

# Peace Connection

September 15th, 2023



Friday September 15th  
Pastor Charlie's Day Off

Saturday September 16th  
2:00 pm Organ Practice

Sunday September 17th  
7:00 am to 3:00 pm Red Cross Blood Drive  
9:00 am & 11:00 am In Person Worship  
10:00 am Christian Education  
10:30 am Arden Courts  
5:00 pm OMNI Event

Monday September 18th  
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 September 19th  
10:00 am Ornament Workshop Herb Guild  
6:15 CrossFire Rehearsal

Wednesday September 20th  
2:00 pm Book and Bible Study  
7:00 pm Engagement Committee

Thursday September 21st  
Sexton's Day Off  
11:00 am FLOW  
3:00 pm Organ Practice  
7:30 pm Choir Practice

Friday September 22nd  
Pastor Charlie's Day Off

Saturday September 23rd  
2:00 pm Organ Practice  
5:00 pm Travel Quest  
6:30 pm Open Mic Night

Sunday September 24th  
9 & 11 am In Person Worship  
10:00 am Christian Education  
10:00 am New Member Class

Monday September 25th  
10:00 am Staff Meeting  
2:00 pm Organ Practice  
6:00 pm College Club West  
7:00 pm SOAP Bible Study

Tuesday September 26th  
6:15 CorssFire Rehearsal

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

## 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](mailto: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.

## 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](mailto:princeofpeacewestlake@gmail.com) or by calling 440-871-5565!



TRAVEL QUEST  
PRESENTS:

# Rumours

*A Fleetwood Mac  
Tribute Concert*



JOIN US TO CELEBRATE THIS DAY

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WAGNERS OF WESTLAKE

30855 CENTER RIDGE ROAD  
WESTLAKE, OHIO

7:00  
**PM**

TO ENSURE WE CAN ALL SIT TOGETHER, SIGN UP AND WRITE A CHECK TO DIANE DIEKROGER, LOCATED AT 32929 CATAWBA DRIVE, AVON, 44011, CELL PHONE 740-542-1786, BY THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28. FOR THOSE WHO WOULD LIKE TO EAT DINNER TOGETHER BEFORE THE CONCERT, LET'S MEET AT DON RAMON MEXICAN RESTAURANT, 30610 DETROIT ROAD, WESTLAKE, OHIO, AT 5:00 P.M., ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6TH.

## 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.



## Altar Guild Fall Meeting

Saturday, September 30, 10:30 am, Charter Room  
New members (women and men) are always welcome!

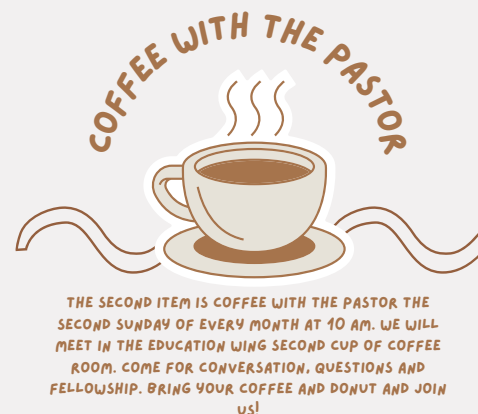
Worship plans are coming together for the fall and Christmas. We'll discuss those plans as well sign up for monthly teams for the month(s) that work best for you in 2024.

Altar Guild is a very rewarding, behind the scenes way to share your time and serve the Lord. No specific skills required. Participating is great way get to know and build lasting friendships with other members of our POP family.

Interested? Just curious? Come to the meeting to see if this is something for you!! Or call Dineen Terstage with questions (440-455-9558 or 440-263-6759).

## 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.



## Open Mic Night

We are excited to share the return of Open Mic Night!

Please join us September 23rd, 2023 at 6:30 pm at Prince of Peace





# COLOR YOUR FALL WITH KINDNESS.

## Give blood.



**American  
Red Cross**

## Blood Drive Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

28455 Center Ridge Rd, Westlake, OH

Sunday, September 17th  
8:00 am – 2:00 pm

Race to give 9/1-18 for a Red Cross T-shirt (ltd qty)  
& coupon for a free haircut by email, thanks to Sport Clips Haircuts!



For an appointment, please visit [RedCrossBlood.org](https://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter sponsor code  
"POP2023" or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

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## Ron & Becky Kear

### THIS WEEK'S MEMBER PROFILE

Ron was born in Arcata, California, home of the big redwoods. At 4, his family moved to western Kansas where his great grandparents homesteaded and where most of his family lives. He learned to drive trucks and tractors as soon as he could reach the pedals. As a farm kid, Ron got a drivers license at 13 and drove trucks loaded with wheat to the silos in town as well as having his own car to drive to school. He moved back to California as a high school sophomore where he met Becky.

Becky was born in Everett, WA and her family moved to Arcata, CA when she was 12. Her brother and sister are both deceased. Becky and Ron were in the same high school class. Becky graduated from the University of California Santa Barbara majoring in history, then got her master's in library science from Berkeley. She worked as a librarian in two universities, a high school and an engineering company. Becky loves playing bridge and reading. She created a document management system on a star wars project for the Pentagon. Ron got his engineering degree from San Jose State then joined the Navy as an engineering officer. His first assignment was in the Philippines; last tour was a year in Viet Nam. Thank you for your service to our country, Ron! After leaving the Navy, Ron's first big project was the construction of Disney World and his last project was the Cleveland Browns stadium.

Their daughters (55 and 52) were born in the Philippines and Orlando and now live in Seattle and Tampa. A grandson lives in Orlando and a granddaughter works at the Secret Service in Washington, D. C. Ron has two sisters in New Mexico where they spend Thanksgiving. The Kears certainly acquired lots of frequent flyer miles over the years as family visits were very rewarding.

Ron served on the POP council for 18 years in a variety of positions. He was the secretary for many years and also the property manager during many updates to our facilities. Becky loves quilting, Tables for 8 and Altar Guild and started the Women's Discipleship Group. All have grown into wonderful opportunities for service and bringing our community together. The Kears have sung in the choir since 1995. They joined POP because people were friendly and singing in the choir would use their talent as they worshiped .

Ron is the leader of the Lutheran Team of volunteers at Habitat for Humanity and has worked on over 50 houses! Eight houses are under construction at present (call Ron if you want to join his team). The goal is providing safe and affordable housing to families in need. Building Habitat houses is a lot more rewarding and fun than any of his engineering jobs. I have personally learned so much from his knowledge about what my own house requires, he is hands on and shows us how to solve problems we encounter.

Becky and Ron love traveling and have visited 55 countries, mostly traveling with family and friends. Snorkeling offshore Belize and the Galapagos Islands were highlights; one of the most interesting was Laisha, Tibet elevation 12,000 ft. They just returned from a river cruise down the Columbia River. Lifelong bonds have been built through these experiences, and learning about other cultures shows us the diverse world that God's Love has created! Much appreciation is given to Ron and Becky as the authors  
Tom Robinholt : Profile Reporter

Such devotion to God's calling can be seen in Ron and Becky as they contribute in so many ways at Prince of Peace. Take Ron up on his offer to volunteer at Habitat, you'll leave a little tired but know the good you have done!

Join us for a  
*Travel Quest*  
**PUMPKIN TRAIN**

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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





Psalm 17

Prayer for Deliverance from Persecutors

A Prayer of David.

- 1 Hear a just cause, O Lord; attend to my cry;  
give ear to my prayer from lips free of deceit.
- 2 From you let my vindication come;  
let your eyes see the right.
- 3 If you try my heart, if you visit me by night,  
if you test me, you will find no wickedness in me;  
my mouth does not transgress.
- 4 As for what others do, by the word of your lips  
I have avoided the ways of the violent.
- 5 My steps have held fast to your paths;  
my feet have not slipped.
- 6 I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God;  
incline your ear to me, hear my words.
- 7 Wondrously show your steadfast love,  
O savior of those who seek refuge  
from their adversaries at your right hand.
- 8 Guard me as the apple of the eye;  
hide me in the shadow of your wings,
- 9 from the wicked who despoil me,  
my deadly enemies who surround me.
- 10 They close their hearts to pity;  
with their mouths they speak arrogantly.
- 11 They track me down; now they surround me;  
they set their eyes to cast me to the ground.
- 12 They are like a lion eager to tear,  
like a young lion lurking in ambush.
- 13 Rise up, O Lord, confront them, overthrow them!  
By your sword deliver my life from the wicked,
- 14 from mortals—by your hand, O Lord—  
from mortals whose portion in life is in this world.  
May their bellies be filled with what you have stored  
up for them;  
may their children have more than enough;  
may they leave something over to their little ones.
- 15 As for me, I shall behold your face in righteousness;  
when I awake I shall be satisfied, beholding your  
likeness.

The apple of your eye (verse 8).

What does that phrase mean to you? I did some research on this. Wikipedia: "The phrase apple of my eye refers in English today to something or someone that one cherishes above all others. Originally, the phrase was simply an idiom referring to the pupil of the eye."

It shows up elsewhere in the Bible, but the word "apple" isn't used. This was a translation first used in the King James Version back in 1611. From Ellicott's Commentary for English Readers:

*"Apple of the eye' translated literally is 'little man, daughter of the eye.' The mannikin is, of course, the reflection seen in the pupil. Daughter is either a contraction of a word meaning cavity, or is the common Hebrew idiom which by son or daughter of expresses relation, as sons of the bow = arrows. In fact, the curious Hebrew phrase is substantially like the Greek κόρη and Latin pupa, or pupilla, even to the gender."*

More than you probably wanted to know.

As one comment I read said, the apple of the eye is the place where you can see your own reflection in the eye of another.

God, your focus on me. Look at me. I remember my preschool-aged daughter grabbing my face and making sure I was looking right at her when she wanted to get her point across to me. She wanted to make sure I was seeing her.

I find that in preaching, I connect with people if I can see their eyes. I know I am connecting. I do remember one member at my previous church coming to the 8 am service on Sunday morning after a late Saturday Night Ohio State game on TV. He entered wearing sunglasses. He told me he had some eye issues and needed to keep his eyes shaded. I am pretty sure he didn't want me to see the eyes were not focused on the sermon that day.

A song from the musical Hamilton is titled, "History has its eyes on you." How does it feel to know God has God's eyes on YOU? Reassuring? Comforting? Challenging? Discomforting?

The promise we have in Jesus Christ the message of the cross is this:

1. God knows you. Inside out. Upside down. Through and through. God knows your joys, your sorrows, your hopes and your fears, your successes and failures, your outward appearance and inward things you hope no one will ever see. God knows you.
2. The one God knows is the one God loves. Don't believe it? Look at the cross. For God so loved... For God so loves.

You are God's beloved. The apple of God's eye.

As the God the Father character states in the book "The Shed" when talking about various people, she says, "I am especially fond of that one."

I don't know about you, but there are definitely some days I need to hear that about me. And there are definitely some days I need to hear that about my neighbor.

I encourage you to take time to read the rest of these verses. What words cause you to pause? What challenges you in these verses. What gives you hope? *Dear God, thank you for your great love for us. As we are loved, may we so love one another. 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 July through September the requested items are peanut butter and canned meats.



## Giving Data

Operating Giving Report	YTD	AVG/Week
Total Giving as of August 31st, 2023:	\$305,357	\$8,724
% of Annual 2023 Budget Received to Date:	68%	
Remaining Giving Required to Meet 2023 Budget:	\$142,143	\$8,303
Remaining Giving Required to Meet 2023 Stretch Goal (i.e. Cover Cost Budget):	\$159,143	\$9,361



## 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!



## Sisters In Spirit

SIS (Sisters in Spirit) - open to all women  
 Service event: Saturday September 30, 11 am - 2 pm, Fellowship Hall  
 We will shop for items to donate to Westhaven Youth Shelter - an emergency shelter for youth ages 13 – 17 (part of Lutheran Metropolitan Ministries).  
 Meet at POP at 11:00 am to carpool to Wal-mart, N.O. to shop together for socks, underwear, and toiletry items using money generously granted to us from the Endowment Fund. (If you'd rather not shop, you're welcome to meet us at church at about 1:00.)



Drive back to POP to organize and pack items so they're ready for delivery and to enjoy lunch & fellowship. Please bring your own lunch and beverage.  
 Contact Laurel Covell ([thecovells@gmail.com](mailto:thecovells@gmail.com) 440 725-4237) or Linda Thompson ([lthompson416@gmail.com](mailto:lthompson416@gmail.com) 440 547-8161) with any questions.





God's  
Work,  
Our  
Hands





# God's Work, Our Hands



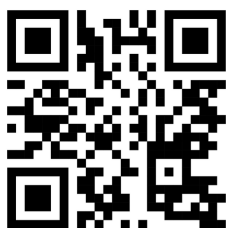
# CALLING ALL TRUNKS

OCTOBER 14TH 1:30-3:30PM



Sign up to host a trunk for Trunk or Treat!

Seeking creative trunks to join us in passing out candy. Register using the code below!



# Prayer LIST

**Sunday, September 17, 2023**

## **In Memory of Those Who Have Passed Away**

Dorothea Buckman

### **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
Dave McCollum	

### **Recent prayer requests received within the past 2 weeks:**

September 3	Esther Wolff's Family and Friends Dana Gros JeanneAnn Elkin Jake Toni Plute (Charlie Koch's sister) Paul Dayton (Charlie Koch's friend)
September 10	Joan Park's Family and Friends (Deb Gibbon's mother) Ben Chapin (Diane Merhaut's nephew) Lisa Arrigo and her family
September 17	Judy Splawski and her family Jeff Tatum (Jann Daniels' friend) Nadine Kodysz (Jann Daniels' friend) Lucille Kromholz (Jann Daniels' cousin) Earl Focht (Fran and Gerry Wilhelm's brother-in-law)

# Happy Birthday

Date	Online	In Person	Total
09/03/2023	59	125	184
08/27/2023	54	142	196
08/20/2023	37	126	163
08/13/2023	38	157	195

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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.

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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