

September 13th, 2024

PEACE CONNECTION

Friday September 13th
Pastor Charlie's Day Off

Saturday September 14th
2:00 pm Organ Practice

Sunday September 15th
9 & 11 am In Person Worship
10:00 am Christian Education
10:30 am Arden Courts

Monday September 16th
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 September 17th
6:15 pm CrossFire Rehearsal
1:30 pm Watercolor Class

Wednesday September 18th
2:00 pm Book & Bible Study with
Pastor Charlie

Thursday September 19th
Sexton's Day Off
11:00 am FLOW
3:00 pm Organ Practice
7:30 pm Choir Practice

Friday September 20th
Pastor Charlie's Day Off

Saturday September 21st
2:00 pm Organ Practice

Sunday September 22nd
9 & 11 am In Person Worship
10:00 am Christian Education
8:00 am Red Cross Blood Drive

Monday September 23rd
10:00 am Staff Meeting
7:00 pm SOAP Bible Study

Tuesday September 24th
6:15 pm CrossFire Rehearsal

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



Food Bank Repack Opportunity

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 Tuesday, October 29, 2024. 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.



Watercolor Class

Watercolor class will be moving from Wednesday to Tuesday beginning on Sept. 17th. The classes will be every other week. Time will be the same, from 1:30 - 3:30 pm.



Young at Heart

September Young at Heart Lunch! Please join us on Friday, September 27th 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, Ohio. Please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the lower lobby.



Tables for Eight Reshuffle

Tables for Eight is in the process of reshuffling the groups. If you are currently part of T48 and want to continue, you don't need to do anything. If you are currently active in T48 but need to sit out the upcoming session, please let Jan and I know. If you are not currently active in T48 but want to be included in the upcoming session, also please let Jan & I know. Anyone can also join T48 at any time - just let Jan and I know and we will gladly add you to a group. Any questions. . . you got it - ask Jan or me. Jan's email is jan.saunders.art@gmail.com and mine is david.w.saundersoh@gmail.com.



Orphan Medical Network International

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August 27, 2024

Dear Prince of Peace General Endowment Fund:

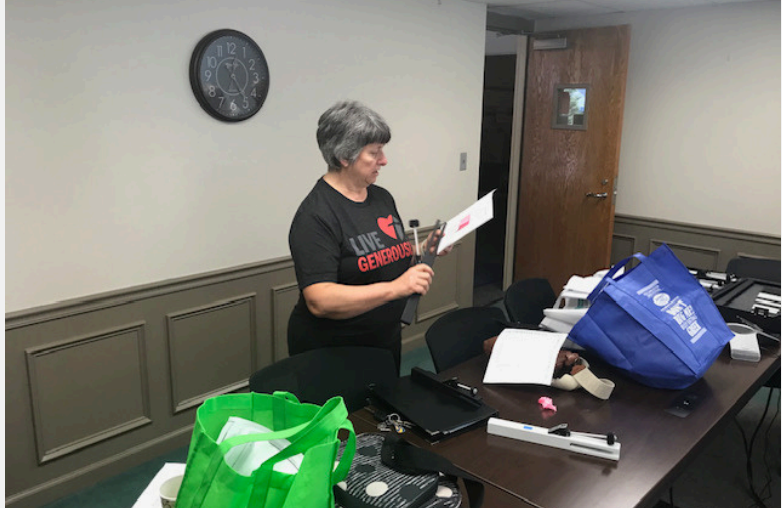
Thank you for your generous support of Precious Mwansa, Humphrey Songolo and Nathan Zimba with your recent sponsorship gift of \$1,260. This gift helps us provide them with a quality education, a daily hot meal, school uniforms, provisions for clean drinking water, and medical care – all in an atmosphere of Christian love.

This is the 25th year that OMNI has served the poor through medical missions, educational opportunities and community support in Zambia. This year more than others, your support is greatly needed due to the extreme drought and inflation impacting the people of Zambia. We are grateful for your compassion and support of OMNI's missions.

Blessings,

Karen Throckmorton

GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS



God's Work, Our hands Thank You!

Heartfelt thanks to all of the many planners and volunteers who either lent their time and/or provided donations to make this year's God's work. Our hands. event a tremendous success! All 5 projects had a tremendous turnout and everyone seemed to really enjoy themselves! Below is a brief summary of each event that all of you made possible!

- Lutheran Metropolitan Ministries 2100 Lakeside Men's Shelter Lunches (Bev Braun)
 - ~300 lunches delivered with extra food donated to the shelter for use
 - Many bags of donated clothes from our ongoing ministry
 - Left over toothbrushes and nail clippers from the Lutheran World Relief event
 - Thank you Bev Braun for leading this initiative!
- Friendship Animal Protective League (Sue Stevens)
 - 15 units of dog food (4 bags, 6 cans, 4 containers, 1 box pouches)
 - 7 packages of dog treats
 - 2 packages of training/pee pads
 - 40 units of cat food (24 cans, 1 bag, 12 cups, 3 packs)
 - 5 packages of cat treats
 - 1 cat bed
 - 1 floor cat scratcher
 - 1 bottle of catnip spray
 - More than \$250 in monetary donations
 - Thank you Sue Stevens for leading this event!
 - Pamphlets describing how to volunteer at the shelter were left in the lower lobby. Talk to Sue Stevens for details!
- S.A.C.K. Support a Community with Kindness Soap Sacks (Joanne Burns)
 - > 100 soap sacks knitted
 - Too much soap to actually count!
 - Many new knitters learning a new skill and experienced knitters lending their expertise.
 - We will keep a soap collection going throughout the year as an ongoing ministry.
 - Thank you Joanne for leading this event!
- Brookside Handbells (Teresa Peter)
 - 12 volunteers ringing or singing to up to 25 audience members
 - So well received that Teresa and group were asked to take their show on the road again and come back to perform for the Clarebridge department!
 - Thank you Teresa for leading this event!
- Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kits (Shawn Merhaut)
 - 116 Personal Care Kits assembled and boxed up
 - Thank you the Endowment Committee for helping fund.
 - Kits will be taken to Seville the weekend of Oct 19/20 where they will be delivered to the distribution center.

As always, we are truly humbled and grateful for all of you and this incredibly generous church family!

Thank you!

Shawn & Diane Merhaut on behalf of the God's work. Our hands. Planning and Engagement Committees




ARE YOU READY FOR...

SUNDAY SCHOOL



RALLY DAY SEPT. 29TH

Join us for a small
craft at 10:10AM in
the Sunday School
wing to kick off the
new school year



SISTERS IN SPIRIT

2024-2025

A decorative border featuring several orange butterflies of various sizes and a cluster of orange cosmos flowers with green centers and leaves. The border is composed of multiple overlapping, thin gold-colored geometric lines forming a large, irregular shape.

FALL: FRIENDSGIVING, SATURDAY NOVEMBER 16TH, 12-2 PM IN FELLOWSHIP HALL, BRING YOUR OWN LUNCH AND A DONATION FOR SECOND HARVEST FOOD PANTRY ORGANIZED BY JOAN DROBNAK, MONICA DRAGONY & RUTH MORTENSEN

WINTER: MOVIE NIGHT AT POP, SATURDAY MARCH 1ST, 5:30 PM BROWN BAG; BRING DONATION FOR FRIENDSHIP APL (ITEMS NEEDED TBA), ORGANIZED BY JOAN DROBNAK & BETH COMNICK

SPRING: GATHERING AT POP, SATURDAY MAY 31ST, 12-2 PM, BRING YOUR OWN LUNCH AND A DONATION TBA. WE WILL PAINT A POT FOR SPRING, DETAILS WILL FOLLOW. ORGANIZED BY LINDA THOMPSON & BETH COMNICK

SUMMER: HUNTINGTON BEACH, WEDNESDAY JULY 9TH, 6 PM. BRING YOUR OWN DINNER & BEVERAGE, MEET RAIN OR SHINE! ORGANIZED BY LAUREL COVELL

IF ANYONE WOULD LIKE TO ORGANIZE AN ADDITIONAL EVENT PLEASE DO! CONTACT ANY OF US WITH QUESTIONS!
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BIBLE STUDY

Theme : The ministry of St. Paul

WE ARE EXCITED TO SHARE THAT WE WILL BE RESUMING ON AUGUST 14.

**STARTING AUGUST 21, WE WILL BE USING A DVD AND BOOK BY ADAM HAMILTON ENTITLED "THE CALL." IT IS ABOUT THE MINISTRY OF ST PAUL, WHICH IS APPROPRIATE FOR THOSE OF US TRAVELING TO GREECE IN OCTOBER!
THE BOOK IS NOT REQUIRED, BUT YOU CAN GET IT ON AMAZON- PAPERBACK OR KINDLE.**

ALL ARE WELCOME. WE MEET IN THE CHARTER ROOM!

Wednesday	Subject	Notes
8/14	Gospel	Daily Discipleship
8/21	The Call - Adam Hamilton	Chapter 1
8/28	The Call - Adam Hamilton	Chapter 2
9/4	The Call - Adam Hamilton	Chapter 3
9/11	The Call - Adam Hamilton	Chapter 4
9/18	The Call - Adam Hamilton	Chapter 5
9/25	The Call - Adam Hamilton	Chapter 6
10/2	Off	Greece Trip
10/9	Off	Greece Trip
10/16	Gospel	Daily Discipleship
10/23	Some Reflections from our Trip to Greece	
10/30	Gospel	Daily Discipleship
11/6	Gospel	Daily Discipleship
11/13	Gospel	Daily Discipleship
11/20	Gospel	Daily Discipleship



Matthew 21:23-32

When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" 24Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. 25Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' 26But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." 27So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

28"What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' 29He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. 30The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. 31Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. 32For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him."

Jesus offers a Parable – we can all relate:

The family's at breakfast and dividing up the chores for the day. "Right, it's your turn to work in the vineyard." Then comes the explosion. "No way, I hate that vineyard, I hate grapes, I want to do what I want to do with my friends. I won't go." Then, later he changes his mind and goes. This is the defiant teen-ager who seems to answer every question with the word, "No!" This child is the one who causes the parents to look with disbelief at the teacher at Open House when they are told how wonderful their child is - how perfect he is in class - how well-behaved and well-mannered he is. Does the teacher think we are someone else's parents? The child says NO, but turns around, and does what is asked.

Father takes a deep breath. Turning to Son # 2. "Son, you also go work in the vineyard." "Gee, I'd love to go. We all need to pull our weight. It's going to take lots of money to send us to university. Here I go off to work." But he doesn't go. Now you don't want too much of that stuff before your second cup of coffee in the morning! The first son can really ruin a nice morning, but he redeems the afternoon. The second son makes you feel good initially. He's the sort of kid you want to deal with at breakfast, especially if you're not a morning person. So, this second son makes you feel good initially, but he's a disappointment by dinnertime.

The second child might as well be named "Eddie Haskell." Remember Eddie Haskell? He was one of Wally Cleaver's friends in the 50's TV show "Leave It To Beaver." Whenever Eddie came over, he was usually up to no good - and often would get Wally and the Beaver into trouble. But whenever Eddie entered the Cleaver household, he was the politest, most gracious, most well-mannered child. "My Mrs. Cleaver, you look lovely today - are those new pearls?" His words are affirming - his actions are not!

Now this parable is not just about how we respond to authority. Theologian David Lose says this parable also has to do with how we regard the past. One son says he'll help out and doesn't follow. The other son, however, is the focus of the parable. For he says he will not help but does. Whatever may have motivated his initial response - he was already committed, he was feeling overwhelmed by prior obligations, he was annoyed that his father is always asking for help, he nursed a grudge about a time he felt his father didn't help him, whatever - he recognizes that the future is always open. He can still respond to his father's request and invitation, and as he does, he proves himself faithful and lives into his father's hopes for him.

At this pivotal moment in Matthew's story about Jesus, and through this deceptively simple parable, Jesus is inviting his adversaries into an open future, one not dominated by the arguments and opposition of the past, but one that is open to the movement of God's spirit to heal, revive, restore, and make all things new. The chief priests and elders do not accept this invitation. They have too much at stake in the past - it has created for them their primary identity and, whatever its limitations, they have become dependent on that identity - and so they refuse to trade that past for an open future. But those who are down and out, those who discover that the identity created by their past does not bring them life - represented here by "tax collectors and prostitutes," two categories of people whose actions supposedly remove them beyond the pale of decent society - grab hold of Jesus' promise with both hands.

Know this: Jesus makes this same promise to us. No matter what we have done, no matter what may have been done to us, the future is still open. Whatever hurt we may have experienced or done in the past is, ultimately, in the past. We do not have to allow it to determine or dominate our future. We do not have to drag our past on our back the way a snail does its shell. We are, finally, more than the sum total of all that has happened to us. The future is open. It may be hard - really, really hard - to let go of the past and walk into the future. The past, after all, we at least know, and even our dysfunctional identities are at least familiar, whereas the future is so open it can be scary.

But God, the author of all life who sent his son to take our sins upon himself, it is this God who is always ready to invite a new relationship with us. God who will not count our past deeds, mistakes, griefs, or hurts against us. God who refuses to define us by what we do (or what has been done to us), but instead regards us always and only as God's beloved children.

Take a moment to consider those things in your past - those things you have done or have been done to you - that you most regret or resent...and I invite you to let them go. Consign them to the past, to no longer give these past things authority over your life. Don't stop there. Take the next step on the journey - walk into an open future defined not by regrets, hurts, and resentments but instead by God's promise to be with us and for us forever.

Say YES to God's future for your life, and let God be the author and authority of that future.

Let us pray: Dear God, we often allow things from our past to dominate our present and close off our future. But you have promised that you love us no matter what, and so we offer our hurts, regrets, and resentments to you, trusting that you already know them and love us anyway. Help us to believe about ourselves what you believe about us: that we are worthy of love and respect. And help us to treat others as you have treated us: as those who deserve love and respect. All this we ask in the name of Jesus, the one who died on the cross to show us the depth of your love. Amen."

Save the Date!

Mark your calendar for our next OMNI Bluz Event! We will be holding it on October 13th! Be a part of OMNI's biggest annual fundraiser!



Second Harvest

For September the requested items are peanut butter & canned meats



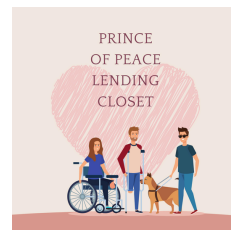
Giving Data

Operating Giving Report	YTD	AVG/Week
Total Giving as of July 31st, 2024:	\$321,003	\$9,441.27
% of Annual 2024 Budget Received to Date:	66%	
Remaining Giving to Meet 2024 Budget:	\$164,997	\$9,166.50
Total Expenses incurred through 7/31/24	\$318,388	\$9,364.35



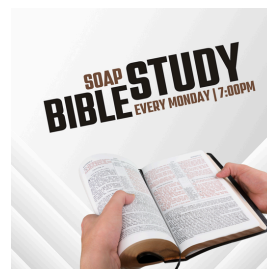
Lending Closet

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!



SOAP Bible Study

Schedule:
 9/16: Luke 17
 9/23: Luke 18
 9/30: Luke 19



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, September 15, 2024

Prayer Request - Long Term

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

Ren	Granddaughter of Linda Baumbach
Patty Doran	Sister-in-law of Chuck Sieving
Dawn Higgins	Neighbor of Fran Molnar
Jayne Kramic	Friend of Kathy McCollum
Angela Missig	Daughter of Gloria Starr
Jenn Pitts	Daughter of Judy Kazak
Lois Reichert	
Pam Rotella	
Bill Sweeny	Friend of Kathy McCollum
Robert Sieving	Brother of Chuck Sieving
Al Tielke	
Mike Hosler	
Chris Sikora	
Claudette Plavan	
Hilary Mason	
Kathy and Tim Needham	
Judy Kazak	
Cynthia Flores	

Recent prayer requests received within the past 3 weeks:

September 1	Ron Karl and Family (Friend of Rusty Blakeslee) Levi (first great grandchild of the Fronczak's) Sandie (Gloria Starr's sister)
September 8	Doug Olson and Family Sarah (Shari Demby's coworker) Melanie Wood (Lisa Woodward's friend) Gail, Ashley, and Ayesha (friends of Deb Gibbons)
September 15	Eunice Reynolds (Matt Wenham's grandmother)

Happy Birthday

Date	Online	In Person	Total
09/08/2024	21	145	166
09/01/2024	21	127	148
08/25/2024	22	110	132
08/18/2024	34	148	182

- 09/01 Bill Beard
- 09/01 Emily Saunders
- 09/02 Ben Hallowell
- 09/05 Jacob Jablonski
- 09/05 Tim Regan Sr.
- 09/06 Tessa Cornick
- 09/07 Adam Sanders
- 09/08 Donna Fagerhaug
- 09/09 Scott Goggin Jr.
- 09/09 Joseph Arthur
- 09/11 Ken Krueger
- 09/12 Joan Drobnak
- 09/12 William Pearce
- 09/12 Caden Vinci
- 09/13 Rebecca Wagoner
- 09/14 Sami Jablonski
- 09/15 Brent Juhn
- 09/15 Michelle Mixter
- 09/17 Eric Fortuna
- 09/17 Karen Vinci
- 09/18 Dan Fronczak
- 09/20 James Dickey V
- 09/23 Aaron Katrincsak
- 09/24 T.J. Worsencroft
- 09/26 Deb Gibbons
- 09/26 Rian Dillon
- 09/29 Alli Walker
- 09/29 Marsha Regan
- 09/30 Remi Bailey

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

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

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Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 9-3

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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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