

Hello September

Endowment Grant Fund

Annually the Endowment Committee awards grants requested by members and staff of Prince of Peace for non-budgeted items. This year the committee allocated \$20,000 for grants. To date we have awarded:

\$2,000 for Car Show--Second Harvest Food Bank

\$2,000 for El Salvador trip

\$2,000 for Habitat Walk

\$1,260 for three OMNI scholarships

\$300 for OMNI Christmas Gifts

We have \$12,400 available for the balance of the year. If you have a request, please complete the Endowment Grant Application form available at Church or on our website. Completed forms can be emailed to Doug Olson at springman38@aol.com. If you have any questions, please ask any member of the committee:

Sally Balch, Jim Dickey, Doug Olson, Jon Peter, Jesse Buhrman (Finance Committee Representative), & Mark Givens (Council Representative).

Young at Heart

Please join us on Friday, September 29th at 12:30 pm. We will be enjoying good food and fellowship at Blue Sky Restaurant, located at 802 Cleveland St. in Elyria. Please note that Young at Heart Lunch will be held on the FIFTH Friday of the month for September. Please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the lower lobby. Questions, contact Kathy Kettler at (440)734-6511.

Caring connection cookies

We are requesting cookies for October and November please!

Comfort Quilters

Comfort Quilters will resume in September! They usually meet the first and third Monday afternoons at 1:00, but because of Labor Day, they will have their first meeting on Monday the 11th. Please join!

Friday September 1st
Pastor Charlie's Day Off

Saturday September 2nd
2:00 pm Organ Practice
7:00 pm Cleveland Pops Concert in the Square

Sunday September 3rd
9:00 am In Person Worship
11:00 am In Person Worship
El Salvador Presentation during worship!

Monday September 4th
The office will be closed for Labor Day
7:00 pm SOAP Bible Study

Tuesday September 5th
6:15 pm CrossFire Rehearsal

Wednesday September 6th
2:00 pm Book and Bible Study

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

Friday September 8th
Pastor Charlie's Day Off

Saturday September 9th
2:00 pm Organ Practice

Sunday September 10th
8:00 am God's Work, Our Hands
In Person Worship at 9 & 11 am
10:00 am Blood Pressure Screening
10:00 am Coffee with the Pastor
10:00 am Christian Education
7:00 pm Council Meeting

Monday September 11th
10:00 am Staff Meeting
2:00 pm Organ Practice
7:00 pm SOAP Bible Study

Tuesday September 12th
6:15 pm Crossfire Rehearsal

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

God's Work, Our Hands

God's Work Our Hands Sunday
September 10 - 8 am to 12 noon

Join us in work projects inside and outside at Prince of Peace.

PROJECTS

Come any time before worship or after worship to work on these and other projects:

- Pack Lunches for LMM Shelter – 2100 Lakeside
- Deliver Lunches to 2100 Lakeside
- Write Greeting Cards to Homebound and Residents at LMM Shelter
- Sort and pack school supplies for Scranton School
- Paint Garage
- Wash Windows
- Clean Up Brush



El Salvador Presentation

Please join us this Sunday for a presentation about the El Salvador trip during worship! We look forward to hearing all about this special trip and the lives touched!



Nursery Attendant

Our Nursery Attendant is back! Care will be available on Sundays. We look forward to seeing your little ones. Our nursery is available during worship service. There are plenty of toys for all ages.

- Hours are Sundays during worship services.
- The nursery is located across from the office in the upstairs hallway.
- Children ages from birth through 5 years old are welcome.
- Please provide diapers, wipes and a change of clothes in a labeled diaper bag for those children who are in diapers.



Omni Update:

If you would like to help with the OMNI Bluz over Africa event please contact Jon Wilhelm at everythingbutceramics@yahoo.com. We can use help with setting up 1-4pm, at the event 5-9pm or tear down 9-10pm.



Buds & Suds

Notice a few more flowered shirts this month? Buds and Suds men group has been encouraging members to wear flowered shirts to church for the Sundays in August. See you on Sunday.



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.



THE SECOND ITEM IS COFFEE WITH THE PASTOR 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!

New Member Classes

The next new member class to will be held on Sunday, September 24 and October 1st at 10:00 am. New members will be welcomed on October 8th. To sign up for classes, please contact the church office at princeofpeacewestlake@gmail.com or by calling 440-871-5565!



PRINCE OF PEACE



*Baseball
Nights*

WEDNESDAY
AUGUST 16TH
FIRST PITCH
6:35PM

**BABY BOOMER NIGHT -
SALUTE TO THE GREATEST
GENERATION**

SATURDAY
SEPT. 16TH
FIRST PITCH
7:35PM

**CLE FOOTBALL NIGHT
JOE THOMAS BOBBLE HEAD
POST-GAME FIREWORKS**

AKRON RUBBER DUCKS

300 SOUTH MAIN STREET, AKRON, OH 44308

SCAN TO
REGISTER





Betsy & Chip Bailey

THIS WEEK'S MEMBER PROFILE

Betsy was born in Oberlin, Ohio. She grew up south of Vermilion with one older sister in her family. Her education began in Firelands Schools, then was accepted at Grove City College, PA. She then went on to major in Physical Therapy at Belmont University in Tennessee. She moved back to Cleveland to be closer to family. Chip was born in Willard, Ohio and grew up there with 3 sisters and 1 brother. He attended Willard Schools and was accepted at Heidelberg University where he majored in Accounting. He lived in Cincinnati before moving back to Willard and then to Cleveland. Chip and Betsy met through a mutual friend and have been married 12 years.

Chip has pursued a career in accounting, working in the Healthcare, Manufacturing and Construction fields. Betsy is a physical therapist and has worked at South Pointe Hospital and now MetroHealth Medical Center for 17 years in an inpatient acute rehabilitation unit.

They have 3 daughters, Remi age 9, Samantha age 8, and Maggie age 6. They had moved from Parma to Olmsted Township and wanted a church closer to home. After visiting several churches, Prince of Peace was the best fit for their faith journey. They became members when Remi was 1 year old! The children participate in Christian Education now and appreciate the leaders that bring the message of God's Love to them.

Family is at the center of Chip and Betsy's priorities. They enjoy family vacations to the beach or visiting a family cabin in Canada. They are always active with their children and enjoy watching them participate in soccer and softball. Baking cookies and working in the yard and gardening give them relaxing times together. Being outdoors to enjoy nature provides much enjoyment!

You will see them at the Contemporary Service most weeks. Their children always enjoy the final hymn when they can praise God with many instruments to participate! Following the Holy Spirit they have received is evident in all they do.

By Tom Robinholt : Profile Reporter

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

Operating Giving Report	YTD	AVG/Week
Total Giving as of July 31st, 2023:	\$272,369	\$8,786.09
% of Annual 2023 Budget Received to Date:	61%	
Remaining Giving Required to Meet 2023 Budget:	\$174,131	\$8,291.95
Remaining Giving Required to Meet 2023 Stretch Goal (i.e. Cover Cost Budget):	\$192,131	\$9,149.09



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

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PASTOR CHARLIE'S BLOG



Matthew 26:6-13

The Anointing at Bethany

6 Now while Jesus was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper 7 a woman came to him with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment, and she poured it on his head as he sat at the table. 8 But when the disciples saw it, they were angry and said, “Why this waste? 9 For this ointment could have been sold for a large sum, and the money given to the poor.” 10 But Jesus, aware of this, said to them, “Why do you trouble the woman? She has performed a good service for me. 11 For you always have the poor with you, but you will not always have me. 12 By pouring this ointment on my body she has prepared me for burial. 13 Truly I tell you, wherever this good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her.”

Ah, the foolishness of it all. But what we may consider foolish, in God's eyes may look completely different. What the world may see as foolish may be filled with wisdom.

St. Paul writes in his letter to the Corinthians: “...God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength. Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong.” [I Cor 1:25-27]

In today's lesson, there seems to be several instances of what one might perceive as foolishness. But it is God's wisdom that reigns victorious in the end.

The sweet perfume filled the air. But, ah the foolishness. Why is this woman using such an expensive thing on Jesus? A bottle of perfume that would cost a great sum – in another gospel it is stated that the ointment is worth one year's wages. One year's wages. You do the math. It is an expensive gift. How foolish.

The disciples are upset. “How foolish it is to do this! The money should go to the poor.” I guess it goes to show us how foolish Jesus thought money and earthly goods can be.

But what is this woman doing? What is she doing to Jesus? Washing his feet? No. That could be done with a towel and a basin of water. No. She is anointing Jesus. Jesus is the Messiah, the Christ, which literally means the Anointed One, the chosen one of God.

In the Old Testament, God would send a prophet to go and find the chosen one, and when found, the prophet would anoint that one with oil, signifying that this one is the chosen one of God. In this act, this woman anoints Jesus. What a wonderful gift. She gives her all for her Lord and savior.

What a wonderful gift. But what does the woman use for this anointing? This perfume, this gift is a perfume used for burial. How foolish is that? Jesus is being anointed for death.

PASTOR CHARLIE'S BLOG



Ah, the foolishness of it all. Jesus the Messiah is anointed for death. We know the story of Holy Week and Easter. It begins with the triumphant entry into Jerusalem, the last days of Jesus ministry, his crucifixion and death. How foolish it all seems. Yet this is God's foolishness, which is wiser than human wisdom. God knows what God is doing. What seems so foolish on the surface, is so very wise. God's Son is anointed for death, because that is the battle he must face. He is victorious over sin and death.

He wins the victory for you and for me. Your sins are forgiven. New life is yours. All you have to do is know that God wins for us!

Yet how foolish we are, for we live each day under the burden of sin, separation from God. We live out this separation by trying to save ourselves. We take the gift of God for granted, or we even forget about it. We do foolish things. We make foolish decisions.

God looks at us, God's foolish children and must wonder why we don't listen. Why don't we understand? God tells us to let go of the things that the world tells us are important and do something foolish for God. Serve others, care for others, love others. That is what it is all about.

Because of what Jesus has done for you and me, may we free ourselves from trying to be wise human beings, and instead be wise Christians, who seek God's wisdom, and not the wisdom of the world. May we do that which God is calling us to do.

Jesus dies and rises for you and for me. The Anointed One.

Let us pray: Dear God, we give thanks to you for your Son, Jesus the Anointed. Through His death and resurrection, we are set free to serve in wonderful and foolish ways. Free us for service to other. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Join us for a
Travel Quest
PUMPKIN TRAIN

OCT | 8 | 2023

Where: Lorain & West Virginia Railway's Wellington Station, 46789 State Route 18, Wellington, OH 44090. Participants can either meet at Prince of Peace at 2:00 p.m. to carpool/caravan there, or meet us at the Wellington Station no later than 3:15 p.m. to pick up your tickets.

What: Passengers will embark on a journey deep into the woods of southern Lorain County on their quest for the perfect pumpkin. The train will leave at exactly 3:30 p.m., rain or shine, and travel 2-3 miles. On the return trip, the train will stop at the L&WV pumpkin patch. Passengers will disembark the train in the woods, and pick the pumpkin that they would like to take home with them. The pumpkin price is included in the train ticket. We will then get back on the train for the return trip to Wellington. The train trip is estimated to be between 1 and 1 1/2 hours long. Note that, because of the vintage nature of the train equipment, this trip is not handicap-accessible.

Ticket prices: Adult (ages 13+): \$22.00

Child (ages 3-12): \$16.50

Infant (ages 2 and under): \$5.00

Seniors (age 60+): \$16.50

No Refunds



Prayer LIST

Sunday, September 3, 2023

In Memory of Those Who Have Passed Away This Week

Esther Wolff

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
Joan Park	
Dave McCollum	(Deb Gibbon's mother)

Recent prayer requests received within the past 2 weeks:

August 20	Sue Stevens
August 27	Duffy O'Brien (friend of Wendy Hansen) Ron and Jan Filkill Jesse & Kelsey Buhrman and their baby, Axel
September 3	Esther Wolf's Family and Friends Dana Gros JeanneAnn Elkin Jake Joan Park Toni Plute (Charlie Koch's sister) Paul Dayton (Charlie Koch's friend)



Happy Birthday

Date	Online	In Person	Total
08/27/2023	54	142	196
08/20/2023	37	126	163
08/13/2023	38	157	195
08/06/2023	24	122	146

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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.

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 Mixer
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
09/13 Ron & Jan Fikill Pogachar
09/19 Richard & Sally Balch



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