

September 25th, 2026

PEACE CONNECTION

Sisters In Spirit

SIS would like to personally invite you to participate in our first event. Please join us for painting pumpkins and a blind wine tasting. This presentation will take place in the Prince of Peace Pavilion on Saturday, October 3rd at 1:00 PM. Participants, please bring a pumpkin to paint and a Pinot wine (either Grigio or Noir) in a plain (brown) paper bag. If you do not wish to partake in the wine tasting, still come with your pumpkin. Or if you do not wish to paint, come for the pinot! RSVP is not necessary. Painting supplies will be provided. We will be particularly proud to have so many people partake in the Pumpkins and Pinot party even if it's just to exchange pleasantries with each other at our powwow. Please contact Monica Dragony at mkmonica66@gmail.com or Ruth Mortensen deacranm@sbcglobal.net if you need to probe for more particulars. We are collecting donations for the Women in Transition Program... please bring personal care items (tampons, pads) toiletry items (hairbrushes, toothpaste and brushes, soap, shampoo/conditioner, hand cream, underclothing items (bras, panties & socks only), or an umbrella.

Sisters In Spirit

Please wear your Sisters in Spirit kimonos Sept 20 and 27 to help advertise our first event taking place on October 3rd!

LMM 2100 Lakeside Men's Shelter Update

We are actively working on a date for our next Prepare and Serve event and also will once again engage in our annual Boots and Socks for Christmas ministry starting in November. Stay tuned for both! In the meantime, the men's shelter has specifically identified a number of specific requests from those they serve and some urgent needs for hygiene products:

- Specific Requests: New or gently used bibles, men's wallets, and men's belts.
- Urgent Hygiene Requests: Soap, Toothbrushes, Deodorant, Lotion, Socks, Wash Cloths, and Mouthwash

If you feel called to donate any of these supplies, please feel free to bring in and leave by the donation station in the admin wing.

Any questions, please reach out to

Shawn Merhaut at mmm375@yahoo.com

Thank you!



Friday, September 25th
Pastor Doug's Day Off
9:00 am Herb Guild
12:30 pm Young at Heart

Saturday, September 26th
2:00 pm Organ Practice

Sunday, September 27th
9:00 am Praise Worship
10:00 am Sunday Gospel Study
11:00 am Traditional Worship

Monday, September 28th
10:00 am Staff Meeting
3:00 pm Organ Practice
7:00 pm SOAP Bible Study

Tuesday, September 29th
9:00 am Herb Guild
1:30 pm Watercolor Class with Mel
6:45 pm CrossFire Rehearsal
7:00 pm Pastor Doug's Bible Study

Wednesday, September 30th
8:30 am Lifeline Screening
2:00 pm Pastor Doug Bible Study

Thursday, October 1st
Sexton's Day Off
9:00 am FLOW
3:00 pm Organ Practice
7:30 pm Choir Practice

Friday, October 2nd
Pastor Doug's Day Off
9:00 am Herb Guild

Saturday, October 3rd
1:00 pm SIS Pumpkin Paint & Pinots
2:00 pm Organ Practice

Sunday, October 4th
9:00 am Praise Worship
10:00 am Children's Sunday School
10:00 am Sunday Gospel Study
11:00 am Traditional Worship
4:00 pm Confirmation Class Picnic
7:00 pm Council Meeting

Monday, October 5th
9:00 am Herb Guild
10:00 am Staff Meeting
1:00 pm Comfort Quilters
3:00 pm Organ Practice
7:00 pm SOAP Bible Study

Tuesday, October 6th
9:00 am Herb Guild
6:45 pm CrossFire Rehearsal
7:00 pm Pastor Doug's Bible Study

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

SOAP Bible Study

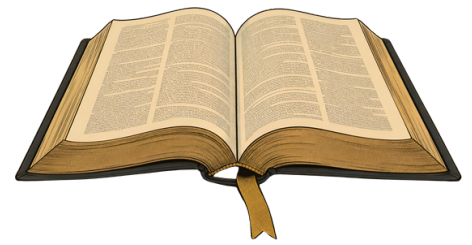
Join us on Mondays at 7:00 pm for SOAP Bible Study. Our upcoming readings are:

9/28 Romans 1

10/5 Zechariah 13

10/12 Revelation 19

10/19 Mark 15-16



Bereavement Announcement

PoP member, Bob Mittag, died on September 17. If you wish to express your condolences to his wife, Cindy, her address is: 1046 Brook Lane, Rocky River, Ohio 44116

<https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/name/robert-mittag-obituary?id=62511088>

Tables for Eight

Tables for Eight (T48) was created to help build our church community one relationship at a time. We reshuffle the groups 3x annually and now is that time. We encourage the groups to get together once a month so that everyone has an opportunity to host their group. Hosting could be a gathering at their house with everyone contributing something to the event. It could also be to do a group outing to plays or musicals, playing putt putt or shuffle board, going out to eat, or attending Open Mic night. We want everyone to have an opportunity to get to know each other without placing much burden on any one person or couple. If you are currently participating in T48 and want to continue, there's no need to do anything. If you are participating and are unavailable to continue or are not participating and want to, please let Dave or Jan Saunders know. If you have any questions, please ask Jan (jan.saunders.art@gmail.com) or Dave Saunders (david.w.saundersoh@gmail.com).



Save the Date!
Sunday
October 11, 2026

OMNI, with the support of **Prince of Peace**,
presents a fundraiser

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

Concert & Auction
Featuring *Colin Dussault's Blues Project*

Proceeds will provide food, education & medical care for vulnerable
children at the OMNI Children's Village in Zambia, Africa.
Learn more about OMNI at www.omnimissions.com



Orphan Medical Network International
a 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization

Foodbank Help Day

Prince of Peace has an opportunity for members and friends to help out the Second Harvest Foodbank at 5510 Baumhart Road, Lorain, Ohio 44053 on Monday, October 19, 2026. We will meet at the Foodbank at 5:00 pm for pizza and at 5:30 pm begin sorting and repacking donated food items until 7:00 p.m. It is a fun experience with tasks for all. Volunteers must be 16 or older per the Food Bank's policy.

We are looking for up to 15 people to help out that evening. Please contact Charlie Koch at (440) 478-9235 or email him at cakoch13@aol.com to let him know you are planning to attend. You can also use the sign-up sheet in the lower narthex. A link to sign up as a volunteer on the Second Harvest web site for this repack day at secondharvestfoodbank.org will be provided as we get closer to the repack day.

SISTERS IN SPIRIT

2026-2027 PLANS



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3RD FROM 1-4 PM. PAINT A PUMPKIN AND SAMPLE PINOT IN THE PEACE PAVILION. BRING YOUR LUNCH, A PUMPKIN AND A PINOT... PAINTS PROVIDED. WATCH FOR DETAILS. ORGANIZED BY MONICA DRAGONY AND RUTH MORTENSEN



ADVENT TEA, SUNDAY DECEMBER 6TH FROM 2-4 PM. ORGANIZED BY JUDY KAZAK

CHRISTMAS TOAST WITH BUDS & SUDS, DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED. ORGANIZED BY LAUREL COVELL.



MOVIE NIGHT AT PRINCE OF PEACE, SATURDAY JANUARY 23RD AT 5:30 PM. BRING YOUR DINNER AND A DONATION FOR SECOND HARVEST FOOD BANK (ITEMS NEEDED TBA)... ORGANIZED BY JOAN DROBNAK AND BETH COMNICK.



WHITE ELEPHANT BINGO PARTY AT PRINCE OF PEACE, SATURDAY APRIL 10TH FROM 12-2 PM. BRING A WRAPPED WHITE ELEPHANT GIFT AND A SNACK TO SHARE. WE WILL COLLECT DONATIONS FOR FRIENDSHIP APL, ITEMS TBA. ORGANIZED BY LINDA THOMPSON AND BETH COMNICK



HUNTINGTON BEACH, WEDNESDAY JULY 21ST AT 5 PM, BRING YOUR OWN DINNER & DRINK, MEET RAIN OR SHINE. BE READY TO SIT FOR A BIT AND THEN SWITCH SEATS! CAR POOLING IS SUGGESTED AS THERE WILL BE LIVE MUSIC. YOU MAY WANT TO BRING A LAWN CHAIR TO ENJOY THE MUSIC AFTER DINNER. ORGANIZED BY LAUREL COVELL

IF ANYONE WOULD LIKE TO ORGANIZE AN ADDITIONAL EVENT PLEASE DO!
CONTACT ANY OF US WITH QUESTIONS... JOAN DROBNAK JDROBN@GMAIL.COM, MONICA DRAGONY MKMONICA66@GMAIL.COM, LINDA THOMPSON LTHOMPSON416@GMAIL.COM, LAUREL COVELL THECOVELLS@GMAIL.COM, BETH COMNICK BCOMNICK@OUTLOOK.COM

Member Profile Story

Paul Winslow



Paul was born at the US Military Academy at West Point. He grew up in the Buffalo, NY area and was the oldest of three children. His two sisters live in the Erie, PA area having moved there from Ballston Spa, NY and in Fulton, NY. Paul went to Cleveland Hill HS, in Cheektowaga, NY. He went to and graduated from Capital University in Columbus. His major was mathematics with a minor in physical education. He continued his studies and got his master's degree in mathematics from the University of Dayton.

Paul met the love of his life, Jean Fleisher, early in his freshman year at Capital. They dated through college and married after they graduated. Jean was from the Cleveland area and was a graduate of John Marshall HS in Cleveland. They were married at Bethany English Lutheran Church in Cleveland. Jean and Paul both got jobs in the Brooklyn, Ohio school system. Paul was teaching math and she was teaching third grade. Paul was also coaching football. Jean taught for four years before they started to raise a family. Paul taught in the Brooklyn schools for 31 years before retiring. He only coached football for five years.

In the 1970's two of Paul's teacher friends bought an ice cream/sandwich store. It seemed like an interesting idea, so he got together with another teacher and bought a different one. They ran the store together for about 15 years until Paul bought him out. Although it was a seasonal business, they had a lot of overlapping months where they were teaching and running the store. After he bought his friend out, Paul continued to run the store until 2010, much with the help of his wife. A total of 31 years on that, too. It was a lot easier to run it and gave him something to do after he retired from teaching. Paul was also a member of the Board of Directors of the Brooklyn School Employees Credit Union and was President for about 20 years until they merged with PSE Credit Union.

Jean and Paul raised two children, Mark, 53 and Laurie, 49. Mark and his wife, Madonna (who they met when she worked for Paul at the ice cream store) live in Charlotte, NC. Mark graduated from Ohio University (master's from Cleveland State) is a pension analyst and Madonna works in the gifts department at Catholic Charities. Laurie started at Valparaiso University and after a 9 month stint in Japan with her husband graduated from the University of Wisconsin. Both her and her husband, John, live in Alexandria, VA and are teachers.

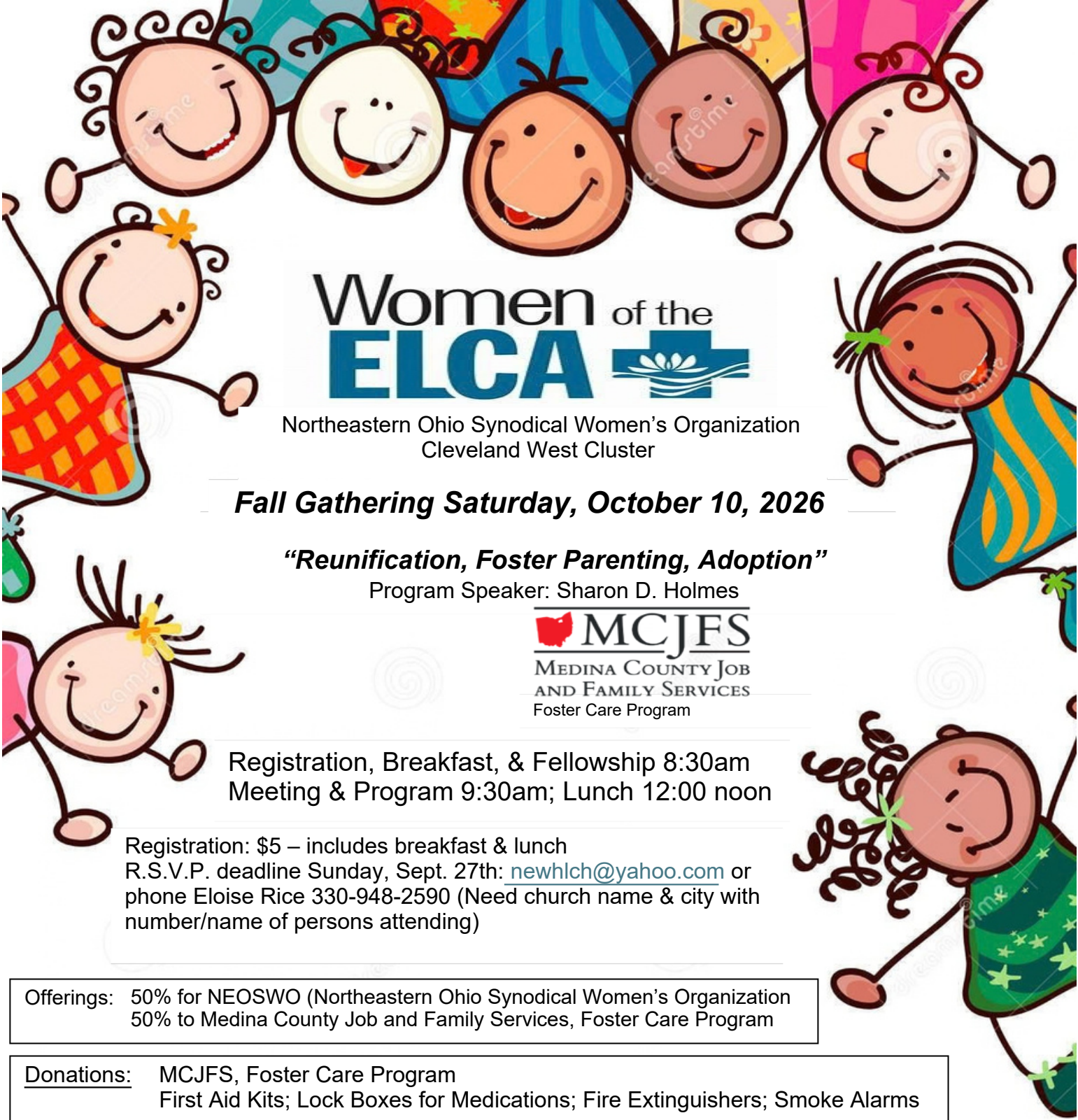
Jean and Paul came to POP when they came over with a dedicated group of parishioners when Saint Andrews Lutheran merged with POP. They always found POP to be a welcoming community. They attended the 11:00 service because, being lifelong Lutherans, they enjoyed the traditional service and hymns. Over the years he has had several hobbies that include model railroading and dog showing. They raised five different Old English Sheepdogs, only once did they have more than one at a time. They always enjoyed their loving goofy personalities. They were members of the Old English Sheepdog Club of America for over fifty years.

In 2009, their son introduced Jean and Paul to geocaching. One of the descriptions of what it is, is the phrase "We are using the billion-dollar satellite program to hunt Tupperware containers in the woods." There is a very active group of geocachers in NE Ohio. Jean and Paul (yes, she finally opened her own account) had "cached" in all 50 states and the nine provinces and territories of Canada and a total of eight different countries. They took many memorable and legendary trips that included tourist things and of course geocaching. Paul lost Jean in 2022.

Since Jean's passing, Paul has been doing even more caching. He has developed a deep personal relationship with one of his geocaching friends and has traveled extensively. In February they spent two and a half weeks traveling in Florida, Georgia, and Alabama. In April they visited one of their enjoyable spots, Nashville. In May they took a trip from an event in New York State to an event in Kansas via the UP of Michigan, Wisconsin and the Dakotas. Not exactly a straight line. In June they spent 10 days visiting Iceland. In August they spent 29 days visiting some events in Oklahoma and Colorado and visiting many of the states between and around. Paul hid a cache on POP property (with permission) back in the woods. Yes, Paul claims he is addicted!

One thing that people may not know about Paul, is that several years ago his son researched their heritage and was able to verify what they were always told that they were related to the Winslow families that came over on the Mayflower! Please offer Paul a genuine "Peace be with You" when you see him at church. He has much to contribute to our community!

By Tom Robinholt : Profile Reporter



Women of the **ELCA**

Northeastern Ohio Synodical Women's Organization
Cleveland West Cluster

Fall Gathering Saturday, October 10, 2026

"Reunification, Foster Parenting, Adoption"

Program Speaker: Sharon D. Holmes



Registration, Breakfast, & Fellowship 8:30am
Meeting & Program 9:30am; Lunch 12:00 noon

Registration: \$5 – includes breakfast & lunch
R.S.V.P. deadline Sunday, Sept. 27th: newhlch@yahoo.com or
phone Eloise Rice 330-948-2590 (Need church name & city with
number/name of persons attending)

Offerings: 50% for NEOSWO (Northeastern Ohio Synodical Women's Organization)
50% to Medina County Job and Family Services, Foster Care Program

Donations: MCJFS, Foster Care Program
First Aid Kits; Lock Boxes for Medications; Fire Extinguishers; Smoke Alarms

In Kind Gifts: JBF Senior Estates, Spencer, OH
Paper Products (toilet paper, paper towels, Kleenex); Cleaning Products (laundry
detergent, dish soap); Personal Hygiene Products (deodorant, toothpaste,
shampoo, hand soap)

New Horizons Lutheran Church

8439RiverCorners Road, Homerville, OH 44235

Email: newhlch@yahoo.com Website: newhorizonshomerville.com
(Handicap Accessible)



OMNI is devoted to sustained improvements in the lives of orphaned and vulnerable children in Zambia, Africa through medical care, education, and community development in an atmosphere of Christian faith and hope that is respectful to indigenous cultures.

OMNI's serves those children with the greatest financial need whose families cannot afford the expenses of public schools. Nearly all of our students live in the George Compound – a small village located near the eastern edge of OMNI's property. With the help of our loyal sponsors, our children receive a quality education, school supplies, a daily hot meal, uniforms and shoes, clean drinking water both at home and at school, chemically-treated anti-malaria nets for sleeping, medical care, and Christian guidance from our dedicated staff. OMNI School is currently serving over 300 students.

“OMNI school home feeding support program is helping to change people's lives and aids in managing the absolute poverty levels faced by the people of George compound and the whole country. Before the home feeding support program was introduced we received reports from teachers that learners collapsed in class during lessons due to hunger as they could go for days without eating anything at their homes. Most children depend on the hot meal provided at school every day during school hours, but most could face challenges over the weekends.

At present Zambia is the 6th poorest country in the world, according to the World Bank. This is being driven by high levels of food insecurity, high cost of living, and significant hours of no power supplies just to mention a few items impacting our community and country.

Clean drinking water is one of the serious concerns for our community as there is no running water from the taps in the village. People get their drinking water from make shift wells which contributes to an increase of water borne diseases as pit latrine toilets are so close to the water sources. OMNI school helps to manage this very difficult water situation by providing clean water to the community of George from the water source at our two boreholes. (one electrical and one solar water pumping system).”

Teddy Kasonga – OMNI School Manager



Excited children from the community of George beginning their education at OMNI School

Orphan Medical Network International

501c3 non-profit organization ● www.omnmissions.com

Your support of OMNI via child sponsorships and the Bluz Over Africa benefit on October 11, 2026 are critical to these children and their families and community.

Thank you for helping us . . . save one child at a time.



Sunday, September 27th, 2026

Prayer requests may be sent to Sue Hosler, chairwoman of the Prayer

Chain Ministry at: suehosler@yahoo.com or to the church office at:

princeofpeacewestlake@gmail.com

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

Prayer Request - Long Term

Emily Saunders (PoP Member)
Pam Rotella (PoP Member)
Al Tielke (PoP Member)
Angela Missig (Daughter of Gloria Starr)
Laura K (Friend of Deb Gibbons)
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)
Angelica Brophy (Daughter-in-law of Jann Daniel's Friend)

Recent prayer requests received within the past 3 weeks:

September 13

Shoko Morton (Wife of PoP member, Tom Morton)
Patch Song and Family (Friend of Tony Perez)
Jane Carlson (PoP Member)

September 20

Jerry Karp (PoP Member)

September 27

Chloe (Granddaughter of Jane Dillon's friend)
Friends & family of Bob Mittag (PoP Member)
Cathy Curry (Friend of PoP member, Joanne Burns)

Happy Birthday

Attendance at Prince of Peace

Bill Beard 9/01
 Emily Saunders 9/01
 Ben Hallowell 9/02
 Tim Regan Sr 9/05
 Jacob Jablonski 9/05
 Tessa Comnick 9/06
 Thomas Hartung 9/08
 Ken Krueger 9/11
 Caden Vinci 9/12
 Joan Drobnak 9/12
 William Pearce 9/12
 Rebecca Wagoner 9/13
 Sami Jablonski 9/14
 Brent Juhn 9/15
 David Johnston 9/15

Carol Spagnuolo 9/15
 Kara Vinci 9/17
 Eric Fortuna 9/17
 Dan Fronczak 9/18
 James Dickey V 9/20
 Aaron Katrincsak 9/23
 Deb Gibbons 9/26
 Marsha Regan 9/29
 Remi Bailey 9/30

Date	Online	In Person	Total
09/20/2026	134	137	271
09/13/2026	62	123	185
09/06/2026	123	115	238
08/30/2026	N/A	141	141



Mark & Rusty Blakeslee 9/08
 Matthew & Lola Wenham 9/09
 David & Stephanie Pogachar 9/09
 Sara & Tom Vitko 9/12
 Richard & Sally Balch 9/19

Second Harvest

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

Giving Data

Operating Giving Report	YTD	AVG/Week
Total Giving as of August 31st 2026:	\$357,418	\$10,211
% of Annual 2026 Budget Received to Date:	69%	
Remaining Giving to Meet 2026 Budget	\$161,582	\$9,504
Total Expenses Incurred through 8/31/26	\$333,577	\$9,530



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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.