

PEACE CONNECTION

7/7/23

Young at Heart

Please join us on Friday, July 28, 2023 at 12:30 pm.
We will be enjoying good food and fellowship at Smokin' Mary's BBQ,
located at:

34173 Center Ridge Rd.
North Ridgeville, OH

Please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the lower lobby.
Questions, contact Kathy Kettler at(440)734-6511.



Travel Quest

There are still a few tickets remaining for the Porthouse Theatre on Sunday, July 9. For the 3:00pm Matinee performance of Marvelous Wonderettes, Cost \$25. Please contact Tom Splawski or Fran Wilhelm. Transportation provided.

Friday July 7th
Pastor Charlie's Day Off

Saturday July 8th
2:00 pm Organ Practice
Council Retreat

Sunday July 9th
9 & 11 In Person Worship
10:00 am Blood Pressure Screening
10:00 am Adult Gospel Study
1:00 pm Buds and Suds Golf Outing
3:00 pm Travel Quest Event

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

Tuesday July 11th
6:15 pm CrossFire Rehearsal

Wednesday July 12th
7:00 pm Council Exec Comm

Thursday July 13th
Sexton's Day Off
9:00 am Herb Guild Culinary
Workshop
3:00 pm Organ Practice

Friday July 13th
Pastor Charlie's Day Off

Saturday July 14th
2:00 pm Organ Practice

Sunday July 15th
9 & 11 In Person Worship
10:30 am Arden Courts
1:00 pm Blossom Hill Service
4:30 Ice Cream Social

Monday July 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 July 17th
6:15 CrossFire Rehearsal

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

6th “almost” Annual National Youth Gathering Golf Outing 4-Person 9-Hole Scramble

Proceeds to benefit POP teens trip to NYG

Sunday, July 9th* 1pm at Bob-O-Links on Route 83 in Avon



Dinner and raffle prizes after golf. Come for dinner only at 4pm.

\$50 per person for 9 holes, cart, dinner

Make checks payable to Prince of Peace note the Youth Gathering in the memo line. Sign up your foursome at POP or contact Dave Covell to sign up.

This event is organized by the Buds & Suds Men’s Group of Prince of Peace
For more info please contact TJ Worsencroft at (440)541-7898 or Dan Fronczak at (440)221-6411
or Dave Covell (440) 567-4101

*Inclement weather - golf may be canceled, but dinner is still on starting at 4:30 pm

ICE CREAM SOCIAL



Mark your
calendar now!

Church Parking Lot
July 16th
4:30 - 6:30



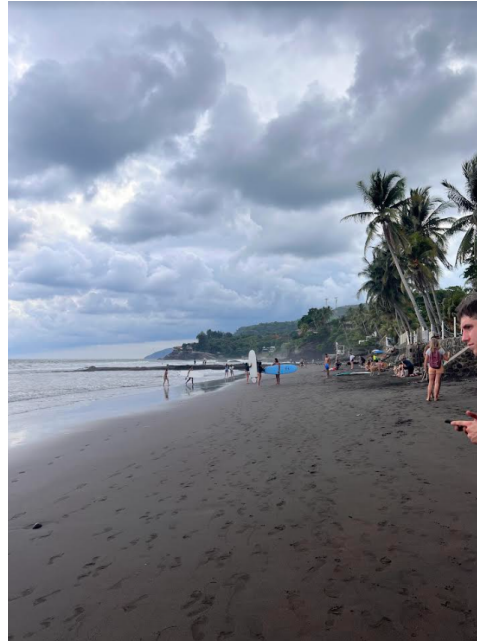
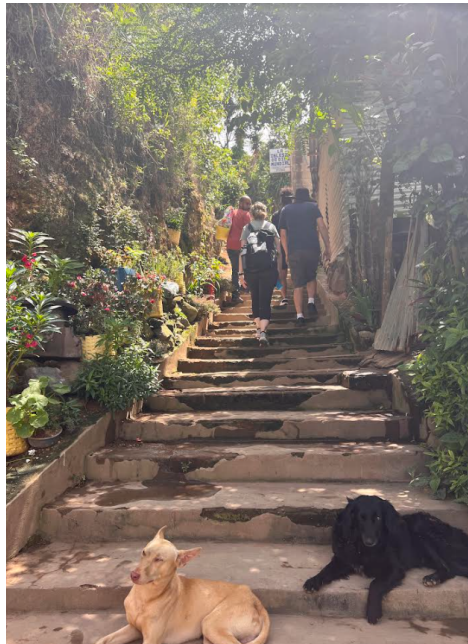
Fun for all ages...

Everyone is welcome...
bring family & friends!

El Salvador Updates!

On Saturday, the group participated in home visits with a group called Pan de Vida (Bread of Life). During one such visit, they met a blind man named Wilfredo, who makes hammocks. He discussed what his life has been like living with disabilities in El Salvador.

After the home visits, our team went to El Zonte. In El Zonte, they got to watch the local surfers and met an amazing woman named Aine. Aine has been doing humanitarian work in El Salvador for 10 years!



Comfort Quilters

Meetings are held the first and third Monday of the month at 1p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We welcome anyone who is willing to help cut, pin, assemble and knot the quilts. Sewing skills are not necessary. This is truly a rewarding ministry!

We use donated fabric, get to spend a few hours together and help comfort those in need. Please come join us!

For more information, contact Diane Fortuna haroldfort@aol.com, and Becky Wagoner brw44070@aol.com



SIS

Sisters in Spirit

This group is open to all women

Their next event will be Wednesday July 12th at 6:00 pm.

We will be meeting at Huntington Beach:

28649 Lake Road

Bay Village, OH 44140

Meet at picnic tables (east of food hut) Brown bag or purchase your dinner. No RSVP needed. Questions? Contact Beth Cornick, Joan Drobnak or Laurel Covell. More events to be announced!



Habitat Office Needs Volunteers

Are you interested in helping Habitat for Humanity one day or afternoon per week? You don't have to be on our construction sites. Habitat's central offices are just 15 minutes from POP.

They could use help with non-technical tasks, like making calls, sorting shirts, filing, and taking photos of our warehouse store for Facebook.

Their staff is young and upbeat. Sue can answer questions and take you for a tour! Please reach out to Sue Hesse at shesse2999@gmail.com



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. Questions, please contact Jan Filkill, 440-871-6673.



Giving Data

Operating Giving Report	YTD	AVG/Week
Total Giving as of May 31st:	\$204,051	\$9,275
% of Annual 2023 Budget Received to Date:	46%	
Remaining Giving Required to Meet 2023 Budget:	\$242,449	\$8,082
Remaining Giving Required to Meet 2023 Stretch Goal (i.e. Cover Cost Budget):	\$260,449	\$8,682



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!



Annual Habitat Walk

Saturday, July 8th Edgewater Park
WALK, RUN, MOSEY 5K or 1 mile to support Cleveland Habitat for Humanity. For years, Habitat has been part of POP's outreach program, with POP members volunteering both financial support and on-site work. Habitat's annual walk is both a fundraiser and a celebration of how Habitat has brought together corporations, professionals, volunteers, and potential homeowners, to create hundreds of affordable homes and rejuvenate Cleveland neighborhoods.

If you'd like to participate or donate, go to CLEHABITATWALK.ORG and search for our POPWESTLAKE team. Check the display in our Narthex for who will be walking and Habitat updates. POP walkers will meet at the starting line. Thank you to many POP members who have already contributed.





Bill, Laurie, & Julia Vorobej

THIS WEEK'S MEMBER PROFILE

Bill was born in Oberammergau, Germany and grew up in Cleveland from the age of six months. He attended West High School and received a degree in Psychology at Cleveland State University. Laurie was born in Cleveland and grew up with 2 older brothers, Rick and Terry. She attended schools at Mt. Calvary Lutheran, Lutheran West, Kent State University, and Cleveland State University. She received an Education degree in English grades 6-12 and a Masters Degree in Reading grades K-12. They have raised 2 daughters, Dr. Christina, 39, practicing sports medicine in Charlotte and Julia, 36, who grew up in Westlake attending Westlake High School, Kent State University, Polaris, and Cuyahoga Community College.

Bill started a career in 1977 at MetLife in sales then management, later opening his own agency in 1984 with primary sales of Farmers Insurance products. Laurie taught English in North Olmsted for 35 years, mostly at the high school level. Julia has held positions working in the restaurant industry and factory work. She met her fiance Ryn at the restaurant and bar where he worked at the time. She is happy to spend time with her 11 year old black lab, Loki.

Laurie and Bill left Mt. Calvary church in Cleveland a number of years ago to come to POP for a more positive environment, a closer location and a more up-lifting message from Pastor Bishop. When they left Mt. Calvary, Laurie had been the music director for 40 years. Her duties included directing the choir, organizing the children's choir, leading the contemporary service, and occasionally playing the organ. She was seeking a welcoming church that preached the Gospel with truth, love and inclusion.

Julia has arrived at POP following a similar path. She found our congregation to be welcoming and it renewed her hope in church and Christian people. She was in the Praise band for a few years, offering her singing talent to serve God! She enjoys spending time with family, and is always interested in music. Animals bring her much happiness as well. Her favorite color has been teal ever since she saw the Caribbean Sea as a child.

Bill's hobbies and interests include traveling, and yard work. Something people may not know is that they went to Germany last year to see the Passion Play in the town of his birth! The play is performed every 10 years. In her free time, Laurie also enjoys traveling, gardening, sewing, quilting, and embroidery. They take their motorhome on vacations; Florida is a favorite destination! Both Bill and Laurie have been volunteers at Cleveland Metroparks Zoo for the last 15 years. Something people may not know is that Laurie has sung in many choirs and at numerous weddings and recitals in the area including the stage at Severance Hall. To keep them on their toes, they have an adorable Yorkie named Jack.

They often are the Greeters at the contemporary service as you enter. The family is a great example of a welcoming church that leaves people filled with the Holy Spirit! I am glad I got to know them better, you will too.

By Tom Robinholt : Profile Reporter

Psalm 118:21-24

*21 I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.*

*22 The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.*

*23 This is the Lord's doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.*

*24 This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.*

PASTOR

CHARLIE'S

BLOG



John 8:31-33

31 Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; 32 and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free."

Galatians 5:1a

1 For freedom Christ has set us free.

Earlier this week, we celebrated our nation's birthday. I hope you all had a wonderful and happy Fourth of July! I picked readings for today for the holiday, and the promises of God we receive to live free. Free to worship God without fear. Free to live as God's beloved. Free to experience the blessings God gives us. Free to enjoy the wonder of God's creation.

For me, freedom and joy seem to go hand in hand.

A day that sums that up best for me is the day Lisa and I asked our good friends, Ingrid and Chip, to be the maid of honor and best man for our wedding.

Chip, Lisa and I drove up from Mount Pleasant (home of THE Central Michigan University) to Big Rapids, where Ingrid was going to school at the time. We planned a day of tubing down the Muskegon River. We picked up Ingrid and her car and drove to the church where Ingrid attended – they had innertubes for people to borrow for the day.

We had a problem to solve. There were four of us, plus four tubes and two cars – a Pinto hatchback and a Chevy Chevette. Two VERY SMALL cars. How to make this work.

We needed to take the two cars, four tubes and four people to the starting point. Two people and four tubes were dropped off. Two people then drove the two cars to the end of the river and dropped off a car and returned to the starting point. We got in the tubes, floated down the river and had the most relaxing, enjoyable day. Half way down the river, we decided to do it again.

So when we got to the end of the run, we got out of the river, and two people got in the one car, went back to the beginning of the river and picked up the second car, brought it back to the end of the river and picked up the four tubes and two people and then headed back to square one.

Oh my!

Yes, Ingrid and Chip accepted our invitation to be our maid of honor and best man. We give thanks to God for their friendship and support.

That day back in 1983 is a day I will never forget. We were free to enjoy the wonder of God's creation with good friends and a lot of great memories.

It was a day the Lord had made, and we DID rejoice in it. What are the days of freedom and joy that you cherish? Thank God for them!



Sunday, July 9, 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
Tony Cacciatore	Father of Chrissy Cacciatore Frey
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	
Howard Ricke	Father of Cindy Zinram
Pam Rotella	
Bill Sweeny	Friend of Kathy and Dave McCollum
Robert Sieving	Brother of Chuck Sieving
Al Tielke	
Joan Park	(Deb Gibbon's mother)

Recent prayer requests received within the past 2 weeks:

June 25	Joel Morrison Dana Gros Joan Park (Deb Gibbon's mother) Bonnie Diane Karp Pastor Robin Craig
July 2	Larry Bennet (Marsha Regan's brother) Andrew Regan (Tim Regan's uncle) Bob Thompson and Family
July 9	Chuck Sieving



Happy Birthday

Date	Online	In Person	Total
07/02/2023	44	138	182
06/25/2023	--	120	120
06/18/2023	36	126	162
06/11/2023	58	202	260

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| 07/01 Doreen Taylor | 07/17 Brandon Duktig |
| 07/01 Rachel Zinram | 07/17 Len Skulina |
| 07/02 Jacob Burdette | 07/18 Karen Hallowell |
| 07/02 Pat Sprague | 07/18 Mary Mayer |
| 07/02 Sue Hosler | 07/19 Diane Merhaut |
| 07/03 Samantha Thomas | 07/19 Kevin Olah |
| 07/04 Conor Rowe | 07/21 Nora Franz |
| 07/05 Ella Billings | 07/22 Lola Wenham |
| 07/05 Kristi Draper | 07/24 Emery Lavin |
| 07/07 Brianna Johnson | 07/24 Paige Dickey |
| 07/07 Sandy Herren | 07/25 Grace Jagels |
| 07/08 Larry Nickel | 07/26 Liz Lavin |
| 07/09 Beth Hilston | 07/26 Gerry Wilhelm |
| 07/11 David Pogachar | 07/28 Carol Leavens |
| 07/14 Gail Pogue | 07/28 Maddie Bruening |
| 07/15 Dania Beard | 07/30 Deb Winar |
| 07/15 Garrett Dutkig | 07/31 Judy Rolik |
| 07/16 Luke Andrus | 07/31 Marilyn Wingfield |

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- 07/01 Deb & Tim Gibbons
- 07/01 Patty & Bill Beard
- 07/03 Chris & Sara Burdette
- 07/03 Mary Sue & Ron Claus
- 07/08 Michelle & Scott Goggin
- 07/12 Bud & Sandra Zanders
- 07/16 Shawn & Diane Merhaut
- 07/21 Jon & Teresa Peter
- 07/24 Anita & Russ Bauknecht
- 07/25 Jan & Craig Juhn
- 07/27 Bill & Laurie Vorobej
- 07/29 Jim & Paige Dickey IV
- 07/31 Becky & Joe Rowe



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Office Hours

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.