

# Peace Connection

August 11th, 2023



## Scranton School Supplies

Back to school season is here! We will be collecting school supplies again to support Scranton School in Cleveland. Please keep in mind Ohio will have a sales tax holiday from Friday, Aug. 4, 2023, at 12 a.m. to Sunday, Aug. 7, 2023, at 11:59 p.m. Please consider donating the following items identified by Scranton School teachers as items of need: Crayons, Pencils, Glue Sticks, Dry-Erase Markers, Loose Leaf Notebook Paper, Spiral notebooks (college and wide rule), Disinfectant Wipes, Hand Sanitizer, Hand Soap, School Scissors, Kleenex, and paper towels. Donations can be left in bags by the Donation Station in the Administration Wing. Please return by Sunday, August 27th for delivery the following week. Any questions, please contact Diane Merhaut at 440-897-0368 or [teachmeabc123@aol.com](mailto:teachmeabc123@aol.com)

## Young at Heart

Please join us on Friday, August 25, 2023 at 12:30 p.m. We will be enjoying good food and fellowship at Tony K's Bar & Grille, located at 841 West Bagley Rd. in Berea. Please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the lower lobby. Questions, contact Kathy Kettler at (440)734-6511.

## Travel Quest

We invite you to hear Hayden Grove Concert at the Ridgefield Recreation Center 8700 Gatewood Dr, North Ridgeville 44039. The performance is August 12th from 6:30-8:00 and you are invited to the home of Marge and Jim Jaracz following the concert for an ice cream Sunday. The concert is outside so please bring chairs. A free will donation will be taken to cover the cost of the performance. Please sign up in lower narthex. For questions call Marge at 440-454-3526.

Friday August 11th  
Pastor Charlie's Day Off

Saturday August 12th  
2:00 pm Organ Practice  
5:15 pm Travel Quest- Hayden Grove

Sunday August 13th  
9:00 am In Person Worship  
9:00 am Thomas' Baptism  
11:00 am In person Worship  
7:00 pm Council Meeting

Monday August 14th  
10:00 am Staff Meeting  
2:00 pm Organ Practice  
7:00 pm SOAP Bible Study

Tuesday August 15th  
6:15 pm CrossFire Rehearsal

Wednesday August 16th  
2:00 pm Book and Bible Study  
7:00 pm Engagement Committee

Thursday August 17th  
Sexton's Day Off  
3:00 pm Organ Practice

Friday August 18th  
Pastor Charlie's Day Off

Saturday August 19th  
2:00 pm Organ Practice

Sunday August 20th  
9:00 am In Person Worship  
Fellowship Fair! Following the 9 and 11 am services!  
10:15 Adult Gospel Study  
11:00 am In Person Worship

Monday August 21st  
10:00 am Staff Meeting  
1:00 pm Comfort Quilters  
2:00 pm Organ Practice  
7:00 SOAP Bible Study  
7:00 pm Women's Discipleship Group

Tuesday August 22nd  
6:15 pm Crossfire Rehearsal

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



**SWAG!**

**GIFTS!**

**TREATS!**

**COME & JOIN US FOR OUR**

# **FELLOWSHIP FAIR**

**SUNDAY PRINCE OF PEACE  
AUGUST 20TH NARTHEX**

**AFTER THE 9 AM AND 11 AM  
SERVICES**

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**



*Details:*

**Children's activities will be in the lower narthex from  
10-11 so parents can attend the Fellowship Fair!**

**Get to know what opportunities  
we have at Prince of Peace for  
fellowship and fun**

PRINCE OF PEACE



# *Baseball Nights*

WEDNESDAY  
AUGUST 16TH  
FIRST PITCH  
6:35PM

**BABY BOOMER NIGHT -  
SALUTE TO THE GREATEST  
GENERATION**

SATURDAY  
SEPT. 16TH  
FIRST PITCH  
7:35PM

**CLE FOOTBALL NIGHT  
JOE THOMAS BOBBLE HEAD  
POST-GAME FIREWORKS**

## **AKRON RUBBER DUCKS**

300 SOUTH MAIN STREET, AKRON, OH 44308

SCAN TO  
REGISTER





## 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 July through September the requested items are peanut butter and canned meats.



## Giving Data

Operating Giving Report	YTD	AVG/Week
Total Giving as of June 30th:	\$232,220	\$8,932
% of Annual 2023 Budget Received to Date:	52%	
Remaining Giving Required to Meet 2023 Budget:	\$214,280	\$8,242
Remaining Giving Required to Meet 2023 Stretch Goal (i.e. Cover Cost Budget):	\$232,280	\$8,934



## 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!



September 17th, 2023

OMNI with the support of Prince of Peace, presents a fundraising

### Benefit Concert & Auction



from **5-9 pm** at the  
**Pavilion at St. Clarence**  
located at 30106 Lorain Road  
in North Olmsted, Ohio.

### Concert & Auction

Featuring *Colin Dussault's Blues Project*

Proceeds from the concert will provide medical care, food & education for orphans at the OMNI Children's Village in northern Zambia.

Learn more about OMNI at [www.omnimissions.com](http://www.omnimissions.com)





## Ruth Williams

### THIS WEEK'S MEMBER PROFILE

Ruth's parents met in the Navy and married once the war was over. They returned to Dad's family farm near Lincoln, Nebraska where she was born. Her father got a job as a pilot for United Airlines, and they lived in Cheyenne, Wyoming, then San Carlos, California, and finally the suburbs of Chicago at the age of 4 where Ruth grew up and the family never moved around after that. She has one younger brother, who now has 9 grandchildren.

The church has been a second home since her earliest childhood. They lived in a community that had been built for returning GIs. The first churches in town were United Protestant, not waiting for enough of each denomination to build their own church.

In eighth grade, Ruth was the accompanist for the school choir, and a choir member named Joy Williams became her best friend. During high school, Ruth spent a couple summers at Interlochen National Music Camp in Michigan. It was a great experience once she got over the initial homesickness. As the years passed, Joy decided Ruth should meet her older brother Glenn... and the rest is history! Having been raised in the United Protestant Church, they were both comfortable in different denominations.

Ruth came to Ohio to get her bachelor's at Oberlin Conservatory. Meanwhile, Glenn had gotten a job in Cleveland. They were married right after she graduated, but the draft was still on, so 6 weeks later he was off to the Army. They were stationed in New Jersey, Biloxi, Mississippi, and Ethiopia! That adventure could fill a book! The US had a radio base there since the high altitude made it a prime location, and Glenn was a radio technician. They returned to Cleveland to resume his employment as an electronics engineer, and have lived here ever since. Eventually, after a layoff, he became employed at NASA Glenn.

Ruth was fortunate to be accepted into the Cleveland Orchestra Chorus, and sing with them for 15 years. She experienced the thrill to be onstage with the best orchestra in the world! At this time their two daughters were in middle school and Ruth resigned to get a paying job. She served as a Learning Disabilities tutor for 21 years. She was very gratified to help struggling learners, then retired in 2009 after the paperwork got to be too much.

Ruth had been accompanying voice lessons for some years, and she never thought she wanted to play the organ, but her church organist suggested she give it a try. That's when she was hooked! She subbed for about 10 years and then got her first regular Sunday job in Avon Lake. Several years into COVID, the leadership had decided to reduce the music staff and three were cut loose. As everyone at POP was missing Don Jackson after his retirement, it provided a lucky opportunity for Ruth. Her appreciation overflows to be part of the warm and welcoming atmosphere here at Prince of Peace!

Quilting is tops on Ruth's hobby list, so she was delighted to join the Comfort Quilters at PoP. She also loves reading, gardening and crossword puzzles. The Young at Heart lunch group is another way to celebrate our community. You are not seeing much of Glenn as he has joined the Avon United Methodist Church.

Glenn and Ruth are enjoying retirement and the grandparents phase of life. They have a grandson in Tallmadge, and two granddaughters in Wheaton, Illinois. Their grandson is very artistic, and the girls got the music genes. Their mom is a viola teacher. Ruth is looking forward to the Holy Land Trip with Pastor Charlie in the fall.

The gifts that God has given Ruth have been used wisely. She has discerned a path our Lord has given her to follow, what a meaningful life she is living!

*By Tom Robinholt : Profile Reporter*

PASTOR  
CHARLIE'S  
BLOG



Matthew 14:22-33

22 Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. 23 And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, 24 but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. 25 And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. 26 But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. 27 But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

28 Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." 29 He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. 30 But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" 31 Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" 32 When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. 33 And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

I have a standard answer for those who think that I can control the weather since I am a pastor and have a "direct line to God" (I don't have any better connection than you!) – my response is always, "I am in sales, not management!"

This act of Jesus, on the heels of feeding the multitude with five loaves of bread and two fish, shows that this one is not just a healer, but has the ability to still the storm. The one who has this power also has the compassion to reach down and pull us up when we are sinking and our faith fails us. This is the one who holds us and promises to never let go.

A poem for today:

WHOSE HANDS By Kevin Burden, edited by Charlie Woodward

A basketball in my hands is worth about \$25.

A basketball in LeBron James' hands is worth about \$120 million.

It depends whose hands it's in.

A golf ball in my hand is worth about \$1.

A golf ball in Rory McElroy's hand is worth \$5 million.

It depends whose hands it's in.

A tennis racket is useless in my hands.

A tennis racket in Serena Williams' hands is a Wimbledon Championship.

It depends whose hands it's in.

A rod in my hands will keep away a wild animal.

A rod in Moses' hands will part the mighty sea.

It depends whose hands it's in.

A sling shot in my hands is a kid's toy.

A sling shot in David's hand is a mighty weapon.

It depends whose hands it's in.

Two fish and 5 loaves of bread in my hands is a couple of fish sandwiches.

Two fish and 5 loaves of bread in God's hands will feed thousands.

It depends whose hands it's in.

Nails in my hands might produce a door stop - and it may take a while for me to get it done.

Nails in Jesus Christ's hands will produce salvation for the entire world.

It depends whose hands it's in.

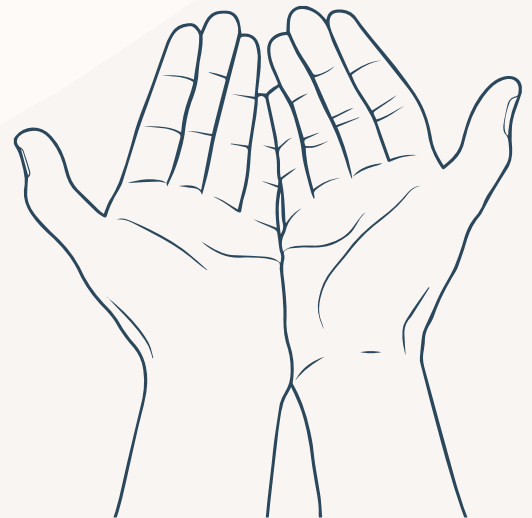
As you see now it depends whose hands it's in.

So put your concerns, your worries, your fears, your hopes, your dreams,  
your families and your relationships in God's hands because ...

It depends whose hands it's in.

Instead of trying to hold on to God, let God hold on to you!

Let us pray: Almighty God, remind me again and again that I am not in charge. Help me to put my trust in you! We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.



# Prayer LIST

**Sunday, August 13, 2023**

## **Prayer Request - Long Term**

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

Ren  
Stephanie Bailey  
Tony Cacciatore  
Don Chismar  
Patty Doran  
Marcia Drysdale  
Dawn Higgins  
Jayne Kramic  
Deanne Lahner  
Donna Kucera and family  
Angela Missig  
Jenn Pitts  
Eric and Nicole Quinn  
Lois Reichert  
Pam Rotella  
Bill Sweeny  
Robert Sieving  
Al Tielke  
Joan Park(Deb Gibbon's mother)  
Dave McCollum

Granddaughter of Linda Baumbach  
Niece of Mary Sue Claus  
Father of Chrissy Cacciatore Frey  
  
Sister-in-law of Chuck Sieving  
Friend of Jane Dillon  
Neighbor of Fran Molnar  
Friend Kathy and Dave McCollum  
Niece of Mary Sue Claus & Roseann Fekete  
  
Daughter of Gloria Starr  
Daughter of Judy Kazak  
Friends of Matt Wenham  
  
Friend of Kathy and Dave McCollum  
Brother of Chuck Sieving

### **Recent prayer requests received within the past 2 weeks:**

July 30	Grace Pophal's Family Terry Dugan (Rusty Blakeslee daughter-in-law's father) Jann Daniels
August 6	Dave McCollum JeanneAnn Elkin Dave Covell and Family Nick, his wife Jen and their new baby Xander (Teresa Peter's nephew) Sloane (Diane Murhaut's granddaughter) Cindy Zinram and family
August 13	Debbie Decker Elizabeth Daniels (Jann Daniels Daughter-in-Law) Kendra Holloway and Family (former co-worker of Bev Braun)

# Happy Birthday

08/01 Natalie Pearce	08/20 Vivian Gleespen
08/02 Anita Briggs	08/21 Jon Peter
08/02 Josie Wilhelm	08/22 Benjamin Creech
08/02 Kroy Carimi	08/22 Peggy Kreueger
08/02 Paul Winslow	08/22 Sherry Webber
08/03 Jaime Alspach	08/23 Bennett Woodward
08/03 Suzann Creech	08/23 Nolan Woodward
08/05 Chip Bailey	08/24 Phillip Bruneau
08/06 Dale Dragony	08/25 AJ Jagels
08/06 Sharon Olson	08/25 Bryce Bruneau
08/09 David McCollum	08/27 Shari Demby
08/09 Bill Vorobej	08/27 Tyrus Petta
08/11 Joey Frey	08/28 Evan Saunders
08/14 Addy Lipschutz	08/28 Kate Weaver
08/14 Tom Drobnak	08/29 Ron Thorne
08/16 Christian Juntunen	08/31 Mariah Thompson

# HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

08/02 Barb & Dan Fronczak  
 08/03 Debbie & Bob Thomas  
 08/04 Bradley & Bethany Pearce  
 08/04 Charles & Lisa Woodward  
 08/07 Brent & Daniea Beard  
 08/10 Doug & Carol Leavens  
 08/10 Michael & Patricia Pietaroia  
 08/12 Paul & Jean Winslow  
 08/13 Christine & Al Tielke  
 08/15 Mary & Joseph Olah  
 08/18 Jaime & Tom Alspach  
 08/18 Jerry & Diane Karp  
 08/18 Jon & Anne Steinbrecher  
 08/20 Uwe & Helga Susemihl  
 08/21 Mark & Karen Givens  
 08/23 Ron & Becky Kear  
 08/30 Mike & Abbie Gleespen  
 08/30 Steve & Cindy Zinram



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Date	Online	In Person	Total
08/06/2023	24	122	146
07/30/2023	32	142	174
07/23/2023	-	126	126
07/16/2023	20	148	168

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### Office Hours

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.