



June 26th, 2026

PEACE CONNECTION

Friday June 26th
Pastor Doug's Day Off

Saturday June 27th
12:00 - 4:00 pm Clean Up Day
2:00 pm Organ Practice

Sunday June 28th
8:30 am Indoor Worship
10:00 am Outdoor Worship
12:00 - 4:00 pm Clean Up Day

Monday June 29th
10:00 am Staff Meeting
2:00 pm Organ Practice
7:00 pm SOAP Bible Study

Tuesday June 30th

Wednesday July 1st
8:00 am Habitat for Humanity Walk
2:00 pm Pastor Doug's Bible Study

Thursday July 2nd
Sexton's Day Off
3:00 pm Organ Practice

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
10:00 am Staff Meeting
2:00 pm Organ Practice
7:00 pm SOAP

Tuesday July 7th

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

Save the Date!

Ice Cream Social and a second send off for Pastor Charlie on 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.

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.

SOAP Bible Study

Join us for the SOAP Bible Study! Our next few weeks we will be studying:

June 29 - Tobit 7-9

July 6 - Tobit 10-11

July 13 - Tobit 12

Mulch Days

Bring your wheelbarrows, rakes, and pitchforks — we need your help! We've entered the Westlake in Bloom Beautification Garden Competition and are getting 15 yards of mulch delivered to refresh the flowerbeds across the property.

We'll be spreading mulch and could use all the helping hands we can get:

- Saturday, June 27 | 12:00–4:00 PM
- Sunday, June 28 | 12:00–4:00 PM

Come lend a hand and help make the property bloom!



VBS

2026



HAPPY 250TH BIRTHDAY AMERICA POTLUCK



Join us for a 4th of July celebration Potluck! Come decked out in your most patriotic gear on July 5th 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.





JOIN US FOR A



SUMMER PICNIC



PoP brothers and sisters in Christ,

At my age, I really think I was fortunate to have grown up in the church community. I remember it with a child's simple conviction, that this is the way of the world.

And by church community, I am remembering the congregation which truly was the community of its members, the primary community in which they did so much more together than gather briefly on Sunday morning for a formal worship. We lived together. We played together. We marked together the sacred changes of the year, from the Reformation to Advent, from Christmas through the gloom of Lent to a Sunday Easter and the explosions of Pentecost.

Through it all there was always those potluck meals! They are the continuing feast of the faithful, aren't they? They are the church community ritual as mighty as eating with Moses on the slopes of Sinai. They are the feeding of the 5,000 with the multiplication of casseroles and meatloaf and scalloped potatoes, green beans, baked beans, three bean salads and ham, pickled beets, hot dogs and cheeseburgers, cherry and rhubarb pie. Potluck means - They forgive the sins of the people. When we eat together it becomes a kind of an atonement together and everyone is equalized - even the children are given privileges of any adult there. At a potluck we are the early church again, holding all things in common. Neither the widow or the orphan is without family at the potluck. Potluck meals are the ceremony of nourishment and abundance. they are the love made visible in much food.

With great anticipation, I look forward to my first POP potlucks on July 5th and August 2nd. We will be "engaged" with one another! Potluck meals shared are the community, active, compressed, made manifest!

In Christ - Pastor Doug



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

SUMMER	SCHEDULE	2026
Date	Inside	Outside
Sunday	8:30am	10:00am
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 24th and continuing through September 6th, 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- 4th of July weekend- Happy Birthday USA

August 2- Christmas in Summer Celebration

BIBLE STUDY



Join Pastor Doug and Ruth Chou Simons for a six week Bible study of Colossians. You can order the "Truthfilled" book on your own or through Adrienne in the PoP office. The study will meet in the Charter Room at 2:00 pm on Wednesdays July 1st – August 6th

- Session 1, July 1, Introduction, Colossians 1:1-14
- Session 2, July 8th, Rest In God's Character, Colossians 1:15-2:3
- Session 3, July 15th, Rehearse Who You Are, Colossians 2:4-23
- Session 4, July 22nd, Respond In Faith, Colossians 3:1-4:1
- Session 5, July 29th, Remember God's Provision, Colossians 4:2-18
- Session 6, August 5th, Put it Into Practice

The book is \$21 and the direct link to order <https://amzn.to/3Q1i0Ny>. No sign up needed, with questions, please contact the office. If you ordered a book you can schedule with Adrienne to pick up in the church office.

About the author

Ruth Chou Simons is a bestselling and award-winning author of several books—including GraceLaced, Beholding and Becoming, and Foundations. She is an artist, entrepreneur, and speaker, using each of these platforms to spiritually sow the Word of God into people's hearts. Through her online shoppe at GraceLaced.com and her social media community, Simons shares her journey of God's grace intersecting daily life with word and art. Ruth and her husband, Troy, are grateful parents to six boys--their greatest adventure.

PRINCE OF PEACE

Member Photo **DIRECTORY**

We are in the process of updating the Prince of Peace member directory and we noticed many photos are several years old. We would love to update your picture in the directory. We will be taking photos in the Fellowship Hall from 11:10-11:45 am on:

June 28

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:

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Sunday, June 28th, 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)
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 14

Sue Hosler (PoP Member)

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)

Happy Birthday

6/4 Tom Colcord
 6/4 Patricia Pietraroi
 6/5 Joey Weaver
 6/7 Elise Covell
 6/8 Erika Marquardt
 6/9 Elizabeth Grider
 6/10 Bob Thompson
 6/10 Lynnette Stevens
 6/12 Bob Thomas
 6/12 Logan Beard
 6/13 Lindsay Weaver
 6/13 Tom Robinholt
 6/14 Mitchell Gros
 6/14 Tyler Rowe
 6/14 Susan Franz
 6/16 Terry MacKenzie

6/17 Joyce Hayward
 6/20 Debbie Thomas
 6/21 Ron Kear
 6/22 Brent Beard
 6/23 Walter Diekroger
 6/24 Jeff Frey
 6/25 Joseph Olah
 6/26 Cindy Strieter
 6/27 Diane Fortuna
 6/27 Samantha Bailey
 6/27 Diego Cesare
 6/27 Kristen Chengery
 6/29 Adrienne Patenaude
 6/29 Eva Vitko
 6/30 David Zinram
 6/30 Claire Wenham

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Melody & Roger Hauser 6/09
 Phil & Pat Sprague 6/15
 Jon & Riki Wilhelm 06/17
 Gerry & Fran Wilhelm 06/19
 Ken & Peggy Krueger 06/20
 Darryl & Sherry Visoky 06/26
 Mark & Ellen Oster 06/26
 Joan & Tom Drobnak 06/29
 Dolph & Judy Rolik 06/29
 Tom & Lora Robinholt 06/30

Second Harvest

The requested items for June 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
06/21/2026	86	131	217
06/14/2026	161	134	295
06/07/2026	68	145	213
05/31/2026	67	145	212

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Office Hours

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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.