



"I am the true vine"

PEACE CONNECTIONS
April 28, 2021

9:00 am and 11:00 am In-Person Worship Services

Prince of Peace welcome's you to worship with us on Sunday morning! Prince of Peace continues to follow all health guidelines directed by our Governor and The Ohio Department of Health. Please keep in mind that Cuyahoga County and our surrounding counties are still in the Red Zone. As the county continues to recover, the mask mandate placed on July 17th, and reinstated on Nov. 12th will still be in effect.

RESERVATIONS:

Worship changes:

- Reservations required but no assigned seating
- 9am and 11am service still pre-recorded through May - same service at both times
- social hour in between services
- continue to let Megan Harber know if you are fully vaccinated if you have not yet.



A Message from Pr. Charlie

[9:00 am](#) and [11:00 am](#) Sunday Worship Service Sign Up Link

1) Scroll down to an open sign-up spot. 2) Click the box that says "Sign Up", a check mark should indicate that it has been chosen. 3) Once the box is marked, click "Submit and Sign Up" button 4) Fill in your First and Last name, and in the comment box with the number of people you plan to attend, and if you need specific seating due to hard of hearing/vision, or preference. 5) Once everything is filled in click "Sign Up Now".*If you have any complications or questions please call the church office. If no one can pick up the phone at the time of your call, please leave a message and we will get back to you as soon as we can.

PHONE RESERVATIONS:

For those who do not have access to a computer or smartphone there are five family group spots available for reservations by phone. To reserve your spot please call the office at 440/871-5565. Please leave a voicemail with your groups first and last name, the total amount of people in your group, and your phone number (so we can call back and verify your reservation was received, or to let you know that all the call reservations have been filled). Phone reservations can be made **now through Friday, April 30th at 11:59 pm.**

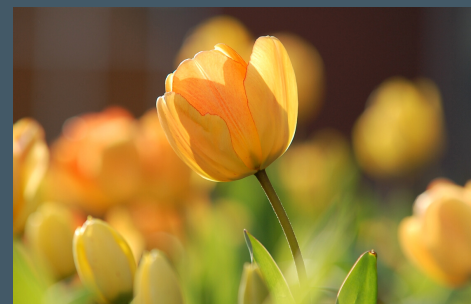
*Members and friends who are fully vaccinated, if you feel comfortable sitting a little closer to others who are fully vaccinated, please email our Office Administrator Megan Harber (popw.officemanage@gmail.com) and let her know you feel comfortable sitting closer to others. *If you have already let her know, you do not need to email her again.**

Sunday Online Worship Services at 8:00 am



This Sunday, worship with us online!

Please visit our [website](#) where you will find the Sunday Bulletin, music, prayers and Pr. Charlie's Sunday sermon.



April 28-May 9, 2021

Wednesday, April 28
12:00 pm Caring Connections
7:00 pm Organ Practice

Thursday, April 29
9:00 am FLOW

Friday, April 30

Saturday, May 1
10:00 am Organ Practice

Sunday, May 2
Last Day of Christian Education
8:00 am Online Worship Service
10:00 am In-Person Service/by appt.
11:15 am Adult Gospel Study

Monday, May 3
6:00 pm Council Exec Meeting
7 pm Bible Study - All are welcome!

Tuesday, May 4

Wednesday, May 5
7:00 pm Organ Practice

Thursday, May 6
12:00 pm FLOW

Friday, May 7

Saturday, May 8
10:00 am Organ Practice

Sunday, May 9
8:00 am Online Worship Service
10:00 am In-Person Service/by appt.
11:15 am Adult Gospel Study

The mission of Prince of Peace is to inspire followers of Jesus Christ through service, spiritual growth, and hospitality.



Online Giving

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](#)

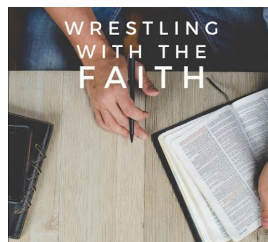
Second Harvest Food Bank



For the months of **April-June** requested items are Canned Tuna Fish and Canned Fruits. The collection containers are located as you enter the Education Wing. Thank you!

"Wrestling with the Faith" Episode 17

Hi everyone! We would like to thank everyone for the support we've received as we've started the WWTF podcast. As we continue grow the podcast, we would love to hear more from you! If you have any topics you would like us to cover, guests you would like us to have on, or any other feedback, please send us an email at wwtfpodcast.pop@gmail.com! We look forward to hearing from you. Keep wrestling!



In this series, we will be taking lessons from upcoming Sundays and discussing what they mean to us and to our lives. These discussions will be available on the first and third week of each month on the Prince of Peace YouTube channel. Get your thinking caps ready and let's have some great conversations!"

Check out the latest episode of the [Wrestling with the Faith podcast](#). Tune into "WWTF" Episode 17! In this episode, we wrestle with Acts 4:5-12, *The Rejected Become the Cornerstone*. Join us in our discussion and let us know your thoughts in the comments section! You can watch on YouTube, Spotify, Apple or Google...your choice!



Prince of Peace Youth

As you know, 2020/2021 is a very unique year as far as programming and Sunday School. But don't fear! We have plenty of great things in store for you!

Thank you to everyone that donated blood with the Red Cross on Sunday March 21st!
Our drive registered 35 total donors, collected 28 pints of blood and recruited 4 first-time donors!
Our next drive will be **Sunday, May 23rd**. [Register Now](#)



**American
Red Cross**

Graduating Seniors!



Hello Graduating Seniors!

Congratulations on making it to the end of the year in what has been one of the craziest years of our lives!

We want to celebrate you and your success with the church family of Prince of Peace. We will put together a display board and post your photo in the Peace Connections so that everyone can celebrate your accomplishments with you!

Please send us the following information so that we can put together the displays: poplutheranyouth@gmail.com

- Name
- High School
- Any awards or honors received
- College/Vocation school you will be attending (if not applicable, share what you plan to do next, ex. military, work, etc.)
- Course of study (if not decided you can leave blank)
- Any special scholarships received for college (example: soccer program scholarship, leave blank if not applicable)

We are all looking forward to celebrating with you! I will be sending you details in the coming weeks of how we will do the recognition ceremony whether it will be in person or if we will ask for recordings from you. Thank you! -Hilary Lucas

Prince of Peace has made the decision to re-open for all ministry activities!

If you would like to resume your regular meetings, please contact Office Administrator, Megan Harber at popw.officemanage@gmail.com to coordinate set-up and scheduling.

Prince of Peace Safety Protocols: fully vaccinated individuals not exempt from protocols

- Masks are to be worn at all times; remain socially distanced; wipe down any surfaces used; please limit one person in a bathroom at a time; sanitize hands as needed; limit food and drink brought into the building

Basic building reminders prior to leaving:

- Make sure all lights are turned off; all doors and windows are locked and secured

Women's Re-Entry

With the spring weather, there is a great need for umbrellas, along with socks, toiletries, hygiene products and underwear. Items can be dropped off at the donation station.

Sorry, but we are not accepting other clothing donations at this time.

Thank you! Questions, please contact Jan Filkill 440/871-6673.



Prince of Peace Cares Assisted Living & Nursing Home Visitation Outreach Ministry

This activity consists of Sunday visitation to nearby Assisted Living/Nursing Home facilities where a short Communion service is held. Before the Covid 19 pandemic hit in early 2020, these visitations were taking place at Westlake Village, Arden Court, and Bickford of Rocky River. Communion kits were prepared by the Altar Guild and blessed during the 9:00 am service.



Pat and I can only speak to the visitations at Bickford of Rocky River (former Sunrise Assisted Living). In the way of a little history, Pat and I joined Prince of Peace in 2008 when our Saint Andrew Lutheran Church closed its doors and our congregation chose to make POP our new home. The visitation program called "Saint Andrew Cares" was developed at St. Andrew and our visits began at Sunrise assisted Living. When we came to POP, we continued this ministry with volunteers each week covering a Sunday so it has been active on a weekly basis for over 25 years at this same location! As part of her work as Congregational Care Coordinator, Judy Kazak provided coordination of the visitation volunteers. Other Bickford volunteers included Barb Fronczak, Patty Beard, Judy Rolik, as well Judy Kazak.

At Bickford (Sunrise), the Communion service was held in the Alzheimer's wing. Attendance would range from two or three to as many as ten or twelve, usually based on the willingness of the staff to gather the residents. Many times we had to go and do personal invitations, helping with walkers, wheel chairs, etc. Both of our mothers had forms of dementia so we were knowledgeable of the challenges associated with this condition.

At the beginning of our time together, we just spent some time talking about things happening in our lives. Loneliness is a bitter pill to swallow in these conditions and we found that spending a few minutes in these general conversations focused their attention. Short term memory may be lacking but we were often amazed at the earlier life recollections. We sometimes read very short stories of books borrowed from the Sunday school library. The actual service was read from a bulletin that was the same each time except for the reading of the Gospel. There were sometimes interruptions of all types, some got up and walked out, some needed to get their meds, some even fell asleep even though the service reading only lasted about fifteen minutes. When it came time to say the Lords Prayer, we were always amazed that most were still able to say the prayer with us. Of course the Catholic members omitted the last sentence!

Communion was distributed using the host and grape juice from the kit. At the end of the service, we would go around the room and shake their hand and thank them for attending. This was one of the most emotional times for us as we looked into their eyes and saw the gratitude for our visit! One highlight of one of our visits was presenting a quilt to each person attending that Sunday. These were provided by our Prince of Peace Comfort Quilters. The smiles on their faces were heart warming and very touching!

Over the years we have been involved with this ministry we have become friends with these souls as they approach the end of their lives. We always make sure to remind them that the best is yet to come! Phil & Pat Sprague



Lutheran Marriage Encounter - What a Relief!

If your marriage has had some struggles during the pandemic, you are not alone! The virus has put a great deal of stress on a lot of marriages, and others simply need some time to focus on just being a couple. So now is the perfect time to sign up to attend a **Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend June 11 – 13**. This is designed to bless your relationship, whether you have been married a year or 60+, or whether you are happy, arguing, or "doing ok."

This year we are offering this Virtual Weekend in June so that you can experience this powerful event in the comfort, safety, and privacy of your own home, and for just \$100.

Registration deadline is June 4th, to allow for the mailing of materials to your home. (Should complications arise, your payment is refundable. And if \$100 causes you financial hardship, scholarship assistance may be available.)

Go to: [GodLovesMarriage](https://www.godlovesmarriage.com) Questions: contact Dale & Ruth Mortensen d.r.mortensen@sbcglobal.net

THE PANCAKE PROJECT



SUNDAY MAY 9TH
MOTHER'S DAY
9AM - 11:30AM



Drive up to POP and pick up your homemade breakfast for you and the family!
No dishes to clean! Tell everyone you know! All proceeds to benefit Christian Education

Meals include:

3 "silver dollar" pancakes
2 pork sausage links
Scrambled eggs

Registration now open.

To reserve your meal in advance, RSVP using this [LINK](#)



Blessing of the Pets Pet Adoption

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
28455 Center Ridge Road
Westlake, Ohio 44145

SATURDAY, MAY 22, 2021
12:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Our dear pets need the Lord's blessing
as much as we do!
Bring your pets for a blessing.

Dogs must be on a lead at all times

Other animals must be on a lead
or secured in a carrying cage
of some type.

All Creatures Great and Small!

Travel Quest! Ark Encounter Group



Time to Travel Again ... Let's explore the book of Genesis!

GROUP TRAVEL DATES: Depart - Sunday OCTOBER 3, 2021
Return - Monday OCTOBER 4, 2021

Americans are traveling again... Finally! Let's join them and experience the Ark Encounter and its sister attraction, the Creation Museum. The Ark is the largest timber structure in the World today!

Join the Prince of Peace (Westlake, Ohio) "Travel Quest Group" and Joe from Touched By Travel as they head to Northern Kentucky on a Biblical Bus Odyssey to delve into the book of Genesis and the stories of Creation and the Great Flood.

Package includes round trip deluxe motor coach transportation, snacks & bottled water on board, 1 night accommodations, admission to the Ark Encounter, and admission to the Creation Museum, 1 dinner, 1 lunch, 1 breakfast, and all taxes are included!

Package rates are at \$289 per person based on 2 in a room. Single, triple, and quad rates are available on request.

All checks and/or money orders made payable to: TOUCHED BY TRAVEL, 1217 Pheasant Run Lane, Ashland, OH 44805.

DEPOSIT: \$100 per person DUE BY JUNE 1, 2021

FINAL PAYMENT: DUE BY SEPTEMBER 1, 2021

(Phone Joe at Touched By Travel 419 207-8004 to book or for more information
OR send an email to: frantzthetripmaker@yahoo.com)

Get out of your house. Book your spot soon. Don't wait; come join us and experience the wonder of our truly awesome God!!



Prayer Concerns

Please join us in praying for members and friends with recent needs: Paul (brother of Diane Merhaut), James Braun Sr., Ian Faleer and Family, Family of Carl Grispino (friend of Gerry and Fran Wilhelm), Marie Piotrowski (neighbor of Jan and Dave Saunders), Emily Saunders, Family of Lance Thickpenny (friends of Jan and Dave Saunders) .

Also, we pray for chronic, long-term care needs: Charlotte (gr. granddaughter of Jan Schoch), Ren (granddaughter of Linda Baumbach), Stephanie Bailey (niece of Mary Sue Claus), Pr. Sherman Bishop, Cathy Blitz (sister-in-law of Jann Daniels), Joanne & Tony Cacciatore, Don Chismar, Marcia Drysdale (friend of Jane Dillon), Matthew Gilbride, Denny Giza (friend of Ellie Sanow), Midge Group (friend of Deb Gibbons), Chris Henry (nephew of Lisa Arrigo), Dawn Higgins (neighbor of Fran Molnar), Wendy Jenkins (friend of Deb Gibbons), Gale Johnson (friend of Kathy Kettler), Gail Jones, Deanne Lahner (niece of Mary Sue Claus), Angela Missig (daughter of Gloria Starr), Steve Park (cousin of Deb Gibbons), Lois Reichert, Katy Rolik (daughter of Dolph and Judy), Deanna Rose, Pam Rotella, Karla Sexton (friend of Pat Sprague). **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: Zoraida Gonzalez (mother-in-law of Ian Faleer).

Giving Report

Operating Giving through March 31, 2021	\$ 91,833
Percent of Annual Budget Received	26%
Remaining Goal	\$258,167

Attendance at Prince of Peace

<u>Date</u>	<u>Online</u>	<u>In Person</u>	<u>Total</u>
04/25/2021	39	67	106
04/18/2021	41	71	112
04/11/2021	53	66	119
04/04/2021	157	125	282



04/27 Avianna Carimi	05/02 Gail Jones
04/28 Becky Kear	05/03 Grant Cornick
04/28 Sally Poirier	05/03 Brian Drobnak
04/28 Helga Susemihl	05/06 Lois Smilor
05/01 Jim Lappin	05/07 Ben Blakeslee
05/01 Dineen Terstage	05/07 Lillian Fortuna
05/02 Lillian Franz	05/08 Dave Saunders
05/02 Abbie Gleespen	05/09 Josh Dragony

Happy Anniversary!

04/28 Susan & TJ Worsencroft
05/10 Dennis & Terry MacKenzie

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Office Hours

During the Covid-19 crisis, we have limited office hours:
Monday and Friday 10 am-3 pm; Sunday 8:30-11:30 am

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Sunday Worship Services

8:00 am online worship service
10:00 am in person by reservation

Christian Education - Sundays online

Child Care - Currently suspended due to Covid.