

PRINCE OF PEACE, SUMMER 2023

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### Focus on the Past

June 25 – O God Our Help in Ages Past

This Sunday, we will celebrate how God has brought us to where we  
are today. We will give thanks for those who built the foundation on  
which we stand. We will remember many key anniversaries that we  
celebrate this year:

- 1963 (60 years ago) – groundbreaking and building of the first  
church
- 1973 (50 years ago) – purchased five acres of land (the western  
part of our property)
- 1998 (25 years ago) – Woodland Chapel was built (we will  
rededicate that space on this day)
- 2008 (15 years ago) – St Andrew merged with Prince of Peace

The Traditional Worship Team will lead our worship. All are invited to  
bring a picnic lunch – burgers, hot dogs, drinks and donuts and ice  
cream will be provided. Please bring A CHAIR and a picnic lunch. If  
the weather is inclement we will move inside.

# Peace Connection

6/23/23

Friday June 23rd  
Pastor Charlie's Day Off  
12:30 pm Young at Heart Lunch

Saturday June 24th  
2:00 pm Organ Practice

Sunday June 25th  
10:00 am In Person Worship- Outdoor

Monday June 26th  
El Salvdaor Trip day 1  
10:00 am Staff Meeting  
2:00 pm Organ Practice  
7:00 pm SOAP Bible Study

Tuesday June 27th  
El Salvador Trip day 2  
9:00 am Herb Guild Culinary  
Workshop  
6:15 pm CrossFire Rehearsal

Wednesday June 28th  
El Salvador Trip Day 3  
1:00 pm Bible Study Lunch out

Thursday June 29th  
El Salvador Trip Day 4  
Sexton's Day Off  
3:00 pm Organ Practice

Friday June 30th  
El Salvador Trip Day 5  
Pastor Charlie's Day Off

Saturday July 1st  
El Salvador Trip Day 6  
2:00 pm Organ Practice

Sunday July 2nd  
El Salvador Trip Day 7  
9 & 11 am In Person Worship  
10:15 Adult Gospel Study

*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 9<sup>th</sup>\* 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 DONATED SUPPLIES

Help us arrive to El Salvador with much needed supplies for the schools, clinic, and homes we will be visiting

- PENS
- PENCILS
- PENCIL SHARPENERS
- ERASERS
- CRAYONS
- COLORED PENCILS
- GLUE STICKS
- STICKERS
- POST IT NOTES
- BOOK BAGS
- MARKERS
- HIGHLIGHTERS
- SCISSORS
- STERILE GAUZE
- NON-STERILE GAUZE
- ELASTIC BANDAGES "ACE BANDAGES" (VARIOUS SIZES)
- FLEXIBLE COHESIVE BANDAGES
- STERILE GLOVES
- NON-STERILE GLOVES
- NEOSPORIN
- SUTURE THREAD
- CLEANING WIPES
- IODIZED SOAP

Collection June 1st - 25th

## International Dinner

Join us for a special Ethiopian meal prepared by Ethiopian and Eritrean refugees that now call Cleveland home



Habesha Restaurant  
16860 Lorain Ave  
Cleveland Ohio 44111

<https://www.habeshacle.com/>

Text Hillary to reserve your spot!  
216.258.1639

Thursday July 27th at 6:00pm



# 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](http://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.







# Chip DiFiore

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## THIS WEEK'S MEMBER PROFILE

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Chip was born in Cleveland and grew up in Fairview Park and Rocky River. He attended Lutheran West High School and went on to receive degrees at Kent State University and 3 years at Baldwin Wallace College. He was majoring in Business. He has one sister named Ianne.

Chip met his wife, Meg, on a blind date and they have been married 43 years! They have raised 3 children that reside in Avon Lake. Son Eddie, who is 42, is married to Stacy with 3 of the grandchildren. Daughter Emily is 36 and is married to Matt with 1 grandchild. Daughter Elizabeth is 31 and is married to Ryan.

He has owned his own companies, DiFiore's Music on the west side of Cleveland with his father Ed DiFiore Sr. that was open for 53 years! Chip's current company is Salem Music Wholesale that imports musical products and distributes them wholesale to a network of music retailers.

Chip has been involved with the music ministry at POP since March and serves as the Music Director at the 9 am contemporary service. While the band is using a full drum kit at our services, he performs with his Congas and other percussion and rhythm instruments as well. The Latin and African heritage of these instruments offers a vision of the far reaching world we seek to serve. He loves to play percussion, and is also the music director at the Annotated Church of Jesus Christ in Elyria. Chip also plays percussion at Messiah Lutheran Church in Fairview Park for the Saturday evening service.

As we look forward to the upcoming Worship in the Woods services, music will be a significant contribution. Lifting up our hearts with celebrations of God's Love will be a focus as Chip leads the contemporary band.

People might not know that while a student at Baldwin Wallace, Chip played #1 doubles 3 years on the Varsity Tennis Team. His passion now is concentrated on music, performing and leading groups that lift up the Christian Message to all in attendance. His connections with fellow musicians will be an asset in continuing the solid foundation of the Crossfire Band!

By Tom Robinholt : Profile Reporter

# PASTOR CHARLIE'S BLOG



Revelation 2:8-10

8 *“And to the angel of the church in Smyrna write: These are the words of the first and the last, who was dead and came to life: 9 “I know your affliction and your poverty, even though you are rich. I know the slander on the part of those who say that they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan. 10 Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Beware, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison so that you may be tested, and for ten days you will have affliction. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.*

First let me ask if any of you have any questions about the Book of Revelation. Any questions?

(Pause for questions)

Good. Hearing none, I will move on!

Just kidding.

I have led a couple of Bible studies on Revelation over the years and have found them to be challenging. Two things I share – these are very broad and general, I know:

1. Context, context, context. For whom is this material being shared? What was their situation, the political and social structure in that time and place? This is so very important in understanding this book.
2. In the end, God wins!

God wins.

With those two lenses, I believe there are words of hope we can glean from Revelation, which is a source of many texts for our Lutheran liturgies.

In the midst of suffering, there is hope.

Several years ago, my wife and I attended a funeral for our friend’s son, who was murdered on the front lawn in front of his own home. The service was held at a Baptist Church in Columbus, near where we lived. At that funeral one of the ministers shared a story about his time in third grade, when his favorite teacher asked the students to write a paper on what they wanted to be when they grew up. The minister was so excited, because he wanted to impress his teacher, and he wrote the best paper he could. He thought it was an incredible masterpiece. He was confident that he would get an A on the composition. He wrote and wrote and wrote. His teacher was going to be amazed.

Unfortunately, when he got the paper back, he was sad to see that instead of the “A” that he expected, he got a “C-.” The teacher wrote on the paper that the information was good, but that he didn’t use any punctuation.

He went on to preach that over the years, he has learned the importance of punctuation. And he has learned there is a difference between a comma and a period, and that the good news of great joy is that Jesus’ death on the cross is not a period, but a comma.

Death is not the final word. Death is not the last word of the book.

Because of Jesus Christ, the final word is life.

And after that word “life” an exclamation point is appropriate.

Punctuation is important.

Questions are good. God’s answers are even better!

God wins!

*Let us pray: Help us in the things we do not know or completely understand to trust in you. Listen to our questions, help us to find the answers only you can give. In Jesus name we pray. Amen*



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### OMNI Announcement and Noce to Sponsors

OMNI's Board of Directors is pleased to announce that we will be sending a small business team to Zambia in August, and Karen has been released by her doctor to travel with the team. They will be on the ground in Zambia for approximately 5 days and will accomplish the following agenda.

1. Annual physical exams and social histories on all OMNI students
2. Delivery of student mail and student care kits
3. Photographing the students
4. Staff meeng
5. Execuve staff interviews
6. Property and asset evaluaons
7. Security analysis
8. Meeng with the Community Leader of George Compound and the Police Chief
9. Meeng with both Rotary Clubs in Ndola
10. Preliminary planning for the 2024 medical mission trip (pending)

When the business team travels to Zambia, they will be able to hand deliver leers and small gis to the students. If you are interested in sending a gi, it must fit in a labeled, sealed, gallon zip-lock bag. Some suggested items are school supplies, socks, underwear, and toothbrushes/paste, etc. (no food items or liquid). Please remove all outer packaging from items to reduce size and weight, and be sure to include the child's name and grade on the bag's label. Students also love to receive photos from their sponsors.

Mail and packages should be sent to OMNI at P. O. Box 670, Herord, NC 27944 by July 10.

Please contact Kathy McKelvey at [klsm11@aol.com](mailto:klsm11@aol.com) if you have any quesons. \_\_\_\_\_





# Prayer LIST

**Sunday, June 25, 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 11	Jeanne Ann Elkin (Dana Gros's mother) Jacob Jablonski
June 18	Bob Oie, family and friends Dee Stamper and family
June 25	Joel Morrison Dana Gros Joan Park (Deb Gibbon's mother) Bonnie Diane Karp Pastor Robin Craig

# Happy Birthday

- 06/04 Patricia Pietraroia
- 06/04 Tom Colcord
- 06/05 Joey Weaver
- 06/07 Elise Covell
- 06/08 Erika Marquardt
- 06/08 Kosta Heimbuch
- 06/09 Claire Perry
- 06/09 Elizabeth Grider
- 06/09 Mary Sue Claus
- 06/09 Scott Goggin
- 06/10 Bob Thompson
- 06/10 Lynnette Stevens
- 06/12 Bob Thomas
- 06/12 Logan Beard
- 06/13 Kellie Duktig
- 06/13 Lindsay Weaver
- 06/13 Tom Robinholt
- 06/14 Mitchell Gros
- 06/14 Tyler Rowe
- 06/14 Susan Franz
- 06/16 Chris Burdette
- 06/16 Terry MacKenzie
- 06/18 Dan Arthur
- 06/20 Debbie Thomas
- 06/21 Ron Kear
- 06/22 Brent Beard
- 06/23 Judy Splawski
- 06/23 Susan Worsencroft
- 06/23 Walter Diekroger
- 06/24 Jeff Frey
- 06/25 Joseph Olah
- 06/26 Cindy Strieter
- 06/27 Diego Cesare
- 06/27 Diane Fortuna
- 06/27 Samantha Bailey
- 06/28 Dan King
- 06/28 Jim McDonough
- 06/29 Eva Vitko
- 06/30 Claire Wenham
- 06/30 David Zinram

Date	Online	In Person	Total
06/18/2023	36	126	162
06/11/2023	58	202	260
06/05/2023	85	155	240
05/28/2023	79	119	198

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# HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- 06/06 Dan & Tami Arthur
- 06/08 Mike & Sue Hosler
- 06/09 Melody & Roger Hauser
- 06/15 Phil & Pat Sprague
- 06/17 Jon & Riki Wilhelm
- 06/19 Gerry & Fran Wilhelm
- 06/20 Ken & Peggy Krueger
- 06/26 Mark & Ellen Oster
- 06/29 Dolph & Judy Rolik
- 06/29 Joan & Tom Drobnak
- 06/30 Tom & Lora Robinholt

### 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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