

Upcoming Worship

SERVICES

Advent:

December 3 – 9 am, 11 am

December 10 – 9 am, 11 am

December 17 – 9 am, 11 am – Children's
Christmas Program

December 24 – 10 am led by Traditional
Worship Team

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services

3 PM – Family Service

6 PM – Praise

9 PM – Traditional

It's Still Christmas Worship!

December 31 – 10 am led by Praise Worship
Team

January 7, 2024

9 am – Praise

11 am – Traditional

December 8th, 2023

PEACE CONNECTION

Friday December 8th
Pastor Charlie's Day Off

Saturday December 9th
2:00 pm Organ Practice

Sunday December 10th
9&11 am In Person Worship
10:15 am Annual Budget Meeting
10:00 am Christian Education
4:00 pm Travel Quest- Live Nativity
7:00 pm Council Meeting

Monday December 11th
10:00 am Staff Meeting
2:00 pm Organ Practice
7:00 pm SOAP Bible Study

Tuesday December 12th
6:15 pm CrossFire Rehearsal

Wednesday December 13th
2:00 pm Book and Bible Study
7:00 pm Council Exec Comm

Thursday December 14th
Sexton's Day Off
11:00 am FLO Winter Session
3:00 pm Organ Practice
7:30 pm Choir Practice

Friday December 15th
Pastor Charlie's Day Off

Saturday December 16th
2:00 pm Organ Practice

Sunday December 17th
9:00 & 11:00 am In Person Worship
10:00 am Happy Birthday Jesus Party
10:00 am Christian Education
10:30 am Arden Courts

Monday December 18th
10:00 am Staff Meeting
1:00 pm Comfort Quilters
2:00 pm Organ Practice
7:00 pm SOAP Bible Study
7:00 pm Women's Discipleship Group

Tuesday December 19th
6:16 CrossFire Rehearsal

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

SIS (Sisters in Spirit) and Buds-n-Suds Christmas toast

Please join us to celebrate the season with POP friends! Thursday
December 28, arrive anytime after 5:00pm, with a 6:30 toast,
and 8:00 stay to watch the Browns game if you'd like!

Sisters in Spirit & Buds and Suds

SAVE
THE
DATE

DECEMBER 28TH

Christmas Toast!

Bullfrog's Sports Cafe
33137 Center Ridge Rd
North Ridgeville 44039

Hope to see you there!



November 24, 2023

Dear Members of Prince of Peace,

You are invited to our congregational budget meeting scheduled for

Sunday, December 10th from 10:15 am – 10:50 am in the Fellowship Hall.

During the meeting, we will

- Review our 2023 financial performance.
- Discuss the 2024 operating budget.
- Present the budget for approval.
- Discuss programs for 2024

A summary of the 2024 operating budget will be available for review on our website

(www.princeofpeacewestlake.org) under the Members only tab by Monday, December 4th. Please contact the church office if you require a hard copy or want one emailed to you.

On behalf of the Church Council, I would like to thank everyone for your continued support of Prince of Peace. We are in a good financial position and have wonderful opportunities to continue to share the Good News and expand our mission. Thank you in advance to all who have decided to help regrow the building fund. We look forward to 2024 and beyond with exciting opportunities to Grow in Faith, Serve with Love, and Live in Peace.

We are continuing the tradition of showing appreciation for the outstanding work our Pastor and staff has done through the “Christmas Purse”. The Purse is an opportunity for you to make a special financial contribution towards a Christmas gift. You can designate that your gift goes to a specific staff person (or persons) or it will go into a general pool to be shared by Pastor and the entire staff. Please write Christmas Purse in the memo line of any donation.

Have blessed Christmas season.

Dave Covell
Council President
Email: thecovells@gmail.com

Grow in Faith, Serve with Love, Live in Peace

LMM Men's Shelter Boot Drive

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church is again accepting donations of new and gently used water resistant boots and warm clothing of all sizes to benefit the men served at the 2100 E. Lakeside Homeless Men's Shelter.

This is in partnership with Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry. We will be collecting these donations starting now until December 17th. Please drop your items off at the donation station in the administrative wing by Sunday, December 17th. If you have any questions, contact Tom Splawski.

LMM Men's Shelter Boot Drive



Scranton Mitten Tree

The Mitten Tree will once again be up this year! Each year, teachers identify children from Scranton Elementary with significant hardship allowing us to help make their Christmas a little brighter! Each "Mitten Tag" includes information with gift ideas for each student. The tree with the Mitten Tags will be available starting Sunday, November 26th.

Volunteers will be present for you to sign out tags. Coats, mittens, gloves, scarves, hats, and socks are also welcome! If you choose to participate, we ask that wrapped gifts with the tags attached be returned no later than Sunday, December 17th in time to deliver to the school later that week prior to Christmas (Date TBD). For questions, contact Diane Merhaut.



Join us on a trip to Greece!

This 11 day trip includes a 3-day cruise to the Greek Isles and Turkey. We will visit Athens, Corinth, Ephesus, Santorini, Patmos and more. We will follow the footsteps of Paul and experience the places where the Christian Church came to life.

October 1-11, 2024.

Spots are limited and are filling up fast, so SIGN UP NOW!

Contact Pastor Charlie for more information at pcpopwestlake@gmail.com or text/call at 937-344-1229

BEST OF GREECE & THE GREEK ISLES IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF ST. PAUL

11 DAYS: OCTOBER 1 - 11, 2024

VISITING: ATHENS * CORINTH * MYKONOS * EPHESUS * PATMOS
CRETE * SANTORINI * DELPHI * KALAMBAKA * THESSALONIKI



Hosted by
PASTOR CHARLIE WOODWARD

\$4599 FROM CLEVELAND*

*Air/land tour price is \$4079 plus \$520 gov't taxes/airline surcharges

For More Information, Please Contact
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SPACE IS LIMITED! SIGN UP TODAY!!!



Bill & Patty Beard

NEW MEMBER PROFILE

Bill was born and grew up in Lakewood, Ohio. Patty was born in Alliance, Ohio and grew up in Sebring, Ohio. Her family included one older brother. After graduating from high school, they both attended Ashland College. This was where they met and began their relationship. Bill majored in Accounting and Patty majored in Vocational Home Economics. Then it was off into the world to build their careers. Patty chose a path in the Teaching profession for 30 years. She started off serving at Parkside Junior High in Westlake, then Columbia High School, next Adult Education at Polaris and finishing at Brooklyn dedicating her final 25 years here! Bill focused on the Banking/Commercial industry to use his knowledge. Both have retired now.

Patty and Bill have raised a family of 3 children. Ben, who is 40 years old, graduated from the University of Cincinnati with a Computer Engineering degree. He is married to Jackie who is also a UC alum. They have 2 girls - Kelly (10) and Sydney (7). They reside in Solon, Ohio. Blake, age 28, is also a UC graduate with a degree in Electrical Engineering. He has recently moved back to the Cleveland area from Arlington, Virginia, Now he lives in Battery Park and is a contractor for NASA. Brent, who is 36 years old, is married to Dania, both Ashland University graduates. Brent has a law degree from John Marshall. They are POP members with their 3 children Logan (8), Landon (6) and Leela (1 ½ years). As the family has grown, the grandchildren have become a Joy to share their Love.

As the former St. Andrews Church had merged with Prince of Peace, we received a wonderful gift. Patty and Bill became members here to Grow in Faith, Serve in Love, Live in Peace! Patty has served as a Eucharistic Minister at Bickford Care Center, offering worship and communion to those unable to attend our services. She has also been on the Church Council. Bill has contributed his talents to serving on the Finance Committee with a focus on keeping our operations financially sound. We have been able to expand our missions as a result.

They both enjoy the challenges of playing golf. They have participated in the Youth Fundraiser Golf event put on by Buds and Suds, and always seem to have a low score. I may have to ask them for some tips as I shoot at the opposite end of the scorecard, very high! Travel is another interest they share. Patty also likes sewing and machine embroidery. One thing people may not know is that Patty can ride a unicycle, or at least a little!

I'm glad I learned more about these dedicated Christians that share the Love of God! You'll enjoy meeting them after the service, they have much to offer our congregation.

By Tom Robinholt : Profile Reporter

PASTOR CHARLIE'S BLOG



2 Peter 3:8-15a

8Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. 9The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. 10But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed.

11Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, 12waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? 13But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home.

14Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; 15and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

The actress, Helen Hayes, told a story in her autobiography. It was Thanksgiving Day, and she was cooking her first turkey dinner for her family. Before serving it, she announced to her husband and son: "Now I know this is the first turkey I have ever cooked. If it isn't any good, I don't want anybody to say a word. We will just get up from the table, without comment, and go out to a restaurant to eat."

With that, she returned to the kitchen. When she returned to the dining room with the turkey on the platter, she found her husband and son seated at the table... WITH THEIR HATS AND COATS ON! Talk about confidence – they were confident it was going to be a trip to the restaurant for Thanksgiving!

At times, aren't we like that when it comes to our relationship with God? We have problems in our lives, burdens that weigh us down. We pray to God and ask God to lift the burdens from our shoulders. But no sooner do we give it up to God, that we shoulder it once again, and think God doesn't care – he hasn't heard our prayers, and certainly doesn't want to do anything about them.

In times like these, God seems distant – God's promises aren't for us, and this church stuff seems worthless. We wonder where God is in the midst of the turmoil of the world. In the crowds we find ourselves in this time of year, why do we feel so alone?

In the letter of 1st Peter, the Peter deals with pressing concerns regarding the final advent of Jesus, especially concerns that could arise over its apparent delay. The author of the letter calls on Christians to anticipate the promised coming of the Lord through conduct dedicated to God.

Peter speaks words of confidence to us when we are impatient, and unsure of God's presence and power in our lives. Peter writes, "the Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you!" He continues, "... in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and new earth, where righteousness is at home."

As we prepare, may we do so in confidence. Confident our relationship with God is strong and founded firm on Gospel of Jesus Christ. We are confident that:

Our sins are forgiven

We are loved

We belong to God

Christ has died, Christ is Risen, Christ will come again!

God promises – and God always keeps his promises!

Let us Pray: Good and gracious God, when we waver and wonder and wander, grant us your sure and certain confidence that we belong to you and you will never let us go. Amen, Come Lord Jesus!

Travel Quest Family Event Planned

Sunday. Dec.10 St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Vermillion
51st annual Live Nativity Village Free will offering. Refreshments will be provided.
Car pools will depart PoP at 3:30 pm. Please sign up in the Narthex!



Interact is Back

The adult discussion group is back on Sunday mornings from 10:15 to 10:55 in the Charter room. Come join us to talk about how our faith impacts the world around us. This fall's topic is "What is the Church's role in getting us to stop arguing with our neighbor?" Please join us. If you miss a week, no problem. You don't need to come every week to keep up. We'll help you along.



Year End Giving

If you would like to make a gift to Prince of Peace in 2023 towards your 2024 giving, please put a note in with your contribution or let our Financial Secretary, Barb Fronczak (bartonhab@gmail.com), know so we can allocate it properly.

Also, if you have a required minimum distribution on your IRA, check with your financial advisor to see if it will benefit you to direct some of that distribution to Prince of Peace. -The Finance Committee

Choir

Choir meets on Thursdays at 7:30 pm.
Please consider joining for practice and worship!





Thank You

ALTAR GUILD

WE APPRECIATE YOUR EFFORTS TO MAKE OUR SANCTUARY BEAUTIFUL AND SPECIAL AGAIN FOR THIS CHRISTMAS.



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 October 31st, 2023:	\$376,905	\$8,566.02
% of Annual 2023 Budget Received to Date:	84%	
Remaining Giving Required to Meet 2023 Budget:	\$69,595	\$8,699.38
Remaining Giving Required to Meet 2023 Stretch Goal (i.e. Cover Cost Budget):	\$87,595	\$10,949.38



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, December 10, 2023

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:

November 26	Griffin (Grandson of Jean Kidder) Randy Zinram (Youngest Brother of Steve Zinram) Family of Joe Hudak, (Father of former POP member, Elaine Messersmith)
December 3	Earl (Fran Wilhelm's brother-in-law) Rourke Tom Siedler (Fran Wilhelm's first cousin) Debbie Lester (Liz Grider daughter in law's mother) Mark Straquafine (husband of Liz Grider's coworker) Marge Jaracz Joan Gruber (Kathy Kettler's cousin)
December 10	Ron Filkill Cheryl Morrison (Mike Weber's sister) Timothy Balch (Richard Balch's Brother)

Happy Birthday

Date	Online	In Person	Total
12/03/2023	40	178	218
11/26/2023	46	162	208
11/19/2023	16	187	203
Thanksgiving Service		100	
11/12/2023	30	163	193

12/01 Jackson Pogachar
 12/01 Taylor Reisner
 12/01 Ruth Ann Whitbeck
 12/02 Charlie Koch
 12/02 Dolph Rolik
 12/05 Landon Beard
 12/06 Franklin Kraps
 12/07 Craig Juhn
 12/07 Nolan Gleespen
 12/08 Christie Wiedt
 12/09 Marge Jaracz
 12/10 Laurel Covell
 12/10 Lora Robinholt
 12/10 Monica Dragony
 12/11 Sara Burdette
 12/11 Jann Daniels
 12/13 Ian Cornick
 12/13 Ruth Mortensen
 12/16 Joe Rowe
 12/18 Bud Zanders
 12/18 Justice Strieter
 12/18 Matthew Roman
 12/21 Diane Schlegel
 12/21 Matthew Wenham
 12/23 Jim Dickey IV
 12/24 Uwe Susemihl
 12/25 Matthew Alspach
 12/29 Roger Hauser
 12/30 Mike Gleespen
 12/31 Amy Hrouda
 12/31 Russ Bauknecht

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

12/11 John & Judy Cuciak
 12/12 Don & Diane Miller
 12/17 Dave & Carol Novotny
 12/19 Diane & Walter Diekroger
 12/28 Lowell & Jane Dillon
 12/29 Marge & Jim Jaracz
 12/30 Robert & Mary Mayer

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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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