Now it's the call committees turn to discern the pastor who will have a pivotal roll in helping you strengthen your discipleship in whatever form it takes and for whatever way you feel called to bring the Gospel to life. POP is blessed by God in so many ways! Each of you is blessed with Christ's presence in your life that not even sin and death can stop.

Thanks be to God!

In Christ- Pastor Doug



Northeastern  
Ohio Synod, ELCA

# HAPPY 250TH BIRTHDAY AMERICA POTLUCK



Join us for a 4th of July celebration Potluck! Come decked out in your most patriotic gear on July 5<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am. Please use these food assignments: If your last name starts with A through F, bring an appetizer or salad; G through S, bring a main dish; T through Z, bring dessert. Bring all crock pots to the pavilion to plug in before the service. People will be on hand to help carry crock pots from your car if needed. Cold dishes can go in coolers located next to the POP beverage wagon.

We will be having some old fashioned family games and a kid's bike and wagon parade. Have your kids decorate their bikes or wagons and they will parade around the parking lot and nearby side street. Beverly and Hilary will be leading the parade. You can drop off your bike or wagon on Saturday morning from 10-11am, July 4 to store them overnight. Please confirm with Deb Gibbons (216-272-6134) if you will be dropping something off during this time.

**VOLUNTEERS:** We will need help converting the pavilion after the service, decorating tables, bringing food from the parking lot to the pavilion before the service and setting up food after the service, and cleaning up/returning the pavilion to order. Please sign up [here](#)  
OR in the lower narthex.



# **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	Service of the Word	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

PRINCE OF PEACE

# *Member Photo* ***DIRECTORY***

Thank you to all who got their new photos taken for the member directory. It's not too late! If you would still like to have your photo updated and couldn't make the dates that were offered, please contact Deb Gibbons or Phil Sprague to arrange a date. We will be happy to work with your schedule!

These photos are casual and are taken in front of the black background. Please plan on joining us one of these scheduled days!



Questions? Contact:

[gibbons.95@gmail.com](mailto:gibbons.95@gmail.com)



**Sunday, July 5th, 2026**

**Prayer Request - Long Term**

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**(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)  
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)  
Tony and Michelle Glashauckus (Friends of Jann Daniels)  
Matt Darcangelo (Friend of Matt Wenham)  
Max Jensen (Cousin of Jann Daniels)  
Toni Kulma and Pastor Jim Kulma (Supply Pastor for PoP)  
Shane Overcash (Relative of Deb Gibbons)  
Cindy Kreis (PoP Member)

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

**June 21**

Toni Yates and Marta (Friend of Beverly Braun)  
Kira Johnston (Friend of Liz Grider)

**June 28**

Joan Sloan and Family (Dan and Barb Fronczak)

**July 5**

Maxine Saunders (Granddaughter of Dave and Jan Saunders)

# Happy Birthday

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



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  
 Shawn & Diane Merhaut 7/16  
 Jon & Teresa Peter 7/21  
 Anita & Russ Bauknecht 7/24  
 Jan & Craig Juhn 7/25  
 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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## Attendance at Prince of Peace

Date	Online	In Person	Total
06/29/2026	90	101	191
06/21/2026	86	131	217
06/14/2026	161	134	295
06/07/2026	68	145	213

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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.