

July 21st, 2023

PEACE CONNECTION

Worship in the Woods

Focus on the Present, July 23 at 9 am– This Is the Day the Lord Has Made This Sunday, we will celebrate how what God is up to here today. We will celebrate the ministry and mission to which we are called – to Grow in Faith, Serve in Love and Live in Peace.

We will recognize the many ministries that we participate in and support Laura Barbins, Bishop of the Northeastern Ohio Synod will be here to preach.

Nursery Attendant

Good news! We have a Sunday update, we now have a nursery attendant each week.



Saturday July 22nd
2:00 pm Organ Practice

Sunday July 23rd
7:00 am to 3:00 pm Red Cross Blood Drive
10:00 am Outdoor Worship

Monday July 24th
10:00 am Staff Meeting
2:00 pm Organ Practice
7:00 pm SOAP Bible Study

Tuesday July 25th
6:15 CrossFire Rehearsal

Wednesday July 26th

Thursday July 27th
Sexton's Day Off
3:00 pm Communion Ministry Team Meeting
3:00 pm Organ Practice
6:00 pm International Dinner Habesha Ethiopian Restaurant

Friday July 28th
Pastor Charlie's Day Off
The young at heart lunch on July 28th has been canceled as Hail Mary's has closed permanently.
8:00 am LifeLine Screening

Saturday July 29th
2:00 pm Organ Practice

Sunday July 30th
9:00 am In Person Worship
11:00 am In Person Worship

Monday July 31st
10:00 am Staff Meeting
2:00 pm Organ Practice
7:00 pm SOAP bible Study

Tuesday August 1st
6:15 CrossFire Rehearsal

Wednesday August 2nd

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

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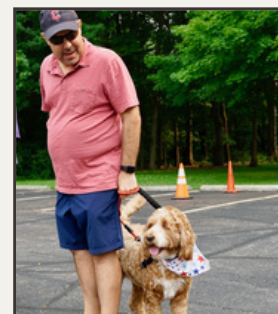
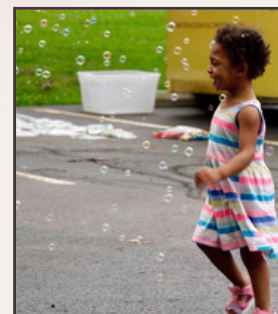
SUNDAY JULY 23
5-8PM

PRINCE OF PEACE - 28455 CENTER RIDGE RD.
WESTLAKE, OH 44145

Details and RSVP here:
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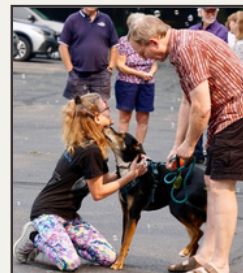
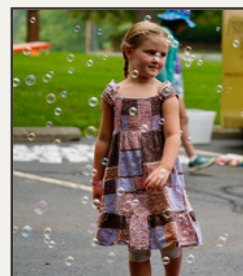
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See more by clicking the link!



WATCH NOW

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 July through September the requested items are peanut butter and canned meats.



Giving Data

<u>Operating Giving Report</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>AVG/Week</u>
Total Giving as of June 30th:	\$232,220	\$8,932
% of Annual 2023 Budget Received to Date:	52%	
Remaining Giving Required to Meet 2023 Budget:	\$214,280	\$8,242
Remaining Giving Required to Meet 2023 Stretch Goal (i.e. Cover Cost Budget):	\$232,280	\$8,934



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!



September 17th, 2023

OMNI with the support of Prince of Peace, presents a fundraising

Benefit Concert & Auction



from **5-9 pm** at the **Pavilion at St. Clarence** located at 30106 Lorain Road in North Olmsted, Ohio.

Concert & Auction

Featuring **Colin Dussault's Blues Project**

Proceeds from the concert will provide medical care, food & education for orphans at the OMNI Children's Village in northern Zambia.

Learn more about OMNI at www.omnimissions.com





Dan & Deb Root Shell

THIS WEEK'S MEMBER PROFILE

Deb was born in Lakewood, Ohio and grew up in Cleveland and Brook Park with 1 younger brother and 1 younger sister. She attended Berea High School class of 1972. Continuing her education, Deb received a BA History degree at Cleveland State University, a Master of Library Science at Kent State University and a MA History degree at Cleveland State University. Dan was born in Cleveland and grew up in Mayfield Heights with 1 older brother and 1 younger sister. He graduated with the class of 1970 at Mayfield High School. Dan received a BA Music Education degree at Cleveland State University, a Master of Music at Cleveland State University, and a Master of Library Science at Case Western Reserve University.

They met at an orchestra concert where Dan was the principal bass of the Cleveland Philharmonic Orchestra. They have raised their son, Brian who is now 32.

Dan's career includes Music Librarian at Cleveland State University, Computer Support BP, IT Support GE Lighting, CISCO Systems Engineer, Consulting, and Director Of Technology at the Lorain Public Library System. Deb's career includes Reference Librarian at Mansfield-Richland County Public Library, Head of Reference at Westlake Porter Public Library, Reference Librarian at Lakewood Public Library, Western Reserve Historical Society Librarian as Head of Manuscripts Processing and Cataloging, Principal Clarinet at Lorain County Community College Civic Orchestra, Clarinet Teacher, and Genealogical and historical researcher, author and presenter.

Dan and Deb joined Prince of Peace in 2013. They had played at church services before, and knew several members; including Fran Wilhelm (who was Deb's high school orchestra director and is a fellow member of LCCC Civic Orchestra). Dan had played in the Philharmonic with Pastor Bishop's wife, Deb Yandala. They were seeking a smaller church than the one they were at.

They contribute many of their talents to POP. Deb enjoys playing clarinet primarily for the traditional service, but also did recordings with Cindy Strieter during Covid for the contemporary service. Dan plays the double bass and arranges music for services. Our congregation can worship God as these musical gifts are given!

Deb's interests in her free time include the Clarinet, genealogical and historical research, and gardening. She has been a genealogist for over 45 years that includes teaching classes, writing articles and presenting programs. She just finished a term as the president of the Greater Cleveland Genealogical Society. Dan has served as a member of the Church Council.

Being engaged at POP and the community is a priority for Dan and Deb. I'm glad they settled here to be part of our missions. Lift your voices high when they are performing!

By Tom Robinholt : Profile Reporter

PASTOR CHARLIE'S BLOG



Matthew 13:24-30 ; 36-43

The Parable of Weeds among the Wheat

24 Jesus put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; 25 but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. 26 So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. 27 And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' 28 He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' 29 But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. 30 Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

Jesus Explains the Parable of the Weeds

36 Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." 37 He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; 38 the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, 39 and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. 40 Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. 41 The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, 42 and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. 43 Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

Wheat or weeds? You never know. You never know.

We again get the benefit of not just the parable but Jesus giving the disciples a teaching lesson on it. The wheat and the weeds grow up together. Our job isn't to sort them out, but let God take care of that.

An interesting note about this passage, is that the Greek word used here in the scripture for permit, or letting alone also is the word for forgive. What could be said about this is that the landowner is not only telling his workers to let the weeds alone, but forgive them for their actions as well. The evil that surrounds us is not for us to judge, but instead to forgive. Jesus used this same word on the cross, "Father forgive them."

Everyone thought Zacchaeus was a weed and he was a weed in stature and in morality but Jesus saw that the true Zacchaeus was wheat ready to burst into a golden head of good deeds.

Everyone thought the thief on the cross next to Jesus was a weed only fit to be thrown into garbage dump of Jerusalem, but Jesus saw otherwise – a man who would be with him in paradise.

PASTOR CHARLIE'S BLOG



Every Christian thought Saul was a weed hunting down Christ's followers, watching on as Stephen was stoned to death, but Jesus saw in him wheat that would be scattered throughout the world as he took Gospel far and wide.

In each of these examples a hasty and early judgment by God would have meant they would have been cut off from his grace, instead Jesus didn't ignore them or disregard them as hopeless. They may have looked like weeds but in actual fact they were wheat.

The parable is telling us to write no one off as hopeless, lost, irredeemable, worthless because he/she looks like a weed. That person may look like a weed and our gut reaction is to treat that person as a weed but in truth he/she is precious wheat of God's kingdom.

That's the way God views each one of us. We readily admit that we are "weeds" – the evil in our hearts and minds takes control. But God refuses to write us off. He refuses to write off even that person who at this moment defies God, denies his existence, and allows evil to run his/her life. There is always grace.

Duane was a kid in my first confirmation class. He was a thorn in my side. He didn't pay attention, his answers on tests and quizzes were filled with answers like, "Who cares." And "I don't know." Or just left blank. He was disruptive and rude.

He was one of those kids that every pastor has had at one time or another that you just want to confirm and be done with him or her. Don't believe me? Ask any pastor who has had the task of teaching a few classes!

I thought I was done with Duane. But over my years in that call, Duane grew up and became involved in some wonderful outreach ministries in the church and community, and what I once thought was a thorny soul to be thrown into the fire turned out to be a rich harvest of God's love.

God so loves us, that he gave his son for our lives, so that we might be seen in God's eyes as wheat worthy of harvest. Because of Jesus, we are forgiven, welcomed and accepted into God's warm embrace forever!

When I announced to that church that I had accepted a call to another congregation, it was Duane who was the first one in my office to thank me for my ministry.

Wheat or weeds. You never know. You never know.

Let us Pray: Remind us again that we are not called to do the weeding. Instead we are called to cast forth your word, in all we say and do. May we bear good fruit for you! In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



COOKIE BAKERS NEEDED WE NEED COOKIES

to deliver to the Men's Shelter as part of the dinner being cooked & served by POP on **Sat. July 29, 2023.**

Each volunteer needs to **bake 4 dozen cookies** and bring them to POP church **by Sunday, July 22nd (will freeze if brought early).**

Please add your name to the sign up below:

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| 1. _____ | 8. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 9. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 10. _____ |
| 4. _____ | 11. _____ |
| 5. _____ | 12. _____ |
| 6. _____ | 13. _____ |
| 7. _____ | 14. _____ |

If you have any questions, please contact Tom Splawski at tsplawski@sehs.net or 440-317-0322.



Volunteers needed to prepare and serve supper
for the LMM Homeless Men's Shelter

Saturday, July 29, 2023

Please add your name to the Sign Up below

**Put an * next to your name if want to car pool from church
and/or ** if you can be a driver for a car pool**

***MUST BE AGE 15 OR OLDER TO SERVE DOWN AT SHELTER**

Cooking Crew

Arrive at 2100 E. Lakeside Ave., Cleveland **by 1:30 pm**

	NAME	PHONE/EMAIL
1.	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____
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6.	_____	_____
7.	_____	_____
8.	_____	_____

Serving Crew

Arrive at 2100 E. Lakeside Ave., Cleveland **by 4:45 pm**

	NAME	PHONE/EMAIL
1.	_____	_____
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Prayer LIST

Sunday, July 23, 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 & family	
Angela Missig	Daughter of Gloria Starr
Jenn Pitts	Daughter of Judy Kazak
Eric & 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:

July 9	Chuck Sieving
July 16	JeanneAnn Elkin Jack Dunnick's Family and Friends Donna Rombokas (Pat Sprague's friend) Mike Radca (Fran Wilhelm Friend's husband) Joanne Burns
July 23	Eric Grider



Happy Birthday

Date	Online	In Person	Total
07/16/2023	20	148	168
07/09/2023	33	137	170
07/02/2023	71	128	199
06/25/2023	--	120	120

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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
- 07/12 Mike & Sherry Weber
- 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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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.