



Young at Heart

Young at Heart Lunch

Please join us on Friday, January 26., 2024 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.

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



January 5th, 2023

PEACE CONNECTION

Friday January 5th
Pastor Charlie's Day Off

Saturday January 6th
2:00 pm Organ Practice

Sunday January 7th
9 & 11 am In Person Worship
10:00 am Christian Education

Monday January 8th
10:00 am Staff Meeting
2:00 pm Organ Practice
7:00 pm SOAP Bible Study

Tuesday January 9th
6:15 pm CrossFire Rehearsal

Wednesday January 10th
2:00 pm Book & Bible Study
7:00 pm Engagement Committee

Thursday January 11th
Sexton's Day Off
11:00 am FLO Winter Session
3:00 pm Organ Practice
6:00 pm International Dinner
7:30 pm Choir Practice

Friday January 12th
Pastor Charlie's Day Off

Saturday January 13th
2:00 pm Organ Practice

Sunday January 14th
In Person Worship 9 & 11 am
10:00 am Pancake Breakfast
10:00 am Coffee with the Pastor
10:00 am Christian Education
7:00 pm Council Meeting

Monday January 15th
10:00 am Staff Meeting
1:00 pm Comfort Quilters
2:00 pm Organ Practice
7:00 pm SOAP Bible Study

Tuesday January 16th
6:15 pm CrossFire Rehearsal

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

Love Inc. 2024

Our congregation has found a helpful way to meet the needs of those who come to our door for assistance through Love, INC. This ministry is not funded through our budget rather it comes from those of you who have chosen to sponsor a month with \$125. Individuals or ministry groups are encouraged to prayerfully consider sponsoring. May God bless this cooperative effort as we work to transform lives In the Name of Christ. \$1500 was donated to Love, Inc. in 2023. See Tom Splawski for more information.



Please Sign Up to sponsor a Month for 2024 at the information station in the lower Narthex.

LMM Men's Shelter Donations for December 2023.

Thank you all for your generous support for the LMM Men's Shelter Boots and Warm Clothing Drive. The following totals were delivered to the Men's Shelter on Tuesday December 19th:

- Boots - 56 pairs
- Socks - 264 pairs
- Hats - 13
- Gloves - 28 pairs
- Coats/Jackets - 22
- Misc. Clothing - 22 items



PoP Undecorating

The Christmas garlands and trees must come down and be packed away!

- Friday, January 5, 2024, 10:30 am-noon (trees and nativity sets)
- Saturday, January 6, 2024, 10:30 am-noon (garlands and wreaths)

Please contact Dineen if you can help (text: 440-263-6759; email: dterstage@gmail.com)

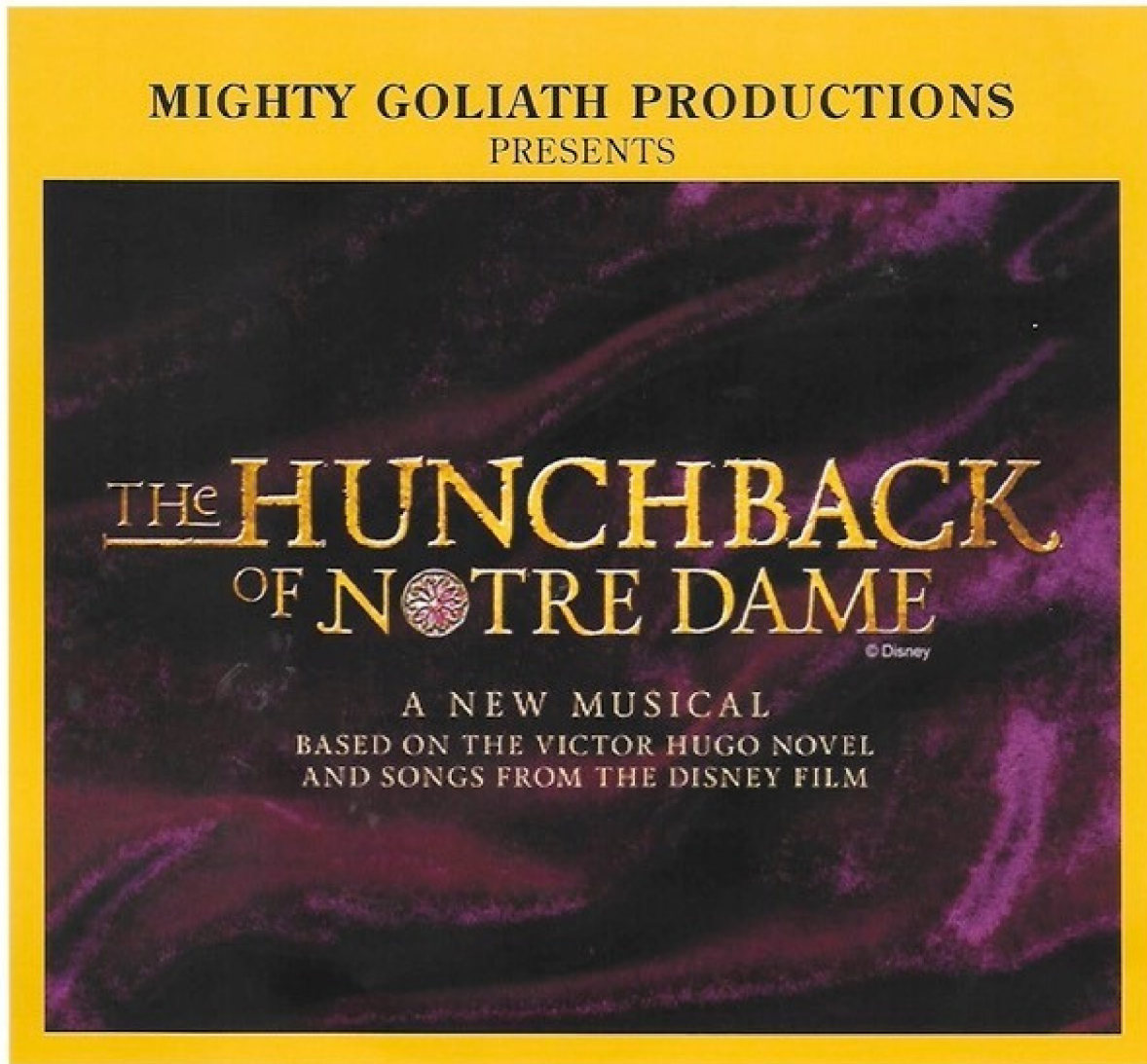


Travel Quest Event, The Hunchback of Notre Dame!

Discounted group tickets are \$10 for seniors (60+) and students, and \$15 for adults. Seating is general admission and tickets are good for any show so if February 10 at 1:30 is not a viable option, people can attend one of the other performances taking place on February 2, 3, 9 or 10 at 7:00 p.m., or February 4 at 1:30 p.m.

Three Prince of Peace members are involved in this production: Bethany Pearce (Vocal Director), Zack Dragony (Chorus), and Natalie Pearce (Gargoyle)!

Signup is in the narthex. Payment is due by January 30th, either cash or a check made payable to Lisa Woodward.



FEBRUARY 2, 3, 9, & 10, 2024 AT 7:00PM
FEBRUARY 4* & 10, 2024 MATINEES AT 1:30 PM

*SENSORY FRIENDLY PERFORMANCE

Avon Lake High School

Daniel B. Ross Performing Arts Center
175 Avon Belden Road, Avon Lake

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION

WWW.MIGHTYGOLIATH.COM



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CELEBRATING OUR 65TH PRODUCTION

Thank you notes from our Omni Sponsorship program! Part 1

Omni George Community
School
P.O. box 240469
Ndola Zambia
25 July 2023

DATE: / /

Dear OMNI

How are you by this lovely moment I hope you are fine. I am a girl in a family of three (3) we are 2 girls and 1 boy I just want to say thank you for everything you are doing for us. Free food, Free uniform and samany things and when I grow up I want to be a nurse, so that I start helping people who are sick and in need. I just want to appreciate for everything you have done for us thank so much.

Yours Faithful

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Date: 24/07/23

Signature

Thank you



These students appreciate the support of their sponsors at Prince of Peace!



Joanne Burns

THIS WEEK'S FEATURE

Joanne was born in Needham, Mass., and grew up in Buffalo, NY and Lakewood, OH. She attended Lakewood Public Schools through high school. College was not until she was in her mid thirties, then she began taking courses at Cuyahoga Community College in Early Childhood Education.

Her career has focused on the needs of children. Positions she held included Head Start, the federally funded program for children from prenatal to age 5. Lakewood Hospital Child Care and Church on the Rise as a Preschool Teacher were excellent experiences to prepare her for what would come next. In June, Joanne was chosen as the Prince of Peace Nursery Attendant! What an important job she does for us as our congregation is growing with many new families. Her motto of Faith, Family, Football guides her to apply her faith to everyday tasks of life, and keep God as the top priority. Discipline, commitment and perseverance are the result.

Joanne has three children, ages 44, 34, and 31. Her two grandchildren are ages 20 and 29. Her Loving heart is well received as she is also part of the POP teaching team. We can remember the Bible verse : "Train up a child in the way they should go, even when they are old, they will not depart from it" and understand her devotion. The recent Happy Birthday Jesus Party/Children's Christmas Program was part of her role here working with the parents and the Christian Education team.

Her interests and hobbies offer her opportunities to enjoy free time. Weaving, Knitting and Pottery are her favorites. In fact, Joanne had a children's art studio on Madison Ave. in Lakewood the last four years before coming to POP. She taught weaving, knitting and pottery here and also had a group of summer campers that walked to her store from their summer camp on Belle Ave.

She is very grateful for the kindness the congregation has shown her! We are so fortunate to have her to nurture the future each week. Her flock will grow to be strong over the years. I believe most of us have fond memories of the earliest caregivers we know in life, our parents, teachers and others. Please offer a big Thank You to Joanne, her gift of Love will always be remembered!

By Tom Robinholt : Profile Reporter

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HOSTED BY
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- ⇒ Comprehensive sightseeing by private motor coach including our finest English speaking guides

For More Information, Please Contact

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PASTOR
CHARLIE'S
BLOG



John 1:1-18

The Word Became Flesh

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being 4 in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. 5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. 7 He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him.

8 He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. 9 The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

10 He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. 11 He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. 12 But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, 13 who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

14 And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. 15

(John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") 16

From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. 17 The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus

Christ. 18 No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

So it's been a few days since you made them – are you still good with your New Year Resolutions?

We do our best to try to get our ducks in a row, so to speak. But soon those ducks start going in their own directions, and we feel like we are trying to herd balloons! And if we can't keep it together ourselves, how can we imagine that the world would get its act together (you can put other words in for "world" here – family, congress, leaders, church, company...). We stumble in the darkness. We turn away from God and turn our back on the need of our neighbors and loved ones.

And yet, God still comes. God's light still comes. A light that no darkness can overcome. For this we rejoice!

Fortunately for us, God did not wait until humanity had its act together before sending the beloved Son.

A poem by Madeline L'Engle

He did not wait till the world was ready, till men and nations were at peace.

He came when the Heavens were unsteady, and prisoners cried out for release.

He did not wait for the perfect time, He came when the need was deep and great.

He dined with sinners in all their grime, turned water into wine. He did not wait

till hearts were pure. In joy he came to a tarnished world of sin and doubt.

To a world like ours, of anguished shame he came, and his Light would not go out.

He came to a world which did not mesh, to heal its tangles, shield its scorn.

In the mystery of the Word made Flesh the Maker of the stars was born.

We cannot wait till the world is sane to raise our songs with joyful voice,

for to share our grief, to touch our pain, He came with Love: Rejoice! Rejoice!

(Madeline L'Engle, "The First Coming," A Cry Like a Bell)

Let us pray: Thank you for not waiting on us. We stumble and fall. But your light not only reveals our darkest mistakes, it also provides light for the path forward together with you. Be our light. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

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



Second Harvest

For January through March the requested items are canned beef stew, beans, and vegetables



Giving Data

<u>Operating Giving Report</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>AVG/Week</u>
Total Giving as of Nov. 30th, 2023:	\$410,597	\$8,554.10
% of Annual 2023 Budget Received to Date:	92%	
Remaining Giving Required to Meet 2023 Budget:	\$35,903	\$8,975.75
Remaining Giving Required to Meet 2023 Stretch Goal (i.e. Cover Cost Budget):	\$53,903	\$13,475.75



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!



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, January 7, 2024

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
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	
Pam Rotella	
Bill Sweeny	
Robert Sieving	Friend of Kathy and Dave McCollum
Al Tielke	Brother of Chuck Sieving

Recent prayer requests received within the past 3 weeks:

December 24	Family of Christina Billings Family of Hildegard Sabo Family of Jim McDonough Emily Saunders
December 31	David Saunders Carol Mociulewski (Lisa Woodward's mother) Eunice Reynolds (Matt Wenham's grandmother) Ron Filkill
January 7	Priscilla Woll (Pastor Charlie's aunt) Hank Ward Larry Bennett



Happy Birthday

Date	Online	In Person	Total
12/31/2023	48	88	136
12/24/2023	85		
10:00 am		78	
3:00 pm		46	
6:00 pm		147	
9:00 pm		84	

11/3 Ashley Alspach
 1/3 Chris Hallowell
 1/3 Noah Katrinczak
 1/5 Jan Filkill
 1/6 James Braun Sr.
 1/7 Jordyn Jagels
 1/8 Mara Lipschutz
 1/10 Audrey Swanson
 1/10 Tony Perez
 1/11 Alex Babinski
 1/12 Isaiah Comnick
 1/13 Jessica Carimi
 1/14 Pierce Gleespen
 1/17 James Lehman
 1/17 Michelle Goggin
 1/19 Emma Andrus

1/19 Don Miler
 1/21 Beth Comnick
 1/21 Marie Witt
 1/23 Jane Wyant
 1/25 Darlene Roman
 1/25 Michael Pietraroia
 1/26 Barb Fronczak
 1/27 Dave Novotny
 1/27 Suzann Creech\
 1/27 Phil Sprague
 1/28 Patty Beard
 1/29 Molly Fortuna
 1/29 Nicholas Hrouda
 1/31 Jim Heimbuch

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

1/3 Jeff & Amy Babinski

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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.



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