

# Palm Sunday

PEACE CONNECTIONS

April 1, 2020

## Let Us Pray

My Dear Friends,

If you had told me two weeks ago that we would not be gathering together in person for Holy Week services, I would have thought that you were joking. And yet, here we are. As I write this, we are continuing to work on online worship improvements, wondering if it is safe to share palm branches on the Homeless Jesus Bench, and watching the news every day in great trepidation.

We at Prince of Peace all long for you to experience a meaningful, worshipful, and contemplative Holy Week. To that end, we will be posting short services on Youtube every day, Monday through Saturday, with prayers, readings, brief meditations, and links to music. We may even be able to merge music into the services, if the pastor and the sound technician can figure it out! I hope that you will find in the services a guide to this important week in the life of Jesus, as well as a companion on this week in our own tumultuous lives.

Grace and peace to you all,

Pastor Robin



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## Sunday Online Worship Service

Worship online with us this Sunday at 10:00 am! Please visit our website where you will find the Sunday Bulletin as well as Pr. Robin's Sunday sermon. You can also subscribe to our [YouTube Channel](#) and view our library of videos. We encourage viewers to comment with one another. The comment section can be found below the video.

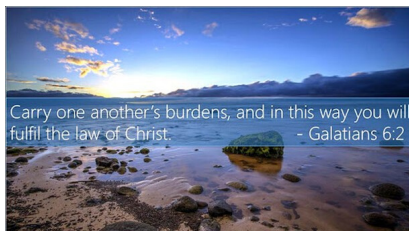
[Worship Online](#)

## Thank You!

Thank you to all of you who responded to our request to assist members of our congregation, either by volunteering to run errands or by making phone calls to members. So far, I haven't had anyone request assistance but I'm sure that will change as this pandemic continues. Please continue to call each other. I know I am feeling the stress of staying at home and social distancing – the loneliness and feeling of isolation. I have heard from so many people that they appreciate the calls and knowing their church family cares for them. Stay in touch with family, friends and loved ones (FaceTime is a great way to do this). And until we can all be together again, stay safe. Judy Kazak

## Helping Our Congregation

While we are not physically together most of the time right now, we can continue to care for one another. Judy Kazak has graciously offered to serve as our Volunteer Coordinator for needs that arise in our congregation during this time in which we are trying to protect the health of all.



First and foremost, please keep all of our members, friends, and staff in prayer.

Secondly, please text Judy at 440-476-6318 or email her at [judykazak@yahoo.com](mailto:judykazak@yahoo.com) if you are in need of assistance or if you know someone who is, or if you are willing to offer help. Judy will connect those who need help with those who can provide it. Possibilities include:

- Purchasing and delivering groceries
- Running other small errands, to places such as pharmacies or dry cleaners
- Driving someone to a medical appointment
- Taking dogs out – briefly!
- An hour of childcare so that mom or dad can take care of something

While we do not recommend visits at this time, the Pastor and Caring Connection Corps are all reaching out to homebound members with calls and emails. If you do visit someone, please follow all the published precautions:

- Physical distance of several feet
- Hand-washing and/or hand sanitizer
- Sanitizing any surfaces you touch, including kitchen counters, bathrooms, and pet spaces.

Thank you for all that you do to care for our congregation.

Grace and peace, Pastor Robin and Judy Kazak

## Facebook Daily Prayers

Look for Pr. Robin's Daily Prayers on the [POP Facebook](#) page. Pr. Robin is posting daily prayers at noon.



## Calendar

April 1-12, 2020

Wednesday, April 1  
7:00 pm Organ Practice

Thursday, April 2  
*Sexton Day Off*  
No FLOW  
7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal - Canceled

Friday, April 3  
*Pr. Robin Day Off*

Saturday, April 4  
10:00 am Organ Practice

Sunday, April 5  
[10:00 am Palm Sunday Online Worship Service](#)

Monday, April 6  
[10:00 am Online Monday Prayer Service](#)

Tuesday, April 7  
[10:00 am Online Tuesday Prayer Service](#)  
7:00 pm CrossFire Rehearsal - Canceled

Wednesday, April 8  
[10 am Online Wednesday Prayer Service](#)  
7:00 pm Organ Practice

Thursday, April 9  
[10 am Maundy Thursday Online Service](#)

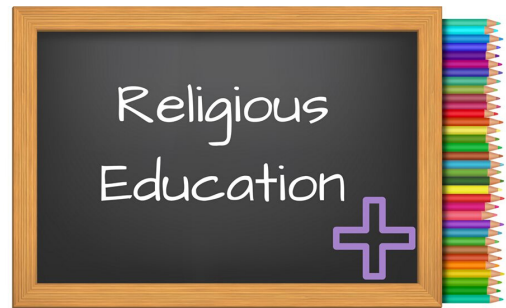
Friday, April 10  
[10:00 am Good Friday Online Service](#)

Saturday, April 11  
[10:00 am Holy Saturday Online Service](#)

Sunday, April 12  
[10:00 am Online Easter Sunday Worship Service](#)

# Christian Education News

Daily thoughts about you  
Daily reminder that you are important  
Daily prayers for you  
Daily prayers for your family  
Daily prayers for our neighbors  
Daily reminder that God is good  
Daily thoughts that we will get through this together



Stay safe and healthy; looking forward to seeing everyone as soon as possible, Beverly Braun

## Easter Activities Kit

Please contact Beverly at [ChristianEducation.POP@gmail.com](mailto:ChristianEducation.POP@gmail.com) or call/text 216-767-3427 if you would like to receive an Easter activities kit for your family.



## Create a Family Prayer

Use the "[Today We Pray For](#)" form to create a personalized prayer for your family. Print the form and throughout the day write down who and what you would like to pray for. Use at meal time or bedtime for prayers. When Sunday School resumes we can bring our prayer lists and share them with each other.

## Fun Activities

[Religious Coloring Pages](#)

[Author Read Aloud](#)

**Thank you** Daniaea Beard for hosting a PK-K Sunday School class using Zoom. It was great to see all who participated and looking forward to it again.

Please send your email address: [ChristianEducation.POP@gmail.com](mailto:ChristianEducation.POP@gmail.com) if you'd like to receive information about future classes.

For more information, visit our website at: [Prince of Peace Christian Education](#)

# Second Harvest Food Bank

*The novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) has disrupted life around the planet and the only certainty is the landscape for the world and Ohio is changing daily.*

*The Second Harvest team has a contingency plan and is approaching this newest challenge with hope and steadfast resolve...but they need our support.*

*Every donation helps strengthen their efforts; for every \$10 donated they can provide 50 meals to families struggling with hunger in our region.*



# Prince of Peace Youth

Join us for worship this Sunday! YouTubeNike Training Club is now offering FREE fitness videos through their app. Sign up now to stay fit during quarantine!

"Bliss and Grit" a podcast for integrating somatic practices, psychology, spirituality, and transformation through meditation.

Daily prayers are an easy part of starting and continuing your faith practice. Join in these personalized prayers with us. It only takes 5 minutes a day to pray. [Facebook Daily Prayers](#)

[YouVersion Bible App](#) - I strongly encourage everyone to download this bible app if you haven't already. There are daily scripture verses, reading plans, devotionals, and so much more. Join me in the devotional above from Hillsong Youth and Young Adults called, "Fear of God//Stand in Awe". This 14 day plan gives you a daily devotional and scripture centered around the theme of understanding what it means to "fear" God and stand in His awe. Click on the photo above!

[Mindful Parenting in a Messy World](#) - A podcast for parents who long to be meaningfully connected to themselves and their children, even as the demands and complexities of modern life are accelerate. [Listen here](#)

[Good News](#) - Follow this page on Instagram for good news from all around the world daily!

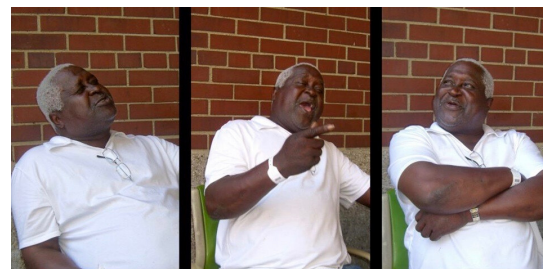


Your generous online offering allows us to preach the gospel, make disciples, and support others in our community who need help especially during these challenging times. As a community, we are grateful for one another's loving support. [ONLINE GIVING](#)

## LMM's Portraits of Homelessness ~ Photos and stories of men who are homeless.

**This week's feature: Willie Griggs**

I wrote Black poetry in the 60s to the mid-70s. It was a flavor of the times—about opening your eyes to who you were as a black person in America. I was with a group that combined poetry with singing and dance until we got it just right—juuust riiight. If you listened to our poetry and music you could feel the frustration.



We came from the ghettos of Detroit and Chicago and New Jersey. My wife was in the group and did the dancing. She worked for WDET, the radio station at Wayne State University in Detroit.

Today, the Afro-American museum is right around the corner from Wayne State. It's a be-u-tee-full museum. I would like to perform there someday. They've got a large enough auditorium to hold my big ego. Ha-ha-ha-ha. Some people could be offended by the poetry I do. Take my poem "Summertime."

*It's summertime,  
Yes, but what did you say the living was,  
Easy?  
I'm a man,  
But I'm oppressed in a racist land:  
I don't work no where, I can't pay my rent,  
I've got six babies and two wives,  
I'm of African descent.  
But hush, baby, don't cry;  
It's summertime, yes, it's summertime.*

# Homeless Jesus Bench

The 'Homeless Jesus' bench is currently displayed at Prince of Peace now through May 4, 2020. "Jesus is portrayed as a homeless person, sleeping on a park bench. His face and hands are obscured, hidden under a blanket but crucifixion wounds on his feet reveal his identity. The statue has been described as a visual translation of the Gospel of Matthew passage in which Jesus tells his disciples, "as you did it to one of the least of my brothers, you did it to me"."



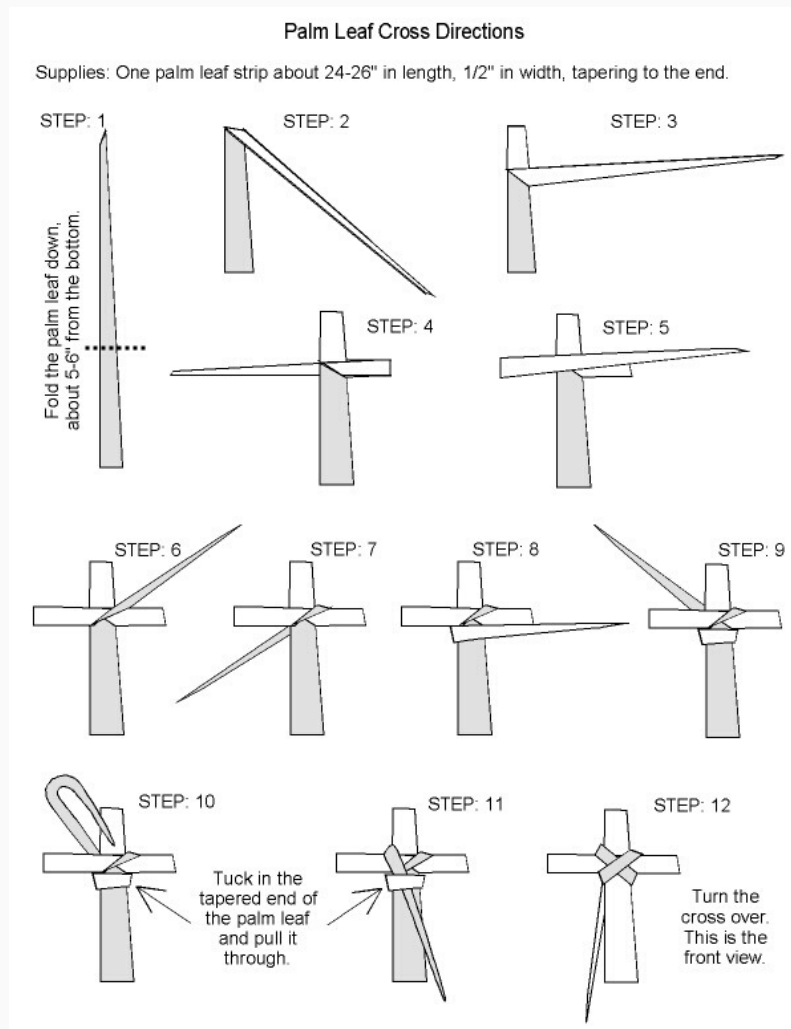
The piece is "love made visible to touch our hearts, inspire kindness, love and charity." You are invited to sit on the bench and consider the possibility. The statue is on loan from Cleveland West Foundation. Artist Timothy Schmalz.

# Pick Up Your Palms

This year's palms will be available for pickup **this Saturday, April 4th** next to the *Homeless Jesus Bench* outside our lower narthex door. Please use appropriate precautions of physical distancing and hand-washing if you come to pick up palms.



To make your Palm Leaf Cross, please use the instructions below.



# Prayer Concerns

**Please join us in praying for members and friends with recent needs:** Beverly Braun, Eric Carlson (son of Jane Carlson), Edith Dus-Garden (friend of Ellie Sanow and Lia Staaf), Ron Filkill, Diane Joseph, Judy Kazak and Family, Bob Skufca and friend Sylvia, Don Southham (friend of Ellie Sanow and Lia Staaf). **Also, we pray for chronic, long-term care needs:** Charlotte (gr. granddaughter of Jan Schoch), Ren (granddaughter of Linda Baumbach), Carole Anderson (relative of Lia Staaf), Stephanie Bailey (niece of Mary Sue Claus), Jeannine Blakeslee, Cathy Blitz (sister-in-law of Jann Daniels), Joanne & Tony Cacciatore, Don Chismar, Marcia Drysdale (friend of Jane Dillon), Sam Fekete (brother of Mary Sue Claus), Matthew Gilbride, Denny Giza (friend of Ellie Sanow), Chris Henry (nephew of Lisa Arrigo), Dawn Higgins (neighbor of Fran Molnar), Gale Johnson (friend of Kathy Kettler), Gail Jones, Deanne Lahner (niece of Mary Sue Claus), Gary Lucas (father of Hilary Lucas), Angela Missig (daughter of Gloria Starr), Lois Reichert, Pam Rotella, Karla Sexton (friend of Pat Sprague), Lonneke Smilor (daughter-in-law of Lois Smilor), Phil Smits (friend of Jan Juhn). **Please notify the office of prayer concerns. These names will be shared with our prayer chain ministry & remain on our prayer list during Sunday worship for 3 weeks.** In Death: Larry Renman.

## Giving Report

Weekly Operating Giving as of March 29, 2020: \$88,726  
 13 Sundays at \$7,500 Budgeted: \$97,500  
 Giving Shortfall as of March 29, 2020 \$(8,774)



04/03 Benjamin Beard	04/17 Thomas Morton
04/03 Tracy Biller	04/17 Mark Wiedt
04/03 Luke Ventimiglia	04/18 Benjamin Fortuna
04/04 Anita Bauknecht	04/18 Francine Molnar
04/04 Samuel Dickey	04/19 Susan Stevens
04/05 Becky Rowe	04/20 Matthew Olah
04/05 Cindy Zinram	04/20 Norm Rehark
04/05 Steve Zinram	04/21 Amy Babinski
04/07 Sarah Bruening	04/23 Carley Frey
04/07 Haley Hackett	04/23 Abbey Smylie
04/07 Mason Reisner	04/24 Laurie Vorobej
04/08 Charles Schmidt	04/25 Bill Boor
04/10 Jacob Arthur	04/26 Ellen Babinski
04/13 Mark Givens	04/26 Aili MacKenzie
04/13 Eli Hallowell	04/27 Avianna Carimi
04/14 Tim Gibbons	04/28 Becky Kear
04/16 Suzanne Kothari	04/28 Sally Poirier
04/16 Mason Rowe	04/28 Helga Susemihl



## Happy Anniversary!

04/06 Bob & Della Thompson
04/07 Grant & Beth Cornick
04/11 Dave & Laurel Covell
04/26 Susan & Paul Franz
04/28 Susan & TJ Worscroft

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### Office Hours

Mon, Tues & Thurs, Fri, 7:00 am - 11:00 am  
 Monday - Thursday, 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm

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### Sunday Worship Services

9:00 am Contemporary & 11:00 am Traditional

### Christian Education

Sundays at 10:10 - 10:50 am for all ages

### Child Care

Adult supervised child care for children 5 and under is offered for both services and during the Christian Education hour between services.